

# Newton PREP



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# Welcome

Newton Prep is a school full of energy. There is a love of life and learning. We are ambitious for your children; they do very well academically but this is not an academic 'hothouse'. We also encourage them to involve themselves in the wider life of the school. We want the children to make the most of the wonderful opportunities they have here: singing in a choir, performing in a play, participating in sports fixtures, or being digital leaders.

The staff care very much about providing an excellent educational experience for the children during these all-important and formative years. They use a wide range of teaching strategies to ensure our pupils are fully engaged in and excited by their learning. We value the quality of the relationships with parents too. We know that children do best when home and school are working in partnership and share similar aims.

We are forward-facing and modern in our approach. This school is unstuffy and unpretentious. We celebrate the fact that we have children from a range of backgrounds.

I very much look forward to meeting you and showing you the school in action.



ALISON FLEMING, HEAD





# What makes us unique?



Not weighed down by history and tradition



Recognise the importance of wellbeing and mental health



A truly independent school



A city school with outstanding onsite facilities



Preparation for senior school exams



Head with both independent and state school experience



An education from Nursery through to Year 8



A diverse and inclusive community

## Our Mission

*The School is unashamedly ambitious for its pupils who have access to outstanding facilities. We want them to achieve their academic potential whilst also engaging in sport, art, music and drama. We want them to involve themselves in the total life of the School, which includes after school clubs and activities and a wide range of trips.*

*We celebrate the diversity of our pupils; we want our children to develop a strong sense of community, learning how to make a positive contribution to the community of Newton Prep and the world around them. The ethos is one that is based on mutual respect and kindness shown to others. Fundamentally, we want Newton Prep children to enjoy their precious childhood years.*





# Curriculum

The quality of our curriculum is central to the success of the school. The pitch and pace are unashamedly ambitious. Children learn a modern foreign language from Reception; they do Latin and classical civilisation from Year 6; they learn science and IT in bespoke teaching spaces; music forms an important part of the curriculum, as do drama, physical education, and art. The Newton Diploma, studied by pupils in Years 7 & 8, combines the best of subject-specific and thematic learning in the Humanities. This makes the curriculum for our oldest pupils both intellectually stimulating and relevant. Children are very well prepared for the range of senior school entrance examinations and assessments they take in either Year 6 or Year 8.





# EYFS

Teaching is based around the seven areas of learning, but is not limited by them. Of course we want the children to learn through play, to make choices in the classroom, to create, to enjoy the outside space and to explore. However, we also regard these early years as the point at which we lay important foundations, and therefore there is a substantial element of 'directed' teaching. It is here that reading, writing and maths are prioritised.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is made up of two classes in the Nursery and four classes in Reception. There is an assessment for entry into Nursery and Reception that takes place in the Autumn Term.

