Prospectus

2 years 9 months
to 7 years

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North Bridge House
Nursery & Pre-Prep

An Introduction

At North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools, we have created a warm and nurturing environment in which children find confidence and develop the fundamental skills upon which their future successes are built. We believe that happiness is the key to successful learning, particularly in the formative years of education, and are committed to providing our young children with an enjoyable learning experience, a curiosity for knowledge and a real sense of achievement.

We offer a rich and varied curriculum, providing children with a fully rounded education and allowing them to develop a genuine love of learning. With inspirational teachers who carefully track and encourage pupils' progress, we ensure that the curriculum is individually tailored to each child's needs.

In addition, pupils thrive on our range of extra-curricular activities, which vary from sport and LAMDA lessons during the school day to a whole host of after school clubs and day trips. North Bridge House community events such as school productions, concerts, Summer fairs, discos, movie screenings and parent quiz nights are further enjoyed by all the family.

Above all, we are very proud of the strong academic foundation and independence that our young pupils gain in the Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools, and are delighted by the many successes they continue to achieve as they develop and grow.

We are pleased to welcome you and your children to our warm and caring schools and look forward to you joining our community.

Christine McLelland
Head Teacher, North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools

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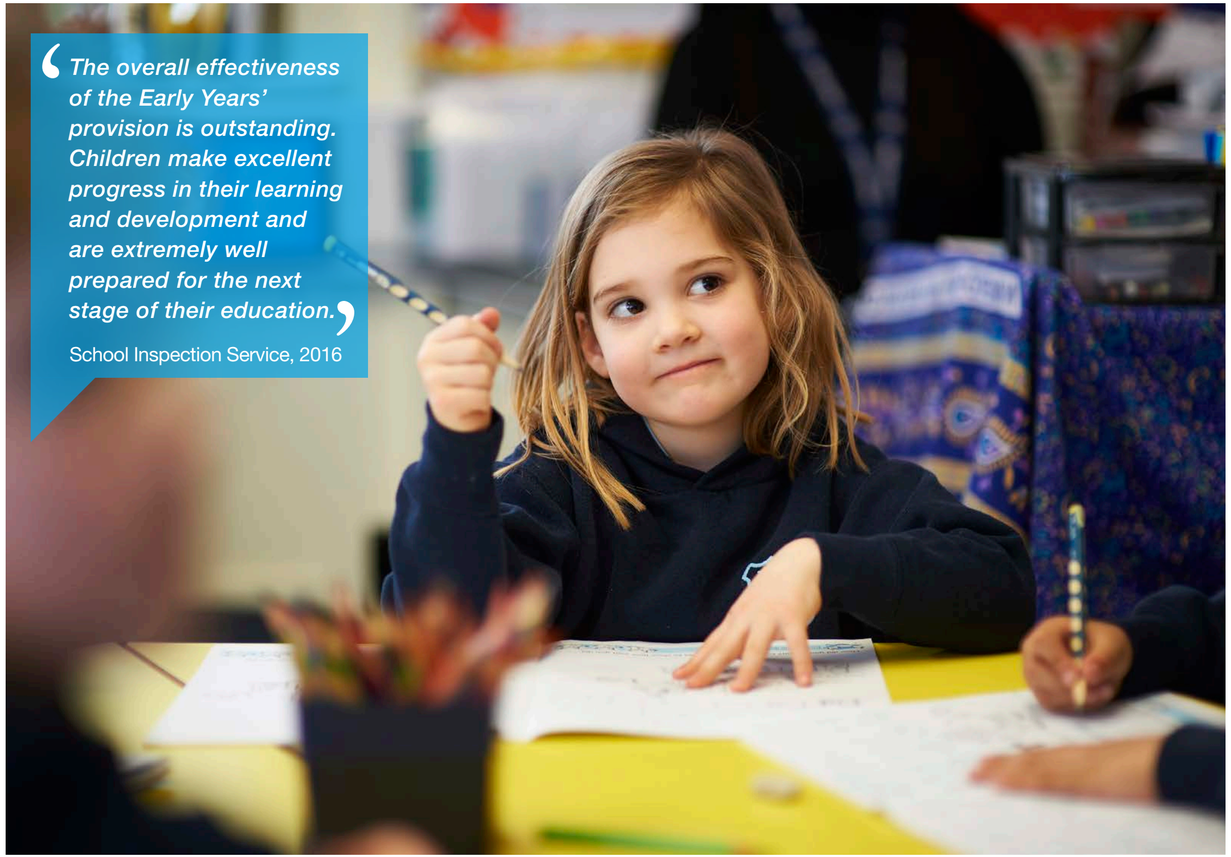


