



# Homefield Preparatory School

FOUNDED IN 1870



Welcome

# Somewhere You'll Always Belong

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## Our Vision and Values

# A Reputation Built on Solid Foundations



### Exceptional for boys from 3 to 13 years old

Homefield aims to be an exceptional preparatory school for boys from 3 to 13 years old. Through a balanced, challenging and quality curriculum tailored to the needs of each boy, we will equip him with the skills he needs to succeed.



### Specialist teachers

Our specialist teachers mean we can provide an education tailored to how boys learn and what motivates them. Our efforts go beyond the mastery of numeracy and literacy to real investment in subjects such as music, sport, the sciences, and art and design.



### Structured and consistent

Teaching at Homefield is structured and consistent whilst allowing the space for passion and improvisation to excite and engage all our boys.

## ISI Inspection Report

Here are some particular highlights from our inspection reports:

- "The quality of the pupils' achievements and learning is excellent."
- "Pupils enjoy and achieve well in a wide range of extra-curricular activities. The contribution of curricular and extra-curricular activities is excellent."
- "Principles and values are actively promoted which facilitate the personal development of pupils as responsible, tolerant, law-abiding citizens."

Welcome

# Inspired for Life



## The Early Years Department

Nursery - Reception

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## The Junior Department

Years 1, 2 and 3

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## The Senior Department

Year 4 to Year 8

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### Our Key Achievements

# 100%

100% pass rate at Common Entrance to 46 leading senior schools over the last 10 years.

# 37 Boys

Last year 37 of our boys went on to leading independent senior schools, a dozen also gained places at selective grammar schools.

# 48%

In 2017 48% of Year 8 boys scored A to A\* at Common Entrance.



Headmaster's Welcome

# A Safe and Happy Environment



## Dear Parents

For decades the school has been renowned for its family atmosphere, small class sizes, and fulfilment of individual potential and academic success. Homefield establishes a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching. Values drive our organisation and that shines through, whether it is the good manners of the boys or the decisions we make over what we teach and how we teach it.

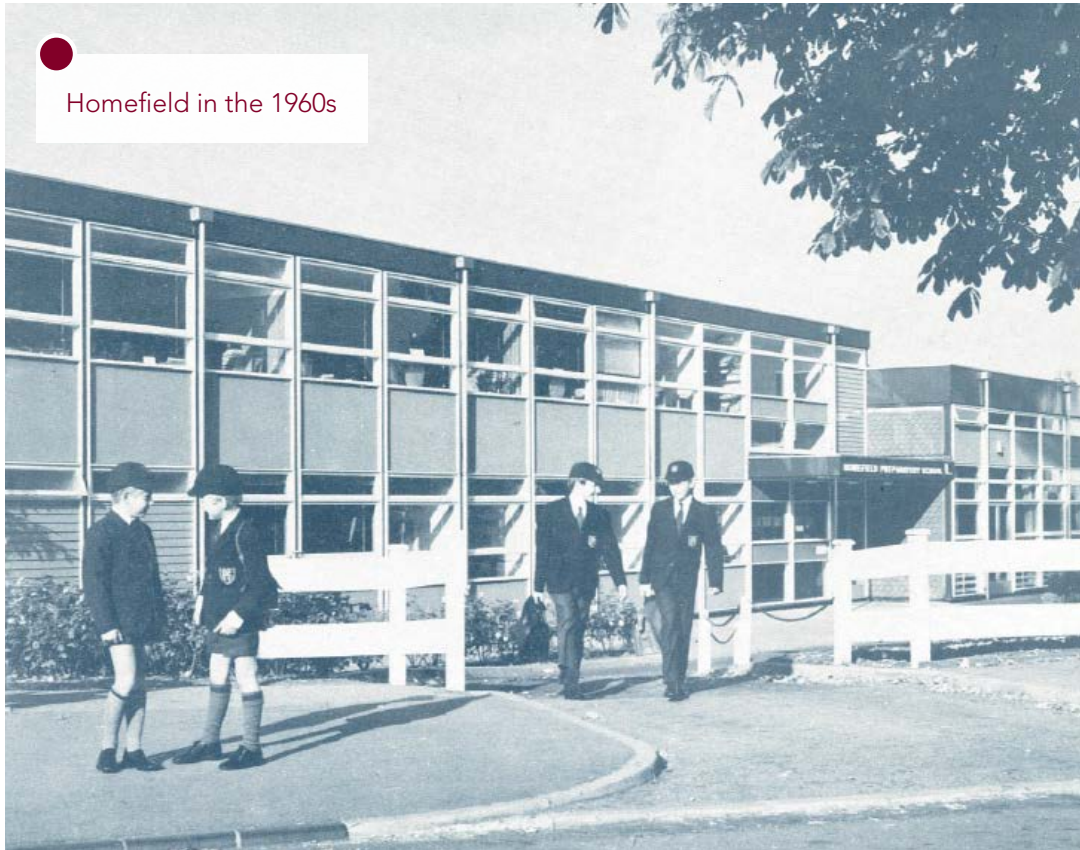
Our academic success and scholarship rates are exceptional. At Homefield we produce well-rounded boys that go on to some of the very best senior schools in the country. Personal interests and passions are cultivated; whether they are artistic, linguistic, sporting or social. On finishing with us, most of our boys are clearing A grades in their exams. We challenge all of the boys.

