

Newton PREP



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Aims of the school

- To ensure that every child is given opportunities to flourish and develop in all areas of school life
- To listen and respond to the pupil voice
- To celebrate and embrace difference and diversity
- To encourage every child to make their own positive contribution to the life of the School
- To prepare each child well for the range of senior school entrance examinations
- To provide a forward-thinking educational experience that equips the children for life in the future

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Welcome

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Newton Prep, a school that combines high expectations with a strong sense of warmth, community and opportunity.

At Newton, we believe that education should be both ambitious and joyful. We want every child to achieve their best academically, of course, but just as importantly, we want them to grow in confidence, develop interests that spark their curiosity, and become kind, thoughtful and grounded young people.

Ours is a co-educational environment that reflects the real world. All children learn and play together, lead and collaborate, challenge and support one another. Alongside strong academic teaching, we offer a broad and balanced curriculum, rich in music, art, drama and sport. From concerts in our Recital Hall to fixtures on the All-Weather pitch, our children are encouraged to try new things, work hard, and take pride in their progress wherever it happens.

The facilities here are genuinely impressive, but it's the energy and attitude of the children and staff that make the school special. Newton Prep is a place where ideas flow, friendships grow, and children are known, stretched and celebrated.

We take our cue from Sir Isaac Newton's own reflection: "My powers are ordinary. Only my application brings me success." That message of humility and ambition run right through our school.

I warmly encourage you to come and visit us, to see the learning in action, speak to our pupils and feel the spirit of the school for yourself.

I look forward to meeting you,



GRAEME MCCAFFERTY, 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.

“Newton Prep’s Curriculum provision is a significant strength”

Only 11.6% of schools are reported to have received a significant strength.

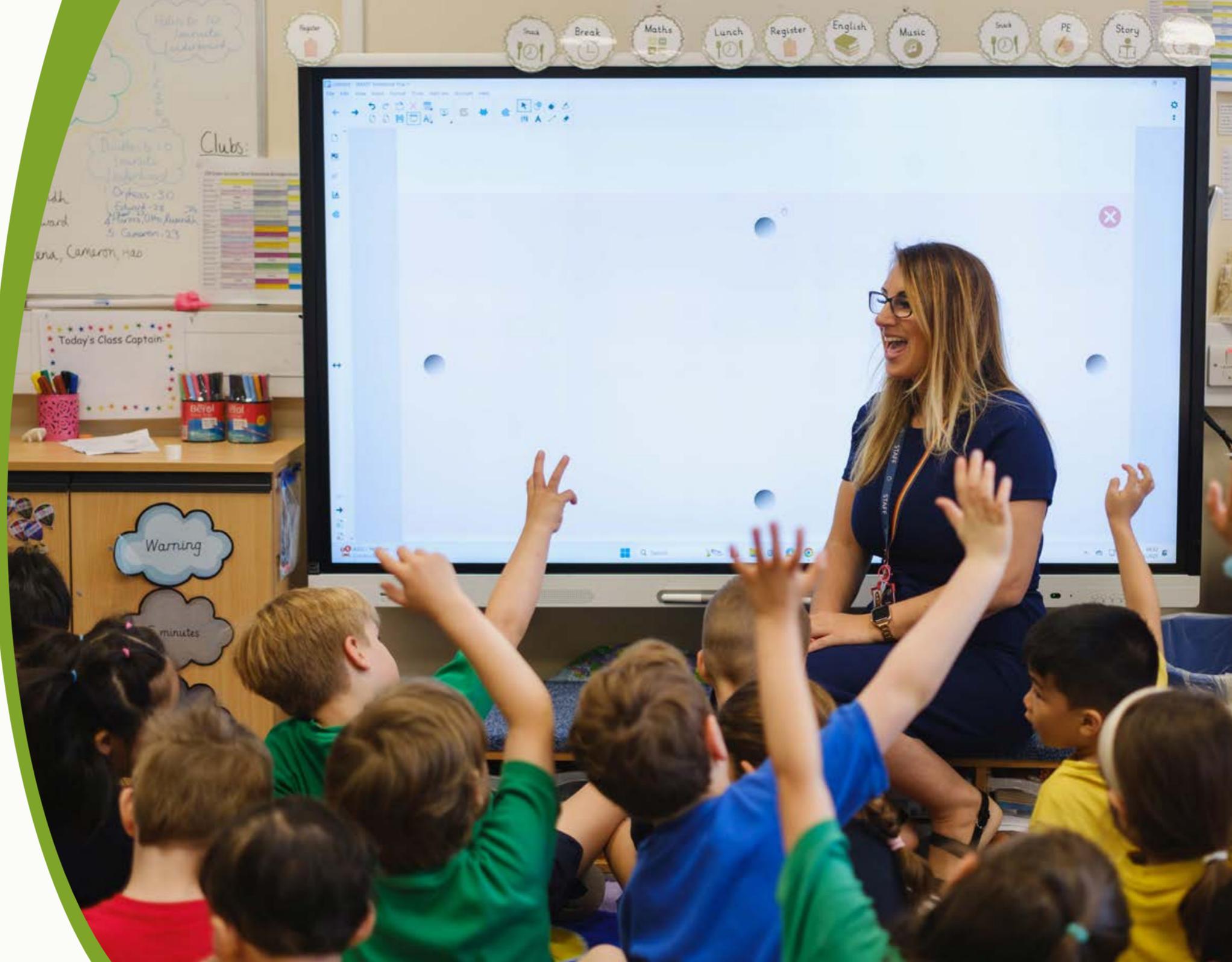


EYFS

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.

