



CHIGWELL SCHOOL
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WELCOME TO CHIGWELL SCHOOL



Welcome to Chigwell School. I hope this prospectus gives a flavour of the very special community that exists here. Our pupils, aged 4 to 18, work hard both in and out of the classroom, and so do the highly talented staff who support them and work closely with parents to achieve the very best outcomes for each and every pupil. Chigwell School is a busy, happy

place, whether it is the Pre Prep, Junior School, Senior School or the Sixth Form. We have excellent facilities and a large, beautiful campus but it is best to visit to experience all this for yourself. Please get in touch and we would be delighted to answer any questions you have and to show you around.

Michael Punt, Headmaster



The School's motto 'aut viam inveniam aut faciam' (find a way or make a way) is as fundamental today as it was at the time of our foundation in 1629. We want Chigwellians to develop a determined, independent spirit, taking responsibility for themselves, their relationships with others, and the world around us.

"Achievement is excellent throughout the school."

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OUR MISSION

We aim to be a learning community that aspires to excellence in every facet of its life: spiritual, moral, intellectual, cultural, social, emotional and physical, and through its links with the wider community.

“Excellent school. We are very pleased. Continue the good work.”

Chigwell parent

OUR AIMS

- To provide a high quality rounded education in the broadest sense in which pupils are provided with opportunities and encouragement to develop and discover interests and talents across and beyond the curriculum so that they can play a full part in the life of the School and make a positive contribution to the world of the 21st century thereafter
- To provide the appropriate support to allow all pupils to achieve and fulfil their individual and collective potential
- To establish a community in which learning is encouraged, where pupils develop a love of learning and are challenged to think for themselves with critical and creative curiosity
- To recruit, retain and nurture the best possible staff and provide a stimulating, rewarding and supportive environment for all who are employed at Chigwell
- To encourage an awareness of the spiritual side of life and an inclusive approach to others, within the Christian foundation of the School so that all learn from each other
- To encourage pupils to appreciate their good fortune and their responsibility for others, the community and the environment
- To produce pupils who are able to look back at their time in school with enjoyment, pride, gratitude and a sense of affection

“Anyone that wants to do well will do well here, and I can’t think of a nicer place to succeed.”

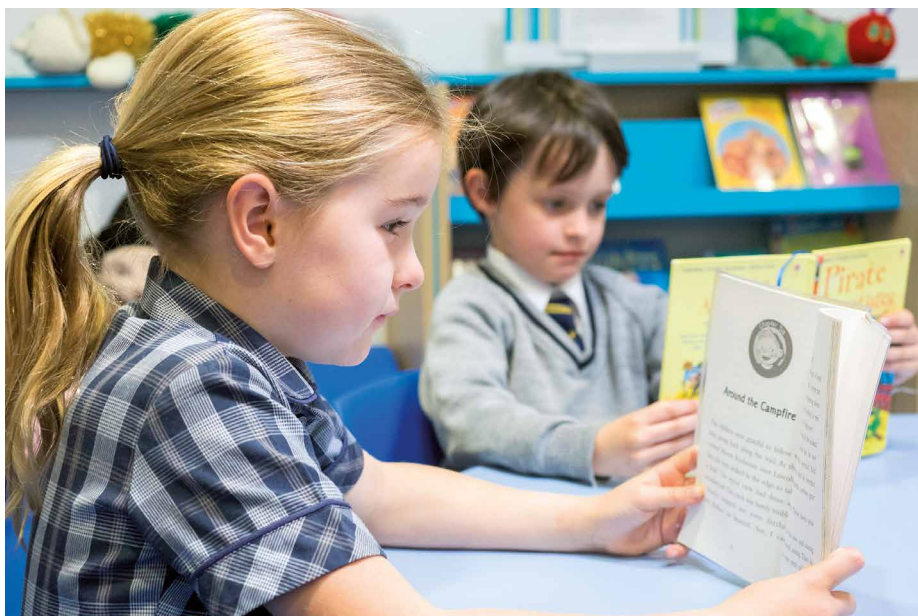
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“Pupils make excellent progress as a result of them thoroughly enjoying their learning and having particularly well-developed levels of knowledge, understanding and skills. Pupils’ personal development is excellent throughout the school.”