If our prospectus is your first experience of Homefield Preparatory School, then let me extend a warm invitation for you to make a personal visit. This is by far the best way to discover all that the school has to offer and we would be delighted to meet you.

John Towers  
**Headmaster**



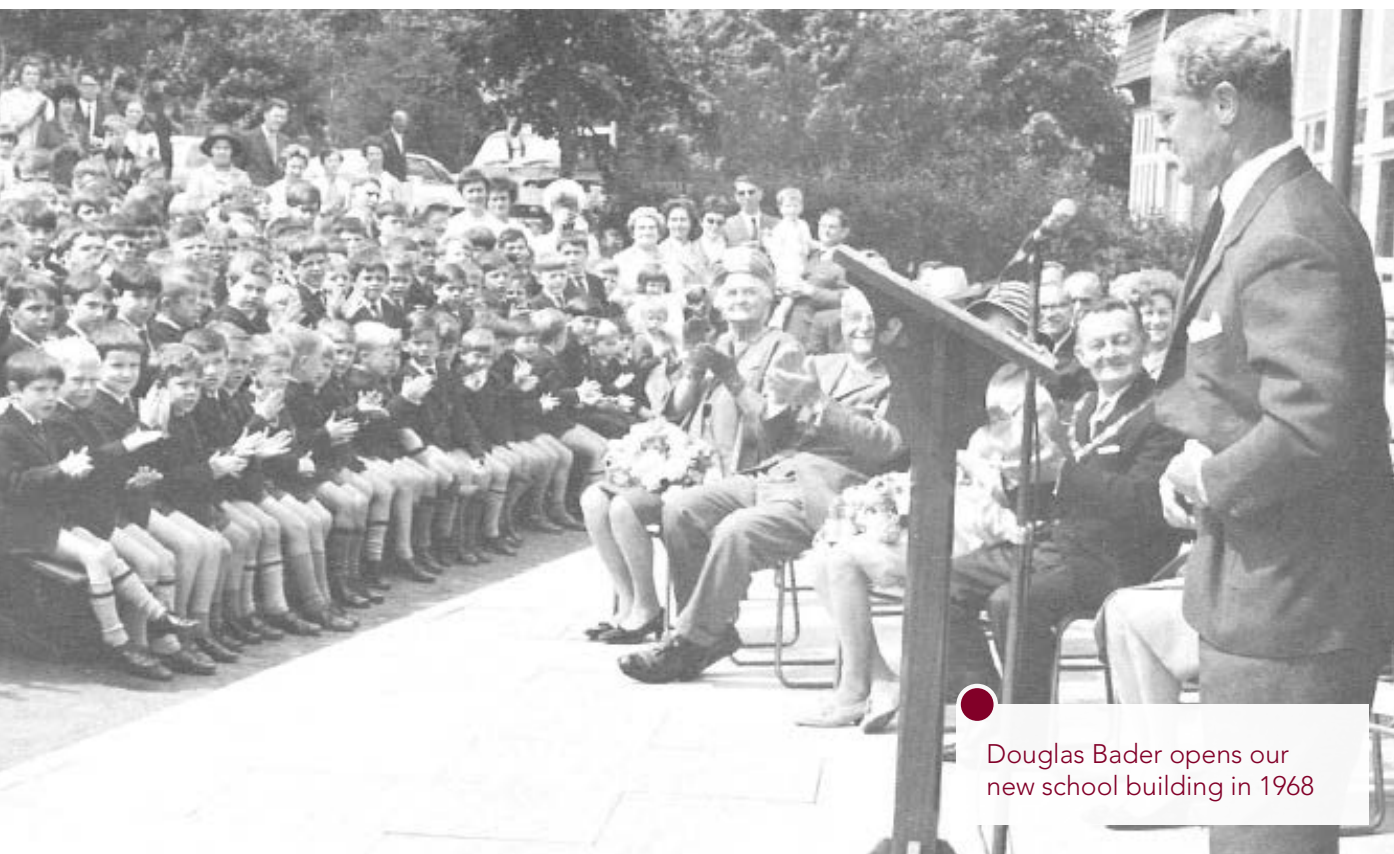
Homefield in the 1960s



Homefield in 1904







Douglas Bader opens our new school building in 1968



Old Boy Colin Cowdrey leads cricket team in 1964

## Our History and Heritage

# In a Class of Their Own

Founded in 1870, Homefield Preparatory School is fast approaching its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we are a school steeped in history. Right from the very beginning to the present day we have been renowned for our high standards of scholastic achievement and for producing boys with extremely good manners and a strong sense of civic responsibility. In April 1968, Group Captain Douglas Bader opened the school at our present location on Western Road, Sutton. Parents, Old Boys and the Homefield Parents' Association contributed time and money to the landscaping of the grounds. In 1970 the school's centenary was marked by a week of joyous celebrations.

Over the years the school has continued to see improvements and the school's facilities have grown even further with the addition of the Early Years Department in 1994. Our outstanding Art and Design Technology studios are very impressive and our Science laboratories ensure that the school is fully resourced for today's educational requirements.

The Early Years Department

## A Solid Foundation



### The Early Years Department delivers an outstanding quality of education.

We work in close partnership with parents to ensure we are constantly creating the very best learning environment. By the time the boys move on at the end of Reception they have achieved high standards; they have developed in confidence and are well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey.

