

Burntwood School

Established in 1985, Burntwood School has a proud ethos that every student should benefit from a rich, broad and balanced curriculum, which develops and nurtures intellectual curiosity, creativity and resilience. Excellent teaching and a commitment to a rigorous academic curriculum means that there is a culture of excellence at the school which ensures that every student can succeed and is confidently prepared for the next stage of education.

They are committed to fostering students' ambition and recognise that students must be given every opportunity to maximise their potential. Helen Shorrock told **Families**: "We believe in creating opportunities for young people by providing an excellent educational experience which both instils core academic skills and knowledge as well as developing creativity and individuality. This is reflected in our 5 Cs, Character, Curriculum, Creativity, Community and Commitment that are at the heart of our ethos."

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Suzie Longstaff appointed Principal of the new London Park School

Suzie Longstaff is joining Dukes Education as Principal of the new London Park School. Currently Head of Putney High School, GDST, Suzie will be the founding Principal of London Park School, eventually establishing a new centre of excellence across a number of central London sites north and south of the river, and a London Park Sixth Form in Belgravia.

London Park School (LPS) will provide an outstanding, innovative, forward-thinking education for 21st century students. Pupil wellbeing, character education, financial literacy, sustainability and SEND provision will be central to the LPS ethos, plus extraordinary experiences will be on offer to students, aimed at bringing learning alive, such as immersive



programmes in marine conservation at sea and global climate science in the Alps. Founded in 2015, Dukes Education is a family of 45 nurseries, schools and colleges based in the UK.

Whitgift School

Whitgift is day and boarding school for boys aged 10-18 years old and winner of Independent School of the Year in 2020. Located in a serene parkland site, it has exceptional academic standards, a comprehensive pastoral support structure and a broad and vibrant co-curricular programme all complemented by outstanding on-site facilities. Through its generous bursary and scholarship scheme, Whitgift educates boys from a range of social backgrounds, producing highly accomplished, grounded, and community-minded young men. See the school Open days in our listing pages 16 and 17.

www.whitgift.co.uk



Parsons Green Prep rated Excellent in all areas

Parsons Green Prep is delighted to announce that the school has been rated Excellent in all areas of its 2022 ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) inspection. Following two years of Covid-19 and the disruption the entire education sector faced, this is an extraordinary achievement.

Here are a few of the quotes in the report:

"Pupils have excellent attitudes to learning. They show great pride in their achievements. Pupils work extremely effectively together. Their collaborative skills are highly developed."

"Leadership and management are effective in promoting a culture of pro-active and empowering learning, where excellent effort is positively celebrated."

Incoming Head Dr Pamela Edmonds (starting September 2022) comments: "To achieve the highest judgement of 'Excellent' for the pupils' achievements and for pupils' personal development is an outcome that will come as no surprise to the Parsons Green Prep community. I am excited to lead the school from this exceptional platform of success."

SCHOOL NEWS



New Headmistress for Eaton House

Eaton House Schools, which include a record 30 Scholarships, Awards and Exhibitions, is delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Claire Fildes as the new Headmistress of Eaton House The Manor Girls' School. Mrs Fildes will take up her post from September 2022.

Mrs Fildes has been the Deputy Head at Bute House for five years. Prior to this, she was at Kings House School in Richmond where she was Director of Teaching and Learning. She was educated at the University of Southampton and holds a Bachelor of Education.

"I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new Headmistress," says Mrs Fildes. "I knew from my first visit that this was a school with extraordinary charm and an infectious energy which comes from the girls. One of the most important things for me was the strong pastoral care here at Eaton House, as I am passionate about mental health and wellbeing. The warmth, the friendliness, the buzz around school were immediately tangible."

Eaton House The Manor Girls' School takes girls from age 4-11yrs and is based in Clapham. www.eatonhouseschools.com



Parsons Green Prep is an independent day school in London for 200 boys and girls from 4 to 11 years of age. www.parsonsgreenprep.co.uk

Meet THE head

Sponsored feature

Dr Pamela Edmonds Head Parsons Green Prep

Following extensive teaching and leadership experience in London, internationally, as head of St Cedd's School and, more recently, The Hampshire School Chelsea, which received the highest rating of 'Excellent' from ISI in May 2022, Dr Pamela Edmonds joins Parsons Green Prep (PGP) as head in September 2022.



Q. How would the students describe you?

I would wish pupils to describe me as approachable, fair and kind. Someone who cares deeply about their wellbeing, is interested in what sparks their curiosity, acknowledges their opinions and acts to ensure that their ambitious aims are met across the breadth of academic, sporting, music and co-curricular activities.

Q. What was it about the school that made you want to apply for the position?

As a head, I was drawn to the school's ethos and embedded values: recognising the potential, talents and achievements of each child, providing opportunity for all to flourish, encouraging a supportive family ethos and maximising the benefits of personalised education. I knew I wanted to lead a stand-alone, independent London prep school which values as much as I do the importance of the wellbeing of all members of the community as the foundation of successful learning and achievement. PGP's 2022 ISI inspection report captures this approach and the excellence witnessed every day by members of the school community.

Q. How do you think a head teacher can make a difference to an individual student?

A head teacher can make fundamental differences to each individual pupil in a myriad of ways, not least by establishing a school culture, underpinned by the school's core values, which empowers everyone to be the best they can be. We have a responsibility to enable pupils to develop the skills, emotional intelligence, Growth Mindset and knowledge of how to learn for an ever-changing, globally interdependent world. PGP's strong emphasis on English, maths and science is enhanced by



a robust STEAM programme to fulfil this objective. Securing first choice senior school places for all our 11+ leavers is a top priority and, as an experienced London Head, I have close links with the Heads of senior schools and extensive knowledge of the changing landscape of London and regional admissions processes.

Q. What is your best impression, so far, of Parsons Green Prep?

Walking the corridors of the school during my many visits, I could not help but notice the tangible sense of vitality, endeavour, curiosity and creativity as happy children, of all ages, embraced the learning opportunities presented to them by teaching staff who clearly love, and are invested in, going the extra mile for the pupils in their care. The school's distinctive character, often described as a village school in London, is as local and diverse as London itself and creates a family feel that leaves a lasting, incredibly positive, impression. I could not have had a warmer welcome.



Q. What are you most looking forward to about your role?

I am honoured to be appointed as the next Head of PGP. I look forward to getting to know the pupils, staff and parents in the months ahead and to building on the excellent foundations of teaching and learning through an exciting, broad and vibrant curriculum that will continue to maximise pupils' attainment as they strive to achieve their absolute best. Parsons Green Prep has an exciting future ahead and I am thrilled to be a part of it.

Join Dr Edmonds, the staff and pupils at Parsons Green Prep School for their next **Open Day on Saturday 24 September at 9.30am**. To book a place or arrange an individual tour, please contact us by email at admissions@parsonsgreenprep.co.uk or by telephone on 020 7610 8085. A warm welcome awaits. To find out more about Parsons Green Prep visit the website www.parsonsgreenprep.co.uk

