

BEECHWOOD PARK SCHOOL



NURSERY



JUNIOR



MIDDLE



SENIOR

NURTURE • ENGAGE • INSPIRE



WELCOME

TO BEECHWOOD PARK SCHOOL



Welcome to our prospectus, which will provide you with a sense of how we nurture, engage and inspire our pupils, establishing in them the skills which will prepare them for a future life and love of learning.

Beechwood Park believes in the transformative effect of an excellent preparatory education; children stand (run, jump, dance, act, sing, and perform!) right at the centre of our thinking and of our decision-making. Our staff, parents and

governors work together to develop confidence and independence in our young people as the bedrock of future achievement.

Beechwood Park provides children with a safe and happy learning environment in which they enjoy building friendships for life and use their innate creativity, curiosity and confidence.

Our highly-qualified and experienced teaching staff encourage children to be active learners, to take increasing ownership of their studies, learning the confidence and independence to find inspiration in a broad range of educational experiences in and out of the classroom.

Our unrivalled extra-curricular programme provides further opportunities to perform in sport, music, drama and engage with our innovative outdoor Forest Schools programme. Our sports hall, indoor heated swimming pool complex, surrounding park and woodland provide further spaces for children to explore.

I hope that you enjoy reading about our wonderful School and come to see us in action.

Edward Balfour
Headmaster

From the brand new *Woodlands Nursery* through to the senior years, our education layers solid foundations on which children can build future learning and skills.





“Our son has positively thrived as a result of the increased opportunities and challenges available to him in Year 3.”

CURRENT PARENT



WELCOME TO THE MIDDLE DEPARTMENT

Children join the Middle Department in Year 3 building on their experiences in the Junior Department. The children stay in the same classes as they make their transition through from Year 2 to Year 3 and as they move into the Middle Department, they enjoy greater freedoms and responsibilities.

Our philosophy is that if children are happy and settled in their School lives, they will want to achieve their best in class, they will participate enthusiastically in a wide range of sport, music, drama and Forest School activities and will contribute strongly to the broader community. In Years 4 and 5, they further broaden their horizons, defining themselves in the wider context of their year group and the Middle Department.





Boarding is a popular choice for children from Year 5 upwards, encouraging greater independence and self-reliance in a familiar, friendly and social environment. Once homework and music practice are over, boarders share special evenings such as the Boarders' Feast, fire-side Christmas carols, Murder Mystery evenings and trips out of School. What could be better than a School with sleep-overs!



NURTURE

The *Beechwood Park* Values provide a defined pastoral framework in which children can develop a strong moral compass.

The house system enables children to work together with older children and to develop a house allegiance and identity. They keenly await the announcement of their house-points totals in assemblies!



Beechwood Park's Values:	
Appreciation	Humility
Aspiration	Inclusiveness
Conscientiousness	Kindness
Cooperation	Perseverance
Courtesy	Respect
Forgiveness	Responsibility
Friendship	Supportiveness
Honesty	Thankfulness





“Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.”

W.B. YEATS



ENGAGE AND INSPIRE

Your child's form tutor teaches the majority of lessons in Years 3 and 4. By Year 5, subject specialists deliver most of the curriculum.

Our uniquely child-centred approach provides children with the confidence to speak and to be listened to. As their confidence and independence grow, they learn to engage more profoundly with the whole breadth of our educational provision, bringing their own characters to bear in all that they do and inspiring us with their creativity.

“Our son is extremely happy at *Beechwood Park*. We are pleased with his progress so far this term, and his take up of the opportunities that the school offers. The "can do" attitude of the staff is fantastic and much appreciated!”

CURRENT PARENT



We seek to light a spark in every pupil, to see their passion and engagement grow, to see them develop an excitement in learning. It is wonderful to see confidence, independence and character evolve.

Our emphasis is on participation and enjoyment, as they engage in their learning, and harness their curiosity, creativity and independence of thought. Our broad curriculum promotes a genuine excitement about learning.

Children participate in live performance – in lessons, assemblies, in creative arts and poetry presentations, and larger-scale drama productions.

Effective learning extends well beyond the classroom. Children in the Middle Department enjoy a wealth of enrichment opportunities through our impressively broad and varied programme of extra-curricular activities, outings, visits, workshops and competitions, culminating in Year 5's residential trip to the Isle of Wight.



NEXT STAGE

By the end of Year 5, our aim is that every child is an active and independent learner, an excellent role model for younger pupils and that they are looking forward to the opportunities of the Senior Department.

