



Hampton Court House

Prospectus

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Achievement with heart

Welcome....

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Hampton Court House.

As an award winning all-through school for students aged 2–18, we offer something truly distinctive: a seamless educational journey underpinned by our ethos, Achievement with Heart. This continuity allows students to grow in confidence, supported by enduring relationships, consistent values and an exceptional standard of care from their earliest years through to Sixth Form.

Our outstanding results in the 2025 examinations stand as a testament to the intellectual rigour at the heart of our teaching, where passionate subject specialists cultivate curiosity, critical thinking and depth of understanding. Through exacting standards and an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, our students are challenged to think profoundly and perform with distinction. We are therefore proud to be recognised among the top 10% of independent schools in the United Kingdom.

At Hampton Court House, we believe education should be extraordinary, yet learning here is never confined to the classroom. From our pioneering French immersion programme in Years 1-4, to rich opportunities in sport, music and the arts, our curriculum is designed to stretch minds, nurture talents and ignite lifelong passions. A vibrant programme of enrichment broadens horizons and builds character. Clubs, workshops, and trips - both within the UK and internationally - are carefully woven into school life, ensuring every child has the opportunity to explore the wider world.

The Sixth Form is deliberately designed to feel different - and be different. We believe education should be both transformative and deeply personal. Our approach blends academic study with a strong focus on wellbeing, leadership, cultural awareness and community engagement, delivered through our award-winning and nationally recognised Preparing for Life programme.

Equally distinctive is our culture of purposeful informality. Students address staff by their first names and wear their own clothes, fostering relationships built on mutual respect, openness and trust. This approach develops confidence, independence and authenticity, while preparing students for the world beyond school.

Set within historic parkland beside Hampton Court Palace, our buildings provide a setting of rare beauty and inspiration. Alongside this heritage, students enjoy access to excellent facilities, specialist teaching spaces and access to world class sports facilities, enriching every aspect of their education.

Whether you are considering Hampton Court House for your child's first steps in education or their final years before adulthood, you will find a school defined by curiosity, kindness and ambition. I warmly invite you to visit us, to experience the spirit of our community and discover what makes Hampton Court House such a remarkable place to learn and grow.

With warmest regards,



Katherine Vintiner
Principal, Hampton Court House





The cohesive leadership team successfully promotes a holistic and inclusive educational ethos where students are known and nurtured as individuals, which leaders term ‘achievement with heart’.

ISI Inspection Report, 2025

An Education That Goes Further

Historic Grounds, Modern Learning

A school steeped in history, Hampton Court House was built over two centuries ago by the Earl of Halifax and designed by renowned architect Thomas Wright. Special period features include the heart shaped lake, exquisitely decorated shell grotto, winter garden adorned with palm trees and unique Icehouse. Later residents of the house include the 4th Earl of Sandwich and the Twining's family.

Much of the buildings are Grade I and Grade II listed with our location right on Hampton Court Palace's doorstep, nestled in 9-acres of parkland on the cusp of Bushy Park.

Our historic and charming school offers an array of facilities to enhance learning, including science and IT labs, art studios, an amphitheatre, community garden, sports pitches and courts and Forest School.

Celebrating Excellence and Innovation

At Hampton Court House, we believe education is most powerful when it inspires curiosity, creativity, and the development of the whole person. Our awards and accreditations reflect not only academic excellence, but a vibrant community and innovative approach that define how our students learn, grow, and engage with the world.

We are recent winners of the Talk Education Innovation in Education Award for Support Beyond Life and of the Education Choices Developing Student Voice Award, finalist for the London Independent School of the Year Award (also shortlisted in 2024) and finalist for the Education Choices Opportunities in Art and Music Award.





An All-Through Education

Our all-through education offers a continuous and enriching educational journey, ensuring a seamless transition from Early Years right through to Sixth Form education. Students move confidently through the school without the stress of 11+ and 13+ entrance exams or unfamiliar environments, allowing them to focus on learning and personal growth. Students benefit from consistent values, support and standards, personalised learning, seamless transition and a close-knit community, enabling every student to grow in confidence.

Building Confidence Through Connection

We believe that young people thrive when they feel known, valued and challenged, and this belief equally underpins our culture of purposeful informality. Students refer to staff by their first name and wear their own clothes, cultivating relationships built on respect, whilst preparing students for life beyond school.

An Educational Trendsetter

We are proud to pioneer a distinctive French language immersion programme in Years 1–4. During these formative years, students are taught in both English and French, enabling them to develop fluency naturally and confidently. This immersive approach sets Hampton Court House apart, nurturing curious, globally minded learners from an early age.

While full immersion concludes after Year 4, linguistic excellence continues to be championed. From Years 5–11, fluent speakers may follow the Français Langue Maternelle (FLAM) pathway, preparing them for study at a level suitable for entry to French universities. All pupils also have the opportunity to sit the DELF (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française) examinations, alongside the study of Mandarin, Latin and Spanish.

