



Haverstock
School

A school with big ambitions and a big heart



Welcome to Haverstock, a school with big ambitions... and a big heart.

Dear Parents and Friends

Thank you for your interest in Haverstock School. We are a happy and ambitious school - and we'd love to welcome your child.

Learning improves lives. Our first priority is to give every new student the individual attention and encouragement they need to help them learn. From the high achievers to the quietly anxious, we have great ambitions for all of our children. We're determined to make sure every child gains the best possible qualifications and skills.

And we equip our children with much more than the best qualifications. We have an unrivalled careers programme that guides every child on their journey towards the world of work. From their first day here, we'll help your child discover their passions and build their skills. With visits, talks, workshops, mentoring and work placements, our career focus is the best of any Camden school - and among the very best schools in London.

We love being a true London school, celebrating all that's best about our city - the warmth, diversity and ambition of those who live here. We're proud to be at the heart of our vibrant Camden community. Our students are encouraged to get involved by volunteering in a programme of local activities. It's a great way to build their social skills, helping our children grow into self-assured, articulate, considerate and courteous young adults.

When your child starts school at Haverstock, they'll also be supported by an extensive network of partners - local, national and even global. From the Year 7 Band Project classes offered by local theatre The Roundhouse, to paid internships within international corporations, our extended family of Haverstock partners adds unique resources and an extra dimension to their secondary education.

As its new Headteacher, I know Haverstock School is ready and eager to make great strides forward. We'd love to welcome you and your child on the journey. Come and join our happy, warm and ambitious community!

James Hadley
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'I love Haverstock School for its safe, happy and warm learning environment. It's like a family - making space for every one of its children to thrive.'

**ALISON LOWTON,
CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

With a professional background as a childcare lawyer (including as Director of Law for Camden Council), and many years as trustee of leading children's charities, Alison Lowton is perfectly placed to see in an ambitious new era for our school.



Year 7 and transition

Year 7 is the first step on an exciting new journey for your child: a journey filled with challenges, excitement - and fun! At Haverstock, we'll help your child get settled, make new friends, and grow their confidence so they're all set to succeed.

We're a school with a big heart, and we know that every student is first and foremost somebody's child! Starting a new school is an exciting time, but it can be daunting too. It's our first priority to make sure your Year 7 child feels happy and safe - so they can confidently rise to the challenges ahead.

Our two-week Summer School gives your child time to meet their classmates before Year 7 begins, to get to know their way around the school, and to try new activities. Your child will also meet the form tutor who nurtures them throughout their school career.

Learning starts to get more focused in Year 7, as we lay the groundwork for their secondary school life. We set high standards in uniform and behaviour - and in work and learning too - and we'll help your child develop the positive habits that will lead to success in school and beyond.

It's a time for us to get to know your child, so we can tailor the pace of learning for them. For example, our High Achieving Pupil Initiative (HAPI) is designed to stretch the more able child, with challenging activities and a bespoke mentoring programme.

And of course there's lots of fun in Year 7, as we believe your child can only succeed if they're enjoying school. Whether it's competitive sports or circus skills, playing chess or playing in a rock band - we'll give your Year 7 child a fantastic range of new activities to help them spread their wings.

'I love our Band Project at The Roundhouse. It's a great chance to try instruments I've never played before, and we get to make our own songs.' Kyon, Year 8



'I remember my first days. My tutor was really friendly and made us laugh a lot. He took us on an extra tour to make sure we didn't get lost.' Laura, Year 8

Year 8 and Year 9 Growing in independence and making good choices

In Year 8 and Year 9, your child will be settled in school. Alongside their academic studies, they'll be enjoying extra trips, activities, talks and more. It all helps spark their curiosity, uncover their passions - and guide their best GCSE choices.

In Year 9, they'll make an early start on their GCSE subjects - with a whole extra year to study each subject in depth. It gives them time to enjoy their work without pressure, and to revisit any difficult areas. They'll be learning fast now, led by our engaging teachers and helped by our superb IT resources - with over 700 PCs, 65 interactive white boards and two Mac suites in our bright and airy classrooms.

