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**North Bridge House**  
Senior Hampstead





## Introduction from the Head

Welcome to North Bridge House Senior School Hampstead, where we passionately believe in the importance of celebrating every child as an individual.

New to post from September 2017, I am excited and proud to be stepping into such a wonderful school community where it is clear that developing each pupil's individuality and maximising their strengths is at the core of everything. Through a wide and exciting range of activities in a vibrant co-educational environment, North Bridge House encourages pupils to be confident, motivated and proud of their achievements, in order to reach their full potential. I very much look forward to working with the team to explore ways in which we can keep NBH Senior Hampstead improving every day and for years to come.

This year I will embark on my 21st year of teaching, during which time I have fortunate to work across three excellent independent schools: Colfe's School in SE London, Shiplake College and Long Close School, where I took up my first Headship in 2013 and have worked to improve academic results to record levels year on year, whilst maintaining family values and a compassionate and caring learning environment.

From within the classroom to throughout the whole School, I am a Head Teacher who passionately believes in the power of happy children. If our pupils are not happy they will not learn well. This does not mean of course that all pupils will be smiling all day long, but with our focus firmly on the whole child, their whole environment, and their well-being, then I truly believe that we can make a big difference to their outcomes at school. Happy children learn well. Ensuring we have happy children and removing all barriers to learning possible will give the children their best possible life chances.

What makes NBH Senior Hampstead so special is its dedicated team of subject-specialist teachers who aim to inspire a life-long love of learning and enjoyment of their subject. Every pupil benefits from the widest range of subject experience. From the core academic subjects of Maths, English and Science, a choice of three Modern Foreign Languages and Latin for all, to Drama, Textiles, Ceramics, Food Technology and Resistant Materials, we ensure that our pupils are able to make the most informed and personalised choices as they select their GCSE options for Key Stage 4.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to one of our open events, where you will find a very happy, industrious and purposeful place of learning.

**Brendan Pavey**

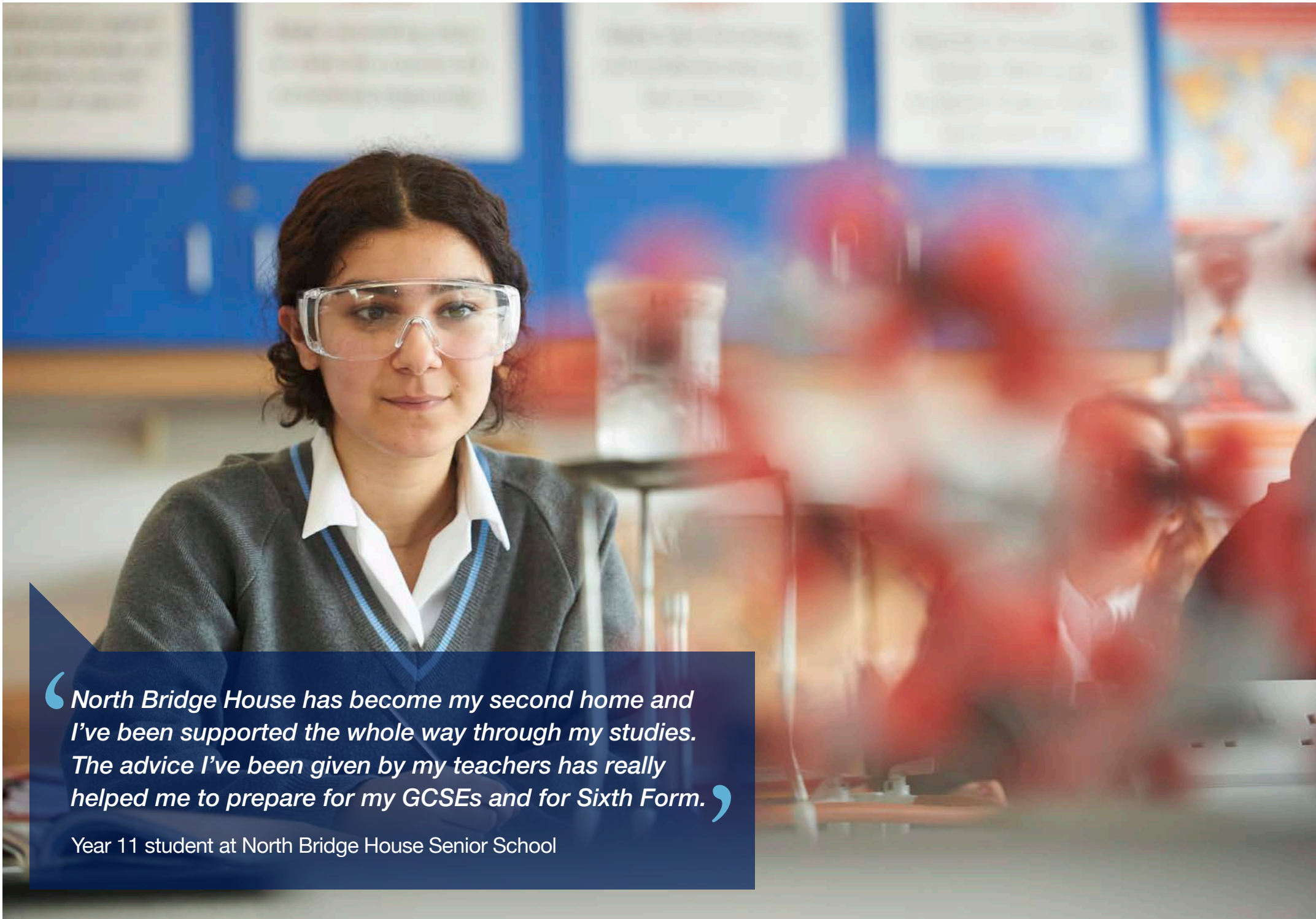
Head Teacher, North Bridge House Senior School, Hampstead