We are very proud of our inspection by ISI which rated us 'excellent' in every area. We are fortunate that all boys benefit from specialist lessons in Sport, Music and French and have access to all areas of the main school indoors and outdoors. This provides a very special offering to the boys with the chance to access an exceptional provision and coaching beyond the Early Years classroom. We have embedded Outdoor Learning into our curriculum as we believe that contact with the natural environment expands the boys' imagination, deepens their curiosity and encourages their motivation to learn.

A concise phonics programme begins in Nursery and ensures all boys make rapid progression with their reading. We make learning fun for the boys and they thoroughly enjoy their Early Years' experience with us.

“

The quality of the pupils' achievements and learning is excellent.”

ISI Inspection Report





Boys in the Early Years Department aim high, enjoying a wide range of indoor and outdoor learning opportunities."



Rated 'Outstanding' for Happiness in 2016 Kirkland Rowell survey of over 3,000 schools."

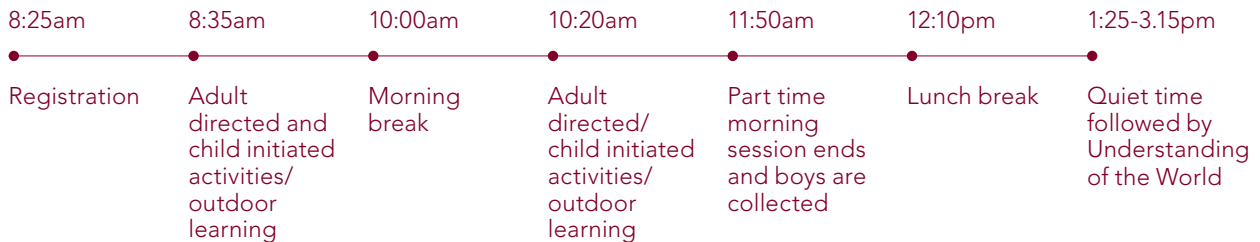




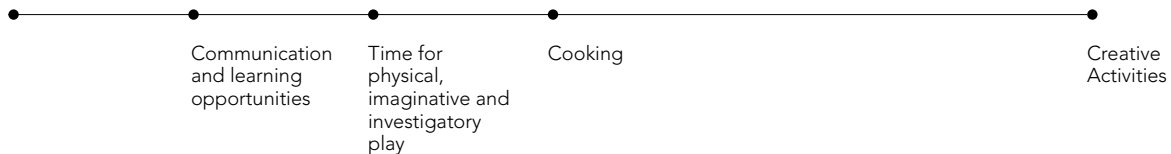
The Early Years Department

# A Day in the Life of The Early Years Department

## Nursery



### Example Activities



# Reception



8:25am	8:35am	10:20am	10:40am	12:10pm	1:25-3.15pm
Registration	Adult directed and child initiated activities/ outdoor learning	Morning break	Adult directed/ child initiated activities/ outdoor learning	Lunch break	Quiet time followed by Understanding of the World

## Example Activities

	Welcome activities followed by English or Maths	Time for physical, imaginative and investigatory play	French	Creative Activities

During the week Nursery and Reception boys share a Golden Time afternoon and a Weekly Forum assembly.

The Junior Department

## Continued Growth



The Junior Department provides a broad enhanced curriculum, allowing for the integration of academic, physical and social skills.

We aim to develop independence both in the boys' learning and in their overall school life.

There is a very strong pastoral ethos and we foster a supportive and warm 'family feeling'. Through our support of many charities we aim to deepen the boys' insight into the world around them.

All year groups have specialist lessons in Sport, Music, French and Computing with the Year 3 boys having specialist teachers for English and Maths also. Our curriculum aims to capture the boys' imagination and engage them as active participants in the learning process. There are also a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs and educational trips that support the boys' learning. Boys in Year 3 even go on a short residential trip to prepare them for their move to the Senior Department. Many boys play individual instruments and all take part in two musical performances each year. In Year 2 the boys join one of the Houses in the school House system and this continues throughout their time at Homefield.

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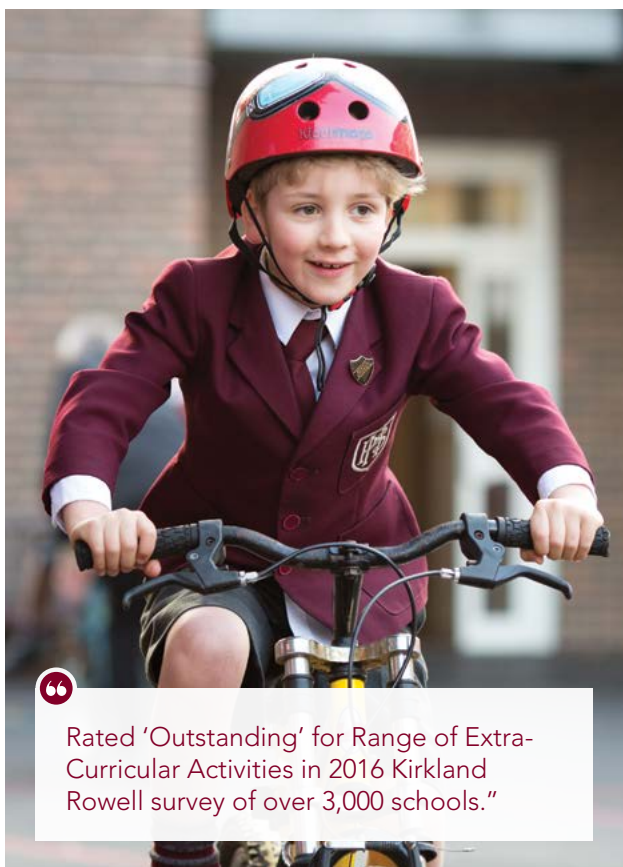
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Our chess teams are successful at Regional, National and International level.



