

LOCKERS PARK



DAY & BOARDING PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS AGED 4-13 YEARS

A warm welcome

Lockers Park is a great mix of the quintessentially traditional and the dynamically modern.

A school that is proud of its heritage, holding the values of respect, honesty and tolerance close to its heart, but a school that is always forward-thinking and innovative.

We hold an enviable academic reputation. High standards of teaching, an ability to provide individualised learning programmes and small class sizes consistently deliver excellent academic results. Our pupils move on to the country's leading senior schools, many with sought-after scholarships.

We offer a genuine, all-round education, striking a healthy balance between academic advancement and a variety of musical, artistic, sporting and intellectual pursuits. Moreover, we are strong proponents of nurturing the individuality of our young charges. We passionately believe in helping each child develop broad life skills, fostering well-rounded, confident young men who will thrive in the real world.

We absolutely understand the needs of boys. Our kinaesthetic approach to learning reflects this with experiential teaching techniques and structured sport every day designed to engage and motivate pupils.

Underpinning all of this is a warm and inclusive school community. We're a small, family-orientated school and I can honestly say all of our pupils enjoy a real sense of belonging. Everyone's voice is heard.

If Lockers Park sounds like the right school for your son, then please come and visit. I would be delighted to show you around.



Christopher Wilson
Headmaster



Why Lockers Park?

- Excellent Common Entrance results with an impressive range of scholarships to top senior schools won every year
- A practical approach to learning that allows boys to be boys, ensuring increased concentration levels academically
- Traditional values of respect, honesty, tolerance and compassion are the cornerstones of a Lockers Park education
- A progressive, supportive attitude with first-rate pastoral care ensures children thrive as individuals
- Inclusivity is key; children are encouraged to experience the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer, giving each the chance to shine
- A purpose-designed Pre-Prep situated in the school grounds gives younger children their own space in addition to access to the Prep School's extensive facilities
- An innovative optional Saturday morning school programme offering enhanced senior school preparation and more
- Unique wraparound care provision running from 7.30am until 7.30pm for Prep School pupils and from 7.30am until 6.00pm for Pre-Prep pupils. This is all included within the termly fees



"Lockers Park's unique and inspiring learning environment continues to reap dividends, securing strong academic results and preparing boys for the very best British public and independent schools via Common Entrance and Scholarships."

