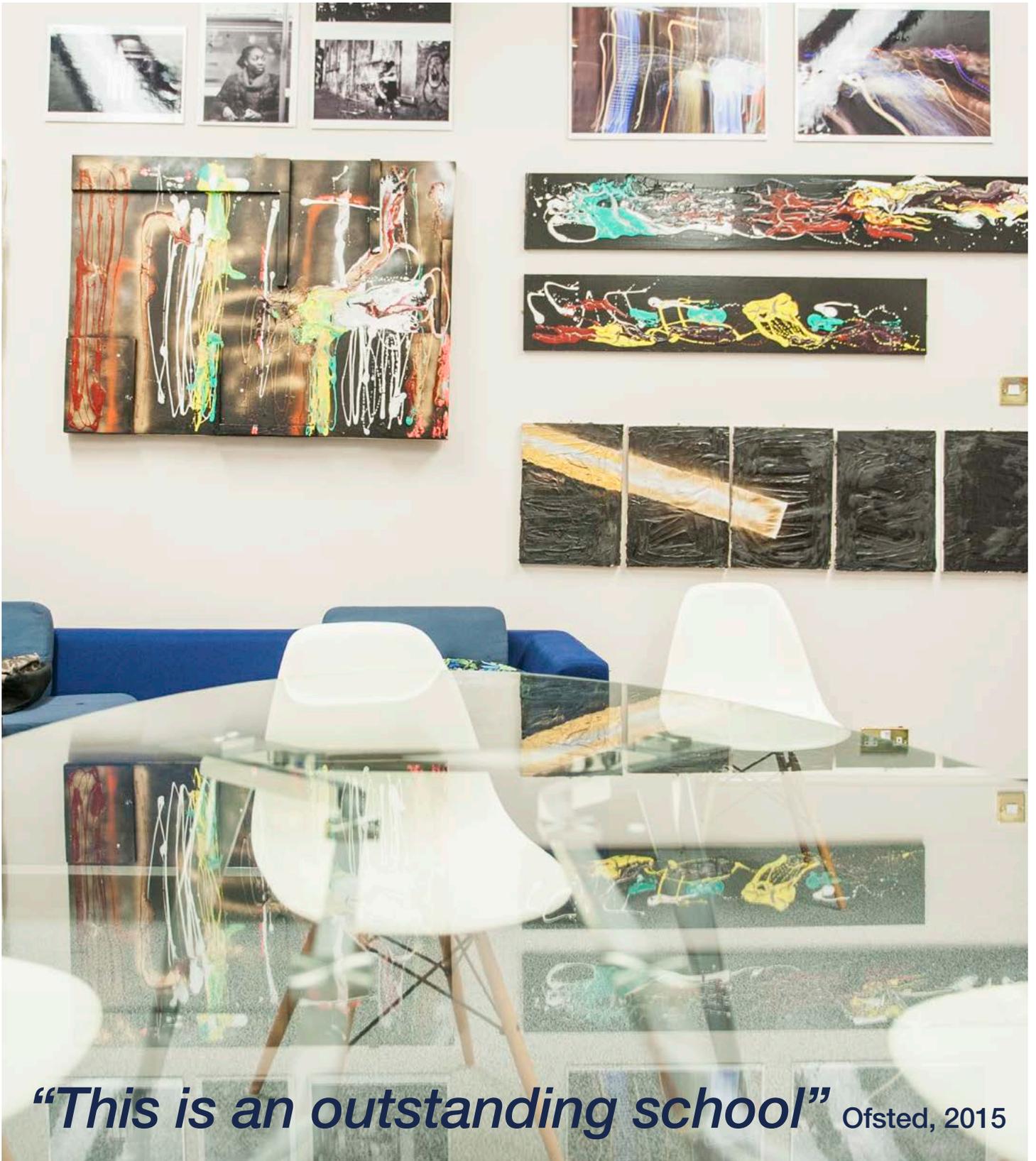




North Bridge House  
Senior Canonbury



***“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

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

- Reports to the Head of History
- Suitable for NQTs and experienced teachers
- Must possess a good honours degree in History

## 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

Ms Louise Sligar – Head of Department

Mr Jonathan Taylor – Teacher of History

Students study a rigorous and progressive history curriculum at North Bridge House. In Key Stage Three students develop historical skills through a rich and varied study of key societies such as the Romans, Normans, and the Tudors. Students also study the causes of 20th century conflict, the industrial revolution and thematic studies of expansion and exploration as well migration and empires.

Both Key Stages Four and Five follow the AQA specifications. For GCSE students complete a Period Study on Germany from 1890-1945 and a Wider World Depth Study focusing on conflict and tension between East and West between 1945 and 1972. They also undertake a thematic study on Britain; Migration Empires and the People from c.790 to the present day, and a British Depth Study on Elizabethan England which includes a site study.

At A-level, students currently complete a Breadth Study of Germany from 1871 through to reunification, and a Depth Study of Britain from 1906-1957. In addition, students must also complete a historical investigation, comprising of a 3000 word essay on an issue of their choice within the Stuart Period. However, unit choice is largely dictated by teacher specialism and there is scope for change for the 2018-19 Year 12 course.

With a focus on enquiry throughout the entire curriculum, students develop their ability progressively through each key stage to analyse and evaluate primary and secondary sources and historical interpretations, use second order concepts to make substantiated judgements and to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the key features and characteristics of the period studied.

The History department has a track record of strong Value Added results at both GCSE and A-Level. In 2017, 30% of GCSE grades were A\*, whilst at A-Level 80% of candidates achieved either A or B grades.

## 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