*The curriculum is outstanding and it successfully achieves the school's aims to foster a love of learning and an independent spirit of enquiry.*

School Inspection Service, 2015





*“North Bridge House has become my second home and I’ve been supported the whole way through my studies. The advice I’ve been given by my teachers has really helped me to prepare for my GCSEs and for Sixth Form.”*

Year 11 student at North Bridge House Senior School



## 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 students 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.

## About North Bridge House Senior School

In 1987, North Bridge House Senior School was established at the Preparatory School’s new location on Gloucester Avenue. With the opportunity to complete their GCSEs at North Bridge House, students continued to thrive and achieve outstanding results. In July 2012, the Senior School celebrated 25 years of academic excellence by moving to its current home, 65 Rosslyn Hill in the heart of Hampstead. Here students benefit from an enhanced curriculum and state-of-the-art facilities in a unique and inspirational environment.

## Senior School Curriculum

Key Stage 3 offers a rich and varied range of academic and creative subjects to develop curiosity and a genuine love of learning. Augmenting the core subjects, Modern Foreign Languages, Latin and the Humanities, all pupils benefit from weekly Music, Art and a carousel of Ceramics, Textiles, Food Technology and Resistant Materials.

At Key Stage 4, pupils study for their GCSEs and emphasis is placed, first and foremost, on an academically sound core of subjects. All pupils take English Language, English Literature, Maths, Double Science and a Modern Foreign Language. This core is then supplemented by a wealth of option subjects for the individual to select: Art, Classical Civilisation, Computer Science, Drama, Geography, History, Latin, Music, PE, Photography and Triple Science are just a selection of the subjects available.

All classes are taught by dedicated secondary subject specialists, with a focus on differentiation and a variety of inspiring teaching approaches.





## Extra-Curricular & Enrichment

Celebrating the individual, we take a keen interest in providing a breadth of learning experience that takes pupils beyond the curriculum. Clubs are offered at lunchtime and after-school to develop many varying skills and interests, encouraging pupils to grow from all social, moral, cultural and physical perspectives. Activities include playwriting, debating, band practice, supporting the local community, ceramics, photography, European culture and squad-training, to name but a few.

Our specially designated in-school Enrichment sessions see pupils working together in vertical age groupings to explore new and unusual activities. Tuesday afternoons provide the chance to participate in our exciting programme which can include: engineering, chess, yoga, sports-leadership, ethics, astronomy, literary genre, ancient cultures, local history, dance, song-writing and costume design. We vary Enrichment activities each term so that, whether students are learning to deliver a coherent debate or raising vegetables in the School allotment, they have continuous opportunity to grow their skills within the wider world around them.