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“Children in the Pre Prep thoroughly enjoy their learning and achieve well in relation to their starting points, abilities and needs. Achievement in literacy and numeracy is particularly high.”

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PRE PREP

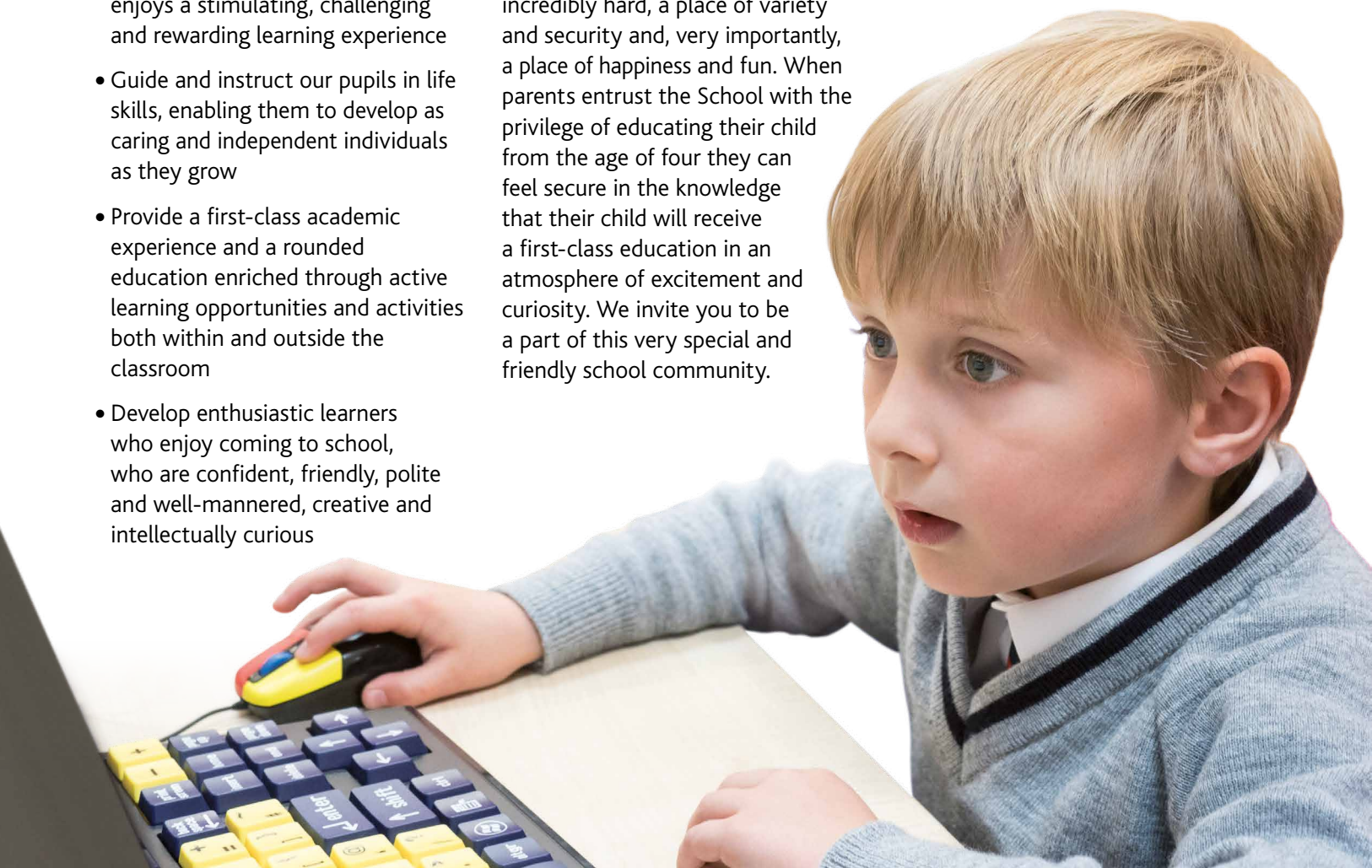
The Pre Prep is an integral part of Chigwell School and is situated in the very heart of our beautiful campus. It provides secure, spacious and dedicated accommodation and a perfect learning environment for young children.

