

Orchard House School

Sparking Curiosity, Nurturing Potential

Co-educational • Day • Ages 3-11



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Welcome from the Head



Mrs Henrietta Adams

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome to Orchard House School

It is a privilege to lead Orchard House School, a thriving and joyful community in the heart of West London. As one of the area's leading prep schools, we are proud of our reputation not only for outstanding academic results, but also for nurturing the unique talents of every child.

At Orchard House, children are at the centre of everything we do. Small classes, award-winning teachers and outstanding pastoral care ensure that every pupil feels safe, happy and valued. We know that children learn best when they feel safe and engaged, and our aim is always to provide an environment where they can flourish.

We are proud to be a co-educational school, welcoming boys and girls from the ages of 3 to 11. Our bespoke curriculum, The Learning Orchard, combined with our expert approach to the 11+, equips pupils to move on to leading senior schools in London and beyond. Each year, many of our children achieve scholarships in academics, sport, music, drama, art and chess. Yet what matters most is that every pupil finds the school that is right for them, where they will continue to thrive.

As we prepare our pupils for an ever-changing world, we focus not only on outstanding teaching and learning but also on our values that underpin true success: Excellence, Honesty and Kindness. We want our children to develop a love of learning, an appreciation of hard work and a sense of responsibility for others. Alongside this, our rich programme of enrichment opportunities helps them discover new skills and passions that will support them throughout their lives.

Above all, Orchard House is a community. Pupils, parents and staff come together to create a warm and caring environment where achievement and enjoyment go hand in hand. There is plenty of laughter alongside the hard work and a genuine spirit of support that extends well beyond the classroom.

I warmly invite you to visit us to experience the energy, warmth and ambition of our school for yourself.

With warm regards,
Mrs Henrietta Adams
Head of School

About Orchard House School

New appearance, established excellence

Orchard House School has undergone an extensive transformation following its recent merger with Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School in September 2024. Combining decades of prep school experience, we welcome boys and girls aged 3-11 to enjoy a spirited co-educational day school in the heart of leafy Chiswick.

Set in beautiful village surroundings, our school offers exciting new facilities developed from our existing sites, including:

- **Fully refurbished classrooms.**
- **A brand-new Innovation Hub, specially designed to inspire and nurture creativity.**
- **Two libraries, specific to pre-prep and prep.**
- **Dedicated well-being and SEND spaces for pupils.**
- **State-of-the-art Early Years site.**
- **Three outdoor teaching and play areas.**
- **Private spaces for music lessons.**
- **All-weather surfaces at local sports facilities.**