*Further information about the admissions journey can be found on page 26.*

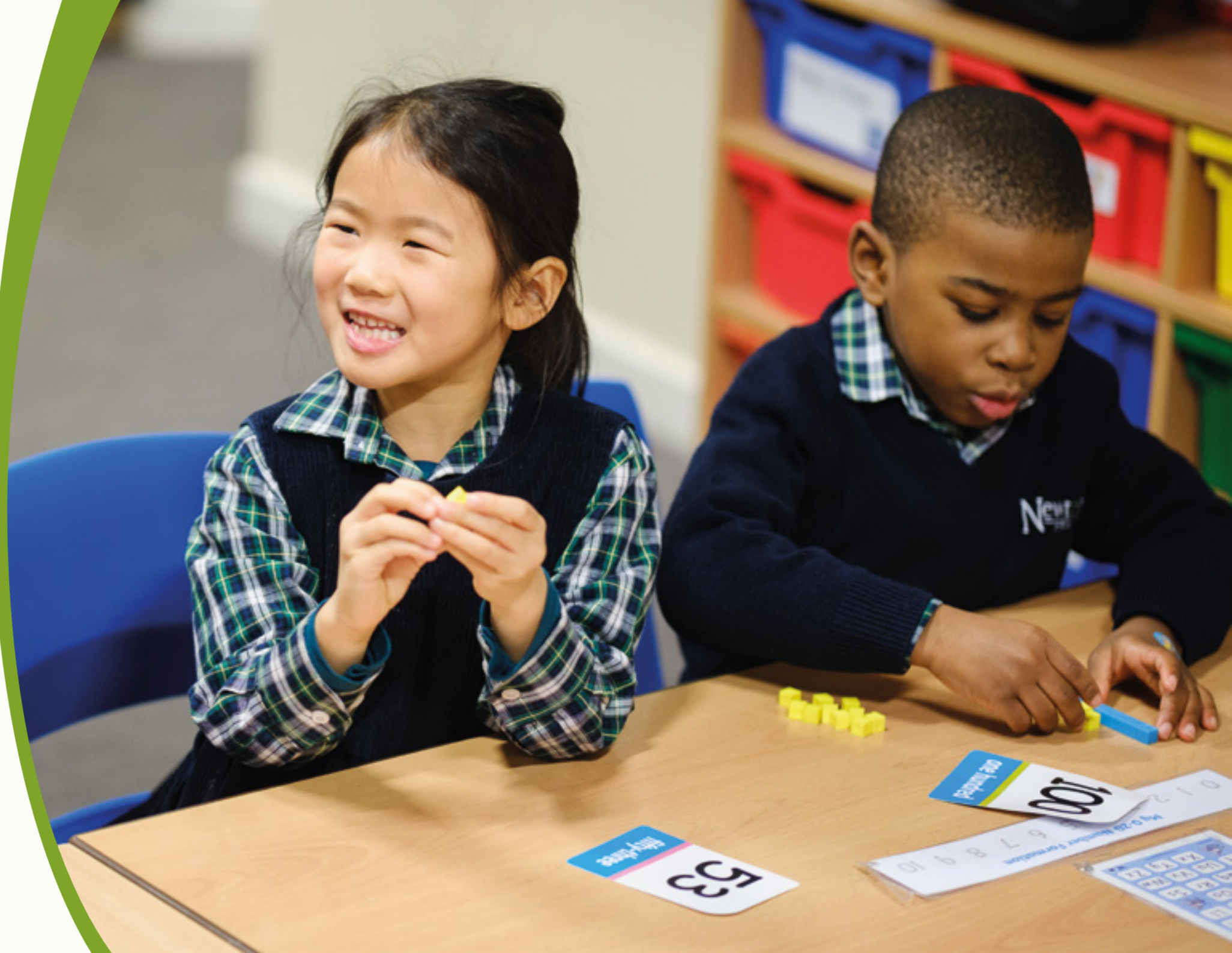




# Lower School

From the very beginning of their Newton Prep career, children are encouraged to ask questions, to work hard, and to solve problems with courage. We engage children's imagination and we challenge their abilities. We expect children to become bright, articulate and confident individuals with a clear sense of purpose and direction. We want them to take full advantage of the many opportunities they will have here, both in the classroom and beyond. There is a strong focus on friendship; it matters to us that the children are kind and supportive friends to each other. There are many opportunities for children to learn about the wider world through drama workshops, author visits, and trips around London.

*Lower School includes Nursery to Year 2.*





# Upper School

The Upper School provides children with a positive, stimulating environment within which to learn, mature and develop. They are encouraged to work hard, to aim high and to take confidence from the progress that they make. We want the children to be able to explore issues that are important to them, whether it is climate awareness, neurodiversity, or how they can have a positive impact on the community around them. They are challenged academically and are well placed to succeed in senior school entrance exams and interviews. When they leave this school, they take with them a great love of learning and the confidence to make an active and positive contribution to their senior schools.

*Upper School includes Year 3 to 8.*





# Facilities



LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



UPPER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



A love of life and learning is inspired by our outstanding facilities. Throughout their time with us, all our pupils will take full advantage of both our 120-seat recital hall and the 300-seat auditorium. As well as their iPads, the children also use our three ICT suites, three gymnasiums, the top floor art studios, dance studios, two libraries and three bespoke science labs. Children are encouraged to learn through doing. For a central London school, we have wonderful outside space: the all-weather pitch can support four fixtures at a time, our youngest pupils use their dedicated playground, and our garden sees children perform Shakespeare, hunt for mini-beasts and conduct science experiments.

MAIN ENTRANCE & RECEPTION



# Newton Prep in numbers

24

visiting music teachers



31

languages spoken by our pupils



38

scholarships offered to 2023 leavers



64

senior schools offered places to our leavers in 2023



97

co-curricular clubs each term



480

iPads available for pupils to use





# Pastoral Care

We know that children learn best when they are happy in school. The quality of the relationships between staff and pupils is exceptional. From our dedicated team of form tutors and heads of year, to our mental health champions and our subject specialist teachers, every member of staff is committed to ensuring that each child's wellbeing is valued and nurtured. Through the Pupil Council and the Eco-Committee, children are encouraged to express their own views, and to learn how to tolerate different views. All children develop their sense of responsibility as global citizens, and consider their impact on the whole school community. Newton Prep children are confident and well-rounded; they develop a clear understanding of leadership and are well prepared for their futures.





# Clubs & Activities

Newton Prep is a busy school with wide range of clubs and activities on offer. These usually take place after the teaching day has finished and many of them are run by our own talented, enthusiastic staff. Typically, clubs might include Hockey Superleague, 'Acting for Screen', 'Newtoncast' (writing and presenting a podcast), Shakespeare Club, STEAM Club, Construction Club, Animation Club, Book Club, Drama Club or Art Club. There are also many sports clubs which take full advantage of our facilities. Music plays a significant part in the co-curricular offering; there are five choirs and a range of instrumental ensembles and bands. In addition some external providers come in to run specialist clubs such as yoga, gymnastics, Music Technology, ballet, tap and fencing.