We are very proud to host a number of guest speakers, workshops and events which offer pupils experiences from the world of ancient Greece to an astronaut's view on the future of space travel, scientific research, fiction-writing, charitable enterprise and politics.

Year 10 pupils also benefit from a weekly live interview forum – World of Work – which offers a privileged glimpse into the realm of employment and supports their selection of work experience. The lecture programme features speakers from varying workplaces and is designed to expand students' horizons and allow them to make informed choices about their academic pathway and professional development.

All pupils enjoy a number of excursions during the year, and memorable trips and visits have seen our pupils not only enjoy a wealth of London experiences, but venture further afield to Wales, Burgundy, Madrid, Valencia, Berlin, Belgium, Iceland and Malawi. Our dynamic House System and Commended Pupils scheme feature additional reward trips – which range from ice-skating to IMAX screenings – for students recognised within our many exciting competitions, Merit initiatives and team-building exercises.

Every year, pupils also embark on the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme with the help and support of our specially trained staff. The various Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition sections challenge pupils beyond the classroom, developing strength of character and transferable life skills, which are sought after in higher education and employment. Our students enjoy working both independently and as part of a group, growing themselves within the community as they gain recognition for their outreach work.



***“An exceptional aspect of the curriculum is the high quality of enrichment experiences and the wide range of extra-curricular activities that are an integral part of the students’ learning.”***

School Inspection Service, 2015





## Sport

Pupils enjoy a wide array of sporting opportunities at North Bridge House, making full use of our spacious sports hall as well as the great outdoor facilities in our prime North London location, including Hampstead Heath and Allianz Park. PE and Games feature weekly on the curriculum and allow pupils to develop their physical fitness, strength and teamwork in sports which include:

- Football
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Netball
- Rounders
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Rugby

PE and Games lessons are supplemented by a number of sports clubs – available before and after school as well as at break and lunch times – to develop pupils’ interests at a more advanced or competitive level. These clubs include dance, personal fitness and Badminton, as well as regular squad training.

Our teams compete in local, national and even international tournaments, venturing from London to the Home Counties and Europe. In keeping with our aims, we aspire to offer all pupils the best chance to develop important life skills, promoting self-discipline and determination whilst enjoying a healthy lifestyle and responsible sense of competition.