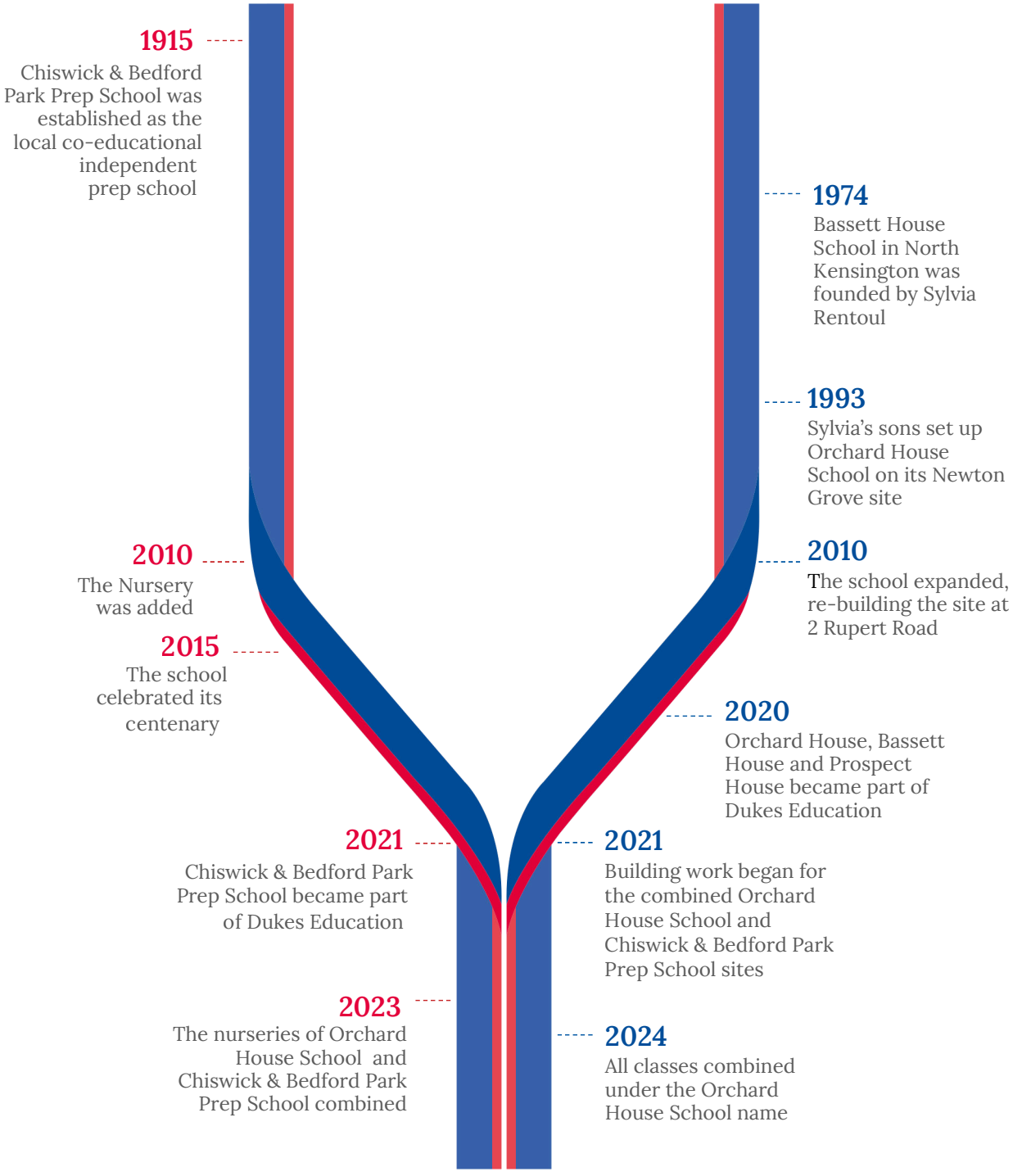






Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School

Orchard House School



1915
Chiswick & Bedford Park Prep School was established as the local co-educational independent prep school

1974
Bassett House School in North Kensington was founded by Sylvia Rentoul

1993
Sylvia's sons set up Orchard House School on its Newton Grove site

2010
The Nursery was added

2010
The school expanded, re-building the site at 2 Rupert Road

2015
The school celebrated its centenary

2020
Orchard House, Bassett House and Prospect House became part of Dukes Education

2021
Chiswick & Bedford Park Prep School became part of Dukes Education

2021
Building work began for the combined Orchard House School and Chiswick & Bedford Park Prep School sites

2023
The nurseries of Orchard House School and Chiswick & Bedford Park Prep School combined

2024
All classes combined under the Orchard House School name



Our History

Orchard House School originated as an alternative to the traditional culture that children should be 'seen but not heard'. Founder Sylvia Rentoul had other ideas: it was her firm belief that children should be encouraged to express themselves, and that teaching must, above all else, focus on the individual needs of each child.

Chiswick & Bedford Park Preparatory School has a long tradition of academic excellence and creative flair. Combining the rich history of these two schools has formed the foundations of the new, fully co-educational Orchard House School.

Our Values

When you join Orchard House School, you become a cherished member of our school family

Here, academic challenges are met with warm-hearted care and support. We encourage the development of character and the willingness to try something new. We strive to strike the perfect balance of excellence, honesty and kindness, embodying our values fully in order to be the best we can be.



Excellence

With unrivalled staff, excellent facilities and top-quality extra curricular provision, we offer endless opportunities for children to discover where they excel. Science, humanities, the arts or sport; we provide a rounded curriculum that encourages each child to find and follow their passions. Our pupils have ambitious goals and high hopes for their future, and we provide the best possible preparation for an extraordinary life.

Orchard House excels in all fields - our sport provision is quite literally award winning! We are very proud to have won the prestigious TES award for Innovation in Sport in 2020. However, we are certainly not resting on our laurels; we are constantly looking for new ways to excite children about sport and outdoor learning.