Director of Studies

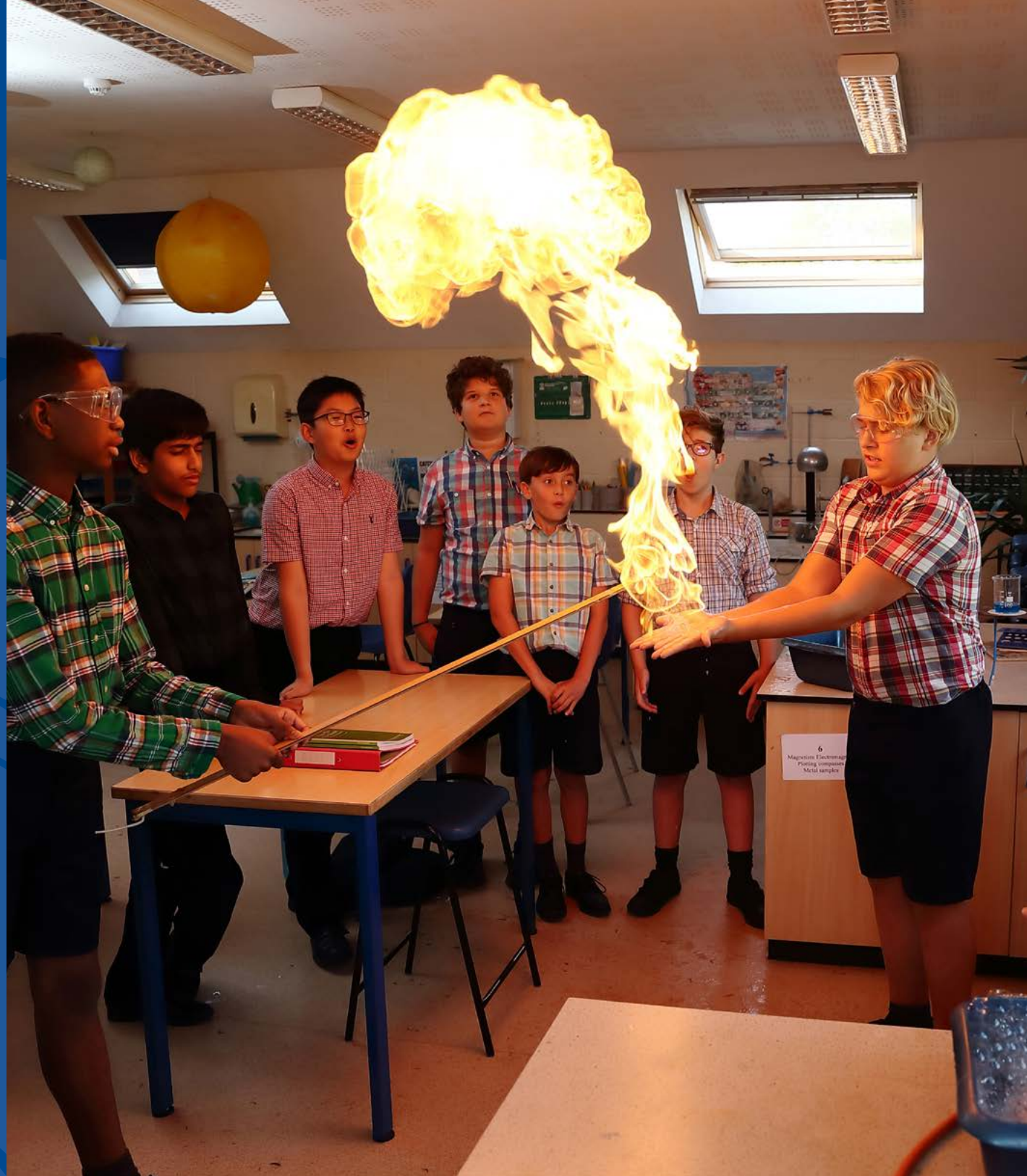
Academic focus

Treating boys as individuals is at the very heart of our culture. We know that allowing boys to be themselves, comfortable within their school environment, encourages them to gain confidence and flourish academically.

We successfully blend the structured environment of the classroom alongside making the most of our beautiful 23-acre grounds, ensuring every child has the best possible educational experience. Combining experiential, visual and auditory styles in the classroom ensures pupils are highly engaged and enjoy learning.

The Independent Schools Inspectorate's evaluation of the curriculum was "Excellent", observing the breadth of subjects covered. The ISI also noted that Lockers Park boys are thoroughly prepared for all external examinations.

Our innovative Saturday morning school programme runs from 9.00am until 12.30pm. These optional sessions are designed to support senior school preparation around core subjects and also feature Team-Building, Creative Writing and Entrepreneurship Workshops.





"A fantastic school: the Lockers Park experience has transformed our boy into a confident and happy young man."

Parent Testimonial

Destination schools

At thirteen years old, Lockers Park boys progress to the country's most distinguished senior schools, a significant number with scholarships.

Recent graduates have moved on to Bedford School, Eton College, Haileybury, Harrow School and Rugby School, as well as to some of the excellent local senior day schools including Berkhamsted School, Merchant Taylors' School and St Albans School.

One of our most important tasks is to offer guidance on which school we feel will best suit a boy's needs when he leaves Lockers Park. Deep knowledge of the senior school landscape and strong relationships with Heads and Registrars allows us to provide strategic counsel. Our Year 6-8 Senior School Preparation Programme involves exam and interview practice, visits from key senior schools and scholarship coaching alongside tailored advice from the Headmaster and senior staff.

Our aim is to ensure Lockers Park boys leave as well-rounded individuals, fully equipped for the excitement and challenges of senior school life.



"I've really enjoyed leading my Set and sharing the wins and the losses with my teammates."

House Captain

"Our child is happy, confident and has a real sense of belonging and security. Every single teacher is approachable, positive and encouraging. We could ask for nothing more."

Parent Testimonial

Our community

One of the benefits of being a small school is that teachers not only know every pupil by name, they know them by personality too.

Outstanding pastoral care and a safe, stimulating and supportive environment ensures pupils feel inspired, challenged and valued. There is a palpable warmth and energy, which visitors often comment upon as they walk around the school.