The Pre Prep's principal aims for our youngest Chigwellians are to:

- Ensure that every child is happy and enjoys a stimulating, challenging and rewarding learning experience
- Guide and instruct our pupils in life skills, enabling them to develop as caring and independent individuals as they grow
- Provide a first-class academic experience and a rounded education enriched through active learning opportunities and activities both within and outside the classroom
- Develop enthusiastic learners who enjoy coming to school, who are confident, friendly, polite and well-mannered, creative and intellectually curious

- Prepare its pupils for life at our Junior School and beyond
- Integrate fully pupils and their families into the established traditions and life at Chigwell School

The Pre Prep is many things. It is a place of learning with high academic expectations and achievement but it is also a place where pupils work incredibly hard, a place of variety and security and, very importantly, a place of happiness and fun. When parents entrust the School with the privilege of educating their child from the age of four they can feel secure in the knowledge that their child will receive a first-class education in an atmosphere of excitement and curiosity. We invite you to be a part of this very special and friendly school community.





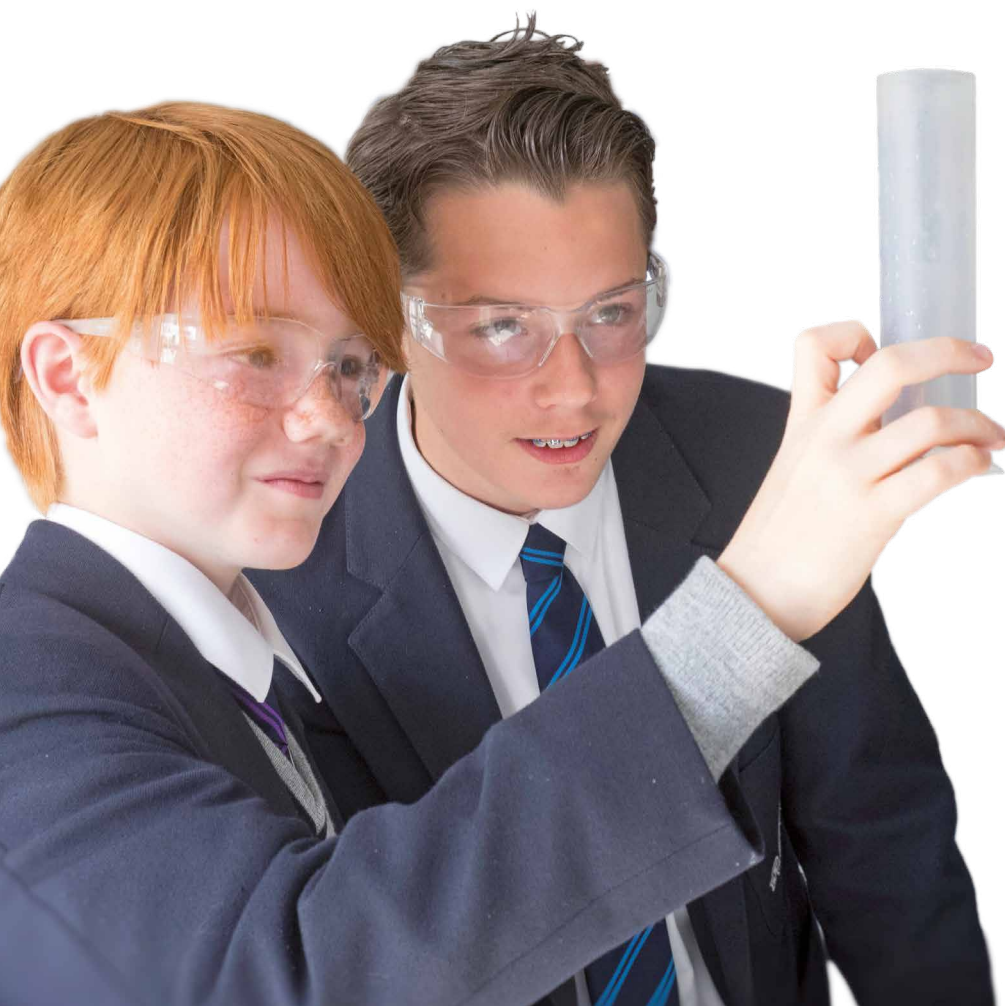
“The Pre Prep is an excellent introduction to Chigwell School. The commitment, enthusiasm and approachability of all staff makes us feel confident in the school’s abilities to nurture our child’s development.”