Honesty

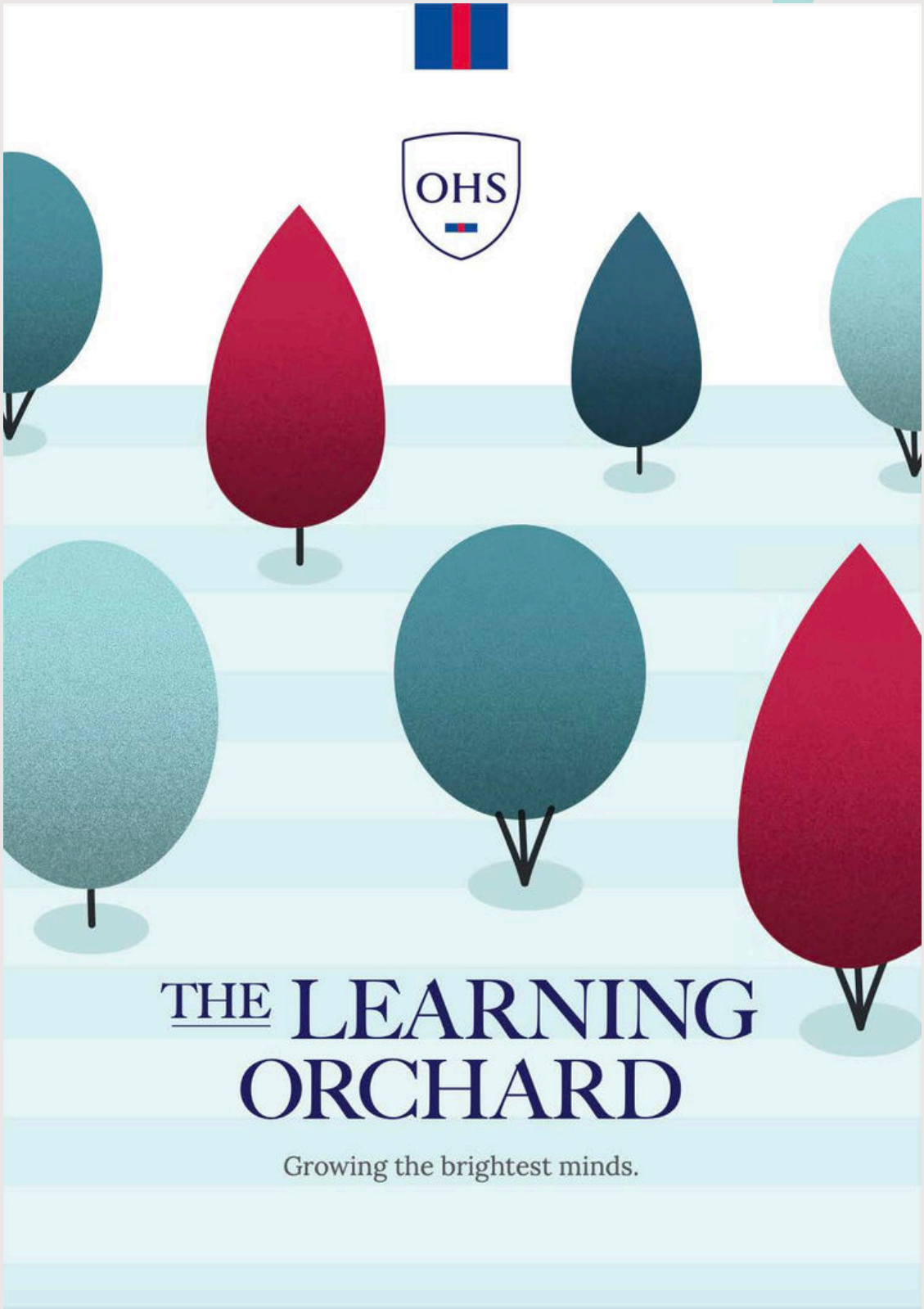
Our guiding principle enables us to build respectful and genuine relationships, learning to trust and be trusted by others. Honesty creates a culture where children gain the courage to be themselves while taking responsibility for and learning from their mistakes. By helping build resilience and character, we ensure that our pupils are ready for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

In Early Years we introduce children to the concept of honesty through our Peace Rose table. Children use their time at the table to reflect on their actions and the outcomes of their decisions. We encourage them to think deeply about how they feel and how their actions might have impacted others in both good and bad ways.

Kindness

True strength comes from embracing kindness - not only towards others, but ourselves too. This bold and intentional choice, requires courage and self-compassion, especially when the world feels challenging. Kindness is an essential part of leadership, empowering our pupils to uplift those around them. They learn to lead with empathy, resilience and heart, creating a positive impact that will last a lifetime.

Every morning we take a moment to think about the importance of kindness and encourage children to talk about examples of kindness they have witnessed both in and out of school. These are shared on our Kindness Tree and children are awarded certificates for kindness in our Friday assemblies


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THE LEARNING ORCHARD
Growing the brightest minds.

Our Curriculum

The Learning Orchard is designed to prepare every child for their future and to nurture valuable qualities that make for modest, yet ambitious young people. Our unique approach to teaching helps children adapt to new terrain, while fostering a lifelong love of learning. Our Valuable Qualities are incorporated into everything we do, encouraging our students to be kind, knowledgeable, articulate, inquisitive, adaptable, creative and determined.

Our Subjects

- English
- STEAM
- Reasoning
- Maths
- Science
- The Arts
- Knowledge
- Philosophy & Oracy

Our Guiding Principles

HOLISTIC LEARNING

Linking topics and skills across the curriculum allows pupils to think creatively and critically, sparking curious and versatile learners.

LEADERSHIP

We nurture a sense of community, champion a dedication to service and celebrate initiative to inspire future leaders and change-makers.

POWERFUL KNOWLEDGE

Our broad, knowledge-rich curriculum encourages inquisitiveness and exploration, shaping well-rounded and informed individuals.

WORLD READINESS

By fostering creativity, invention, adaptability and an appetite for discovery, we help our children to thrive both at school and beyond.

High Performance Learning

Helping every child thrive

At Orchard House, we believe every child can achieve highly. High Performance Learning strengthens our bespoke curriculum, The Learning Orchard, by developing the thinking skills, attitudes and confidence children need to flourish.



What is High Performance Learning (HPL)?

