

# Hampstead Hill School

Established 1949

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# Our History



Hampstead Hill School was founded by Hazel Riches in October 1949, and has remained in the hands of the same family ever since. This much valued and significant continuity means that the school has a wealth of experience in providing a sound, traditional and happy education for children from 2 years to 8 years of age.



The aim and purpose of Hampstead Hill has always been the total development of each child's personality and talents. Everyone born into this world is unique and different and in today's overcrowded society those lacking in confidence are often crowded out and have difficulty in finding their true identity. Some children leave us at 4+ or 5+, with the larger majority remaining through to 7+ or 8+, and they move on into a hectic, crowded and busy community, whether at Primary, Preparatory or Junior Public Schools. We aim to see that they are well able to stand squarely on their feet when they get there, confident of who they are, where they are going and of the excitement and enjoyment of it all.

Little Acorns has been established in Courthope Road to care for for up to fifty infants between the ages of 3 months and two years, providing first class maternity and early years care and development.

# About Us



In an age when so many new Schools are springing up across London, Hampstead Hill offers the peace of mind and security that comes with traditional teaching and values, alongside a wide and varied syllabus and a stimulating and exciting introduction to early education.

With so many parents running extremely busy lives, it is important that a School recognises the pressures of today's working arrangements. The School therefore has flexible hours for younger children with facilities available for up to ten hours a day, throughout the year (excluding Bank Holidays). For parents who need it we run a varied and exciting Holiday Scheme during all half-term and holiday periods for children aged 5 years and over.



# About Us



The Lower School classes are based in a large airy School building in Pond Street, Hampstead, with bright spacious indoor and garden classrooms. This branch also benefits from a large and beautiful garden. Here children aged 2+ to 5+ enjoy a stimulating and happy environment, receiving a broad basic education in reading, mathematics, writing, topic work, the arts, music and French, with swimming and P.E. for Reception Year pupils.

The Upper School was opened by Andrea Taylor in 1982 and is now situated inside St Stephen's and adjacent to the Lower School. Here children aged 5+ to 8+ years of age receive a sound academic education, with emphasis on preparation for competitive entrance examinations to Preparatory and Junior Public Schools. The Syllabus also covers a wide range of arts subjects and physical activities.



**Policies:** The school complaints procedure and policy is outlined in the Welcome pack which parents receive on entry. Our full range of policies are available for viewing at the Administration Department or on the school website.

**Catering:** All our catering is done on site by our in-house chefs. They provide a healthy, balanced, nutritious diet using organic, locally sourced ingredients. Our kitchen maintains a four star rating with the Local Authorities.

# The Lower School



In the Early Years setting and Reception Year children are taught reading, writing and mathematics as part of the daily syllabus, working to fulfill the aims of the EYFS and beyond. Other classes include language development, simple nature study, art, craft, cookery, poetry, & drama, PE & games, French and swimming (Reception Year). History, geography and science are taught from 4 years of age. Singing, movement and music in every form are some of our most important occupations and the Reception Year classes put on two Concerts during that year. The School building is surrounded by a large garden which is in constant use by the children throughout the year and is an added source of happiness in their school life.

From mid-July each year the Reception Year classes join together to form a Junior Holiday Scheme. They enjoy many and varied educational and fun activities including music/drama/art & craft workshops, sports courses, nature rambles, visits to museums and places of interest and day-long outings.



# The Lower School



It is expected that all children from three years of age upwards will stay at school until at least 2.15pm daily as we cannot fit the expanding syllabus into the mornings only from this stage. We are happy to accommodate any different combination of hours should this be requested and we can also offer extra hours to any family whose child usually attends on a part-time basis but need more on a temporary basis, in an emergency or in any other circumstances. Two month's notice is required, in writing, before a pupil is withdrawn or fees will be charged in lieu. The School is not under any obligation to keep a child's place open if fees are unpaid or in arrears, unless a special arrangement has been made.

## **Lower School Hours**

7.45am - 5.30pm  
Monday to Friday  
(51 Weeks per year)  
We offer a variety of part day sessions ranging from half-days to full time.

**The Lower School remains open throughout the year, except for Bank Holidays and the three days between Christmas and New Year.**

# The Upper School



Hampstead Hill's Pre-Preparatory Branch (Upper School) provides a sound academic education for 5+ to 8 year old boys and girls, with emphasis on preparation for competitive entrance examinations to Preparatory and Junior Public Schools where the age on entry is 7+ or over. Pupils are accepted into Year 1 on the understanding that they remain until they are at least 7+ years of age.

The aim of the school curriculum is to enable pupils to achieve the necessary academic standards while at the same time fully developing their individual personalities and talents. Children leave the school with the self-confidence that will enable them to enjoy and benefit fully from the new and exciting environment that awaits them at their next School.





# The Upper School



Although the Upper School runs on a three term basis, from 8.50am to 3.40pm, our extended hours service of 7.45am - 5.30pm is available to all pupils. During all half-term and holiday periods we operate a Holiday Scheme for the Upper School children. There is a separate daily charge for this as the children go out on many varied and interesting outings.

