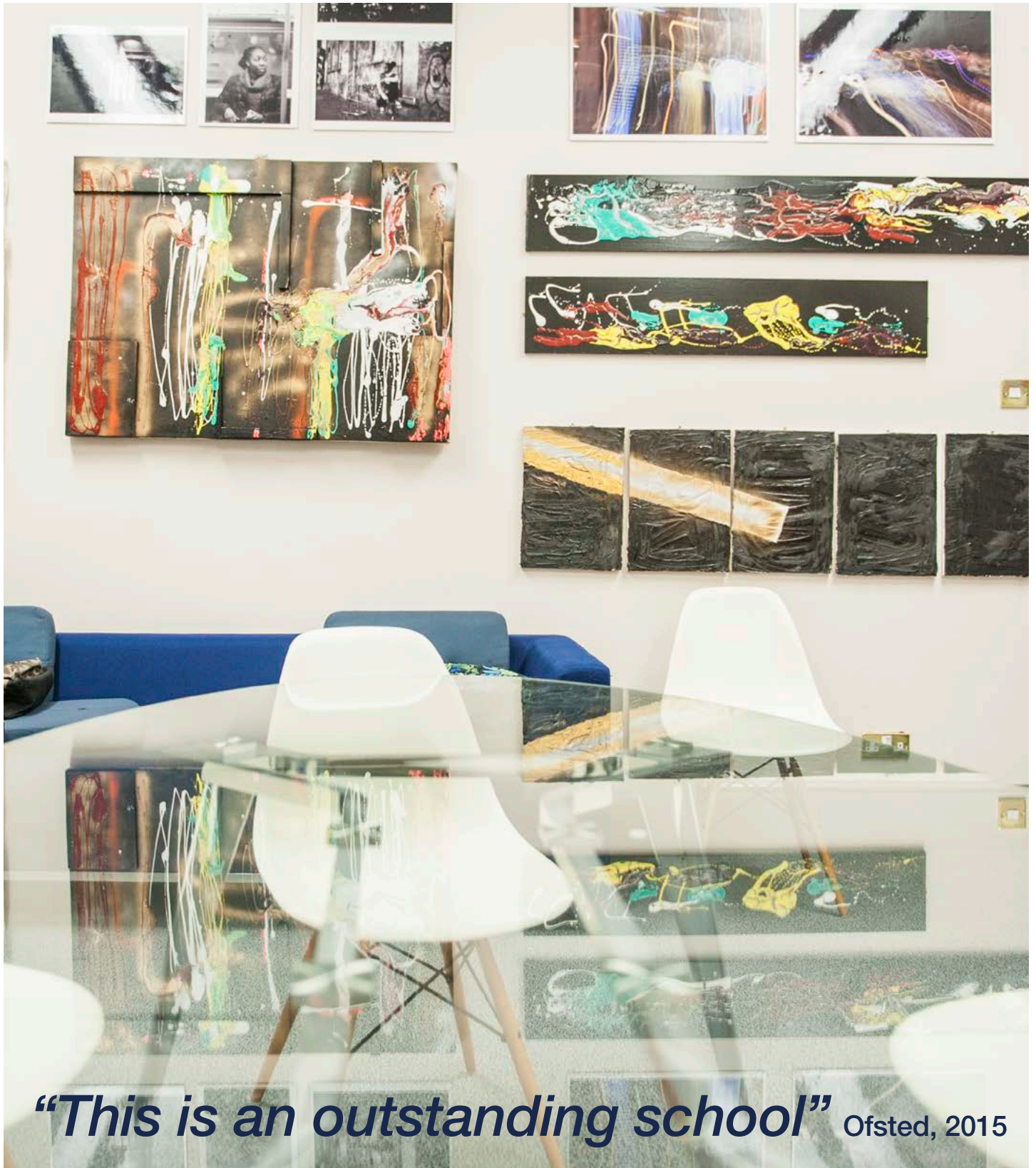




North Bridge House  
Senior Canonbury



***“This is an outstanding school”*** Ofsted, 2015



# Introduction

## Our school at a glance:

- Co-educational
- Ages 11 to 18
- Day school
- Small class sizes
- Central London location
- Grade II Listed building



# North Bridge House



Founded in 1939, North Bridge House is a co-educational day school that nurtures the individual and develops each student's independent strengths and talents. It educates children from the ages of 2-18 and is part of the Cognita Schools organization.

## Our schools

- NBH Nursery and Pre-Prep Schools (age 2 years 9 months – 7 years)
- NBH Prep School (ages 7-13 years)
- NBH Senior School Hampstead (ages 11-16 years)
- NBH Senior School Canonbury (ages 11-18 years)

## Our aims

- To celebrate each child as an individual
- To have a happy school with a friendly, family atmosphere
- To provide a secure and nurturing environment where children learn tolerance, consideration and respect for others
- To help every child fulfil their potential through dedicated and inspirational teaching, as well as an understanding of teenage development
- To educate the whole child by offering a wide variety of academic, sporting and extra-curricular activities

## North Bridge House Senior Canonbury

The Senior Canonbury site is the newest addition to the NBH group, having opened in 2014. Set within a beautifully restored Tudor building in the idyllic suburb of Canonbury it serves the needs of local children from Year 7 through to Year 13. The school has a maximum capacity of c.230 students and maximum class sizes of 20 for students in Years 7-11 and 14 for Sixth Form lessons.