HPL is an internationally recognised educational framework developed through decades of research by Professor Deborah Eyre. It is built on a simple but powerful belief: high performance is not reserved for a naturally gifted few. Instead, it can be developed through excellent teaching, purposeful practice and positive learning habits. In short, successful learners are made, not born.

At Orchard House, this philosophy complements The Learning Orchard and reflects our belief that every child can grow in confidence, capability and independence when given the right challenge, encouragement and opportunities to succeed.

How HPL comes to life

How children think

Advanced Cognitive Performance Characteristics (ACPs)











How children learn

Values, Attitudes & Attributes (VAAs)







In every classroom

Pupils are encouraged to:

- Think deeply
- Explain their reasoning
- Reflect on their learning

Teachers explicitly develop:

- Independence
- Resilience
- Confidence

Discover more about HPL



Early Years

Skipping, running, rolling, jumping!

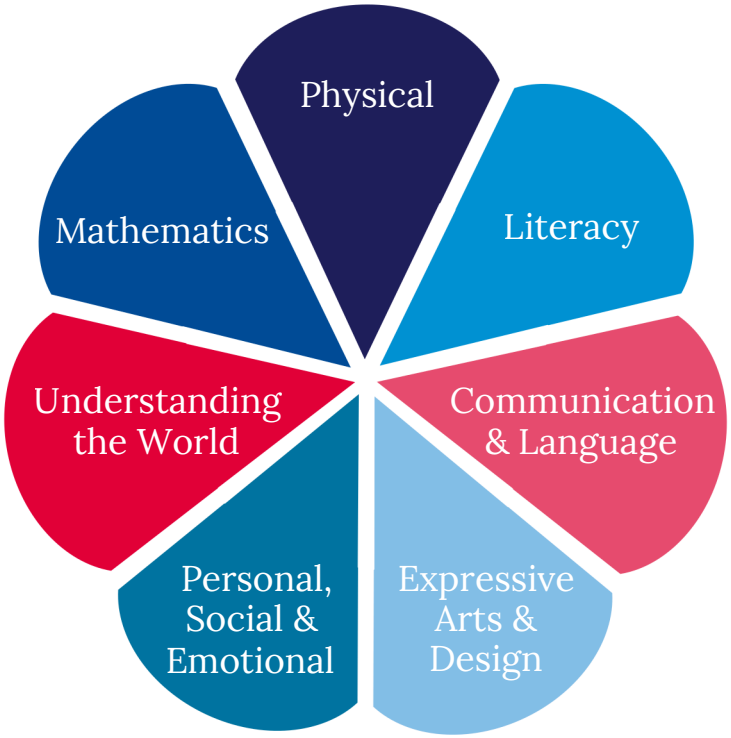
Learning is a hands-on, feet-first adventure for our curious young learners, where every moment sparks excitement and discovery. At Orchard House School, we see the natural world as our children's best educator and place it front and centre of our approach in Early Years. Through this immersive experience, we foster a love of learning that lasts a lifetime, encouraging exploration, creativity and a deep connection to the world around them.

Early Years are housed at Rupert Road, a building specially designed with our youngest learners in mind. There are sensory displays, cosy quiet spaces and furniture for little fingers.

Outdoor learning is a significant part of the curriculum with continuous provision of outdoor play in both the morning and afternoon, every day. Our new playground encourages imaginative adventures, risk-taking and the development of gross motor skills, while our leafy surroundings give children the chance to explore and enjoy nature.

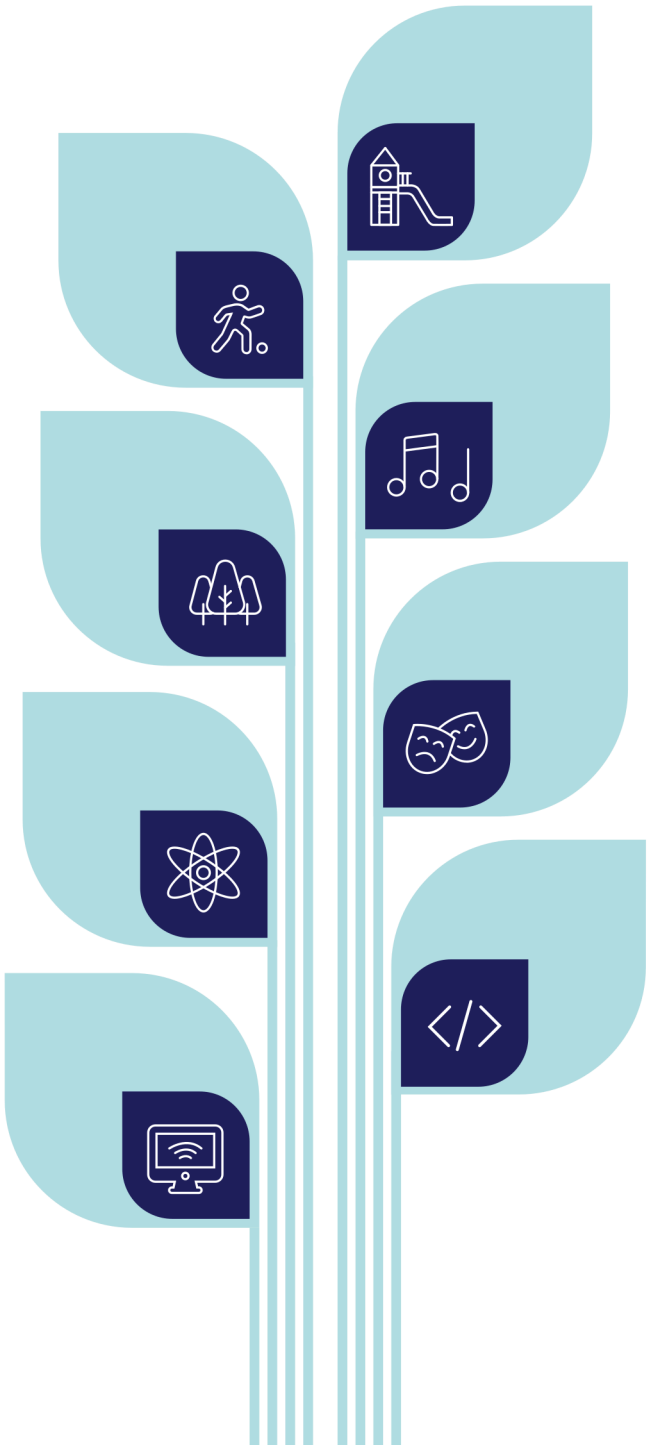
This child centred approach founded in exploratory play, complemented with elements of the Montessori philosophy in the classroom, helps our young pupils grow into healthy, resilient and independent learners.