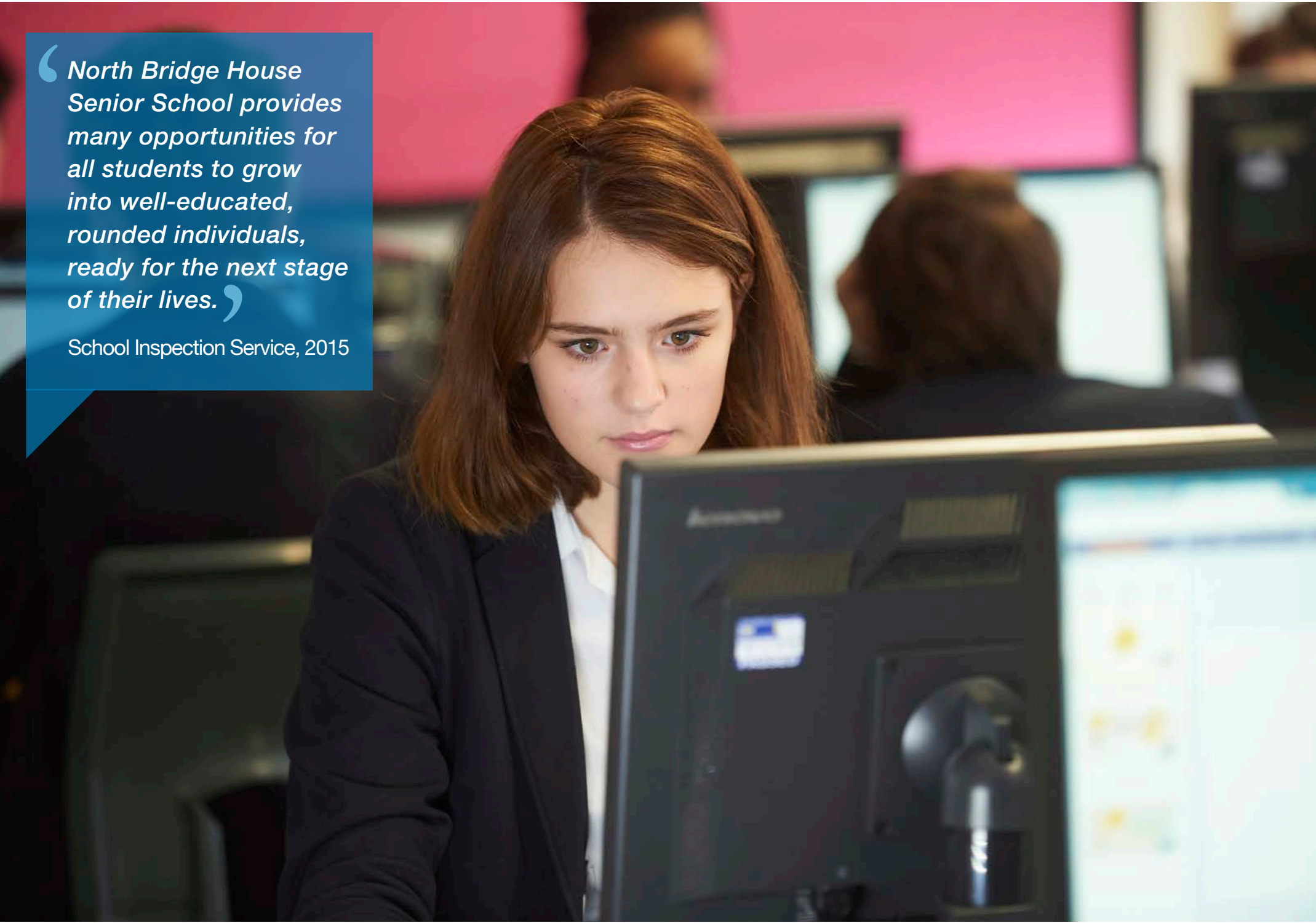
## Facilities

The specialised on-site facilities at North Bridge House Senior School enable students to experience the very best the curriculum has to offer. The school’s spacious layout has been designed to lend a strong sense of identity to each department. State-of-the-art Science laboratories allow students to explore theory in practice and a cutting edge Visual Arts room is fully equipped with iMacs. Classrooms are light and airy and feature interactive whiteboards or projectors, as well as stunning views of London.

To facilitate the number of creative subjects on offer, we have three large Technology rooms including an impressive purpose-built kitchen, as well as a Photography darkroom and a firing kiln for Ceramics. The Drama studio stages many workshops and performance rehearsals, whilst the Sports Hall is a fantastic, multi-purpose space that also lends itself to educational workshops, awards ceremonies and assemblies. With indoor Badminton and Basketball courts, Cricket nets, a 5-A-Side Football pitch and additional outdoor air gym,, the Sports Hall provides pupils with a wealth of opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum.

In addition to this, pupils enjoy using the well stocked library at their leisure and making full use of the multiple Music practice rooms.





*North Bridge House Senior School provides many opportunities for all students to grow into well-educated, rounded individuals, ready for the next stage of their lives.*

School Inspection Service, 2015



## Our Community

Staff, pupils, parents and friends form a strong community at North Bridge House and together we support one another and the local area. From our many school events to parental engagement groups, there is plenty of opportunity for students and families to contribute to our vibrant community.

The pupil voice is well-represented in our school community, with a thriving Form Representative Committee and prefect system. Such leadership initiatives enable students to have an input into the effective running of the school and regular meetings with the Senior Leadership Team ensure they have a genuine impact on the school's strategic development. Our younger pupils also receive guidance and support from Year 11 mentors and prefects as part of our rewarding 'Big Brother Big Sister' scheme.

We further develop pupils' leadership skills outside of school, encouraging their participation in our local charity and outreach projects, national competitions such as the UK Maths Challenge and award programmes including the highly popular Duke of Edinburgh Award. Within school, non-uniform days, cake bake sales and concerts are just a few ways our students raise money to support both the local community and worldwide campaigns.

## Why choose North Bridge House?

North Bridge House prides itself on the pastoral support offered to the individual pupil. Our approach focuses on knowing each and every pupil, and understanding their personal needs, aptitudes and aspirations.

Through our stimulating curriculum and exciting extra-curricular programme, we enrich the lives of students and ensure that the result of their school career is as memorable as it is academically successful.

At the core of our outstanding 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 deliver the high quality of education of which we are proud.

