



Surbiton High School

Surbiton High is a school which caters for the individual. Our goal is to inspire our pupils to the best they can be.

Our Strategic Development Plan is based on three main aims: *'Learning, Leadership and Values'* and we are driven by inspiration, independence, integrity and innovation. We ensure that innovative learning is the basis for the fostering of independence and the development of sound personal values. Being innovative in our teaching and learning means encouraging our pupils and staff to value critical and creative thinking.

We promote high standards of behaviour and personal responsibility and we promote independence by giving opportunities for leadership at all levels and by supporting individuals to be capable, self-reliant and self-motivated.

In everything we do we seek to inspire our children to aim high and our superb facilities, outstanding teaching and high academic results ensure that our pupils develop the skills, attitudes and self-belief that anything is possible - ideal preparation for life beyond school.

Surbiton High School is an HMC independent day school with c.1350 pupils aged 4-18 years. Girls aged 4-11 are educated at Surbiton High Junior Girls' School, boys aged 4-11 are educated at the Boys' Prep School and girls aged 11-18 study at the Senior Girls' School.

The school was founded in 1884 in a house in Surbiton Crescent. The buildings have been greatly extended over the years and include a purpose built Junior Girls' School, the Surbiton Assembly Rooms, the Centenary building which houses twelve science laboratories, a multi-million pound suite of classrooms and art studio and a newly refurbished library and ICT suites. The Sixth Form are housed in a purpose built centre in Surbiton Crescent and the School's sports ground (some 33 acres) is located at Hinchley Wood and includes a sports pavilion, astro-turf, netball and tennis courts and sports field. The school recently acquired a five acre site adjacent to the current sports ground and plans are in place to extend facilities on both sites at Hinchley wood.

The main ages of admission are 4, 7, 11 and 16. Entry is by competitive examination held early in the Spring term. Girls from the Junior Girls' School progress naturally to the Senior School. Boys transfer to local senior schools such as Hampton, King's College, Wimbledon, Reeds School, The Royal Grammar School, Guildford, Tiffin Boys, Halliford School, Wallington Boys and Sutton Grammar School. Senior girls take up places at top universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Bristol, Durham, Exeter, Southampton, Leeds, King's College and Imperial College to take a range of subjects including Medicine, English, Psychology, Philosophy, Economics, Mathematics, French, Spanish and German.

Bursaries are available for Senior School pupils whose parents' income falls below a specified threshold. This enables the school to attract pupils from a wide range of backgrounds. Academic, Music, Sport, Art, Drama and Performing Art scholarships are available.

The curriculum is broad during Years 7-11. Core subjects at GCSE are English, English Literature, a Modern Language, Mathematics and Sciences. Most pupils study four subjects at AS and three at A2. A large number of girls complete the Extended Project and some take Open University modules.

Each year group is overseen by a Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year. All full time staff are expected to be Form Tutors and part time staff undertake Deputy Tutor roles.

There is a generous staffing ratio and all members of staff assist with extra-curricular activities of which there is an exceptionally wide range. Staff also run Enrichment sessions. This takes place each Friday afternoon and is planned to enrich a pupil's educational experience. Vertical grouping occurs with girls in Year 7 working with those in higher years.

Sport at Surbiton has an international reputation. The School boasts three Olympic hopefuls, two in gymnastics and one in skiing. Surbiton High School are national and borough champions in a range of sports including gymnastics, netball, tennis, hockey, skiing, rowing and athletics. Sports tours take place on an annual basis. This year, there is a Year 8 and 9 Netball and Hockey tour to Holland and a Senior Netball and Hockey tour of Barbados.

Music is strong at the school and the senior and junior choirs and chamber choirs are involved in a varied programme of demanding work. Drama flourishes: in the autumn of 2011 the school production, 'Bugsy Malone', took place at the Rose Theatre, Kingston upon Thames. There are many societies and trips which take place regularly along with concerts, plays and exhibitions. A large number of girls participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and expeditions to places such as Mongolia and Ecuador have taken place. During the next academic year, there will be senior expeditions to Ghana and India.

Surbiton High School is a member of the United Church Schools Trust; eleven other schools across the country, including Guildford High School and Caterham School are members of the group. Each school has its own character whilst benefitting from training for staff and ICT initiatives.

Surbiton High School has its own salary scale which is above the national scale and teaching staff belong to the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme. Lunches are provided and sons and daughters of members of staff educated at Surbiton High School receive a generous remission. The school operates a performance management scheme based on professional and personal development.

The School has a member of staff dedicated to supporting staff's professional development. There is a comprehensive whole school and individual INSET programme including support for GTP, NCL Future Leaders, NQT, Teacher Leader and MA courses in Educational Leadership through the University of Warwick. The School has a clearly developed management structure offering extensive opportunities for career development including Curriculum Leaders, Heads of Year and Co-ordinators with specific responsibilities such as Gifted and Talented, Oxbridge, Duke of Edinburgh and Expeditions.

Further details about Surbiton High School may be found on the website www.surbitonhigh.com. Enquiries by telephone to the Principal's office are welcome.

Ann Haydon
Principal