We follow the Early Years curriculum, which develops essential skills and knowledge across seven key areas of learning:



Our children also benefit from specialist lessons in **Music**, **Eurhythmics**, **Computing**, **French** and **PE**. Pupils have the opportunity to practice their performance skills in a much-loved Nativity play, musical performances and assemblies throughout the year.

Our Early Years team is highly qualified and experienced, and their priority is the care and development of every child. We encourage a close relationship between home and school, working in partnership with families to bring out the best in your little one.



Montessori is a method of education based on self-directed activities, hands-on learning and collaborative play. The teacher's role is to offer age-appropriate activities and sensitively support children's choices. Our Early Years classrooms are beautifully crafted to meet the needs of children in a specific age range. Experiential learning of this type leads to a deeper understanding of language, mathematics, science, music, social interactions and much more.

See our Early Years in action by booking a visit here


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Pre-Prep and Prep School

Refreshingly progressive for a traditional prep school: our approach to teaching and learning is decidedly personal

What sets Orchard House School apart is the team. Our award-winning teachers bring learning to life and inspire a culture of curiosity and intellectual ambition every day. We nurture children's unique talents and interests, so they can flourish into confident and capable individuals.



All our teachers are extraordinary educators and specialists in their field, ensuring that a high standard of academic excellence is guaranteed. Complemented by our wonderful caterers, facilities and office staff, the whole team is committed to creating a supportive community.

By having a knowledge-rich, expansive curriculum that both inspires and challenges, we bring out the very best in our pupils. Inquiry and in-depth learning is encouraged through research, open-ended investigations and curriculum linked school trips. Additionally, our Philosophy and Oracy programme develops essential skills in communication, collaboration and creativity, nurturing articulate and confident young people..

With the redevelopment of our sites, pupils also now benefit from a cutting-edge Innovation Hub, encouraging creative learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths - subjects that promise to be increasingly important as we look to the future.

We are very proud that our curriculum gives pupils the knowledge and abilities they need to become confident, ambitious, independent learners for life.


English


Drama


Computing


Beliefs and Values


History


Reasoning


Science


Performing Arts


PE & Sports


Philosophy & Oracy


French


Maths


Art


Geography


Music


RSHE


STEM

Future Focus

Orchard House School is founded on progressive educational ideas

We continue to keep one step ahead, with a state-of-the-art Innovation Hub boasting top-class facilities for creative learning in science, technology, engineering, art and maths. It is a space that combines nature and technology, with large sky lights and outdoor planting spaces, as well as LEGO SPIKE challenges and a 3D printer. Our children use both iPads and Chromebooks to learn coding and programming in computing, and the Art and Design Studio has cameras and drawing tablets for digital creation. It is also home to our school's podcasting studio and green screen, allowing pupils to learn how to mix digital sound and film.

The Orchard House School Innovation Hub is a place where pupils become creators, makers and innovators. A place that encourages problem-solving, collaboration and curiosity. Most importantly, it will inspire girls and boys of all ages to envision themselves successfully working in the industries of the future.


Ultimaker




CREATE
STEM



Sports

Sprinting ahead with a tremendous track record

Where we excel in academics, we outdo ourselves in Sports. Having won the prestigious TES Independent School Award for Sport, our Head of Sport went on to win the TES Innovation in Teaching Sport award, meaning that children at Orchard House School benefit from top-class coaching and facilities.