PLEASE NOTE that transfer from the Reception Classes to the Pre-Preparatory Branch is NOT automatic but in order of application, so early registration is advisable.

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## Upper School Hours

8.50am - 3.40pm

(Care available from 7.45am - 5.30pm)

Monday to Friday

(Three terms per year)

(39 weeks in total)

# The Curriculum



The school syllabus includes the following subject areas (in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage)

Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Communication, Language & Literacy, Creative Development, Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Physical Development, Knowledge and Understanding of the World:

These core subjects are the building blocks of the EYFS, and are taught using a wide variety of child-initiated activities and structured learning, including activities such as Drama & poetry, Singing, Music & Movement, Art & Design, P.E & Games, Swimming, Topic/Project work, French classes are also taught from Pre-Reception level, and Swimming is taught from Reception level.

Information & Communication Technology is integrated into various areas of the curriculum and children have access to and are familiar with computers.



# Our Results



At Hampstead Hill we are very proud of the achievements of all of our children and the following is a list of schools at which pupils have been awarded places for entry at 7+ and 8+ years of age.

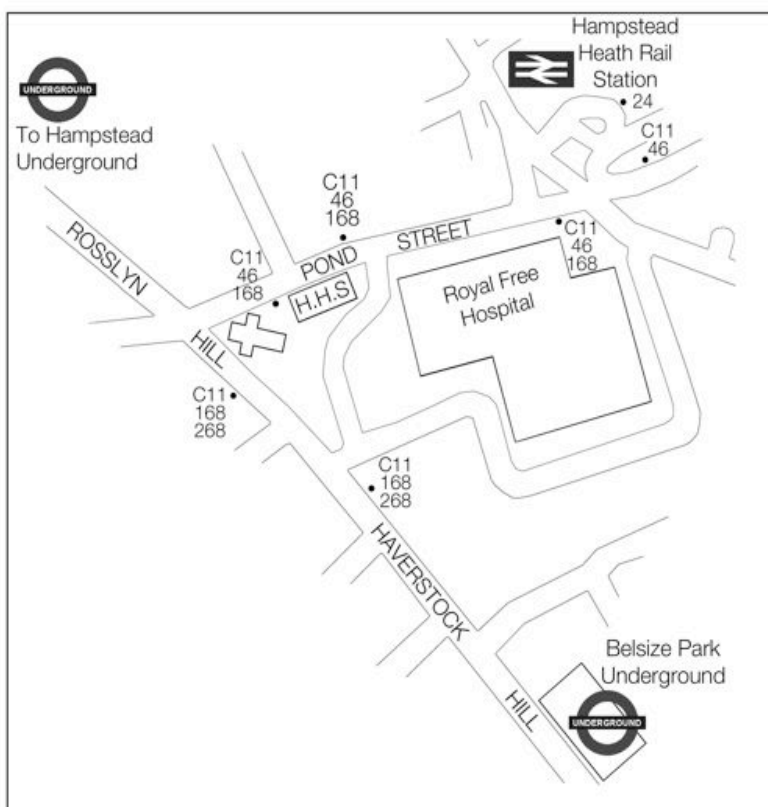
University College School	Westminster Cathedral Choir School
Westminster Under School	King Alfred School
Colet Court (St Paul's Prep School)	The Hall School
Highgate School	Arnold House School
Haberdashers' Aske's School	South Hampstead High School
St Paul's Choir School	North London Collegiate School
Belmont (Mill Hill) School	City of London School for Girls
Lyndhurst House School	Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls
St Anthony's School	Bute House Preparatory School
North Bridge House School	Channing School
Trevor Roberts School	St Mary's School
Academy School	Queen's College Preparatory School

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# Transport



Hampstead Hill School has a Green Travel Plan in place and it is our policy to actively encourage walking/use of public transport and discourage use of cars whenever possible. These methods of transport to and from school benefit the children's physical health, support the moves to improve air pollution and help the local environment. We can accommodate younger pupil's pushchairs as well as scooters and bicycles. We also actively encourage car-pooling where cars have to be used. We keep full, up-to-date lists of all areas where families live and will help all we can to link up families living in the same postal districts.



When families join the school they will be given full details of all local public transport facilities as well as car parking regulations, which must be strictly adhered to. Those who travel to school by car and do not possess a CA-H or CA-B residents permit may be issued with a parking permit (limited number available). This will allow a car to be parked in a 'resident's bay' (only) in nearby roads, for an absolute maximum of 10 minutes. All those who have to drive to school **MUST** keep to these rules please, which helps to avoid bad relations with local residents and the Council.

We have been asked by Camden to make the following known to our parents:

*"we wish to inform parents that Camden Council, after a six month review of its cross party strategy on the School Run, has agreed to continue with the policy of reducing dispensation permits for car parking in residential areas in the Borough. Camden will enforce this parking policy. Pay and Display bays may be available in the school vicinity, but there are very few of them You may be interested to enquire about your school travel plan, which gives advice and support on travelling to school in a more environmentally sustainable way."*

Transport for London (TFL) have a useful website covering all aspects of public transport, including greener travel, which can be visited online at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk>