

# Prospectus

Years 7 to 13



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## North Bridge House Senior Canonbury



## Introduction from the Head

At North Bridge House Senior Canonbury we are dedicated to providing our students with an outstanding education and to developing happy, confident young adults with the skills to become future leaders. We maintain small class sizes, allowing us to tailor our teaching to support every child within our diverse community.

We believe that in order to maximise our students' potential we must understand their adolescent academic and personal needs. As experts continue to shed light on teenage learning patterns and brain development, we strive to effectively harness this research in progressing our students' academic achievement. Our work with the Teenage Sleep Foundation and Dr Paul Kelley from the University of Oxford has led us to introduce a later start time for our Sixth Formers, whilst Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore and Teenage Mental Health champion, Johnny Benjamin, have informed our pupil support programme.

Our team of specialist and dedicated teachers, drawn from prestigious university backgrounds and with experience at some of the country's leading schools, provide the inspiration our pupils need to realise their academic goals. The focus on academic success is complemented by first class pastoral care and attention to the learning needs of each individual child.

Like all schools across the North Bridge House group, we offer a broad range of activities which enhance our pupils' learning and constitute an integral part of our overall educational offering. More than simply 'extra-curricular' provision, our timetabled enrichment programme develops transferable skills and interests, with activities varying from Mandarin to Yoga. We also host regular 'World of Work' events whereby students get to hear from – and question – specialists from a range of industries.

Whether your son or daughter is looking for Year 7 or Year 12 entry, our provision is built upon a commitment to understanding and meeting the needs of the individual. For a real insight into what North Bridge House Senior Canonbury has to offer I encourage families to visit our vibrant school. Our teachers are always happy to discuss our provision and identify how we can provide the very best all-round education for your son or daughter.

**Jonathan Taylor**

Head Teacher, North Bridge House Senior Canonbury



*“Students achieve exceptionally well. They are well settled in the school and eager to learn. They respond well to challenge and expect to work hard because teachers' highly effective planning engages them fully in an extensive range of activities.”*

Ofsted, 2015



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## About North Bridge House

Founded in 1939, North Bridge House offers an independent, mixed ability co-education, challenging and inspiring girls and boys throughout every stage of their school career. Across five North London school sites, we successfully prepare happy pupils for every milestone, with specialist expertise at each school stage – from the important early years through to the challenging teenage ones.

All staff members across the North Bridge House group are dedicated to our three brand pillars: 1. Knowing the individual, 2. Fostering academic excellence, 3. Cultivating character and promoting wellbeing. At whichever school stage families join North Bridge House, we pride ourselves on really getting to know each individual pupil on their journey from Nursery through to Sixth Form. It is only through knowing the individual that we can truly help each child to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally.

## North Bridge House Senior Canonbury

North Bridge House Senior Canonbury, rated 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted, is located just minutes away from Islington's vibrant Upper Street and caters for students aged 11 to 18. From our academically rigorous curriculum and wide range of enrichment opportunities to our focus on understanding pupils' needs, we ensure each of our students are prepared to navigate their way in a globally competitive future.

Our Grade II listed building is over 500 years old, magnificently restored to provide a unique schooling experience. Characterised by its original Tudor architecture, North Bridge House Senior Canonbury provides contemporary teaching facilities with spacious, well-equipped classrooms and specialist spaces for Science, Art, Music and Drama (the striking King Edward's Hall).



## 'Outstanding' Ofsted Report Highlights

The headteacher and senior leaders have established a firm foundation for the highest standards and expectations for the academic and personal development of students. All staff aspire to this ethos and together they have created an inspirational team whose work is exemplary.