Chigwell parent



“Strong relationships between staff and pupils, and among the pupils themselves contribute to the highly effective pastoral structures and guidance.”

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“As parents we are delighted with the way our child has progressed and more generally with the school’s excellent management, subject teaching, pastoral care and the overall ‘feel’. In short, thank you for making it the perfect place for our child to study and develop.”

Chigwell parent

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Joining the Junior School at the age of 7 is an exciting step for children as they progress from the Pre Prep School or come to Chigwell as newcomers.

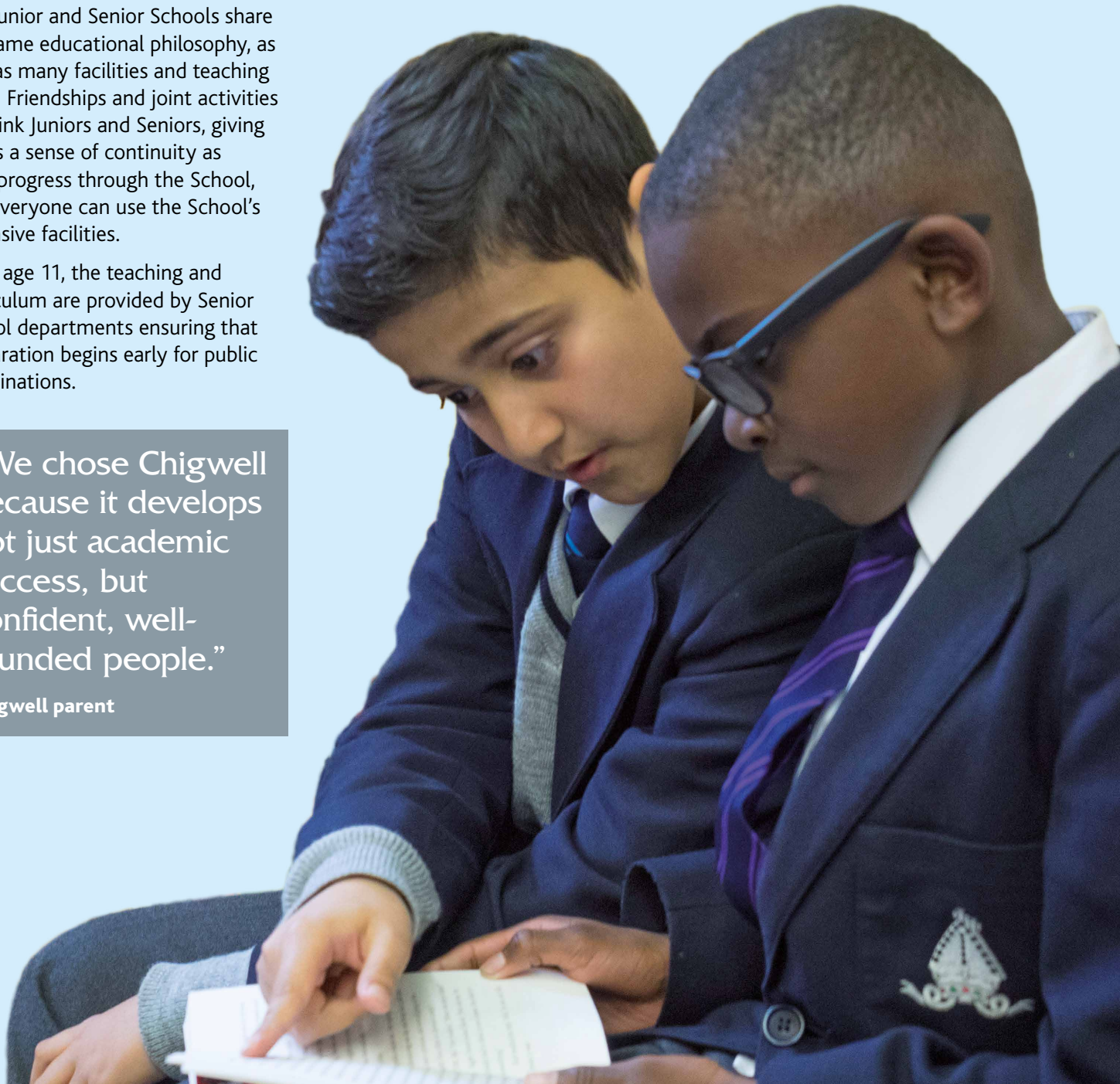
The Head of the Junior School is responsible for pupils aged 7 to 13 and is supported by a team of form tutors who monitor each child's academic progress and well-being. Children are increasingly enthused as the curriculum broadens and they have the opportunity to try a whole range of new subjects and explore a host of options open to them in a safe and secure environment.

