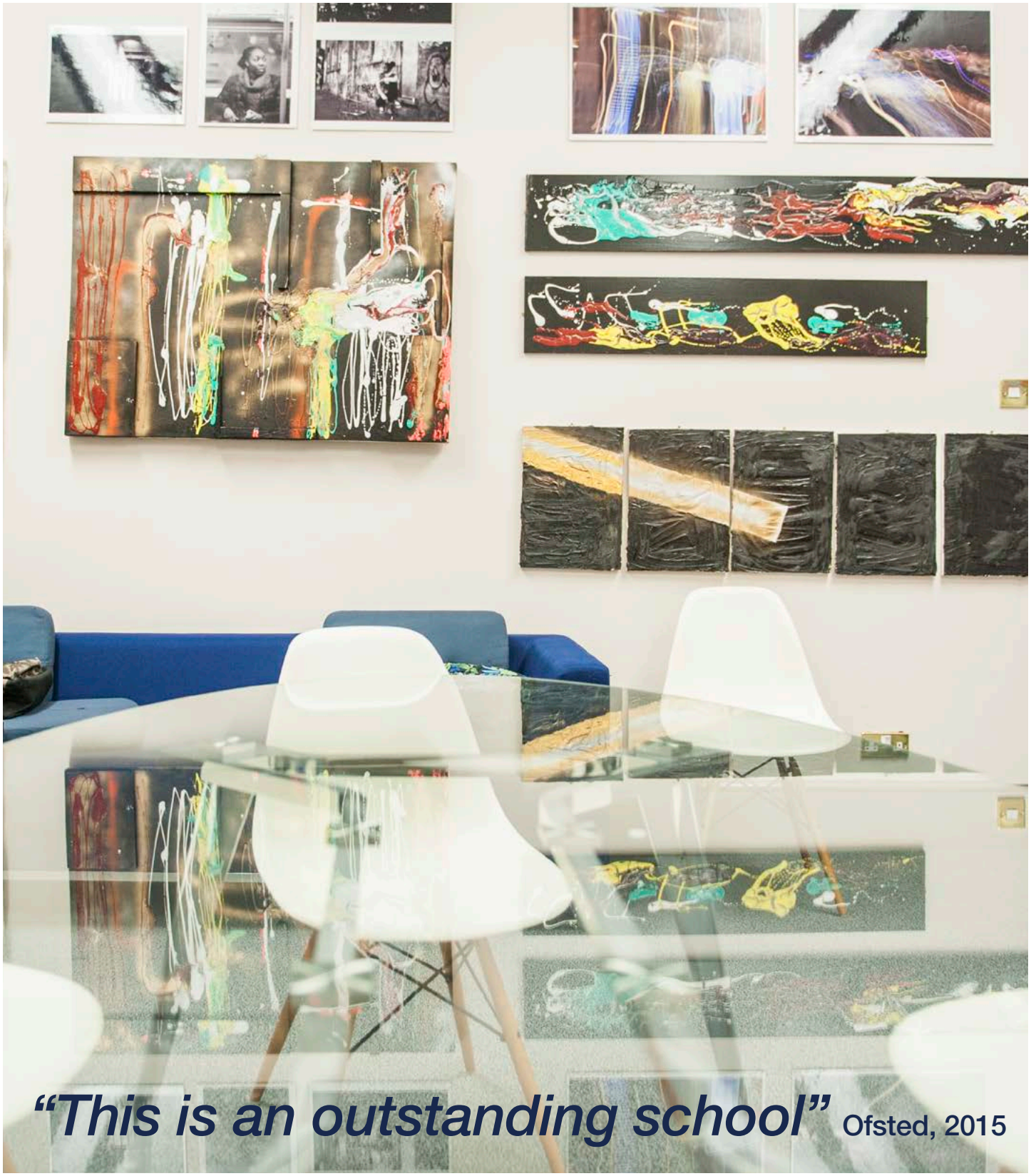
North Bridge House
Senior Canonbury



"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



> *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

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.

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.



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 Head of Science
- Suitable for NQTs and experienced teachers
- Must possess a good honours degree in Science

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

The department

Mr Sean Doherty, Head of Science
Mr Miltos Dikaros, Teacher of Psychology
Ms Jenny Harrold, Teacher of Science
Mr Mark Lloyd, Teacher of Science
Mr John Medlicott, Teacher of Science
Ms Dinali Ambawatte, Science Technician

Students study a rich and diverse curriculum; each year in Key Stage 3 students follow the AQA scheme of work and study enquiry processes, forces, electromagnets, energy, waves, matter, reactions, earth, organisms, ecosystems and genes. Generally, the units are taught through context based teaching and have emphasis on carryout investigative activities and project work. Students also take ICT and CASE lessons fortnightly as part of their science learning.

GCSE Sciences are started in year 9 and we offer both AQA's combined trilogy and separate science qualifications. As students' progress into years 9 and 10 they take biology, chemistry, and physics as separate classes. At Canonbury we are pleased to be well resourced where students are expected to undertake all core practical work and supplement this with additional demos and investigations.