We make use of exceptional local facilities, including Rocks Lane in Chiswick, Acton swimming pool and Chiswick House Cricket Ground. Children enjoy PE lessons focusing on health related fitness, alternative sports, gymnastics, striking and fielding, padel, athletics and tennis. Alongside this, children enjoy learning to play football, rugby, hockey, netball and cricket during games lessons. All children in Form 4 to 6 will have the opportunity to play competitive matches against other schools, testing their mettle at tournaments around the country, regularly returning with medals and cups - most recently placing second nationally in the U11 IAPS Netball Championships 2026.

We offer a wide range of sports clubs both before and after school, which help our squads stay at the top of their game. At Orchard House School we place a premium not just on skills and achievement, but on effort, sportsmanship, commitment and determination. For us, the love of physical activity is one of the most important things we instil.



Dukes Swimming Gala
Second Place

Dukes Athletics Meet
Second Place

U11 IAPS Netball
Regional Champions

U11 IAPS Netball
Nationals Runners-up

Dukes Cross Country
1st place: Year 3 & Year 6 Girls

U11 Dukes
Netball Winner

U10 RPPS Football
Tournament Winners

IAPS Swimming Finalist
U10 50m Front Crawl

LSSA Swim Finalist
U11 25m Backstroke

Extracurricular Activities

There is truly something for everyone at Orchard House School

Clubs are a wonderful way for children to develop their talents or just try something new. We encourage all children from Form 1 upwards to sign up to our wide range of clubs covering sports, arts, academics and more. As well as over 40 clubs of our own, being part of Dukes Education means that our pupils also have the chance to take part in inter-school activities such as Dukes Debating, Sports Tournaments and Poetry Together.



Before and after school clubs:



Music

Woodwind Ensemble

Guitar Ensemble

Chamber Choir

Senior Choir

Junior Choir

Little Voices LAMDA

Orchestra

M:Tech

Creative Composition



Sports

Hockey

Netball

Football

Cricket

Gymnastics

Judo

Multi-Sport

Swimming

Running

Padel Tennis

Ballet



Academics

Book Club

Debating

Science

Computing & Coding

French for Native Speakers

School Magazine

Drama

Homework Club



Arts

Pottery Comic Book Making

Cross Stitch & Embroidery

Art Club

Drama Club



Recreational

Chess

Cooking

Board Games

Touch-Typing

Eco Club

School Trips

Providing pupils with some of their most memorable and enriching school experiences

From the practicalities of camping, to building lasting bonds with friends, children learn a tremendous amount outside of Orchard House School. By applying learning in the outside world, we are able to visualise and build connections that both strengthen understanding and create memorable educational experiences.