## Beyond Newton Prep

We are proud to send children to a wide range of day and boarding senior schools at age 11 or 13. We work closely with parents to ensure that each child gains entry to a senior school that is right for them and one that will enable them to flourish.

In 2023-24 children left Newton Prep to go off to 41 different senior schools, from boarding schools such as Harrow, Wycombe Abbey, Brighton College, Winchester College and Sevenoaks, to London day schools such as KCS Wimbledon, Alleyn's, JAGS, Dulwich, St Paul's Girls' and Boys' Schools and Godolphin & Latymer. Each year, around half of our Year 6 children, both boys and girls, choose to stay on at Newton Prep for Years 7 & 8.

Each year, a good number of our leavers are offered scholarships by their senior schools in recognition of their academic excellence, or for their talent and hard work in art, drama, music or sport.



Winchester College Woldingham School Wycombe Abbey  
Alleyn's School Bede's Benenden School Bradfield College  
Brighton College Bryanston School Caterham School City of  
London School for Girls Downe House School Dulwich Colleg  
Emanuel School Eton College Godolphin and Latymer School  
Harrow School Istock Place School James Allen's Girls' Schoo  
Kensington Park School Kew House School King's College Schoo  
Wimbledon Latymer Upper School Putney High School Radley  
College Stowe School St Paul's Girls' School Streatham & Clapha  
High School St Dunstan's College Wellington College Whitgift  
School Wimbledon High School Winchester College Woldingham  
School Wycombe Abbey Alleyn's School Bede's Benenden  
School Bradfield College Brighton College Bryanston School  
Caterham School City of London School for Girls Downe Hous  
School Dulwich College Emanuel School Eton College Godol  
and Latymer School Harrow School Istock Place School



# Admissions

For all queries about the admissions process, please contact the Head of Admissions, by email [admissions@newtonprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@newtonprep.co.uk)

## NURSERY

- Each year we admit 48 children (two classes of 24)
- Children must have had their third birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> September in their year of entry
- Children will be invited to a playdate in November of the year before entry
- Places are offered in December

## RECEPTION

- Each year we admit an additional 35 children (combined with our current Nursery) to create four classes of 20 pupils
- Children must have had their fourth birthday before 1<sup>st</sup> September in their year of entry
- Children will be invited to an assessment in the Autumn Term of the year before entry
- Places are offered in November

## YEARS 1 TO 7

- Each year there may be occasional places in Years 1 to 7 (ages 5 to 12)
- Entry is by a selective, objective assessment

## BURSARY APPLICATIONS

- Means-tested bursaries are available for part-funded places, for children entering from Year 3 (aged 7) and above
- Bursary applicants will be invited for assessment and then parents will be asked to submit a means-testing application form





# Our History

Newton Prep opened its doors to 70 pupils and five teachers in September 1991. Three decades later, it flourishes as one of the largest prep schools in the United Kingdom with over 650 pupils and an unbeatable combination of vibrant size, eclecticism, extraordinary facilities and outside spaces, as well as an enviable position at the heart of central London's burgeoning Battersea community. This was all made possible by the unwavering dedication of founder and Chairman, Dr Farouk Walji, whose dream of opening a school stemmed from a desire to give back to the community; to give children in South London the well-structured yet fun education he himself had experienced growing up in Nairobi.

The education we provide has a strong academic base and an imaginatively broad curriculum giving a rich learning experience with a lasting impact as children progress through their school years and throughout their lives, developing intelligence, enthusiasm, creativity and character. The School places a strong emphasis on the education of the whole person and our atmosphere is full of happiness and enthusiasm with a sense of purpose and achievement as both pupils and staff aim high. Strong management and good governance bolster these aspirations.

We focus on developing ambition and potential in each child, enabling them to progress to the most appropriate senior school.













*Celebrating 30 years  
of Newton Prep in  
July 2022 with a concert  
at St John's Smith Square  
where pupils performed  
alongside the English Chamber  
Orchestra and Voces8*



# Location

Newton Prep is positioned in the heart of central London's newest vibrant and dynamic development. The area stretching from Nine Elms to Battersea is home to a bustling new 'town'. The iconic Battersea Power Station, now redeveloped, has transformed this part of the capital. The school enjoys exceptional connectivity: we are within five minutes' reach of three different stations (Queenstown Road, Battersea Park, and the northern line's Battersea Power Station), served by four bus routes and we are even accessible by river!

-  Battersea Park  2 mins
-  Queenstown Road  5 mins
-  Battersea Power Station  5 mins
-  156, 344, 436, 44  1-3 mins
-  Battersea Power Station  15 mins







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*Newton Prep was  
rated 'Excellent'  
across the board  
by the Independent  
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