To all this we add an exciting enrichment programme, a busy guest speaker schedule and expert careers advice to further enhance our pupils' education, and encourage them to become confident, considerate and well-informed young adults.





## Where next?

North Bridge House Canonbury is the fifth addition to our long-standing and successful group of schools, allowing students to complete their A-Levels and thus their school journey at North Bridge House. NBH Canonbury offers a broad range of A-Level subjects, which are taught combining innovative and traditional approaches to inspire students and provide them with a unique learning experience. Small class sizes allow teachers to work closely with each individual pupil, and one-to-one tutorials together with expert UCAS and careers advice prepare students for university and the 'world of work'. The Sixth Form continues to offer extensive enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities, providing students with the skills and experiences that aid their university entry and prime them for the demands of adult life.

We also support and assist pupils who wish to join other Sixth Forms, and are very proud of those who are welcomed into some of the top Senior Schools in the country.

## How to apply

To apply for a place at North Bridge House Senior 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 your child to join us for an Admissions Day. We are a non-selective school but assess potential students to determine their current academic level and to establish how we can help them to fulfil their potential. Applicants also have an interview with the Head or Deputy Heads to ensure that they are suited to North Bridge House, and most importantly, that they will be happy at the school. Further to the Admissions Day places are offered as soon as possible, depending on availability. The main intake point is at 11+ however, we welcome and consider applicants for other year groups. For more information, please visit [www.northbridgehouse.com](http://www.northbridgehouse.com).







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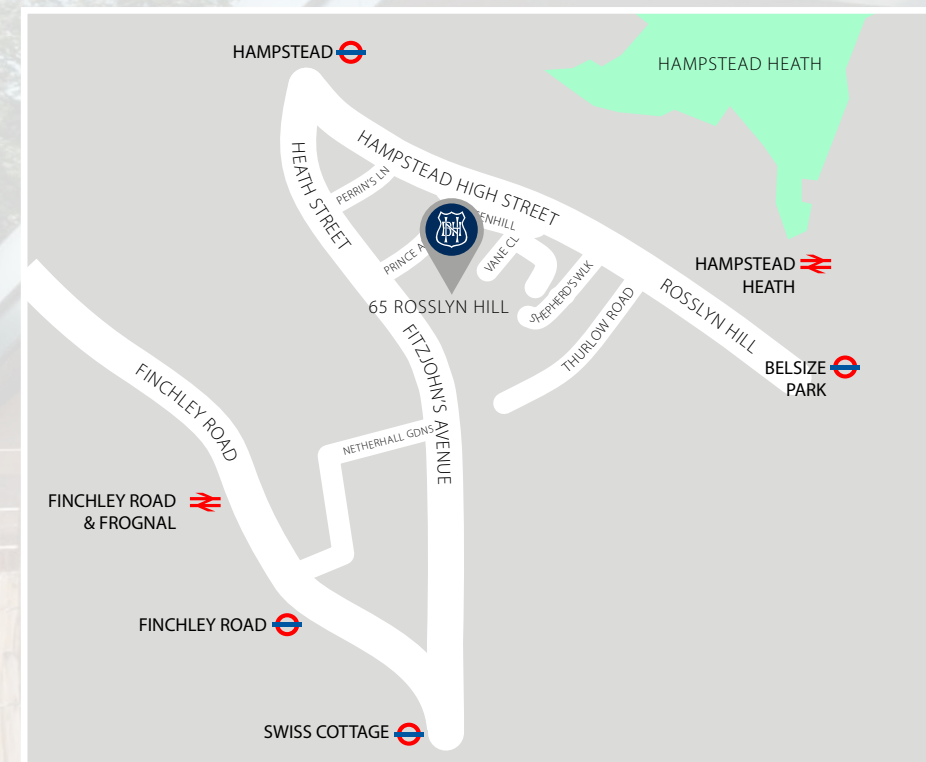
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## Public Transport

- ⚡ Hampstead tube station: 0.2 miles
- ⚡ Hampstead Heath overground station: 0.5 miles
- ⚡ Belsize Park tube station: 0.6 miles
- ⚡ Finchley Road & Frognal overground station: 0.7 miles

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*“A happy, well-balanced school with  
great opportunities for children of  
all abilities and excellent pastoral  
care.”*

Parent at North Bridge House Senior School

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