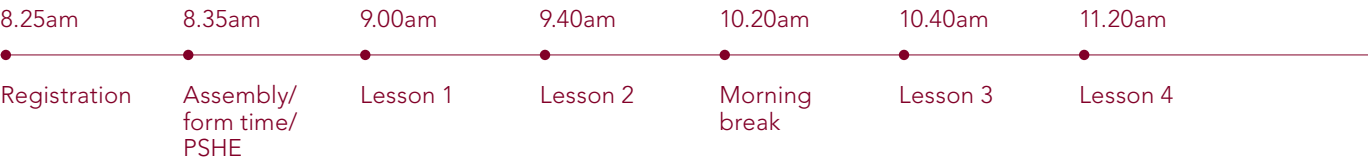
Rated 'Outstanding' for Range of Extra-Curricular Activities in 2016 Kirkland Rowell survey of over 3,000 schools."



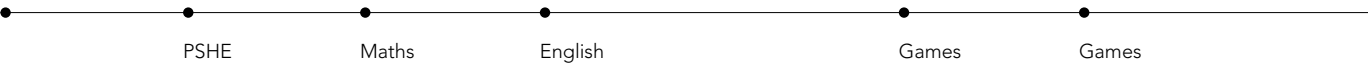
The Junior Department

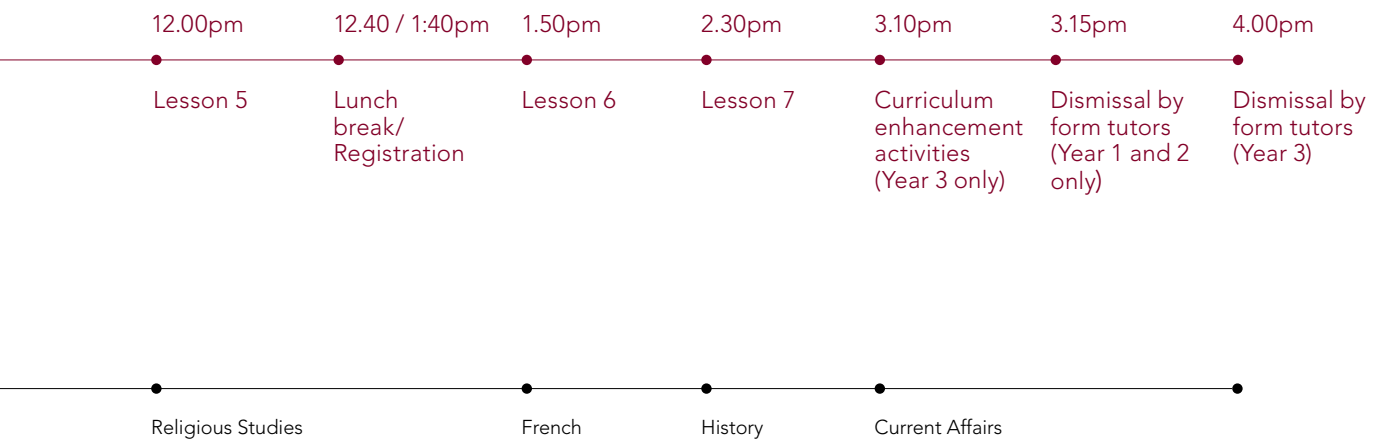
# A Day in the Life of The Junior Department

Years 1, 2 and 3



Example Activities







The Senior Department

## Confidence and Maturity



At Homefield academic achievement is very high. This is not due to an overly competitive selection process. It is more about what we teach and how we deliver learning. We have a good record of success with boys moving on to state grammar schools at 11+. Those going on to senior independents at 13+ attain even higher – this year all passed Common Entrance (as is usual) with 48% gaining A\*s or As.

### Our curriculum is designed to develop our boys as individuals.

The Senior Department continues to deliver an excellent quality of education for boys aged 8 to 13 years old, building on the strong academic and pastoral foundations laid out in our Early Years and Junior Departments. All of our boys benefit from specialist teachers for all of their lessons who challenge them to fulfil their potential in every subject. Many of our senior faculty have a background in teaching to GCSE and A-level standard.

We prepare boys for examinations to a wide range of senior schools – our successful approach is reflected in the fact that many of our boys have been awarded scholarships to senior schools at an average of 20 per year.

In addition to nurturing the academic development of our boys, we also have an extensive extra-curricular provision. Our aim is to introduce boys to exciting and stimulating activities to enhance their overall learning experience.

We fully support the boys as they progress through the school in order to gain self-confidence so they can take on positions of responsibility, developing them into potential future leaders. We are very proud of the achievements of the boys and encourage them to make the very most of every opportunity offered to them during their time at Homefield.

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The spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is excellent.”

ISI Inspection Report



Rated 'Outstanding' for Range of Subjects Taught in 2016 Kirkland Rowell survey of over 3,000 schools."