In the Sixth Form, this spirit of innovation extends beyond languages. The award-winning Preparing for Life programme focuses on academic excellence, wellbeing, leadership, cultural literacy and community engagement, ensuring students leave not only academically accomplished, but confident, resilient and ready to make a meaningful impact.

The Hampton Court House Experience

An Ambitious Education That Nurtures the Whole Child

Hampton Court House offers a broad, ambitious and highly personalised curriculum that combines rigorous academic foundations with real-world experiences, creativity and individual development. Knowledge-rich and carefully designed, it is both challenging and engaging, enabling every student to realise their full potential and make strong progress.

Our Forest School is a distinctive and valued element of Early Years life, offering students the freedom to explore, discover and learn through meaningful engagement with the natural world. Located moments from Bushy Park and supported by our own on-site Forest School, we provide a rich woodland learning experience that inspires curiosity and builds confidence.

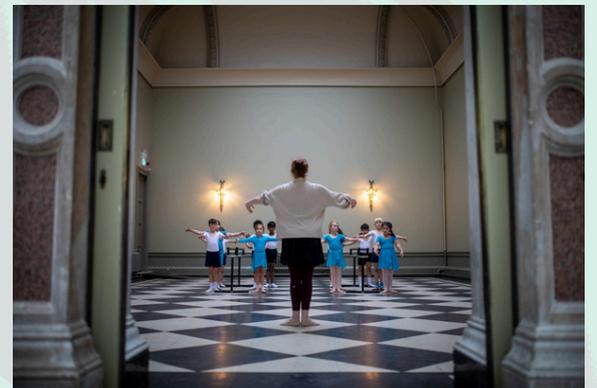
We believe sport is central to a child's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, helping them develop confidence, teamwork, resilience and joy. Students engage in over 20 sports through weekly lessons, clubs and competitive fixtures – from Early Years swimming to Senior football, rowing and expert Sixth Form gym coaching. Partnerships with St Mary's University, East Molesey Rowing Club and X-Cel Sports Hub provide our students with world class sporting facilities closeby.

Music and Performing Arts are woven into daily life as vibrant means of self-expression, creativity and collaboration. From Nursery drama to A-Level Music Technology, every student is encouraged to participate, take creative risks and grow in confidence and skill.

Our dedicated teaching and pastoral teams foster a supportive yet challenging environment in which students thrive. Purposeful informality with no uniforms and students and teachers on a first name basis, strong relationships and small class sizes of no more than 18 ensure bespoke learning and high-quality teaching, contributing to student outcomes that are 28% above predicted flight paths.

A Happy School Where Children Thrive

Above all, Hampton Court House is a school where students are happy. They enjoy coming to school, engage enthusiastically in learning and value the strong relationships they build with staff and peers. At HCH, young people are challenged, supported and inspired to become the very best version of themselves.





Excellence achieved. Expectations Exceeded.

This year, our students achieved outstanding results, with 35% of all A-levels awarded at A*-A and 61% at A*-B, while every medical applicant secured a place at university. Our graduates are going on to study at world-renowned institutions, including top Russell Group, Oxbridge and international universities, reflecting the school's commitment to ambition and opportunity.

At GCSE, our students continue to surpass expectations, with 61% of grades at A*-A (9-7) and an impressive 40% at the very highest grades (9-8). Excellence isn't just achieved here; it's expected.



Prepared for Life, Beyond the Classroom

Careers education is thoughtfully embedded throughout the school, guiding students to discover their strengths, aspirations and sense of purpose. From the early years of secondary school through to Sixth Form, students are supported to develop self-awareness, confidence and gain an informed understanding of the world of work.



The programme combines personalised guidance, careers workshops, guest speakers, workplace visits and real-world experiences, ensuring students are exposed to a wide range of pathways and professions. Together, these experiences empower students to make confident, well-informed choices and to step into their futures with ambition, clarity and resilience.



Strong Relationships. Exceptional Pastoral Care.

Every student belongs to a small form group led by a carefully selected form tutor who understands the needs of their year group. Our tutors are caring, approachable and committed to knowing each child as an individual, ensuring students feel happy, supported and listened to. Each year group is also supported by a dedicated Head of School (Early Years, Prep, Senior Lower, Senior Upper and Sixth Form), who plays an active role in student life through form activities, assemblies and events. Alongside the SENDCo, our Heads of School are key members of the safeguarding team, working collaboratively to ensure every student feels safe, valued and well supported.

Experiential Learning

At Hampton Court House, school is an inspiring, joyful journey-one that blends academic ambition with rich, real-world engagement.

We believe truly impactful learning happens through experience, and here, it extends far beyond the classroom. Students explore history on trips to Rome, embark on adventures in the Arctic, investigate eco-systems in the field, immerse themselves in the arts and develop new skills through trips, workshops and clubs, deepening understanding and personal growth.