In classes that never have more than 30 pupils (and often fewer) your child will get the teaching attention and support they need. Our High Achieving Pupil Initiative will ensure your child is stretched and encouraged all the way.

At Haverstock we firmly believe that no child needs to struggle. We all know the importance of good mental health for teenagers so our strong support network - with learning mentors and counselling teams in school - will be working to ensure all our students are happy and healthy in their studies.

As well as developing their love of learning, we'll be encouraging your child to enjoy school life with a huge range of new activities to try. Whether it's drama or debating, art or cricket, trampolining or volunteering in the community - we'll find what brings out the best in your child.

We'll encourage your child to think beyond school too. We'll bring in experts from the world of work to broaden their horizons, give them food for thought, and set them on the path to a bright future.

'When I started acting in our school production, I realised I loved it. With an audience, I stopped being nervous because I was concentrating on expressing myself. I love acting now and chose it for my GCSE.' Joven, Year 9



'We were so happy when we won the Under 14 Camden Shield. We really played as a team, and when we lost a game, we came back stronger next time. Not many people get a chance to play like that.' Mikaeel, Year 9





Year 10 and Year 11 Working hard and enjoying school life



Students aim high at Haverstock School: our climbing wall is always a popular PE option.



Joining our Haverstock School Army Cadets (Grenadier Guards) is a great way to learn responsibility and offers exciting new challenges.

At this stage, your child is entering the GCSE years – one of the most important times in their school life. As well as an extra focus on academic studies, they'll find a host of exciting opportunities to enjoy.

Academic life is very much their priority now, as your child prepares for GCSEs. We know revision is the key to exam success, so their regular homework will be designed to support and revise each lesson.

As well as the teaching support they need, we'll be giving your child important emotional support. Our Pastoral team - including their Head of Year, learning mentors and counsellors - will ensure your child's mental well-being is their number one priority.

Outside of their studies, your child will now have a fantastic range of activities to enjoy. Our sports teams enjoy outstanding success at county, regional and national level - a clear sign of the excellence of our coaching. And all student participation is valued highly.

We'll encourage your child to take advantage of London's amazing and diverse music resources - whether it's playing in a rock band at The Roundhouse, visiting London's world-class orchestras, or learning to play the gamelan. Our annual Summer Music Festival is a great way to end their year on a high note!

We'll also be encouraging your child to look towards higher education and employment - with early university visits, workshops on presenting yourself, interview practise, applications and more. It all helps your child understand how their hard work and choices now are helping to create a great future for themselves.

Sixth Form

Self-motivation and planning a future

The move into Sixth Form is a giant leap in your child's academic life. They'll be treated differently now - with more freedom and an emphasis on independence, maturity and self-motivation.

But don't worry - we'll help settle your teenager into this new way of learning. Straight away in September they'll enjoy a two-week induction programme, teaching them to organise themselves and develop good habits. In a new area of school, they'll be in the company of 200 fellow Sixth Formers.

A first priority will be to finalise their subject choices. With over 30 subjects to choose from, it's a big decision and we're here to advise and support them throughout. Once they're studying for A Levels or vocational qualifications, our team of enthusiastic, experienced teachers and personal tutors will keep up a steady stream of support and motivation. And your child's academic mentor will keep them on track for the grades they need.

While they're learning, there's still time to enjoy life. They'll find plenty to enjoy at Haverstock Sixth Form: our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Physics visit to CERN in Switzerland and many other trips will give them exciting new experiences and teach them a new independence. Volunteering opportunities will give them personal satisfaction and valuable skills for their CV. Yes, it's fun - but it's also about growing as a young adult and finding out what you want from life.

By the time they're ready to leave us, we'll make sure your child is prepared for life beyond school. Throughout Sixth Form our careers team - the best in Camden - will be broadening their horizons and guiding their next steps, whether it's university, college, work or apprenticeship. Guru Lectures and mentoring, work experience, paid internships and professional skills workshops will make sure they're heading in the right direction and presenting themselves at their best. Haverstock School students go on to great things - your child can too!