“Our daughter has loved every moment of her time in the Middle Department. We are so proud of the happy and confident individual that she has become.”
CURRENT PARENT

LOCATION

Beechwood Park School is located minutes from Harpenden, St Albans, Redbourn, Berkhamsted, Luton, Dunstable and Hemel Hempstead.

Our coach service offers routes to a wide range of locations.

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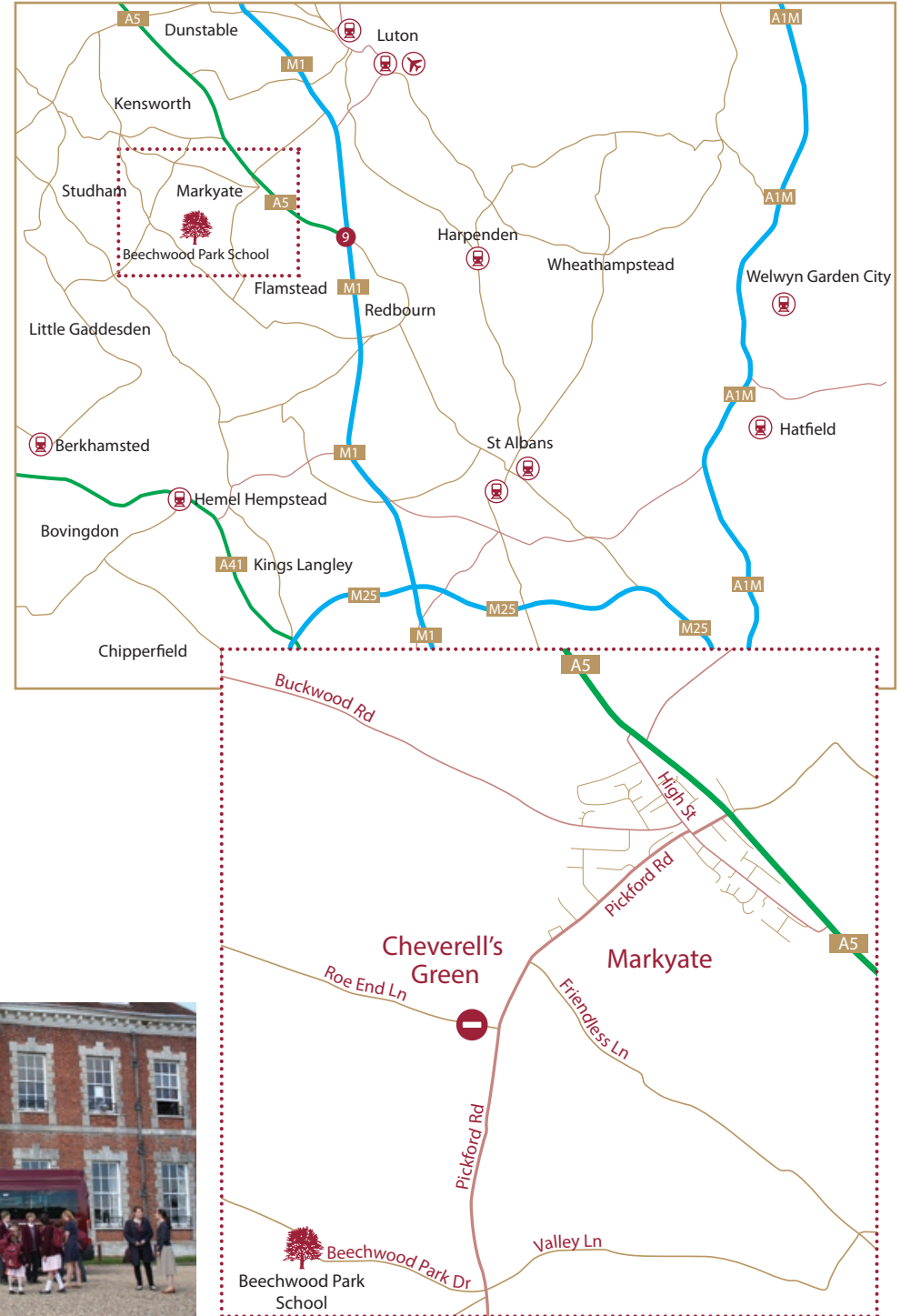
Direct train service:
St Albans to London St Pancras - 18 minutes
Harpenden to London St Pancras - 25 minutes
Luton Airport Parkway to London - 24 minutes



M1 (junction 9) - 5 minutes
Harpenden - 15 minutes
St Albans - 20 minutes
Berkhamsted - 20 minutes



London Luton - 15 minutes





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