## Cognita

Cognita is a leading international schools group, with a portfolio of 67 schools in Europe, Latin America and South-East Asia. The organisation employs over 5,000 teaching and support staff in the care and education of more than 30,000 pupils.

*The dedicated and focused teaching, small class sizes, enrichment activities and general school ethos have really seen our children improve academically and increase in confidence at NBH Canonbury.*

Parent at North Bridge House  
Senior Canonbury



# Message from the Head



Jonathan Taylor, Head Teacher



At North Bridge House Senior Canonbury we are dedicated to providing our students with an outstanding education and to developing happy, confident young adults with the skills to become future leaders. Thanks to our small class sizes and flexible approach to timetabling we are able to tailor our teaching and support to meet the needs of every child.

Our team of specialist and dedicated teachers contains a blend of state, independent and international school experience, and provides the inspiration our pupils need to achieve their academic goals. We are immensely proud of our Value Added performance at A-Level – which places us in the top 15% of schools nationally – whilst almost half of our GCSE entries in 2017 were graded at A/7 or above. The focus on academic excellence is complemented by first class pastoral care and attention to the learning needs of every child.

With experts continuing to shed ever-more light on teenage learning patterns and the stages of their brain development, we believe that by effectively harnessing this research we can maximise the potential of each individual. Our work with the Teenage Sleep Foundation has led us to introduce a later start time for our Sixth Formers, which we believe has had an immeasurably beneficial impact on our students. We are also currently working with the University of York to better understand the impact of disruption on working memory.

To broaden our pupils' interests and help them develop new and transferable skills, we offer a diverse enrichment programme – often in conjunction with our sister schools. Last summer saw students from both our site and our Hampstead Senior school site visit Malawi to undertake charity work, whilst during Easter 2018 a number of our students will visit China to supplement their Mandarin lessons which are firmly embedded within our timetable.

At NBH Senior Canonbury we recognize that teachers are our most valuable resource and as such look after them accordingly. Not only do we take our commitment to professional development seriously – we are proud to be members of the Teacher Development Trust – but we also understand the importance of teacher wellbeing. Our school doors close at 6pm four days a week because we believe that work life balance is a necessity rather than a glib catch phrase.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Taylor'.

Jonathan Taylor

NBH Senior Canonbury Head / NBH Collegiate Head

# The role

See the Job Description and the Person Specification for more details.

- Reports to the Headteacher
- Previous experience of teaching GCSE PE is required

## Benefits

- Competitive salary package
- Teachers' Pension Scheme membership
- Extensive Professional Development opportunities
- Free lunch provided each day
- Fee reduction for staff children
- Childcare voucher scheme
- Collaborate and supportive working environment
- Longer holidays than the maintained sector
- Membership of a global schools group

## Physical Education at North Bridge House Canonbury

PE is an integral part of school life and the sporting opportunities provided are disproportionate to the size of the school. Year 7 have two double lessons a week, whilst all other Year groups, including the Sixth Form, have a triple lesson once a week. GCSE PE is offered alongside compulsory PE in Years 10 and 11.

Opportunities for sport outside of the curriculum are manifold, with an activity taking place after school each day of the week. Football is the most common team sport, though cricket, netball, basketball and tennis are also regulars on the fixture list. Judo is also offered and table tennis is surprisingly popular.

School sports facilities are limited and the majority of PE activities take place off-site. The school has longstanding bookings with a number of local providers and a sports administrator will be in place for September to manage all bookings and fixtures. Furthermore, our sister site in Hampstead has a thriving PE department and a wider array of facilities and thus it would be expected that newly appointed Head of Sport would maintain the high levels of collaboration that currently exist between the two schools.

## How to apply

Interested candidates should submit a completed application form plus an accompanying cover letter (no more than 2 sides of A4) outlining their suitability for this post. Applications should be sent to **[canonbury@northbridgehouse.com](mailto:canonbury@northbridgehouse.com)**  
Please note that unless the official application form is completed, the application will not be considered.



# How to find us

Located in the Canonbury area of Islington, North London – easily accessible via public transport with closely located underground and overground stations. Also a short walk away from Upper Street which has a selection of trendy bars and restaurants.



## Our Location

6-9 Canonbury Place  
Islington  
London N1 2NQ



## Public Transport

Canonbury: 0.2 miles  
Highbury & Islington: 0.2 miles  
Essex Road: 0.3 miles  
Angel: 0.5 miles

