



Hampton Court House



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International Student Guide

WELCOME

Hampton Court House is a place of inspiration, where children are at the heart of everything we do. Our students are respected and valued as independent individuals. They are known and deeply cared for by every member of staff. We welcome families from all over the world and we experts in providing international students with language tuition, underpinned with emotional and social support, so they thrive in the British education system.

Our vision focuses on sparking creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking. Our curriculum is taught by passionate subject specialists and exam results are outstanding, putting us in the top 10% of independent schools nationally. We celebrate experiential learning and all the so-called 'soft-skills' acquired through the creative arts, sport, and activities which challenge children outside their comfort zone.

Our guiding principles are kindness, respect and compassion for others. We want our children to be happy, confident, and understand themselves, but also to understand and care for those around them.

It is this combination that will help them, not only to achieve academically, but also to make the world a better place.

Katherine Vintiner
Principal





A British School... An International Approach

Hampton Court House is a truly global village school, welcoming students from across the world and placing great value on the richness that international families bring to our community. Our pupils represent a wide range of nationalities, creating a diverse, inclusive and outward-looking environment in which cultural and linguistic diversity is actively celebrated.

International families are warmly welcomed, and Hampton Court House holds a UKVI sponsorship licence with the Home Office, enabling us to support international students and ensure they are fully integrated and able to thrive both academically and socially.



Students from around the world



A School for all Children



We are an award-winning school educating children from the age of 2-18, in a small, nurturing, with a strong family feel. We are lucky to be based in an historic house set in some of the most beautiful parkland in England.

Whilst 70% of our students are British, we welcome a further 38 different nationalities across the year groups. At Hampton Court House cultural diversity is respected and celebrated and we are delighted to sponsor child visas for students requiring a licence.

We have a culture of 'purposeful informality'. We have no school uniforms and children address teachers by their first names.

Our social pedagogical approach is not about directing children but travelling with them on their educational journey and empowering them to 'own' their own learning. We give them the psychological safe space to take academic risks and to achieve more than they dreamed possible.

From Year 1 to 4 (ages 5-9) our students take part in a French Immersion Programme, with up to 40% of class - based lessons delivered in French and the rest in English. Educational studies suggest that children who learn different languages from an early age show significant benefits across the curriculum. We fully support children who have English as a second language and our impressive results were recently commended by the Independent School Inspectorate.

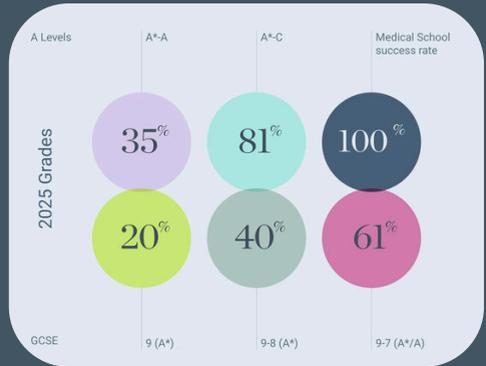
As a result, our students gain linguistic fluency and a rich appreciation for global diversity.



A Nurturing Pathway to Academic Excellence

As an all-through school for students aged 2 to 18, Hampton Court House offers a seamless educational journey. Pupils benefit from continuity, stability and strong relationships with teachers and peers over time, enabling them to grow in confidence and flourish academically within a nurturing and aspirational environment.

The school follows the English National Curriculum and consistently achieves excellent academic outcomes. Our EAL students achieve on average, 1.6 sublevels of progress in their English proficiency over the duration of our Coterie college programme, which translates into improved outcomes in other subjects.



An Exceptional Bilingual Foundation

In the Prep School, our French immersion programme ensures that pupils are taught bilingually.

By the age of 10, students are confident users of both English and French, providing an exceptional foundation for future language learning and academic success.

In Senior school our language pathway expands into French, Mandarin, Spanish or Latin choices, equipping students for global citizenship.

This bilingual approach is particularly attractive to international families and enables students to move smoothly between education systems in the UK, France and beyond.



Admissions and Entry Process

All applicants to Hampton Court House complete an assessment as part of the admissions process. This includes an adaptive English as an Additional Language (EAL) assessment, which allows us to accurately identify each student's level of English proficiency and plan appropriate support from the outset.

An interview also forms part of the admissions process and may take place either in person or via Zoom. Where required, a translator can be provided to support both students and families. Following successful completion of the assessment and interview, an offer of a place may be made.

For families requiring information about visas and sponsorship, further guidance is available from the Admissions Team.

Induction and Pastoral Support

Upon arrival at Hampton Court House, each new student is assigned a buddy to help them settle into school life, supporting them socially and practically during their first few weeks. In addition, an individual meeting is arranged with the student, their tutor and family to ensure that the transition into school is smooth, positive and well supported.

Our strong pastoral framework ensures that every child feels safe, valued and cared for as they begin their journey at Hampton Court House.





EAL Support at School

Hampton Court House provides a graduated and flexible approach to supporting students with English as an Additional Language. Provision is tailored to individual needs and delivered through a three-wave model of support.

Foundation – Coterie College Holiday Courses

All our EAL students are strongly encouraged to attend our EAL holiday courses in partnership with Coterie College at an additional cost. This provides an excellent foundation in English, preparing students for our in-school EAL provision.

Wave 1 – In-Class Support

All EAL students benefit from high-quality teaching within the classroom. Subject teachers use a range of inclusive strategies such as differentiation, visual supports, scaffolded language, key vocabulary lists and, where appropriate, translated resources. Small class sizes allow teachers to provide targeted support while ensuring students remain fully integrated with their peers.

Wave 2 – Targeted EAL Support

For some students, additional support may be provided through a modified timetable. English as an Additional Language may be offered as an alternative to another subject, allowing students to focus on developing academic English while continuing to participate fully in school life. This support is informed by assessment and review and is typically included within the school provision.

Wave 3 – Intensive Support

Students with a higher level of need may require more intensive support. This can include individual one-to-one tuition and/or additional in-class support. This provision is carefully tailored to the student's specific language needs and is offered for a defined period of time. Wave 3 support is provided at an additional cost and is discussed with families on a case-by-case basis.

Through this structured and responsive model, Hampton Court House ensures that students with EAL are fully supported to access the curriculum, make strong academic progress and thrive both academically and socially.



EAL Partnership with the Coterie College

Hampton Court House benefits from a unique partnership with The Coterie College who provide high-quality English language programmes for students from around the world. Through this partnership, international students may attend holiday English language courses prior to joining the school or significantly boost their language development during the school breaks.



For new students, these programmes help to develop confidence in English, familiarise themselves with the school environment, meet teachers and make friends ahead of the start of term. This valuable preparation enables pupils to begin their studies at Hampton Court House feeling confident, supported and ready to succeed.



For existing students, HCH works hand in hand with the college to ensure that each programme is fully aligned to each child's individual level. This allows every student to make exceptional progress in a very short space of time.



We are also working closely with the Education Counsellor for the Turkish Embassy who endorse both schools who provide assistance for Turkish students and the Coterie College.



“The lessons were fun and the teachers were great. I enjoyed the summer school and I really improved my English”

Mehmet

“I really enjoyed the course and learnt so much. I made new friends and was able to start school with confidence”

Zeynep

“My written English improved so much. I also made some new friends who I continue to learn with at my new school.”

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