Our open, inclusive community is both peer-to-peer and cross-year, encouraging the boys to work together and forge strong bonds. We know that happy children are more likely to be successful pupils and our approach helps pupils develop resilience, ambition and empathy.

We encourage pupils to take pride and ownership of their Sets (Houses) through a series of Inter-Set Competitions from Sport and Music through to Mathematics and Science. Our Sets are small communities in themselves, with pupils fiercely loyal and competitions keenly contested. By allowing every pupil to compete, these activities play a vital role in each child's development at Lockers Park, helping boost confidence and demonstrating how hard work and commitment can lead to success.



"Lockers Park's wraparound care provision is a key strength that differentiates it from other independent schools in the area. It is perfect for our family."

Parent Testimonial

"The wraparound care relieves any unwanted stress. It really has made a huge difference."

Parent Testimonial

Unique wraparound care

Our wraparound care provision is second-to-none. We provide all-day wraparound care for each and every pupil, offering a wide range of after school activities as well as a cooked breakfast and supper. This unique approach is rooted in our boarding school history and ethos, giving a sense of belonging and security to pupils and parents alike.


For Prep School pupils (who can be dropped off as early as 7.30am and collected at 7.30pm) after school activities include the opportunity to complete prep, let off steam in the school grounds with friends and try their hand at a range of exciting after school clubs such as Ski Club, Art Extension Group, Chess Club and our very own Scouts troop. For younger Pre-Prep pupils (who can be dropped off as early as 7.30am and collected at 6.00pm), after school care includes small world (imaginative) play, board games and art & crafts.

This fully-inclusive educational programme is all included in the termly fees. There are no hidden extra costs and there is no need to pre-book, we simply ask parents to let us know collection time on the day.

We believe this unique approach creates a real sense of community as the school is always bustling and lively, while supervised prep helps the older boys prepare for senior school and develop independent learning skills. We find mealtimes provide an excellent opportunity to socialise and interact with peers and we note also that friendships and social skills are enhanced in the hours outside of the curriculum. Above all, the offering provides flexible and stress-free support to our families.







"As a small and family-orientated school, our Pre-Prep pupils are encouraged and supported academically, emotionally and socially."

Pre-Prep Class Teacher

"The school brings out the best in each child. Children come first at Lockers Park"

Parent Testimonial

Pre-Prep

Sitting within Lockers Park's leafy 23-acre grounds, the Pre-Prep is a modern, light and well-resourced space that welcomes boys from Reception through to Year 2.

The Pre-Prep's approach complements that of the Prep School with small class sizes and a focus on fulfilling academic potential while nurturing the welfare and progress of each child. Here, dedicated staff deliver an innovative and carefully designed curriculum that allows children to flourish and become rounded and happy individuals, ready for and curious about the future.

Our approach fosters a love of learning with a strong focus on outdoor play – key for the children's well-being and physical development. As well as the core subjects of Numeracy, English and Phonics, cross-curricular and topic-based teaching offers a breadth of subjects to engage the children.

In weekly Nature & Environment lessons, our Pre-Prep pupils enjoy activities that encourage them to use their observation skills and senses, including scavenger hunts, making woodland jewellery and bird watching.

Whether it's Sport, Science & Technology, Music, Art or Drama, there is the opportunity for Pre-Prep pupils to participate in a variety of activities, making the most of the Prep School's extensive facilities.

In addition to the school day, we offer flexible wraparound care running from 7.30am until 6:00pm. Perfect for busy families, these sessions are included within the termly fees and feature breakfast and supper, together with a range of after school clubs for the children to choose from.

"Pupils develop a quiet confidence. They are friendly, caring and courteous and have a strong sense of right and wrong."

Independent Schools Inspectorate

"There is a great balance between academic excellence and pastoral care."

Parent Testimonial

Prep School

As they enter the Prep School our boys continue to develop into confident young men. Well-appointed classrooms, specialist teaching areas and excellent sports facilities provide an inspiring and encouraging learning environment.

The curriculum is carefully structured to help boys grow socially, culturally and emotionally, equipping them to develop moral principles and participate confidently in discussion and debate. Furthermore, we work to ensure boys develop the necessary resilience, readying them for the challenges that lie ahead.

Small class sizes – a maximum of 16 per class with a pupil:staff ratio of 8:1 – allow each child to realise their potential. Supportive and inspiring teachers expect and encourage the best from every pupil, placing the needs of the boys at the heart of everything they do.