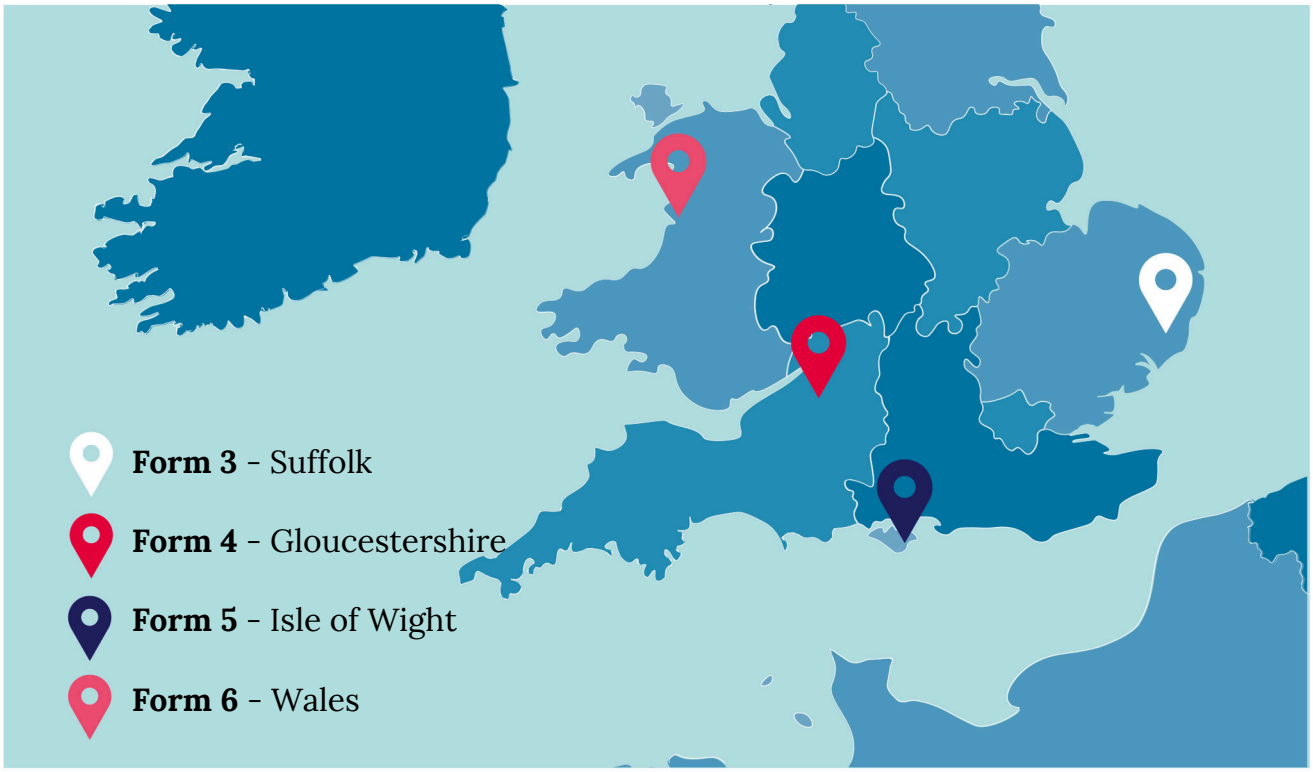




Raft Making on the Isle of Wight

Could you make a raft that actually floats? And supports a person, or two? That is exactly what our Form 5 pupils do while on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. Of course, it is much more than just a fun outdoor activity, it teaches the importance of teamwork, communication, testing theories, making mistakes and always giving something your best try; skills that children will need in all their future endeavours.

At Orchard House School, we begin annual residential trips from Form 3. Children have the opportunity to experience some of the most beautiful natural landscapes and villages in England and Wales.



Classroom topics are brought to life with regular visits to some of London's top museums and galleries. Children can see real Egyptian sarcophagi, sit in a space shuttle and walk down the same halls as history's greatest Kings and Queens.

As well as heading beyond the school gates, we hold 'innings', where we welcome visiting experts to Orchard House School to speak with the children. Some favourites include innings on Florence Nightingale, a maths magician and storytelling workshops. Parents also come in to share family traditions and cultural celebrations such as Thanksgiving and Diwali.

The OHS Community



The Power of Song

Parents and staff have joined together to create the Parent/Teacher Choir. Music is a powerful tool that unites people; our parents and staff support the school and make beautiful music for the enjoyment of everyone.

At Orchard House School we meet the lively with energy and the shy with gentleness. We offer the support and encouragement that brings about self-belief and provide the grounding that promotes fulfilment and ultimately lets our pupils soar.

Our caring community ensures that all children at Orchard House School become well-rounded individuals. It rests on our shared values of excellence, honesty and kindness. We teach children to act with goodwill and care, looking out for one another and building each other up.

Pastoral care is of the utmost importance: each child has a Pupil Pastoral Plan where they note any worries privately so that teachers can discreetly check-in and support them. Our 'playground friends' help newcomers through their early days and we encourage older children to mentor younger pupils. We support pupils' mental health and wellbeing with a dedicated space for calm reflection.

Our House System adds an important dimension to our school community, giving children a sense of belonging and camaraderie. It encourages positive competition and allows children to celebrate their own successes, as well as the achievements of others. Children also regularly organise charitable events to raise money for our annual school charity - most recently Ocean Generation.

We are resolutely proud of our family feel at Orchard House School. Our children are happy, comfortable and confident to come as they are and go on to be the best they can be.

Future Schools & 11+

Preparing for senior school after Orchard House School begins the moment you join. We speak from experience when we say that setting strong foundations early is key. For Orchard House School, that means children have the skills, confidence and love of learning that guarantees success wherever they go.

11+ Results History

2026 Results

36 pupils received 150 offers and 42 scholarships to 27 leading schools across the UK and abroad.

These included awards across Art, Drama, Music, Sport and Academics.

2025 Results

51 pupils received over 200 offers and 52 scholarships to 49 leading day and boarding schools across the UK and the US.

With academic excellence as standard, we are politely ambitious for our pupils, who have gone on to some of the UK's best day and boarding schools:

- Benenden
- Charterhouse
- City of London
- Emanuel
- Epsom College
- Francis Holland Schools
- Godolphin & Latymer
- Hampton School
- Ibstock Place
- Kew House
- King's College Wimbledon
- Lady Eleanor Holles
- Latymer Upper
- Notting Hill & Ealing
- Queen's Gate
- St Paul's Girls'
- St Paul's Juniors
- St. Benedict's
- The Harrodian

Many talented individuals are offered scholarships in Music, Drama, Art, Sport and Academics to top senior schools.

By the end of an Orchard House School education, you can trust that a well-rounded, happy child will be heading on to the school that is right for them.

Check out our 11+ timeline and learn about priority entry to senior schools

Join Orchard House School



Our main point of entry is Nursery (3+). Occasional places may be available from Reception or above. Please contact our Head of Admissions to check availability.

1 **Register -** To apply for a place, please fill out the registration form to be added to the waitlist. We recommend registering as early as possible, ideally after birth, to give your child the best chance of securing a place.

2 **Visit -** After registering, we would be delighted to show you around our school. During term time, we offer group tours on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and can accommodate private visits. Please email admissions@orchardhs.org.uk to arrange your visit.