The overall effectiveness of the Early Years' provision is outstanding. Children make excellent progress in their learning and development and are extremely well prepared for the next stage of their education.

School Inspection Service, 2016

About North Bridge House School

Since North Bridge House School was founded as an independent co-educational day school in 1939, it has grown not only in size but also in terms of success.

Situated originally in St. John's Wood, the school moved to Netherhall Gardens in the 1950s. Here the school continued to flourish and, as a result, was re-organised in the early 1960s to provide more space for its older students. The Preparatory School pupils moved into two Nash houses in Regent's Park while the junior children remained at Netherhall Gardens, where they continue to thrive now in the Pre-Preparatory School. Meanwhile, North Bridge House Nursery School pupils receive a warm and gentle introduction to school life just around the corner on Fitzjohn's Avenue, in the building that was previously known as Stepping Stones Nursery School.

Curriculum

Children can join North Bridge House Nursery School for the term in which they turn three and are prepared for the years ahead with a sensitive transition into school life. At this young age we offer Nursery sessions for half days or full days, five times a week, and cover a wide range of topics from shape and colour to weather and the seasons. Children also enjoy daily story time and outdoor play, as well as gym and music every week.

Children in Pre-Reception and Reception follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which covers seven areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Literacy; Mathematics; Understanding the World; Physical Development; and Expressive Arts and Design. We build on this with specialist teaching in French, Music and Dance (led by Finchley Ballet School), encouraging our children to express themselves confidently and creatively. We focus on taking pupils beyond the curriculum and into a wider learning experience, teaching skills such as literacy using enjoyable methods, which include song, rhyme, music and movement.

As pupils progress to the Pre-Preparatory School, they delve into subject specific areas through the National Curriculum, including Computing, French, Science, PSHE, Music, PE, Games and Art – all of which are delivered by our subject specialist teachers. Mathematics is taught from a practical perspective, with a focus on depth of knowledge and mastery, ensuring that key skills are secure and embedded and that children can apply them in a range of contexts.

Through our nurturing teaching approach, we centre the curriculum around the child so that each individual's progress is carefully tracked and nurtured in a creative, enriching and happy environment.

Extra-Curricular & Enrichment

Children at North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools enjoy a variety of activities which spark curiosity outside of the timetabled curriculum. With regular trips, drama workshops and LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) lessons factored into the school day, pupils develop a range of skills and interests as well as self-awareness.

