



St Aubyn's School

**Appointment of
DEPUTY HEAD (ACADEMIC)**
(From September 2018)

The School

St Aubyn's School, a coeducational Prep School for 530 children aged 3 to 13 situated in the beautiful surrounding of Woodford Green and Epping Forest and easily accessible from the main thoroughfares of London.

We strive for excellence and creativity in forward-thinking education by ensuring that the children we send from here are not only up to the challenge but set out to challenge the world.

St Aubyn's is a charitable trust, and the governors are the trustees. All funds are used for the development of our facilities and to ensure outstanding human and physical resources are available to facilitate and support excellent education.

As a result, St Aubyn's has been fortunate to have added modern buildings in recent years to supplement the excellent teaching provision. We opened a new Dining Hall facility three years ago, and this building also incorporated a new staffroom and a Performance Space. The Dining Hall has helped to create an opportunity to improve the eating experience for the children and staff. The children enjoy the occasion through good food from our new caterers, Holroyd Howe, engaging conversations with their peers and staff.

It is important always to look for ways to improve teacher well-being, and the new staffroom with modern facilities goes a long way in helping us achieve this aim. Our staffroom can accommodate all three departments and, as a result, morning briefings are conducted with all staff present in one area. The new area is also perfect for staff meetings and INSETs. The important social benefit is that the teachers have a quiet and sophisticated place to relax and enjoy refreshments. Having a comfortable area in which to engage with peers contributes to improved teacher well-being.

The design of the Performance Space for drama and dance teaching adds depth to the largely very rich curriculum.

The purpose-built Nursery, opened in January, accommodates two classes of enquiring three-year-olds. The building shows off an impressive design specification which takes the demands of the EYFS into consideration. With wide, open-plan classes that include conservatories and bespoke furniture to complement the impressive building, the teachers have every resource at their disposal to ensure the

children have the best start to their academic careers and are thus well prepared for their life at St Aubyn's beyond the Nursery years.

St Aubyn's also boasts two artificial playing surfaces, a sports' hall, a hard court area and a Performing Arts Centre used for assemblies, music performances and productions.

The majority of our pupils move on to selective Senior schools in the area. The rest attend Grammar and local maintained schools.

School Aims

Our motto from 1884 still describes our approach to children, to learning and teaching today:
Fortiter, Fideliter, Feliciter – Bravely, Faithfully, Happily.

More specifically, we wish each child to fulfil his or her potential, by promoting:

- first-rate academic skills
- independent study skills
- all-round talent
- the desire to learn more
- the ability to be sociable, co-operative and polite
- a sense of self-belief and self-worth

Leonard Blom
Headmaster