'I want to take a paid apprenticeship next year, where I can work and study at the same time. I'm so happy that I got the A Level grades I need. I've worked really hard for them, and my tutor supported me all the way. Now, I can't wait to start my apprenticeship!'

*Sixth Former Deneice, with
Headteacher James Hadley*



'Being mentored by Simon really expanded my view on a lot of things. We met regularly at Santander and if I needed help or advice in between times, he was always there at the end of a phone.' Yousuf, 2015 Business and Finance Network Graduate



'The team and I have been blown away by the calibre and enthusiasm of our Haverstock School interns this year. The new skills, experience and confidence they've acquired will set them up for success - at school and in the future.'

Chloe French, McKinsey & Company management consultants

'A City law firm is a long way from the estate I grew up on. The HCN offered me hands-on workplace learning and meaningful interactions with business professionals - it helped me realise that the true distance between my estate and The City isn't so great after all.' Max, 2010 Arts and Media Network Graduate



Preparing your child for the real world

Whether your child will be a doctor or a designer, an engineer or a web developer, at Haverstock School we have an unrivalled career focus to help them on their way.

We know your child can succeed. So from day one, life at Haverstock School is not only about academic study, it's also about helping your child build a great future for them self. We offer the best career programme in Camden - rivalling the very best schools nationwide.

With a network of over 100 businesses from a wide range of industries and sectors, our well-planned programme of careers activities is carefully designed to meet the needs of each individual student, at every step of their school life. In the early years, talks and events on the world of work will inspire your child to discover their passions. As a young teenager, we'll encourage them to spread their wings and try new things, ready to plan the subjects they'll need for their next step. And we'll teach them the life skills to succeed.

When your child moves into Sixth Form, they can apply to join our Haverstock Career Network - part of the UK-wide Career Ready programme - with a guaranteed paid internship, 1:1 mentor and career-specific training. We'll even give them a free suit for interviews, courtesy of our partner ASOS!

If you want to give your child the very best preparation for the world of work, there's no better school in Camden.

'I loved taking part in the first ever Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health 'student takeover'. It was such a privilege.'
Tayyibah, aspiring doctor, Year 13 HCN Stem Network student



'Haverstock School is a powerful combination of big heart and big ambition. We have a new energy and we're improving fast. I personally have high ambitions for every single one of our students. We'd love your child to join us!'
James Hadley, Headteacher



10 Reasons why your child will love Haverstock School - and you will too!

We love our school. Here's why:

1. Our school is a happy and welcoming community, a safe space where your child will have room to grow and explore their passions in life.
2. Our class sizes are never above 30 - and are often smaller.
3. Our school is the perfect size. With up to 210 children in each year, it's big enough to offer the widest range of subjects and extras. And it's small enough to get to know every one of our students!
4. Your child will quickly feel at home in our bright and modern building - praised as an outstanding example of school design. And we're in a great location - just 3 minutes walk from Chalk Farm tube.
5. Your child will have access to first-rate IT resources - with over 700 PCs, 65 interactive whiteboards and two Mac suites. Every curriculum area has two fully equipped ICT resource classrooms.
6. We like keeping our parents involved. We'll send you a weekly newsletter, and invite you to join our Parent Ambassadors and to attend our Headteacher surgeries. Your child's tutor will keep you updated with progress and news.
7. Our student and family support teams make sure every child can thrive, and include learning mentors, language and art therapists, and counsellors.
8. Our careers programme is the best in Camden. We'll inspire your child to think about their future with exciting talks, events, mentoring, paid internships and more. We have an unrivalled network of partners bringing extra resources and industry expertise to help stretch our most ambitious students. These include Universal Pictures, Santander, Dropbox, The Roundhouse and many more.
9. There's a new energy in our school. Driven by a new Headteacher and Chair of Governors in 2017, we're making great strides - fast - and have high ambitions for your child.
10. Your child will be in great company: past students include MPs, award-winning writers and film-makers, England footballers, famous actors and business leaders. We create the leaders of the future: your child could be one too!





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