Our experience shows that structured sport every day combined with outdoor play leads to increased concentration and success in academic lessons. Boys not only gain from the physical and mental stimulus that sport provides, but are able to hone teamwork and leadership skills that are invaluable later on in life.

Charged with educating the men of the future, we empower our pupils. Organising the Library, leading Chapel services and assemblies and taking part in events to help raise money for charities are just some of the many ways we instil independence and drive in our boys.









"We believe that engaging in outdoor activities is intrinsic to good schooling, leading to increased concentration and success during academic lessons."

Director of Sport

"Lockers Park lets boys be boys. We love the amount of outdoor play time and the freedom the children have to explore the grounds."

Parent Testimonial

Sport every day

A rich sporting programme and excellent facilities combined with high quality coaching are on offer at Lockers Park. The school's supportive and motivational environment ensures boys can achieve their potential, whatever their ability or specialism.

Team games of rugby, football and cricket alongside individual sports such as tennis, squash, athletics, swimming, rifle shooting, skiing and cross-country teach teamwork, leadership and strategic thinking.

Inclusivity and participation are key. Boys are encouraged to be involved in, and try out, as many activities as possible and we work to ensure every child has the opportunity to represent the school termly during their Lockers Park career.

"I would never have thought of becoming a member of the Chapel Choir. The teachers are so friendly and encouraging, they make anything seem possible!"

Year 6 Choral Singer

Music and the Arts

Our dynamic Arts programme continues to be one of our greatest strengths, benefitting from specialist teaching and extensive facilities.

There are plenty of opportunities for your son to follow his cultural and creative passions – Drama, Music, Art and Design & Technology are all key disciplines – and many boys win scholarships to senior schools in these fields.

Music at Lockers Park is highly regarded. Tatler Schools Guide recently described the music provision as "terrific". Over 90% of pupils learn a musical instrument with many learning two or three. A thriving String Orchestra and an excellent Chapel Choir are just some of the options on offer to pupils and there are ample opportunities to perform throughout the year, whether in the school's beautiful Chapel or at prestigious venues in London.

Two large-scale drama productions a year plus numerous speaking and debating events provide occasions to develop and demonstrate self-confidence. Art is also taken seriously with popular extension groups for those keen to further hone their skills, plus an eagerly-anticipated annual Art & Technology Exhibition.



"The school gives a well-rounded education that allows time for extra-curricular pursuits – both formal (music, art, drama, sport) and informal (time in the shrubs!)."

Parent Testimonial

Beyond the classroom

An extensive extra-curricular programme ensures a rich palette of opportunities is accessible to each and every boy.

Whether it's Sport, Science & Technology, Music, Art, Drama, Cubs and Scouts, or Chess and Debating, pupils can enrich and broaden their knowledge and life experiences in so many ways at Lockers Park. Indeed, we like to encourage our young people to try pursuits they would not ordinarily consider.

We understand the value of having fun and enjoying time with friends and so ensure a diverse range of less structured activities is available. Boys may be found making the most of our beautiful 23 acres of woodland... building dens, spotting wildlife, playing hide and seek. Others may be taking photographs, playing table tennis or building robots and rockets.







"Boarding life at Lockers Park is full to the brim. From theme nights through to weekend trips there is always something to look forward to. And it speaks volumes that we often find it is the boys themselves who ask to board."

Head of Boarding

"Our son tried flexi-boarding and absolutely loved it. He then joined Cubs and boarded every Thursday. If he could, he would probably board every night!"

Parent Testimonial

Boarding life

We find boarding develops independence, teaches respect and the value of community, as well as allowing the boys to make good and focused use of their after-school time.

The boys learn to live and work together, to accommodate and support a range of individuals and often develop life-long friendships.

For some, this is essential preparation for boarding at senior school. For others, it is an opportunity to experience the unique camaraderie of communal living before moving to a senior day school.

Boarding arrangements at Lockers Park are flexible and can be helpful in planning a busy family diary. As well as full and weekly boarding, boys can choose to board a few nights a week to benefit from the social experience and the range of activities on offer.

A dedicated team of staff with good humour and energy provide a family environment where everyone counts. Our full-time team of resident matrons, supported by a school doctor, is ready for all that a school of young boys can throw at them.