The Junior and Senior Schools share the same educational philosophy, as well as many facilities and teaching staff. Friendships and joint activities also link Juniors and Seniors, giving pupils a sense of continuity as they progress through the School, and everyone can use the School's extensive facilities.

From age 11, the teaching and curriculum are provided by Senior School departments ensuring that preparation begins early for public examinations.

“We chose Chigwell because it develops not just academic success, but confident, well-rounded people.”

Chigwell parent



SENIOR SCHOOL

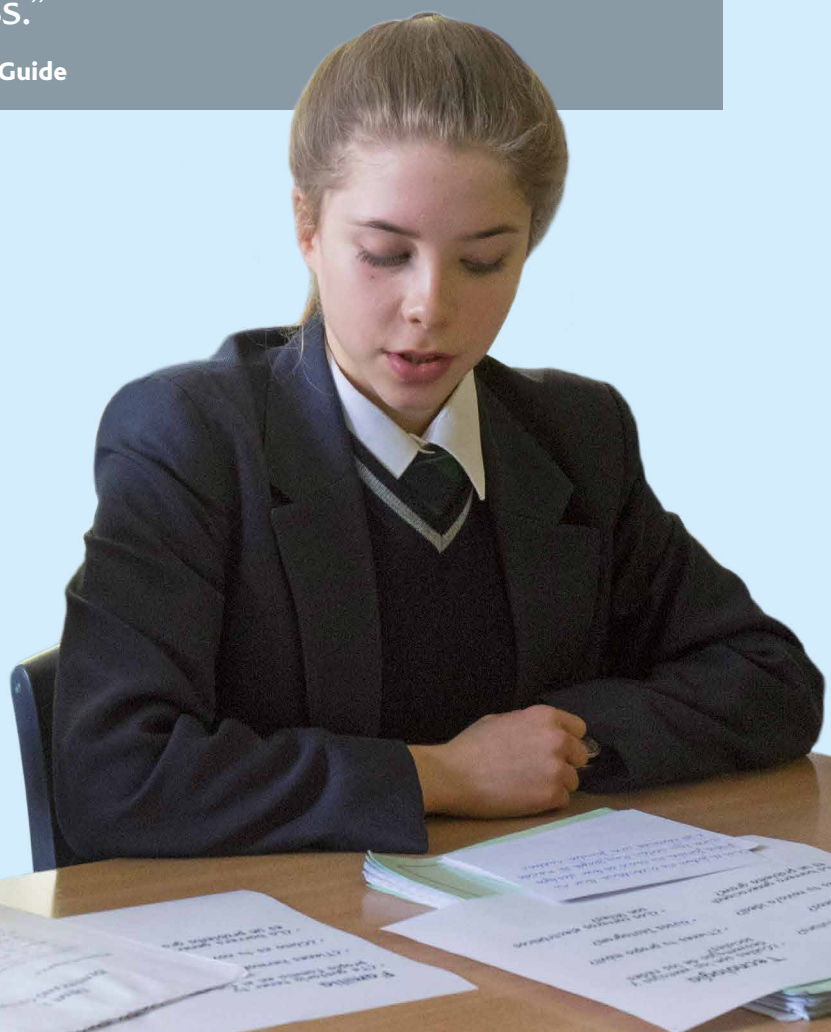
The focal point of pupils' lives in the Senior School is their house – Caswalls', Lambourne, Penn's or Swallow's – and many pastoral, sporting and cultural activities are organised on a house basis. Each house has a housemaster or housemistress with a team of supporting tutors.