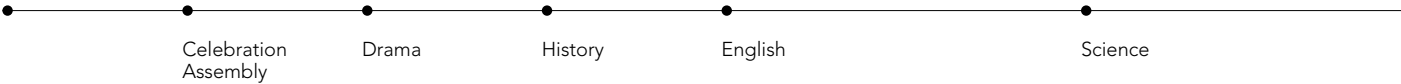
The Senior Department

# A Day in the Life of The Senior Department

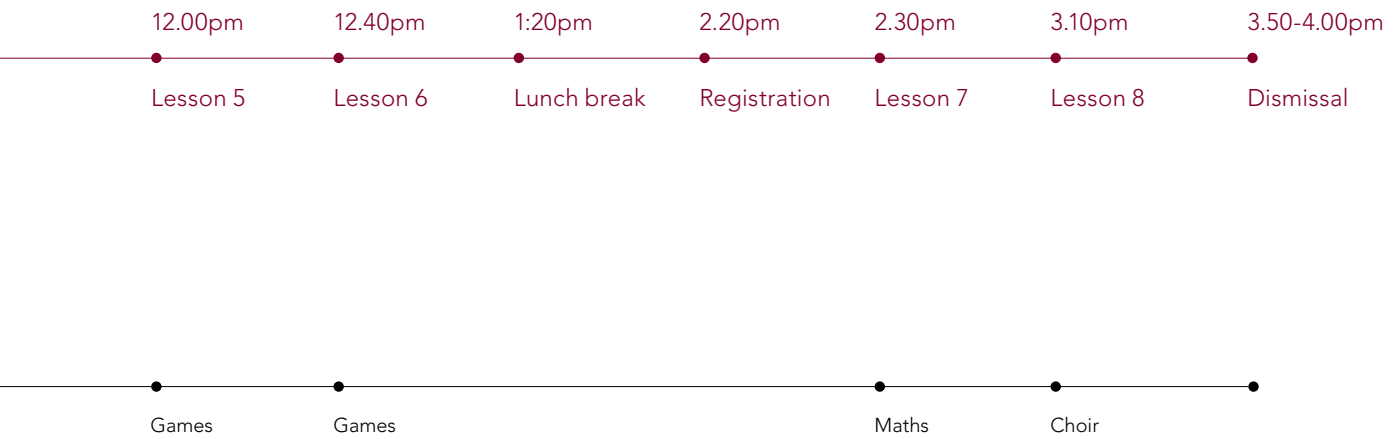
Years 4 to 8



## Example Activities







The School Curriculum

# A Balanced Curriculum

At Homefield we are ambitious to achieve the full potential of each child. Our curriculum is therefore characterised by a climate of high expectation in a supportive and caring environment where every boy is appropriately challenged.

We aim for our pupils to be involved in and responsible for their own learning and we encourage them to reflect actively upon their progress.

The success of our commitment to excellence and the development of the individual is evident from the placements the boys achieve at senior schools and our long list of awards achieved in scholarship examinations.

We ensure competition at varied levels – both against oneself in terms of ‘personal bests’ and in terms of target setting within a team to develop collaboration and camaraderie. We also promote traditional competition, particularly on the sports field. Inclusivity is also important here as not every boy is an ‘A-Team’ player, so our ‘C-Team’ also play really stimulating league fixtures and benefit from top class coaching. Competition is not just physical, it can be cerebral. For example, we are exceptionally proud of our chess players who compete at regional, national and even international levels. Competition can also be great fun, such as with online arenas like the international ‘Mangahigh’ Maths competition (we ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the UK in 2017). We also compete at national level in areas including English, History, Geography, Music and French.

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To give you a flavour of what is available at our school the following pages feature Art and Design Technology, Music and Sport. More information can be found on our website.



A good school provides a purposeful journey for all our boys. We aren't just preparing boys for senior schools or a set of exit exams; we are prepping them for a life as great learners."

John Towers, Headmaster









Art and Design Technology

## Fostering Creativity

We have a leading edge Art and Design studio as well as quality teaching from a highly specialised and qualified Art Department. Even our younger boys get to use the studio to experience a wide variety of medium and expression.

There is an emphasis on skills centred around technical drawing techniques. This investment means that many of our boys are enabled to develop a strong portfolio when they leave us. In technology, the boys learn how to plan, create and evaluate products using specialised equipment. The boys' work is celebrated in displays around the school.



Learn to plan





Learn to create



Learn to evaluate products



It is very rewarding to see that, not only has our son been able to develop his academic abilities, but also to take part in so many other activities that make for a well-rounded person. He has been very happy at Homefield."

A Homefield Parent

## Music

# Nurturing Talent

At Homefield we believe that music should be an essential part of the all-round education that the boys receive. Music lessons are part of the curriculum and all boys from the Early Years Department through to Year 8 have regular music lessons. The boys learn how to read music, sing from notation or by rote, play recorders, keyboards and tuned percussion, leading to composing their own music.

Our facilities include a purpose-built music suite with keyboards, drum kit, concert xylophone, glockenspiel, classroom percussion and computers (with Sibelius and Cubase), a fantastically equipped percussion studio plus four instrumental teaching rooms.