Sciences are a popular choice for students at A-Level and we offer Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Students are also able to study Psychology with a specialist teacher. Currently, students study OCR's Biology A and Chemistry A, Edexcel's Physics, and AQA's Psychology. For A-Level sciences, lessons are taught in specialist laboratories where we can effectively develop the required skills and use of technical apparatus in meeting specifications required practical work. Technical support is offered to all science staff to assist in the preparation of demonstrations and practical work to maximise planning and teaching time.

We offer a range of extracurricular activities, and in the past students have participated in trips to the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum, The Royal Veterinary College, The Wellcome Collection, and Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (Didcot). Students regularly attend lectures at Queen Mary and UCL. Annually, UCL undergraduate physics students visit our school to promote and encourage A-Level science students to consider higher degree pathways in the sciences. In terms of optional enrichment activities, in the past we have offered science clubs and astronomy and are eager to expand our offer based on faculty staff personal interests.

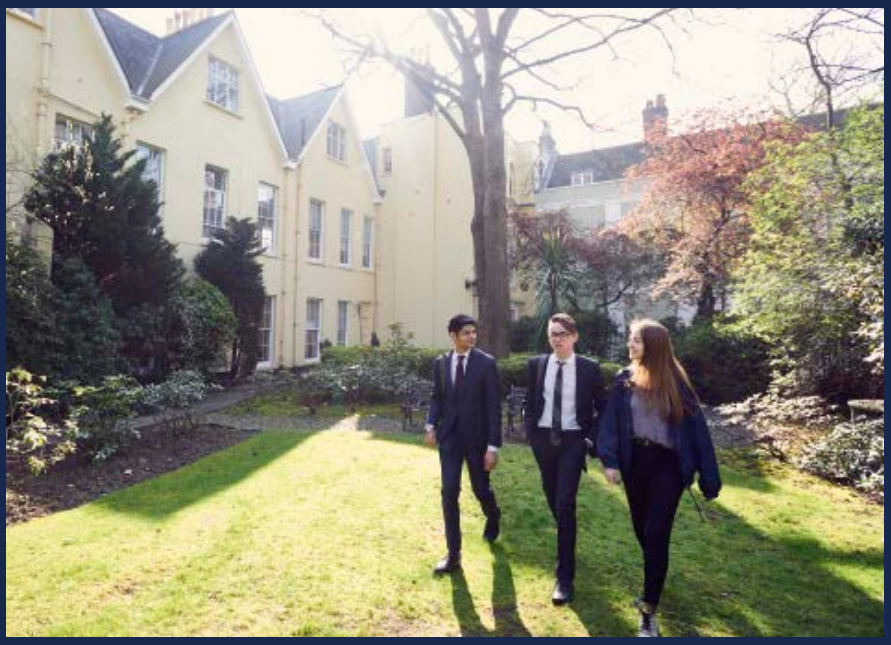
How to apply

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.



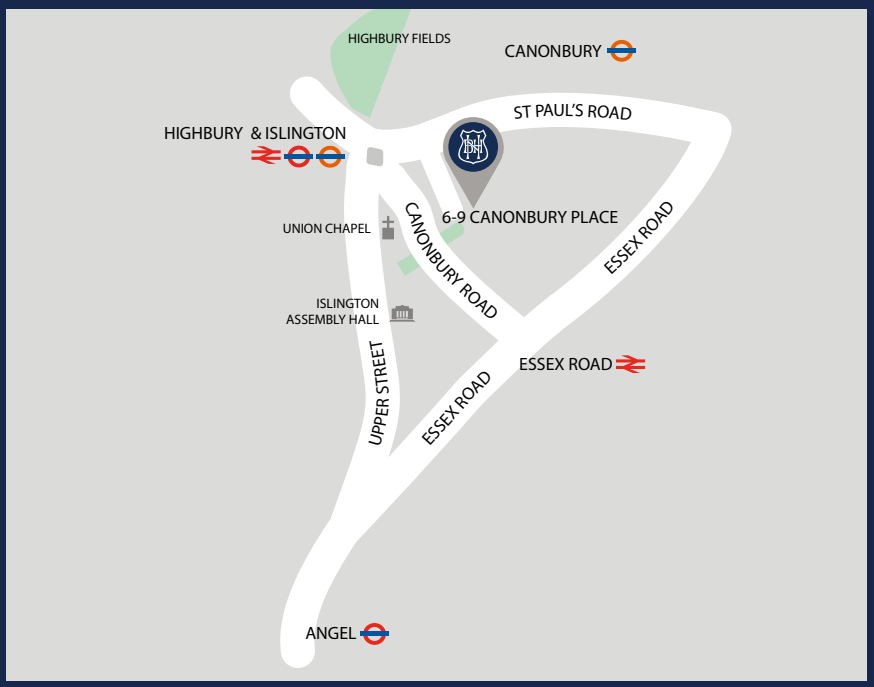
How to find us

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

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