We aim to ensure that pupils thrive in and out of the classroom, but if there is a problem we meet with parents to find a way forwards together.



“Academically, pupils are put through their paces, but it all seems to be done in such a civilised and pleasant manner that you’re far more likely to hear pupils talk about opportunities and prospects than pressure and stress.”

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“Our children are extremely happy at Chigwell. The school is well-rounded and wholesome: it offers the best both academically and in terms of the extra curricular programme. Chigwell provides a wonderful environment for our children to develop into young adults.”

Chigwell parent

SIXTH FORM

SUPPORT FOR SUCCESS

Chigwell's Sixth Form promotes ambition and industry. We seek to encourage the passion for learning both inside and outside the classroom and the resilience of character that we know universities and employers value so highly.

Sixth Formers are based in the stunning, purpose-built Risham Sarao Sixth Form Centre, where students have their own coffee shop and study space with views of the grounds.

Our mix of students is unique, as students who have progressed through Chigwell are joined by peers from local schools and international

boarders from a range of countries. We strongly believe that in a changing and increasingly globalised world the quality of the Sixth Form experience is greatly enhanced and enriched by the presence of young people with a range of nationalities and contexts mixing with and learning from each other.



BOARDING

Chigwell offers a secure and stable home for sixth form boarders, most of whom are international.

Boarders are given the confidence and support to take advantage of the many opportunities available here and are prepared for entry

to UK universities. If you are interested in boarding, please read our boarding prospectus.



“Pupils display maturity and they respect others, regardless of background or personal characteristics.”

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“My children have always said they felt they belong to something here and the same can be said for many parents.”

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The School is set in its own beautiful grounds of over 100 acres. The Pre Prep, Junior and Senior Schools share a single campus, enabling us to offer an exceptionally stable educational environment.



THE POWER OF PERFORMANCE

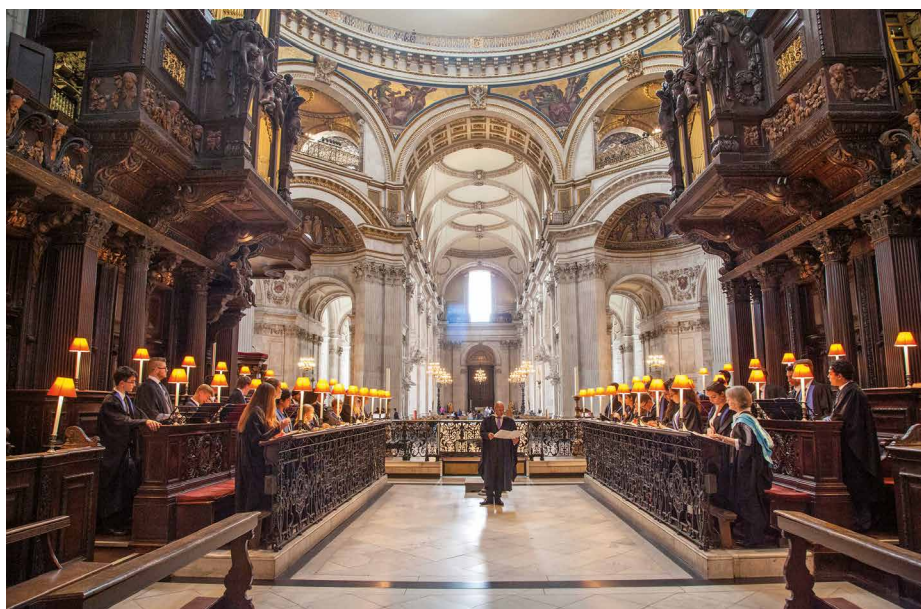
MUSIC

Throughout the year there are opportunities for pupils of all ages and abilities to perform and we cater for a wide range of musical tastes including jazz, rock and pop. Our approach is highly inclusive whilst stretching the most able to achieve excellence. Whether it is singing in the House Music Competition, playing in an orchestra, band or chamber group, we have something for everyone.