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Giving back

Raising money for local, national and international campaigns not only teaches our boys the importance of respect, compassion and a sense of responsibility about the world they live in, but also shows them what can be achieved by working together.

Initiatives are proposed by pupils, staff and our parents' association, the Friends of Lockers Park. Recent examples include the School's annual sponsored walk that raises funds for a neighbouring SEN (Special Educational Needs) school and wearing odd socks in aid of Anti-Bullying Week.

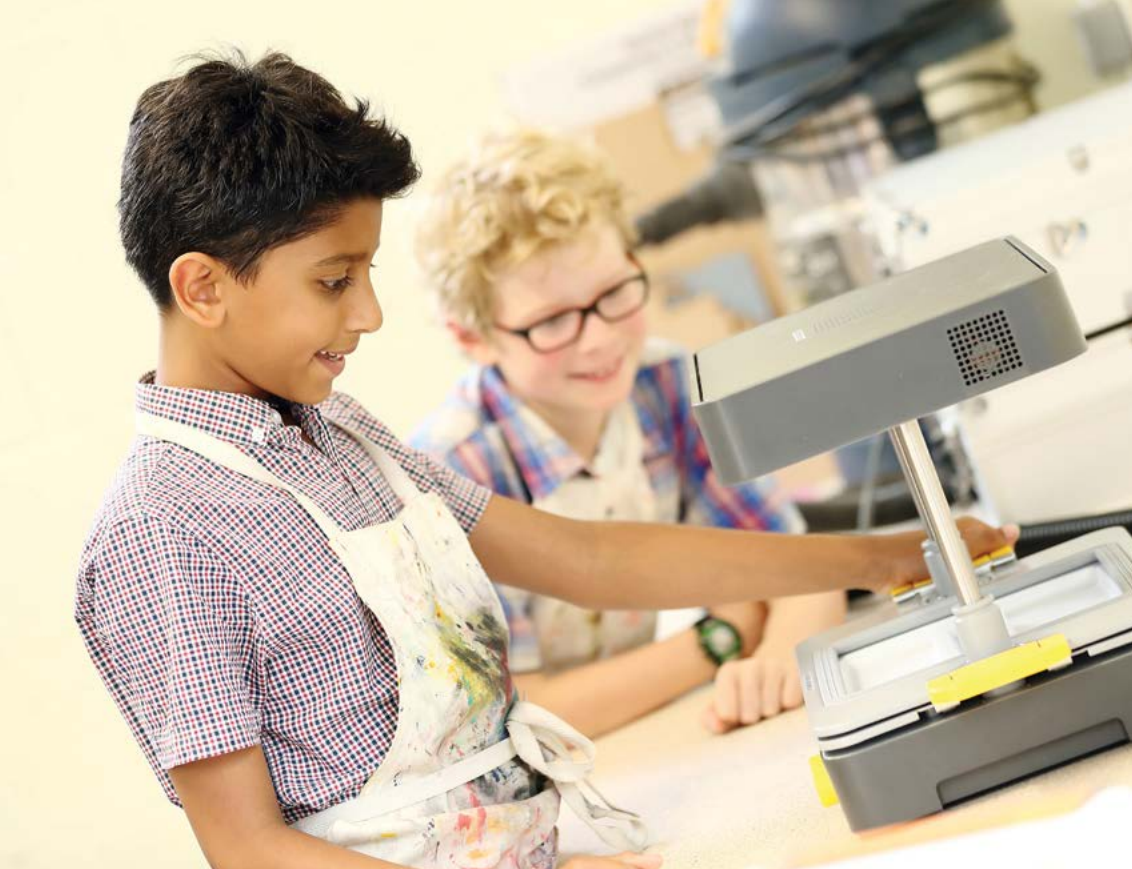
A charitable trust

Lockers Park is an educational charity committed to the promotion of education and good schooling for all.

As part of our charitable commitment we welcome schools from the local community to share our specialist classrooms, teaching and facilities wherever possible.

We are also committed to offering financial help in the form of bursaries to deserving candidates, subject to our financial resources. Bursaries may be available up to 100% based on availability and financial circumstances. Please take a look at the Scholarships & Bursaries section on our website for further information.





Get in touch

We would love you to visit us.

As well as hosting Open Mornings, we offer personal tours for families to come and take a closer look at what makes a Lockers Park education so special.

Please either call 01442 251712 or complete the Contact Us form on our website to find out more.

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