

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.





WELCOME TO THE SENIOR DEPARTMENT

Pupils enter the Senior Department in Year 6, a year earlier than in most other schools. Here they enjoy senior school-style teaching, for one year if they go on to 11+ schools or for three years if they move on at 13+.

Subject specialist teachers deliver a broad curriculum and senior pupils enjoy much greater detail and depth in their studies.

The form tutor is the key point of contact and small tutor groups allow for more personalised pastoral support.

Every year, new Year 7 pupils join us for the final two year Common Entrance programme, through which we prepare children for admission to a wide variety of 13+ day and boarding schools.





NURTURE

The sixteen School Values lie at the heart of our community, providing a bedrock of good discipline and supportive care.

These values create a community which focusses on positive behaviour, allowing pupils to think for themselves, to act responsibly and cultivate a clear moral compass.

The Senior Department encourages leadership and responsibility. Senior pupils love reaching the top of the School, taking on leadership roles such as House Captain and Head of School. Our *Leadership Through Service* programme provides further opportunities for leadership development.

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



Boarding is a popular option in the senior years promoting independence and confidence. The boarding house operates four nights per week and introduces pupils to all the opportunities that boarding offers; camaraderie, adventure and fun!

“The boarding experience has been incredible for my three children in developing independence away from home.”

FORMER PARENT





“The *Beechwood Park* library is a magical place. How could you not be inspired?”

CURRENT PARENT



The many opportunities available in the Senior Department give pupils the chance to make the most of their talents whether through creative clubs and activities or through sport.

Whether elite sportsmen and women or just enthusiasts, pupils have access to a wide range of sports. In addition to football, rugby, cricket, netball, hockey and rounders, the *Sport for All* programme provides further opportunities for proficiency in sailing, fencing, martial arts and table tennis.



ENGAGE AND INSPIRE

A tangible buzz of excitement resounds in the Senior Department. Energy exudes from every classroom, from the sports field, the stage, the music school and beyond.

Senior Department pupils learn in small classes taught by subject specialists and heads of department who are passionate about their subjects. The School encourages active and characterful engagement, where pupils respond in truly inspiring ways.



“Thank you for a wonderful choirs’ concert. As a parent, I really appreciate that you provide the children with many more skills than simply singing. The performances are truly wonderful.”

CURRENT PARENT



“Have Fun, Work Hard, Get Better!”

BEECHWOOD PARK SCHOOL SPORTS’
DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

"Having attended Beechwood for 8 years, it is really clear to us that the words 'preparatory school' do not do justice to the excellent grounding that we feel our son has had."

FORMER PARENT



NEXT STAGE

As a stand-alone preparatory school with no single senior school attached, we help you to choose the best senior school for your child, assisting with applications and entrance exam preparation. We have excellent relationships with senior schools locally and further afield. Many of our pupils move on to these schools with scholarships.

All our Year 8 pupils sit either 13+ Common Entrance exams or complete extended scholarship assessments. They lead at the top of the School with a sense of pride. They move on well-prepared for the adventures that their senior schools offer, but will always be *Beechwood Park* pupils at heart.

Typical 11+ and 13+ destination schools:

St Albans School, St Albans High School, Bedford, Berkhamsted, Haberdashers' Aske's (Boys and Girls), Haileybury, Merchant Taylors', Queenswood, St Columba's, Uppingham, Abbot's Hill, Harrow, Oundle, Rugby, Aldenham, Aylesbury Grammar, Aylesbury High, Roundwood Park, St George's, Sir John Lawes.



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

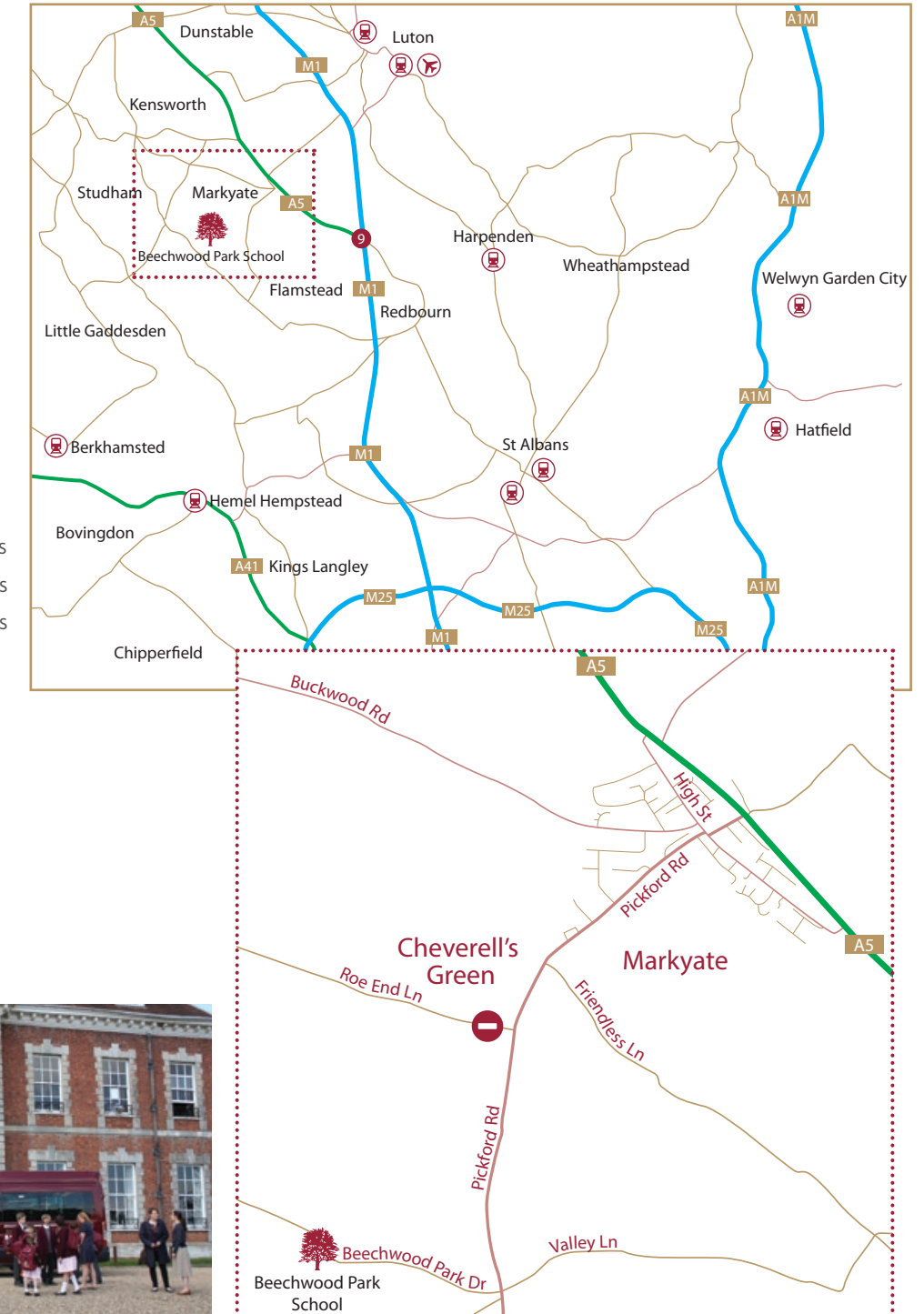
Harpenden - 15 minutes

St Albans - 20 minutes

Berkhamsted - 20 minutes



London Luton - 15 minutes





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