In addition to the regular concerts at School, there are performances elsewhere, notably the huge annual choral concert at Christ Church, Spitalfields. The Chapel Choir leads Evensong at Pembroke College, Cambridge, annually and has toured overseas.

“Every aspect of music is amazing here, from the singing right through to every instrument you can think of, along with many you didn’t even know existed.”

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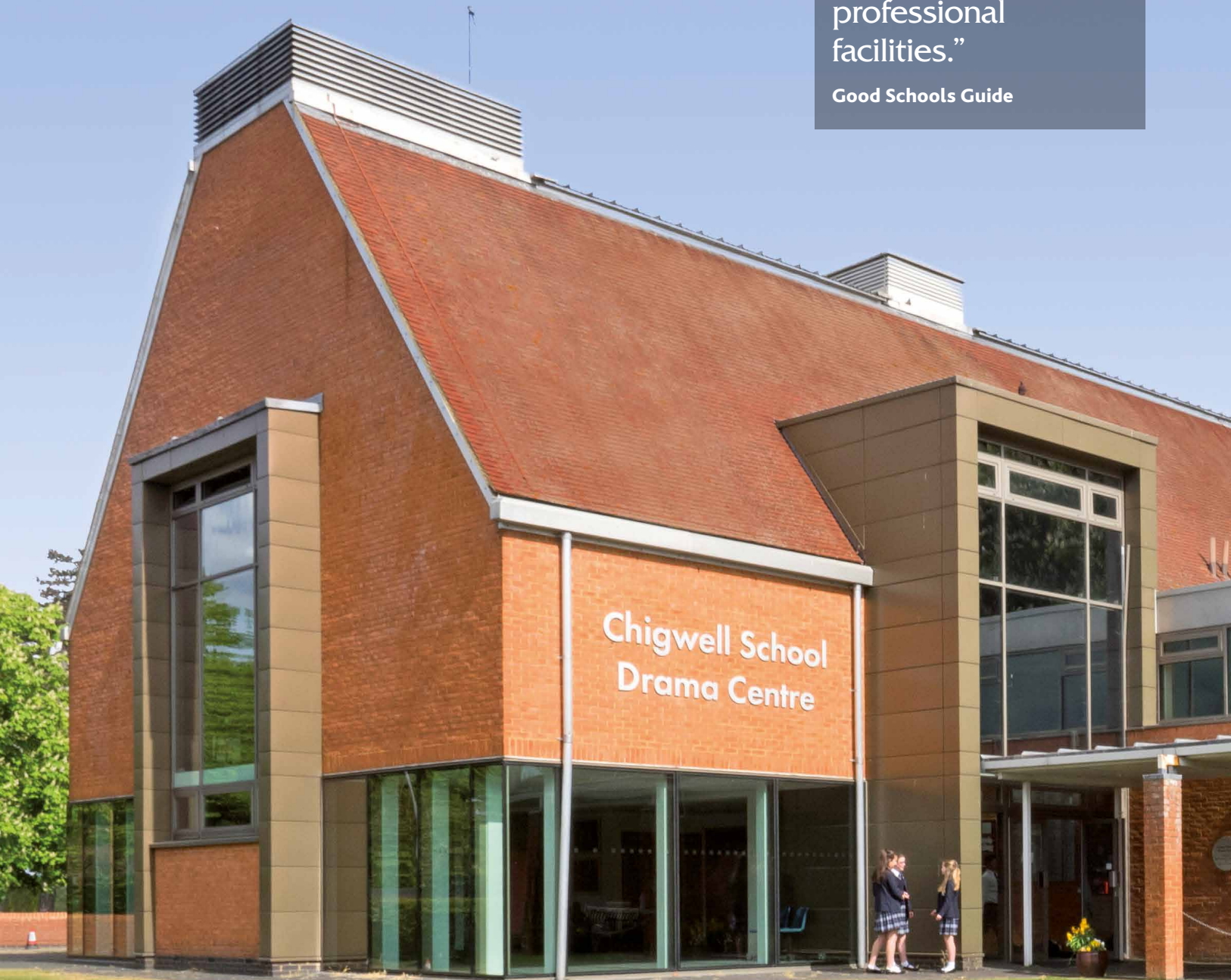
DRAMA