3 **Offers -** Offers are sent approximately 18 months before a child is due to start, usually the Spring of the year before they join us.

Priority is given to siblings of current pupils and pupils who join us from Dukes Education nurseries or schools, and offers are then made in order of registration. If your child is offered a place, we will send you the offer by email. If an offer isn't received in the first instance, we will always keep your child's name on the waiting list to be offered a place if one becomes available in future.

4 **Acceptance-** To accept your child's place, you will need to sign and return the acceptance form, provide a copy of your child's passport and pay a deposit of £3,000 directly into the school's account. This deposit will be refunded when your child leaves the school. For full terms and conditions, please see our Admissions Policy.

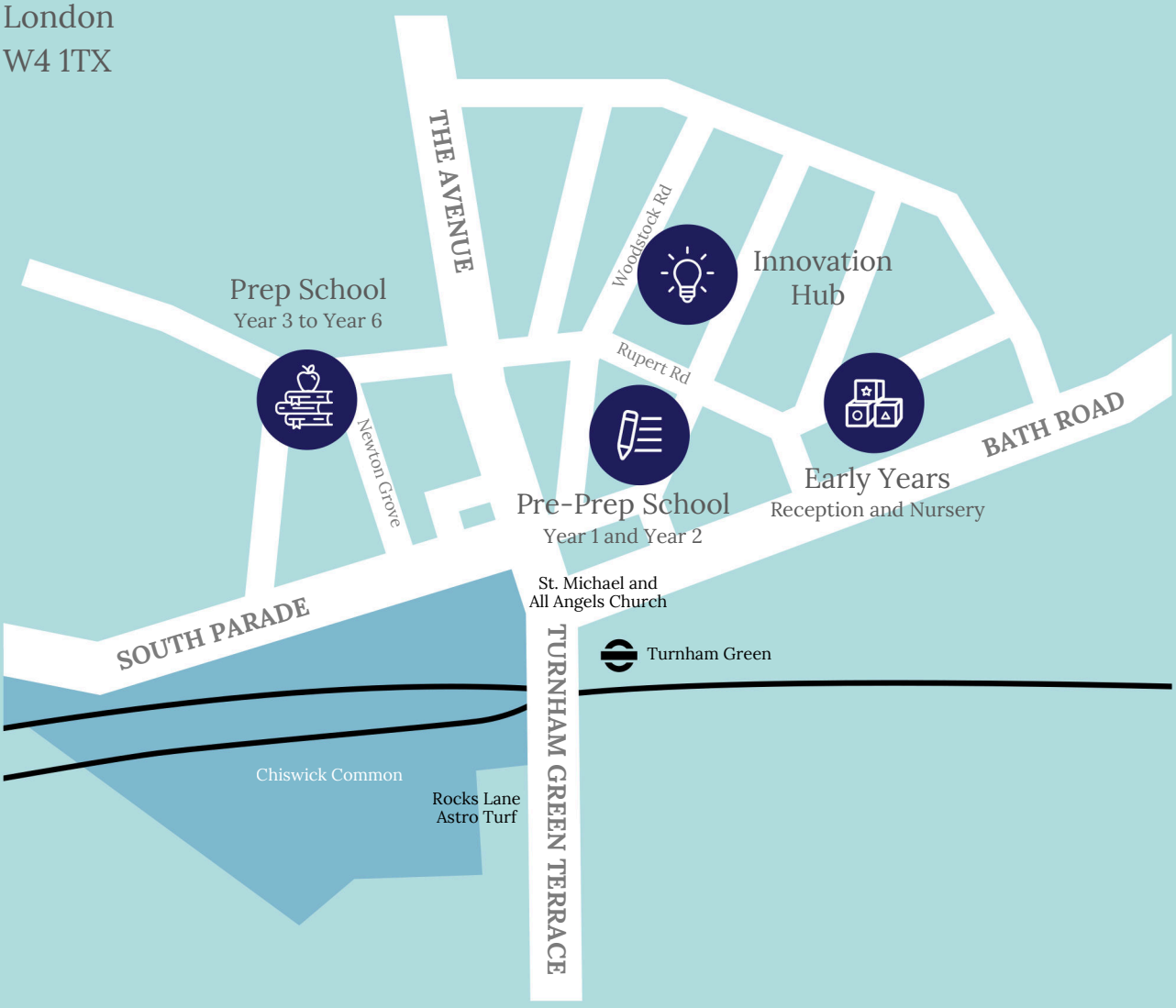
Joining us from abroad?

All we need is confirmation of your child's right to reside, which can be confirmed with a copy of their passport and right to reside or visa. For more details, scan here:

Contact Us

We would be delighted to answer any questions that you may have. For admissions inquires or to visit us, please contact: admissions@orchardhs.org.uk | 020 8742 8544

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"Dukes Education is a **family** of schools and educational services based in the UK. Our schools are **distinctive** in identity and style, yet united in offering outstanding teaching and learning, providing the strongest **foundations** for young people to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives."

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