



Finton House





Welcome to Finton House from the Headmaster, Mr Ben Freeman

Young children should not have to face the pressures of a competitive entry system, and they should experience an inclusive environment where all pupils, including those with specific needs, have the same opportunities. Finton House was founded in 1987 with these two principles in mind. I am delighted to say that these remain at the heart of the school today, as we proudly maintain a non-selective and all-inclusive environment, where children are happy, motivated to succeed and ultimately gain entry to their senior school of choice.

Each individual makes excellent progress and, just as importantly, they thoroughly enjoy their learning. The warmth and encouragement of teachers and assistants creates an atmosphere where each child is valued and nurtured within

a mixed-ability class. Each individual's creative and physical development is as impressive as their academic, resulting in confident, well-rounded, responsible and caring citizens.

I hope you will be able to come and visit Finton House and meet the people who are having such a profound effect on young lives through this wonderful ethos and spirit.

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Headmaster



We aim to maintain excellent academic standards through the provision of well-resourced, small classes and a broad, balanced curriculum.



A careful balance of subject-specialist and class teaching creates a love of learning and leads to outstanding results at 11+. This is supported by the recent addition of new facilities for Design Technology, Science and Music and large, airy classrooms throughout the school.

English, Maths, Science, Computing, Languages, History, Geography, Art, Design and Technology, Music, Religious Education, Games and Physical

Education, Dance and Drama are all taught within the timetable creating a lively school day.

Finton House has a committed and highly qualified teaching staff with a high staff-to-pupil ratio. Class Teachers work in partnership with assistants and parents to ensure children's happiness, health and welfare throughout the school day.

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We aim to provide a rich programme of creative arts, sport, trips and extra-curricular activities that offer challenge and opportunity to every child.



Children's sensitivity to the world around them is nurtured throughout the school by specialist teachers in Art & Design, Music, Drama, Design Technology, Sport and Computing and is celebrated in vibrant displays that reflect a rich variety of experience.

Children enjoy a wide range of activities that encourage and develop their skills of creativity, communication and co-operation, and allow them to express their individuality.

The musical life of the school is rich and varied offering class and individual instrumental and singing lessons. Children participate in concerts for parents and the wider community including neighbourhood carol singing and visits to local nursing homes.

Children love performing from an early age. Regular events such as class assemblies, plays and poetry recitals celebrate the children's enthusiasm and confidence.



Boys and girls play a wide range of team and individual sports, using a variety of excellent local facilities including private playing fields a short walk away. The emphasis is on enjoyment and sportsmanship and our team of skilled and energetic coaches bring out every child's sporting potential.

Sports Day, House Matches and regular fixtures, tournaments and swimming galas against other schools ensure children at Finton House develop determination and perseverance, feel confident in competition and enjoy celebrating their sporting success.



We aim to create an atmosphere in which children feel safe, happy and valued as individuals, and where values of care and consideration, generosity and respect are actively encouraged.



School life is enriched by exciting workshops and educational field trips to museums, theatres, parks, historical landmarks and nature reserves. Residential trips for pupils in the Upper School to Devon, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Snowdonia and France make learning come alive and encourage children's independence and sense of adventure.

After school clubs and extra-curricular activities run by a team of in-house staff and visiting professionals allow children to explore a wide range of hobbies and pastimes as diverse as climbing, sailing, woodworking, karate, circus skills, film club and ballet.

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The breadth and depth of the school's experience enables the needs of most children with moderate learning difficulties to be met, and the school is all the richer for the involvement of these children. Specialist learning support, speech therapy and occupational therapy is available through the school. Applications are always welcome from children with a variety of special needs, providing the child is able to function as an integral member of the school.

Children with particular talents or skills are encouraged to develop further and many are prepared for scholarships and awards to their senior schools. In addition these children take part in national competitions and a range of exciting enrichment activities including workshops and study days co-ordinated with other local schools.

We are deeply committed to the provision of an inclusive environment where all children can achieve their full potential in a co-educational school.



We aim to work in close partnership with parents and to encourage them to play a full and active role in their child's education and in the life of the school.



Great importance is placed upon the co-operation and close involvement of parents. Whether as Class Representatives, accompanying trips, hearing reading, organising events or supporting teams at fixtures, parents are warmly encouraged to become fully involved in school life.

One parent wrote: *"Finton House is an oasis in the pressurised London school world. With its superb teaching and excellent pastoral care it steers a clear and steady course to the best schools. It does this by nurturing each child, building their confidence so they can truly soar... and all this without unneeded pressure. Bravo!"*





The children are organised into four houses named after founding families. Each term there are house fundraising events and competitions which allow children to work together across year groups whilst learning about their place in the wider world. Finton House has a strong philanthropic ethos and has close links with other schools and charities. Speakers at our school assemblies and visits to day centres and nursing homes

ensure that our children have a strong sense of social responsibility.

A bursary scheme was set up through the generosity of parents in memory of Sally Walker – the school's Headmistress from 2002-2005. It exists to provide means-tested awards for children aged six or over whose families would otherwise be unable to benefit from the outstanding education available at Finton House.

We aim to support the local community through a variety of projects including our bursary scheme.





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