

Homefield Preparatory School

An Independent Day School for Boys Aged 4 to 13 Years



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At Homefield we pride ourselves on offering a well-rounded education for our boys. An education that nurtures the hearts, heads, and hands.

Inspiring Boys Hearts, Heads, Hands

Welcome

It is with great joy and a deep sense of honour that I have assumed the role of Head at Homefield Preparatory School. From the moment I first visited in early October 2023, I felt a warm embrace and a very real sense of purpose within this community. I am excited about the incredible journey that lies ahead.

Homefield has a rich history of academic accomplishment, but also an unwavering commitment to pastoral excellence. It is an environment that values discipline and healthy competition, whilst also encouraging creative expression and community spirit. We create a school environment that not only educates minds and fosters a lifelong love of learning, but also shapes the character of our boys, encouraging the emotional and social growth that is integral to success in all aspects of their lives. This is why we regularly refer to hearts, heads and hands, providing a well rounded and holistic education for our boys.

The boys are happy at Homefield, they go about their day smiling and having fun whilst being polite, inquisitive and curious. I am steadfast in the belief that "the boys come first." Every decision we make, every initiative we undertake, is grounded in our commitment to providing the best possible environment for the growth and happiness of the boys. Their welfare and success is ever at the forefront of our collective efforts.

Moreover, I firmly believe that a school thrives when its staff flourish, and a key component of this is an institution in which ethical and moral leadership is a lived reality. As we strive to provide the best possible learning environment for our boys, we will nurture a workplace that trains and retains our dedicated staff; supports their professional and personal growth; and encourages an environment in which integrity, empathy and a commitment to shared values form the bedrock of all our interactions.

I am proud that we are developing our curriculum to better reflect the needs of our modern society and the dynamic nature of our world, equipping our boys with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to confidently navigate future challenges and opportunities. This includes a commitment to diversity, technological literacy, and a broad understanding of global issues.

Working in partnership - Boy, Parent, School - we will continue to shape Homefield Preparatory School - a first-rate educational environment, and one which promises the utmost success and happiness for our boys, both in the present and for the future. I am excited about the incredible journey that lies ahead and welcome you to visit the school to see for yourself what an amazing place it is.

Mr A S Maismith

Head - Homefield Preparatory School

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At the heart of our educational philosophy lies a deep commitment to nurturing not only academic prowess but also compassion, empathy, and character.

"Our school community thrives on values that instil a sense of responsibility towards others and the world at large.

Hearts

We strive to develop individuals who not only excel academically but also demonstrate kindness, integrity, and a strong moral compass."

Mr A S Naismith

Pastoral

Our boys benefit greatly from the contact time they have with our dedicated pastoral team, and our vertical support structure allows us to identify and meet every boy's needs.

For pastoral support, boys have several daily points of contact with their Form Tutor. Their Head of Year is always close by to support and encourage, as is the Assistant Head (Pastoral). When 1:1 emotional wellbeing support is required, boys can have a weekly chat with a member of the inclusion team, in a session called MySpace. Our boys benefit greatly from the contact time they have with our dedicated pastoral team.

Leadership & Responsibilities

Homefield boys are confident and highly motivated, with a strong sense of moral responsibility. Throughout the school, they are given opportunities to lead and contribute to the school's progress. We have an active School Council and a range of other roles of responsibility. These boys enjoy taking an even more active role in assemblies, themed days, charity fundraising and many other events that develop their leadership skills and experiences. We recognise other accomplishments with our Homefield Hero award, alongside other tailored rewards. Whole school and house assemblies also communicate important messages and guidance to students to ensure that they are able to actively engage in their own educational journey, and confidently navigate our changing world.

Community

Character development is crucial at Homefield. Boys learn to be compassionate, respectful, resilient and well-mannered. We encourage an inquisitive nature. Our boys have the opportunity to develop these skills outside the classroom as well as inside. Outdoor learning, day trips and residential trips all support our aims and create well-rounded boys with a love of learning. Whether a boy's passion is for the science laboratory, the library, the concert hall, the chess board or the football field, we nurture and support them to ensure they are happy, confident and proud of their achievements.

Charity

Homefield is committed to being an outward facing school that supports its local community. Recently, our boys have raised money for The Children's Trust and Cherry Trees charities by running a combined marathon and donating Christmas presents. On a national scale, we have supported Guide Dogs UK and annual fundraising events such as Children In Need. At the heart of these are our generous boys and their parents, encouraged by the School Council who help organise our fundraising.

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Character Development

The Homefield community is a partnership between boys, parents, and staff, all dedicated to the shared goal of providing the very best opportunities and outcomes for each boy. The Homefield Association organises several wellattended events throughout the year, such as a quiz night, charity ball and the Christmas and Summer Fetes. Homefield School contributes to the local community by welcoming local state schools for workshops and events in sport, music, science and more, as part of our outreach programme. Each Christmas, our choir sing at a local care home and shopping centre to bring festive cheer to the local community. Homefield is a thriving hub of intellectual curiosity, where young minds are nurtured to explore, question, and learn.

"The academic journey at Homefield is designed to engage the intellect, encouraging critical thinking, problem-solving, and a passion for knowledge.