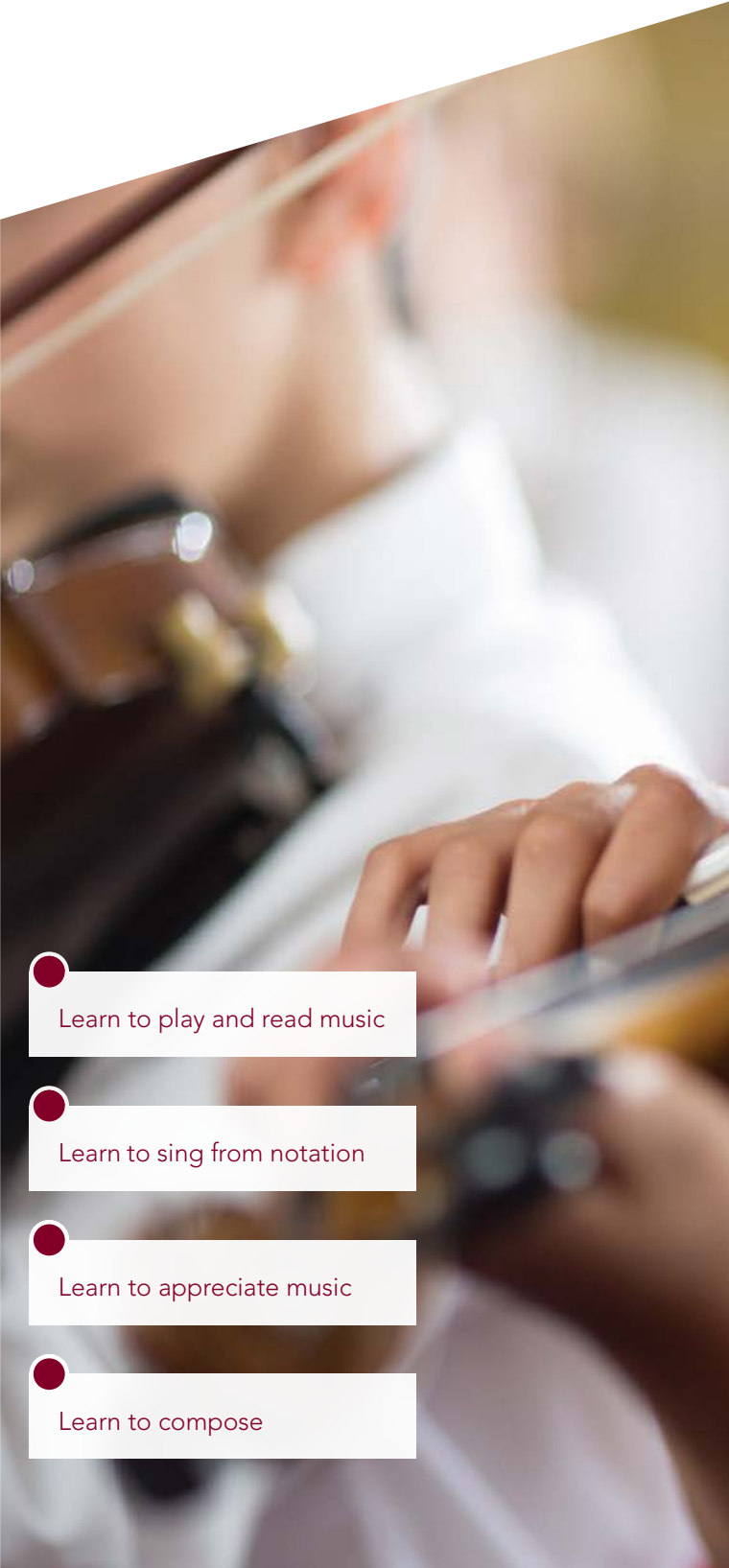
“

Pupils benefit from the enthusiasm and secure subject knowledge of their teachers.”

ISI Inspection Report

# 80%

of boys choose to take individual music lessons.



Learn to play and read music

Learn to sing from notation

Learn to appreciate music

Learn to compose





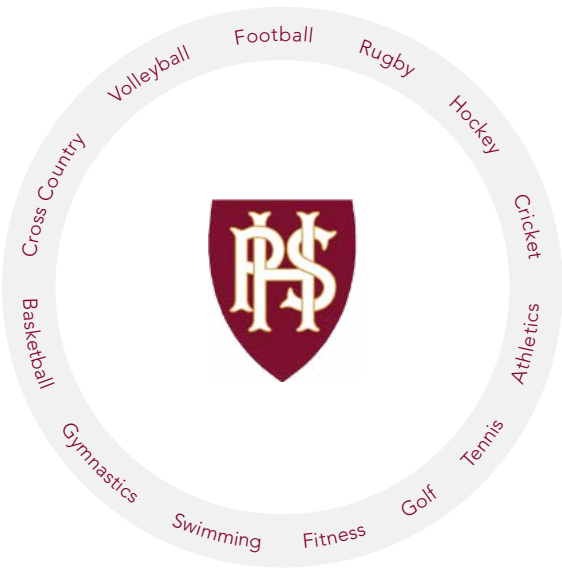
Sport

# Encouraging Sportsmanship

At Homefield the boys are taught by specialist sport teachers right from their time in the Early Years Department, all the way through to Year 8.

We have a strong tradition of encouraging sport for all, combined with regional and team successes. Competitive fixtures in the four main sports of Football, Rugby, Hockey and Cricket are held regularly. Boys are encouraged to have a go at everything and to be ambitious for themselves.

