

fast-paced world, girls need more than examination results alone; and the Thinking Skills and Emotional Resilience programmes encourage girls out of their comfort zone, and provide them with the tools and techniques to face potential challenges with confidence and self-assertiveness. The college ensures that each child feels happy, secure and valued, and it works hard to ensure that having fun and making friends for life are integral parts of a Northwood College education. Being a member of the GDST means that the teachers benefit from the best facilities, resources and training; and that each girl can participate in a host of academic, leadership and career workshops, scholarships, awards and prizes.

**Head:** Mrs Zara Hubble;  
[northwoodcollege.gdst.net](http://northwoodcollege.gdst.net)  
**Ages:** 3-18  
**Boys/Girls/Co-ed:** Girls  
**Admissions:** Mrs Jemma Davidson, [admissions@nwo.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@nwo.gdst.net), 01923 845007

friends and learn in a safe setting. The school won the ISA award for Outstanding Provision in STEM for 2016/17 and Year 6 leavers get into the best secondary schools in the country. Children from Year 3 upwards and some of the Year 2s have access to their own tablets, and for a London school, it an unusual amount of outdoor space with an Astro Turf pitch and play areas. Pupils are encouraged



to play chess from Year 1 and it becomes part of the school day from Year 3 upwards. Parsons Green competes against other schools in sports matches and tournaments, and children can learn a wide range of musical instruments.

**Head:** Mr Tim Cannell;  
[parsonsgreenprep.co.uk](http://parsonsgreenprep.co.uk)  
**Ages:** 4-11  
**Boys/Girls/Co-ed:** Co-ed  
**Admissions contact:** [admissions@parsonsgreenprep.co.uk](mailto:admissions@parsonsgreenprep.co.uk); 020 7610 8085  
 • *The next Open Day is 6 October from 9.30am.*

**PIPERS CORNER SCHOOL**  
 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

At Pipers Corner, the staff aim to know each girl as an individual, and identify, develop and support her talents and strengths. In this nurturing and encouraging environment, personal development is as important as academic success and every girl is stretched as much outside



as inside the classroom. The school offers exceptional pastoral care, an extensive range of extra-curricular activities and small class sizes. Facilities include an arts centre with a 280-seat theatre and café, sports hall, swimming pool and triple-court astro. The girls progress to further study at Oxbridge and other top universities or specialist dance, drama and music colleges. 11+ Scholarships (Academic, Art, Drama, Music and PE) are available for entry into the Senior School. Means-tested bursaries are available up to a maximum of 100% of fees (including any Scholarship Award). There is a limited number of Sixth Form Scholarships available at 16+.

**Head:** Mrs Helen Ness-Gifford;  
[piperscorner.co.uk](http://piperscorner.co.uk)  
**Ages:** 4-18  
**Boys/Girls/Co-ed:** Girls  
**Admissions contact:** 01494 718255, [registrar@piperscorner.co.uk](mailto:registrar@piperscorner.co.uk)

**PUTNEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
 LONDON

Putney High School is one of the UK's leading schools, with a reputation for academic excellence alongside outstanding opportunity and care. The school wants girls to have a voice; to take ownership in all aspects of their school life. The ability to think independently, to argue persuasively and to analyse critically is central. Pupils are equipped with an 'intellectual agility' to discuss, to challenge what they hear and read, to try out their own ideas and to pursue the wellbeing system underpins every aspect of life at school and focuses on knowing the individual.

**Head:** Mrs Suzie Longstaff;  
[putneyhigh.gdst.net](http://putneyhigh.gdst.net)  
**Ages:** 4-18  
**Boys/Girls/Co-ed:** Girls  
**Admissions contact:** [putneyhigh@put.gdst.net](mailto:putneyhigh@put.gdst.net)



**QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL**  
 BERKSHIRE

Queen Anne's School is an independent boarding and day school for girls aged 11-18, renowned for academic success alongside outstanding pastoral care and an award-winning Sixth Form centre. The Independent Schools Inspectorate recently rated the school as 'excellent' for both academic achievements and personal development. The 2017 inspection found that 'Queen Anne's School pupils are educated to a high level in accordance with the school's aim to promote excellence in all areas of education'. Students excel and achieve at the school through first-class teaching, clinics, extra-curricular and pastoral care. The opportunities offered will enable girls to discover their passions and achieve in all areas. Alongside academic, Queen Anne's School offer scholarships in art, drama, sport, music and all-round for entry at 11+, 13+ and Sixth



Form. Scholarships are based on merit to encourage the promotion of excellence across all aspects of school life.

**Head:** Mrs Julia Harrington,  
[qas.org.uk](http://qas.org.uk)  
**Ages:** 11-18  
**Boys/Girls/Co-ed:** Girls  
**Admissions contact:** Mrs Rachel Wright, 0118 918 7333, [admissions@qas.org.uk](mailto:admissions@qas.org.uk),  
 • *Open Mornings are on 15 September and 16 November.*



**PARSONS GREEN PREP SCHOOL**  
 LONDON

The school ethos is that how a child learns is as important as what a child learns. Parsons Green has a happy and secure environment where children can have fun, make

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