Our expert staff are committed to providing an enriching environment that stimulates intellectual growth, preparing boys for the challenges of the future."

Mr A S Naismith

Curriculum

At Homefield, our curriculum reflects the diversity of our community, fostering and incorporating inclusivity and understanding. We cultivate a love for, and of, learning by encouraging exploration and supporting various interests and talents, whether in STEAM, the sports pitch or in the written word. Our approach ensures academic success; emphasising collaboration, critical thinking, and personal growth. We believe in celebrating each boy's unique journey and we take

pride in his progress, from wherever his starting point may be. Our curriculum is designed to prepare boys for a world that values creativity and problem-solving, empowering them to make informed decisions in all aspects of life. At Homefield, every boy is valued, inspired, and challenged to reach his full potential. Welcome to a place where curiosity knows no bounds, and every journey is embraced with enthusiasm.



Assessment & Academic Success

At Homefield we believe in the power of continuous assessment to support every boy's journey towards success. Our teachers regularly review learning, using both formative and summative assessments, supported by academic department heads. We value Assessment for Learning, providing constructive feedback to foster growth and confidence.

We firmly believe in the power of partnership between educators and parents, facilitating this through book looks, regular feedback, and inviting parents to visit the school where we can in order to gain insight and clarity into their son's progress. At the end of each academic year, parents receive comprehensive reports, ensuring transparency in their son's development. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in a 100% pass rate at Common Entrance over 15 years, with 28 scholarships awarded in 2023 and 36 scholarships as of February 2024. Homefield is a place where a boy's potential is nurtured and parents valued as a partner in their child's academic journey.





Each year our boys are awarded offers to the very best Independent and State Grammar schools in London and Surrey. Education at Homefield extends beyond the confines of textbooks and classrooms. We firmly believe in the power of experiential learning, where students actively participate in hands-on activities, projects, and extracurricular pursuits.

"From science experiments to artistic endeavours, sports, and community service, our commitment to honing practical skills ensures that every boy emerges as a well-rounded individual, ready to navigate a dynamic world."

Hands

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Mr S A Naismith

Sports & Creativity

From the moment they join us in the Early Years, boys at Homefield are guided by specialist sports teachers who foster their passion for physical activity and teamwork. Our ethos revolves around inclusivity, ensuring that every student, regardless of their level, can participate enthusiastically in competitive sports. Whether they excel in team fixtures or enjoy the camaraderie, every boy is encouraged to explore their potential and embrace both success and setbacks with resilience and sportsmanship.

As prospective parents, we understand your aspirations for your son's happiness and success,

which is why we are looking to extend the provision of our sports facilities, all designed to cater to your son's sporting interests regardless of the weather.

At Homefield, we believe that a well-rounded education encompasses not only academic excellence but also a rich tapestry of active and creative experiences that ignite curiosity, foster resilience, and cultivate a sense of belonging.

Art & Music

At Homefield we're proud to offer comprehensive programs in art and music, recognising the importance of nurturing creativity alongside physical prowess. Our investment in facilities and highly qualified instructors ensures that boys have the opportunity to excel in areas such as technical drawing, technology and music composition. Through a combination of





classroom instruction and individual lessons, we aim to instil a lifelong appreciation for the arts while providing avenues for personal growth and achievement. These opportunities result in most of our boys choosing to take individual music lessons. Our boys' creative work is celebrated in displays around the school as well as concerts and competitions.

Application Process

Prospective parents are invited to come and meet the Head, for a private tour of the school and a discussion about what Homefield offers and any specific support your son may require.

Boys are invited to the school for a taster day. This is an opportunity for them to experience the school atmosphere on a normal day, participating in a wide range of engaging activities. This taster day also provides us the chance to assess your son to ensure that we are informed and prepared to provide the best educational experience possible. A registration fee is payable at this stage.

Following this, the Head may formally offer a place and parents are requested to complete the school acceptance form, review and sign the parent contract and other forms related to contact details and permissions. On acceptance of an offer, we ask for a deposit to secure his place.

Before starting your son will be invited into school for familiarisation visits, tailored to the needs of your child.

Thank you for considering Homefield for your son. If you have any questions - please give our admissions lead a call on 020 8642 0965 and select Extension #2.

APPLY NOW



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Why Homefield?

Here are some of the key judgements from our latest report:

- Excellent progress achieving at levels in advance of expectations
- Exceptionally positive attitudes to all aspects of learning
- All ages and abilities achieve high levels of knowledge
- Excellent study skills
- High levels of self-confidence, self-awareness, self-discipline and perseverance
- Excellent communicators
- Highly collaborative, supportive and encouraging
- Strong appreciation of diversity and have a pronounced respect for cultures
- A well-developed sense of right and wrong

Why is Homefield the perfect choice for your son?

- Rated Excellent in Academics and Pastoral Care by ISI (December 2021)
- Exciting curriculum specifically designed for boys
- Exceptional academic success at 11+ and 13+ (Grammar and independent school offers and scholarships)
- Depth and breadth of specialist teaching
- Happy, successful and well rounded boys
- One of the oldest boys' prep schools in England

ISI INSPECTION REPORT









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