Whether a boy plays at 'A-Team' or 'C-Team' level, they can all participate with enthusiasm and enjoy competitive sport. The school has a proud record of success in areas such as Rugby, Cricket, Squash and Karate.



Rugby





Badminton



Football



Swimming



## Extra-Curricular Activities and Trips

# Exploring New Opportunities

A wealth of purposeful extra-curricular activities provides boys with a breadth and depth to their education. It gives them a chance to develop passion for an area or perhaps an opportunity to simply try something new and exciting.

In the Junior Department we currently provide a large range of activities such as Art, Chess, Drama, Sewing, Cycling, Abacus, Chinese, Judo and Karate. The Senior Department adds even more activities which include Wind Band, Jazz Band, Choirs, Orchestra, String and Percussion groups, Science, Squash and Fencing to name just a few of them. Please visit the 'Extra-Curricular Clubs' section of our website for further information.

Homefield's academic curriculum is also enriched with lots of educational trips ranging from visits to local places of interest to outings further afield, both in the UK and abroad. The boys enjoy the opportunity to bring learning to life with visits to historical and religious venues and carry out scientific explorations. Our Year 8 boys also enjoy a residential trip as part of their leavers programme.

These very practical routes to learning enrichment make a real difference to achievement here. As school inspectors recently observed of our boys:

“

They show themselves to be confident young individuals who look forward to the next stage of their education, acknowledging a need to be ready for this and to contribute to society as a whole.”

ISI Inspection Report







## Valuing Pastoral Care

At Homefield we ensure that the boys are provided with the structure to be confident and self-motivated, with a keen emotional intelligence and sense of moral and civic responsibility.

From Early Years through to our Senior School, the boys have significant and high quality contact with pastoral teachers. There is a strong and supportive system in place, anchored by the Head of the Early Years Department, the Head of the Junior Department and Heads of Years in the Senior Department, plus there is a well-established tutorial and House system in place. The school also follows a national PSHE programme.

Reward systems are tailored to age and stage and so are highly motivating. Boys thrive on very clear structure, routines, expectations and strong reward. Celebration and respect are paramount and when the boys do well, with either behaviour or study, they can anticipate the admiration of both peers and the wider community.

Boys are given early opportunities to exercise leadership through an active School Council and a range of other roles including Form Monitors, House Captains and School Prefects. They also take part in a wide range of charitable fund-raising initiatives.







I like Homefield because it feels like a big family and I feel valued."

A Homefield Boy

Life after Homefield

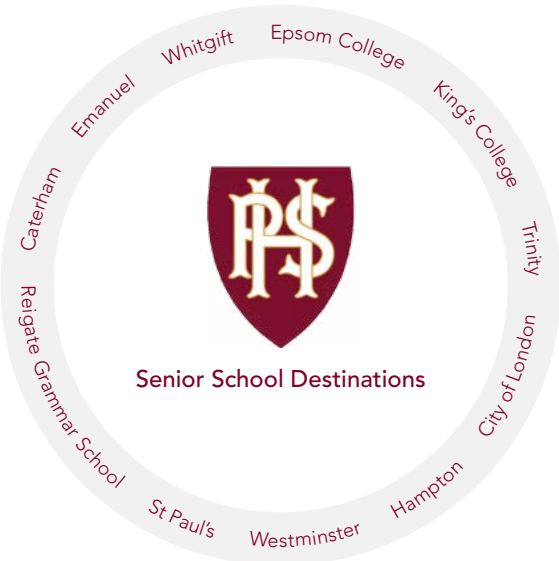
# Next Steps

One of our main purposes is to prepare boys for successful entry to their first choice senior independent school. We pride ourselves on helping parents and boys individually to select the school most appropriate to their talents so that in their next setting they can continue to enjoy the benefits of a happy, secure, challenging and rewarding education.