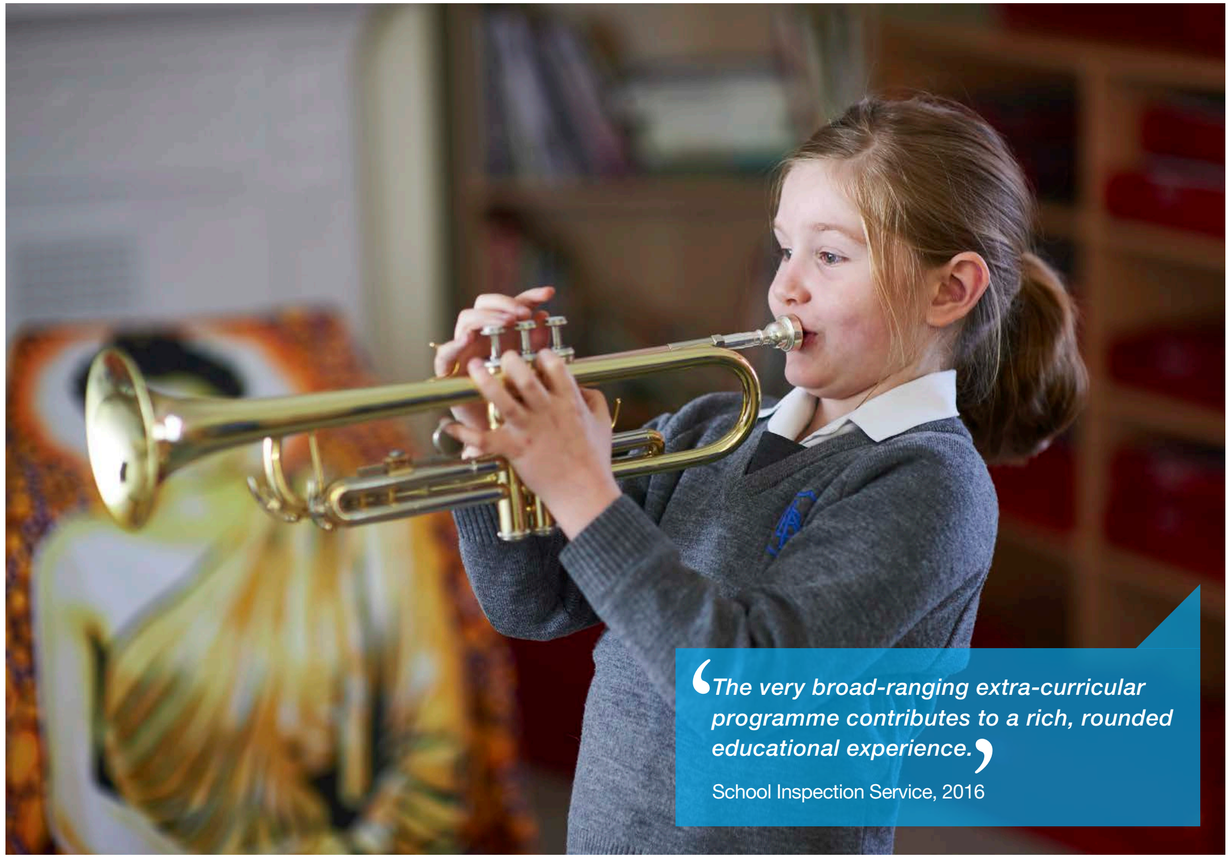
To further build on character and talent, there is an increasingly large choice of after school clubs available to pupils as they progress throughout our schools. At the Nursery School, pupils can choose from sports clubs such as Yoga, Football and Dance; creative clubs including Drama and Art, or classic pastimes such as Chess and Board Games. When they move up to the Pre-Preparatory School, the possibilities are greater still and include Cookery, Karate and Science.

All clubs build on the curriculum to ensure that each child not only receives an excellent all-round education, but has the opportunity to discover and pursue other areas of inspiration.

In addition to this, classroom learning is reinforced with exciting outdoor exercises designed to improve problem-solving and encourage independence. Located in the heart of leafy North London, both schools are surrounded by a whole host of internationally renowned museums and places of interest. Regular outings to these attractions, as well as to wildlife and wetland centres, enable pupils to really enjoy and benefit from learning in real life situations.

Wraparound Care

Our 8am Breakfast Club and after school Tea-Club each provide busy and working parents with reliable childcare solutions on a daily basis. Come the end of term and during half term breaks, North Bridge House Holiday Club is very popular with both children and parents. Pupils enjoy a whole range of games and activities run by our dedicated and expert teaching staff.



‘The very broad-ranging extra-curricular programme contributes to a rich, rounded educational experience.’