We believe drama is key to developing creativity and the inter-personal skills which are

so essential in modern life – the ability to speak in public, to communicate with other people, to work in teams and to resolve conflict.

“The drama centre is an eye-catching red-brick building with impressively professional facilities.”

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CREATIVITY

ART & DESIGN

“Phenomenally good artwork is displayed throughout the school.”

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DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



"Art and DT work
closely together in
the spacious and
hi-tech facilities."

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A PLACE IN THE TEAM



“The school punches above its weight in competitions, regularly getting through to regional finals, along with national finals for football and hockey.”

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RESOURCES FOR LEARNING

Facilities at Chigwell are outstanding and recent additions have included the Wilson building, the floodlit astroturf pitch, the redevelopment of the catering facilities, two new boys' boarding houses, the new Pre Prep School, new science labs

and the Risham Sarao Sixth Form Centre. However, Governors have also worked to keep fee rises low, being mindful of the sacrifices that parents make when they embark on independent education.

“Throughout the school, teaching is highly effective in promoting pupils’ progress because it builds thoroughly on pupils’ knowledge and is based on full understanding of pupils’ needs.”

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“Chigwell stands out for us because of its commitment to the individual.”

Chigwell parent



BROADENING HORIZONS

A particular feature of Chigwell is the large number of clubs and societies operating outside the classroom. We encourage all pupils to take full advantage of the activities available to develop interests, some of which may last a lifetime.

Outdoor learning starts in the Pre Prep. Then in the Junior School, all pupils are involved in the Chigwell Service Challenge scheme. Our thriving Scout Troop meets

regularly and is involved in a variety of out-of-school events.


Many pupils participate in The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme through to the Gold Award level and for those sixth formers who do not participate in DofE, we operate a similar scheme, the Chigwell Award. A number of older pupils carry out voluntary work locally or overseas.

An energetic and creative Charity Committee, consisting of pupils and

staff, organises a wide variety of events in support of charities.

The School has a relationship with a school and Ashram in India which a group of pupils and staff visit each year.

Pupils have ample opportunities to broaden their horizons, whether by taking part in well-established foreign language exchange visits, geography field trips or sports tours.

A large group of school pupils, mostly teenagers, are posing for a group photo on a rocky, grassy hillside. They are dressed in casual outdoor clothing, including backpacks, hats, and jackets. The background shows a lush green landscape with rolling hills and trees under a clear sky.

“An excellent range of extra-curricular activities contributes significantly to the educational, intellectual and personal development of pupils.”

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“The amount of opportunities here is immense and you’d frankly be seen as a bit daft if you didn’t utilise it!”

Chigwell pupil



A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Chigwell School is a community in the widest sense dedicated to the teaching and learning of its pupils. A committed and hardworking support staff works alongside the teachers and all help to create a caring and supportive atmosphere for the young people in our charge.



Pupils benefit from the wide variety of links with communities, both at home and abroad.

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“Looking back on my time at Chigwell it is clear to see that it has made me the individual I am today and continues to affect the person I am tomorrow. For this I would thank Chigwell and I am proud to be an Old Chigwellian.”

Old Chigwellian

“I wanted to thank Chigwell for the fantastic opportunities it has given me because of my bursary. I am determined to make everyone proud of me.”

Bursary recipient

“We have been beyond impressed and are very grateful.”

Chigwell parent





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