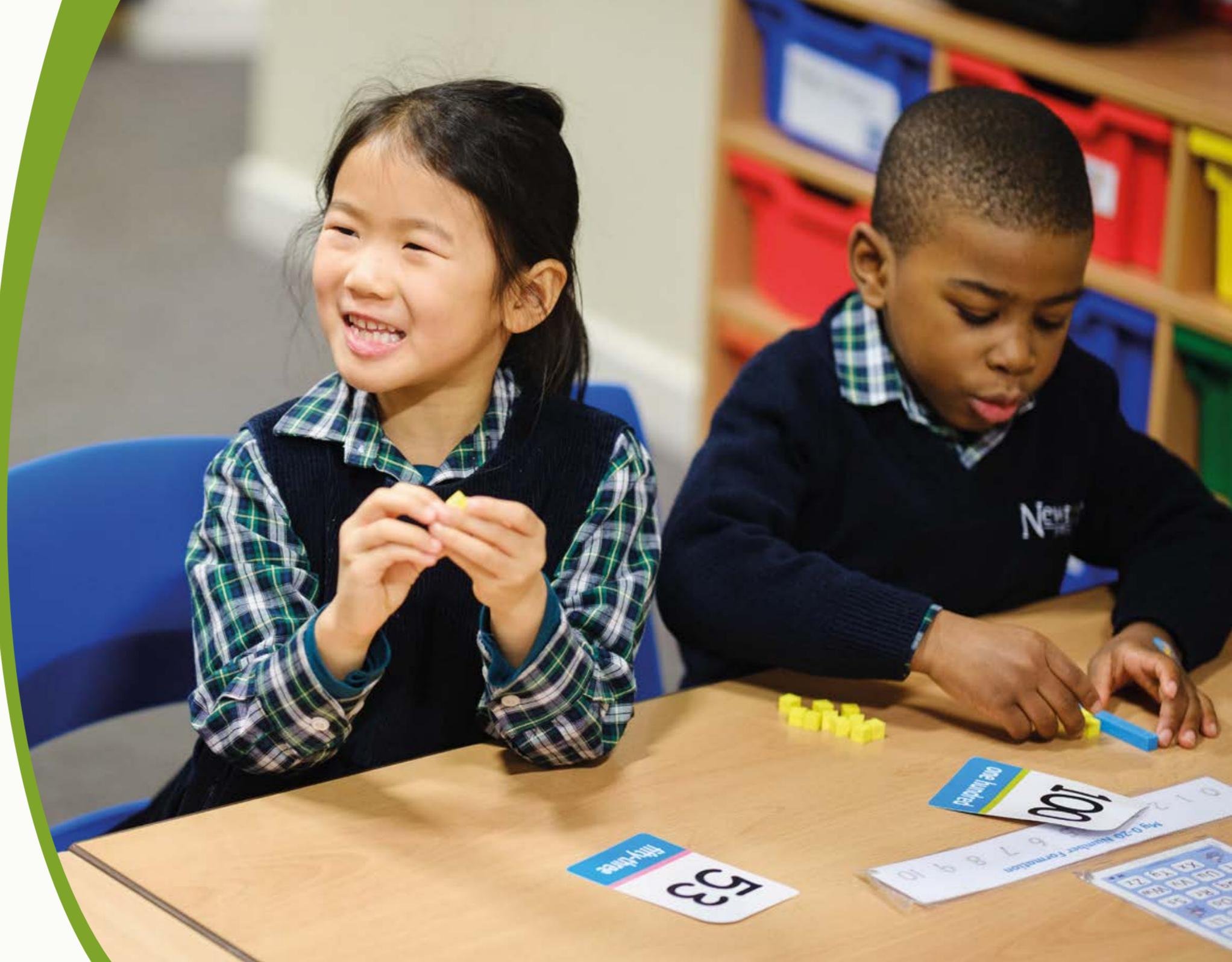
Further information about the admissions journey can be found on page 26.



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



TERRACE

SHADED ORCHARD

ALL-WEATHER PITCH

GARDEN

ALL-WEATHER PITCH

LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

MAIN ENTRANCE & RECEPTION

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.

Newton Prep in numbers

19

visiting music teachers



44

languages spoken by our pupils



43

scholarships offered to 2025 leavers



300

seater auditorium



150+

co-curricular clubs



600

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

NURSERY

- Each year we admit 48 children (two classes of 24)
- Children must have had their third birthday before 1st 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 1st 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





To book a tour, please contact the Head of Admissions on admissions@newtonprep.co.uk or visit newtonprepschool.co.uk/admissions

*“Curriculum
provision is a
significant strength
of the school”*

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