

# Junior School Prospectus

Educating girls from the  
age of three to eleven



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Welcome



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## Choosing your daughter's first school is one of the most important decisions that you, as a parent, will have to make.

Acknowledging your daughter's growing independence, you will seek the assurance that she will be able to fulfil her academic and social potential, that she will be nurtured and cared for and that she will grow into a well-balanced and caring young lady.

Northwood College Junior School educates girls from the age of three to eleven. Each of the three age groups (Early Years, Infants and Juniors) are housed in their own purpose designed building suited to their particular needs.



Your daughter's progress through the Junior School will witness her growing confidence and ability, her academic development and her care and concern both for those around her and for those beyond the school community. Through visiting the Junior School and learning more about us, I am sure that you will believe that this is the right environment for your daughter.

Please do visit us and be assured of a warm and friendly welcome.

*Hina Thaker*

Head of the Junior School

## Early Years



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Our spacious and innovative Early Years Centre is the perfect safe and stimulating environment for our youngest girls who we call ‘Bluebelles’.

It is modern, bright, colourful and well equipped to offer stimulation for both physical and academic development. Extensive outdoor play areas are utilised on a daily basis, providing both a safe and fun environment for the girls to play in.

In Nursery (age 3+), the emphasis is on learning through play, enabling the girls to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Our friendly staff understand the

girls’ needs and are sympathetic in their approach, particularly to those for whom it may be the first time they have spent away from home. In Reception (age 4+), there are more opportunities for the girls to develop their social and emotional skills, their language and communication and creative development. Girls in Nursery and Reception also enjoy a weekly music lesson, ballet lesson, PE lesson and swimming lesson (in Reception), all taught by specialist staff.



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## This is the stage when your daughter moves on to more formal learning.

We handle the transition from Reception to Year 1 with care to ensure the girls' confidence is maintained. The classrooms are based in Vincent House, a beautiful Edwardian building, which has been designed to meet the needs of this age group. The girls enjoy a broad-based curriculum that incorporates the Literacy and Numeracy Strategies and much more. PE, Music, Ballet, Art and Drama all feature in the

weekly timetable giving the girls many opportunities to develop their talents. In Years 1 and 2, girls may also take extra-curricular activities such as Violin, Cello, Piano, County Dancing and Speech and Drama.

The curriculum is further enhanced by visits to a wide variety of museums and other places of interest.







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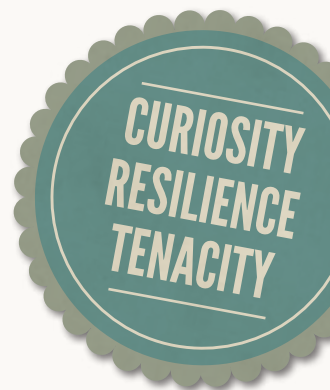


# In Junior School the curriculum continues to be broad based and challenging.

From age 7-11, the core subjects of English, Maths and Science are enhanced by studies in French, Spanish, German, Latin, Art, Design Technology, ICT, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Music, Drama and all branches of PE.

The work in the curriculum is extended through specialist visitors to the school and by related visits to wildlife parks, museums and houses of historic interest. Extra-curricular activities are also a strong feature of the Junior School.

Having successfully moved through Junior School, all girls automatically transfer to the Senior School, where their academic and other talents continue to be nurtured.





# We are proud of our Thinking Skills initiative – developing and enhancing pupils’ ability to be logical, critical and creative thinkers.

A wide range of transferable thinking skills are taught across the curriculum and offer a further opportunity to practise skills such as decision making, lateral thinking and mindmapping.

Lessons focus on encouraging those habits of mind such as curiosity, resilience and tenacity that can play a significant role in a child’s academic success and personal happiness.

The girls are encouraged to gain a deeper understanding of their own preferred learning styles and to gain familiarity with a range of study and revision strategies.

This unique initiative extends throughout the school, with lessons and courses planned for pupils from the Nursery up to Sixth Form.



As well as ensuring girls achieve the highest possible standards academically, all girls are cared for through the strength of our pastoral system.

The initial care lies with the Form teacher whose knowledge of the girls in her care is exceptional.

An active House system encourages participation in academic, musical and sporting activities and helps to promote good behaviour and a sense of collegiality across the age groups. Girls are encouraged to develop a sense of responsibility by holding offices such as Form

Captain. Residential trips are arranged to complement academic studies and also to develop independence. Charity events are regularly organised to encourage a sense of awareness of the needs of others.





## Girls are encouraged to learn beyond the classroom boundaries.

Extensive use is made of the College grounds for a variety of curriculum work including Science experiments and Maths trails. Educational day trips to museums and study centres take place every term for each year group and residential trips are organised for the older Junior girls.

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities to all girls from Year 1 to Year 6 including PE Clubs, Music ensembles, Chess, Ballet, Speech and Drama. A variety of lunch-time activities is also offered. Concerts and dramatic productions are a regular feature and all girls are encouraged to take part.



## Promoting a love of Sport



**Our excellent facilities promote a love of sport amongst the girls.**

All sport is encouraged and valued and participation allows the girl's talents to grow as they are able.

We have our own indoor swimming pool, sports hall, large playing field, tennis courts and an all-weather pitch. The main sports are Netball, Hockey, Swimming, Athletics, Rounders, Tennis and Gymnastics. The competitive spirit is also important and we have a programme of fixtures in a number of team sports.





Being part of Northwood College



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It's a journey that most of our girls take and a preferential admission system exists from one stage to the next.

The music and sports facilities, extensive grounds and dining hall are all shared, meaning that the Junior School has access to facilities that most schools of its size and type are denied.

However, it is the shared community and ethos at Northwood College that is our main asset and which will provide the most treasured memories for you, and, for your daughter, a foundation for life.

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