School Inspection Service, 2016

Sport

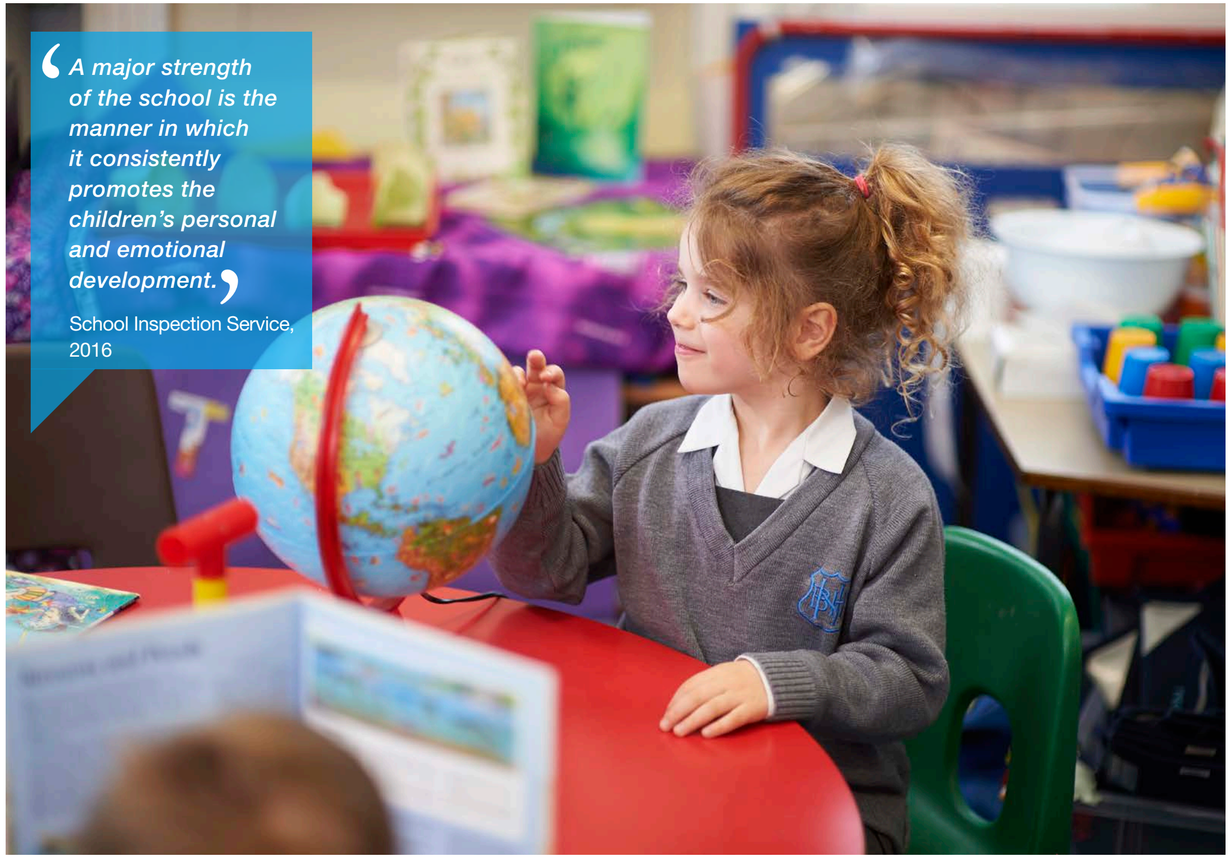
At North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools, pupils enjoy a variety of sports as both part of and in addition to the curriculum. We believe that sport is essential to pupils' physical and emotional well-being and develops all-important team skills. Children benefit from weekly PE and Games sessions taught by specialists, which are held either in the school gym or on the purpose-built sports terrain. From Year 1, children also participate in weekly swimming lessons which take place at local sports facilities, together with annual highlights such as our Football Tournament and Sports Day.

We focus on developing pupils' balance, co-ordination and teamwork through a wide range of drills and activities, preparing them with the skills required for the more advanced sports they enjoy after their transition to our Prep School.

Facilities

North Bridge House Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools occupy two charming Victorian villas in Hampstead, which provide spacious and secure surroundings for our young pupils to enjoy. Our schools are designed to offer pupils a range of facilities that enhance both their education and overall well-being.

Both sites are equipped with bright and airy classrooms, well-stocked libraries, large music rooms and playgrounds loved for their climbing frames. All students enjoy sharing the Nursery School's multi-purpose gym and outdoor sports terrain for regular sports sessions, as well as after school activities.



> *A major strength of the school is the manner in which it consistently promotes the children's personal and emotional development.*
>
> School Inspection Service, 2016

Our Community

Pupils, parents, staff and friends form a strong community at North Bridge House and together we support one another and the local area. From a whole host of school events to the global charity and outreach projects in which we participate, there is plenty of opportunity for pupils and families to contribute to our vibrant community.