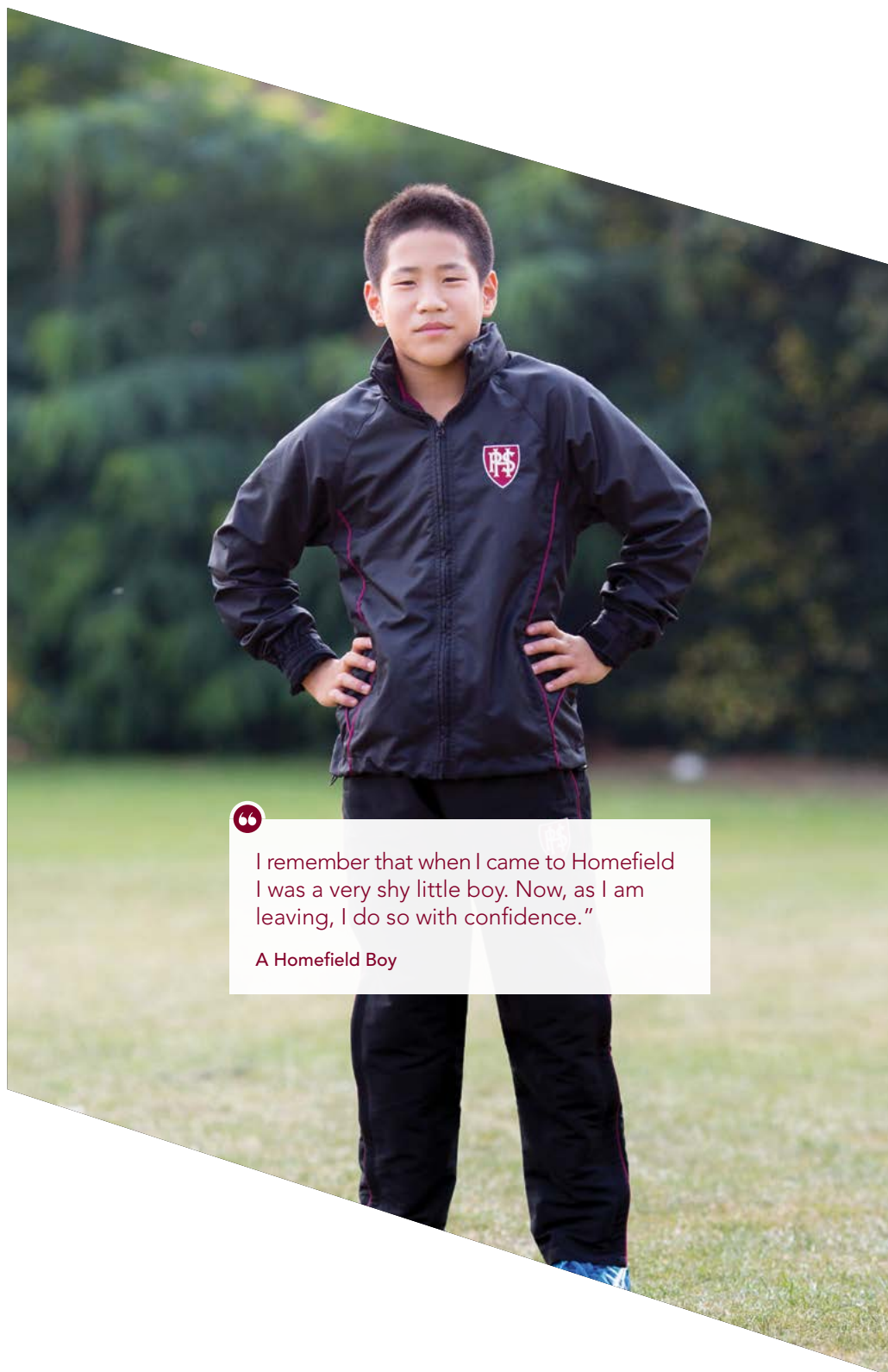
Homefield Preparatory School is an independent broker, and this is reflected in the wide range of prestigious senior schools that we have very strong relationships with.

## Alumni

Homefield has been lucky to see many noted alumni pass through our school. England rugby player Charlie Sharples, the cricketers Sir Colin Cowdrey and David Balcombe, artist Graham Sutherland plus the actor Ben Barnes, to mention just a few.







I remember that when I came to Homefield I was a very shy little boy. Now, as I am leaving, I do so with confidence."

A Homefield Boy



Homefield Parents' Association

## Support for Parents and Pupils

The Homefield Parents' Association exists to foster a feeling of community amongst parents through its regular social events. As well as embracing the wider school community, these events enable the Association to purchase items for the school such as a fantastic outdoor pavilion, new playground equipment and an additional table tennis table. It is an active and enterprising organisation which runs frequent and successful events that are well attended by lots of parents and families across the school.

Events in the past have included fun quiz nights, spectacular firework displays, summer fun days, summer balls and termly coffee mornings.

### Extended Daycare

At Homefield we understand how important the need for flexible childcare is. During term time we offer a breakfast and after-school club where boys can relax in a secure environment and participate in a fantastic programme of organised activities delivered by professional staff. A healthy breakfast is provided before the start of the school day and a hot meal is available for the boys staying after school.

During the school holidays we invite an external company to use our facilities to provide extended childcare. They offer a range of activity day camps for children aged 4 to 14 years. Corporate childcare vouchers can be used to pay for both of these services. Visit our website to find out more.





The support of the Homefield Parents' Association is invaluable and their hard work helps to build a real community spirit throughout the whole school."

John Towers, Headmaster

Minibus Service

# A Team of Experienced Drivers

We currently operate a very popular and reliable service of four minibuses which collect and return boys from a number of pick-up points in the Wimbledon and Purley/Carshalton area.

## Minibus Routes

Wimbledon ● ● Marryat Road  
Near Hamptons Estate Agents

Wimbledon ● ● Sheridan Road  
On the corner of Church Lane

Wimbledon ● ● Dudley Road  
On the corner of King's Road

Purley/Carshalton ● ● Dalmeny Road  
Between Brambledown Road and Stanley Park Road





Cambridge Road

Opposite Hollymount School

Lower Downs Road

Near Wimbledon Windows

Mostyn Road

Opposite Cranleigh Road

Pelham Road

On the corner of Merton Road

Foxley Lane

Corner of Woodcote Road

Cotswold Road

Near the Royal Marsden  
Hospital

Homefield  
Preparatory  
School

Parents should contact our School Office via email ([minibus@homefieldprep.school](mailto:minibus@homefieldprep.school)) if they would like to request a place on one of the buses or to alter any existing arrangements. The bus service is available for boys from the Spring Term of Year 1 upwards. Please note that pick-up points and routes may be subject to change.

[www.homefieldprep.school](http://www.homefieldprep.school)



## Bursaries and Scholarships

For an explanation of availability and criteria for eligibility for a bursary or scholarship please visit the 'Admissions' section of our website: [www.homefieldprep.school](http://www.homefieldprep.school).





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