With more than 50 clubs and a vibrant year-round enrichment programme, students are invited to explore passions, build confidence and develop lifelong skills alongside their academic studies. HCH's co-curricular life spans an extraordinary breadth of interests, from languages and culture and creative arts to performing arts and music ensembles and STEM and innovation activities.

Sport and wellbeing play a central role too, while adventurous and outdoor options further broaden the experience. These diverse opportunities help students form strong friendships, practise collaboration across year groups and follow their curiosity wherever it leads.

Immersive experiences develop cultural capital and resilience. The school actively supports students in pursuing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels - a programme that fosters independence, teamwork and personal growth through skill development, community service and expeditions.

Enriching trips are a powerful catalyst for learning, encouraging real-world engagement, taking place on a local, national and international level. Combined with regular theatre and concert outings, these experiences create a rich educational tapestry that complements the core curriculum while inspiring students to discover new interests and challenge themselves.





Little Courtiers

The Little Courtiers sits at the heart of Hampton Court House's educational journey, offering a warm and inspiring introduction to school life. From Nursery through to Reception, our youngest students are welcomed into a nurturing environment where curiosity is encouraged and ignited.

Learning blends the Early Years Foundation Stage with Forest School principles and influences from Montessori and Reggio Emilia, creating a play-based yet purposeful environment where children move confidently between indoor and outdoor learning, developing independence, curiosity and strong foundations in literacy, numeracy and communication.

Led by experienced Early Years specialists and enriched by specialist teaching in areas such as French, music and Forest School, the programme provides a nurturing and joyful start that carefully prepares children for Reception and their onward journey through Hampton Court House.



Prep

Prep at Hampton Court House confidently builds on the strong foundations established in the Early Years, offering a learning environment where childhood is cherished, and learning is purposeful. For students in Years 3 to 6, our Prep School provides an educational experience that is carefully centred on the individual child, recognising and celebrating each student's strengths, interests and potential.

Prep at Hampton Court House offers a rich, engaging and personalised curriculum that inspires curiosity, independent thinking and a genuine love of learning, with interactive lessons, strong pastoral support and an emphasis on collaboration and self-expression.

At the heart of Prep is a warm, homely community in which children feel known, valued and supported. This sense of belonging encourages students to be confident in themselves, ambitious in their learning and kind in their relationships. Guided by our ethos, children are encouraged not only to do their best academically, but also to grow as thoughtful, caring and responsible members of the school community.

From bilingual immersion through the award-winning LabelFrancÉducation programme in Years 1–4 to an expanded curriculum including Latin, Mandarin and Computer Science in Years 5–6, alongside a vibrant co-curricular programme and community engagement, pupils are nurtured as confident, compassionate and well-rounded individuals, fully prepared for the next stage of their education.



Senior

Senior at Hampton Court House offers a stimulating and supportive environment where academic ambition is matched by personal growth and strong values. For students in Years 7 to 11, this is a stage defined by discovery, confidence-building and preparation for the future, guided throughout by our ethos of Achievement with Heart.

We believe that the most successful education balances intellectual challenge with character development, enabling young people to think independently, act with integrity and contribute positively to the world around them.

An ambitious and carefully designed curriculum inspires confidence and a genuine love of learning. Rigorous teaching in core subjects is complemented by a broad range of GCSE options, allowing students to pursue their interests while developing depth of understanding, critical thinking and self-expression. Lessons are engaging, challenging and interactive, with teachers who know their students well and tailor learning to support individual progress and ambition, complemented by a rich co-curricular programme. Underpinned by outstanding pastoral care, strong relationships and a deep commitment to wellbeing, Senior life fosters empathy, resilience and a sense of belonging, preparing students to move confidently into Sixth Form and beyond as well-rounded, motivated and thoughtful young people.



Sixth Form

The Sixth Form at Hampton Court House represents the culmination of our all-through educational journey: a distinctive and deeply personal experience that prepares young people for life beyond school, in an environment where academic excellence, independence and character development sit side by side.

Small, close-knit and aspirational, the Sixth Form is a community in which students are truly known. Teaching is tailored, relationships are strong and each student's pathway is shaped around their individual ambitions. At the heart of the Sixth Form is the award-winning Preparing for Life programme, which underpins the school's belief that education should equip young people with the skills, character and confidence to flourish in an ever-changing world.

Nationally recognised with the Talk Education Award for Innovation in Education, this pioneering programme blends academic excellence with personal development across key pillars including mental and physical wellbeing, leadership, cultural literacy, and community engagement.

Through personalised coaching, leadership opportunities, wellbeing support and real-world experiences, students grow into thoughtful, resilient and socially aware young adults ready to make a positive impact wherever their next chapter takes them.



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Preparing for Life Programme



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