North Bridge House is very much an open school and we encourage parents and guardians to become part of their child's educational journey through parent workshops, parent and child mornings, mystery reader events, Parents' Evenings and many celebrations. We strive to unite home and school life and invite parents to join Friends of North Bridge House, helping with the organisation of school events and maintaining the all-important family feel of the school.

At our Nursery and Pre-Preparatory Schools we participate in regular fundraising activities, hosting a number of our own charity events whilst contributing to worldwide campaigns throughout the year. From non-uniform days and cake sales to pupils creating fantastic artwork to auction at our annual Summer Fair, we are keen to support our local community and beyond.

Why choose North Bridge House?

North Bridge House prides itself on its pastoral support offered to the individual pupil. Our approach focuses on knowing each and every pupil, and on understanding their development as young children.

Through a stimulating curriculum and an exciting extra-curricular programme, we enrich the lives of our young pupils and build the foundations for their future academic success. Most importantly, we ensure they enjoy their education as well as their childhood.

At the core of our excellent academic and pastoral provision is a team of highly qualified, passionate and inspirational teachers. Each one has been carefully selected to ensure that, together, they proudly deliver an education of the highest quality.

Where next?

When North Bridge House students reach the end of their time at the Pre-Preparatory School, they will naturally progress to our Preparatory School, located next to Regent's Park.

Our Prep School maintains the same warm and nurturing environment that is created at our Nursery and Pre-Prep and that exists throughout our group of schools. It prides itself on educating and preparing children for Senior School entry and, ultimately, for life beyond our schools. With an outstanding Ofsted report and a history of excellent exam results, North Bridge House has become one of London's most respected Prep Schools. A full programme of extra-curricular activities alongside a rich and varied curriculum continues to develop the whole child, and staff are committed to ensuring that every pupil fulfils their potential.

Both current and prospective North Bridge House families are welcome to visit the Preparatory School, meet the Head Teacher and explore a happy and industrious place of learning.

How to apply

To apply for a place at North Bridge House Nursery or Pre-Preparatory School, please complete and return a Registration Form (available on the school website), together with the Registration Fee. The Admissions Team will then contact you to confirm receipt of the application and to arrange for you to tour the school.

We are a non-selective school and do not assess children at this young age but do like to be able to meet those registered for Pre-Reception (age 3+) places and above. Offers for places in the Nursery School are first issued in the September prior to the year of entry and then continue on a rolling basis. Potential Pre-Preparatory (Year 1 and 2) pupils are invited to an Admissions Day in the January prior to the September intake, to meet the Head Teacher and to spend some time in the school. Places are then offered within a month of this visit, depending on availability.

Nursery and Pre-Reception are the main intake points, with children joining us in the term they turn three or in the September following their third birthday. We do, however, welcome applicants for all year groups. For more information, please visit www.northbridgehouse.com.

North Bridge House is a happy and friendly school, where children are challenged but not put under too much pressure.

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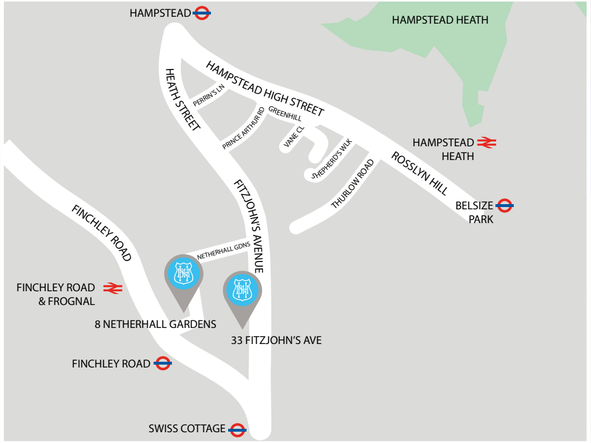

A co-educational day school of pupils aged 2 years, 9 months – 7 years

"Extra help and encouragement is always provided in the subjects my son finds a little more difficult. He always enjoys school and has a real love of learning."

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