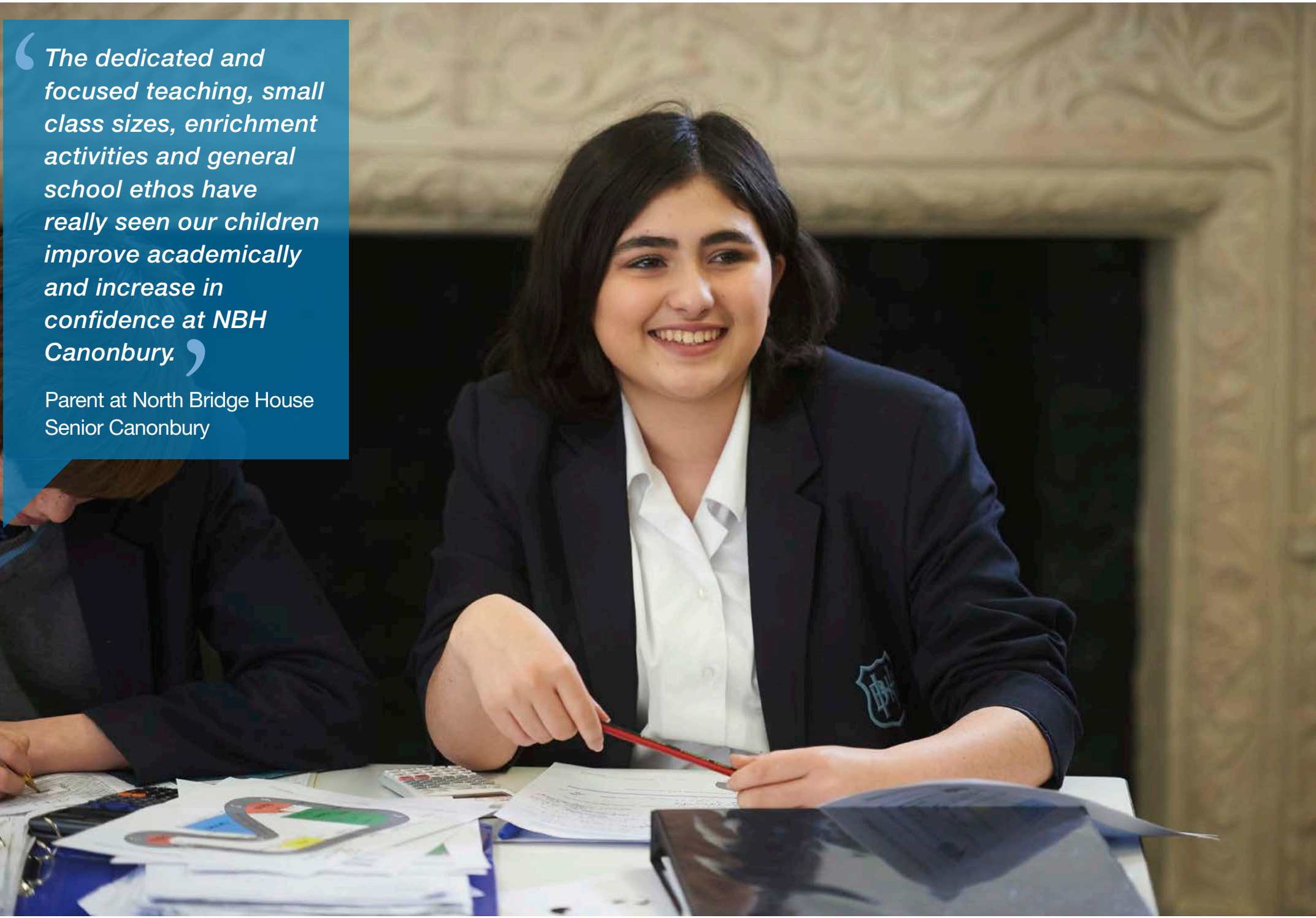
Teachers have excellent subject knowledge. Teachers' expertise and skill ensures that students build effectively on previous knowledge so that they make consistently rapid progress.

Students sustain outstanding levels of behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. They know what is expected of them and respond extremely well.

Relationships between staff and students and between students themselves are highly positive and contribute well to students' learning. As one student said, 'We are treated like adults and so we are able to work well with teachers.'

Consistently outstanding support encourages students' self-confidence and self-esteem so that they make rapid progress from their starting points.





*The dedicated and focused teaching, small class sizes, enrichment activities and general school ethos have really seen our children improve academically and increase in confidence at NBH Canonbury.*

Parent at North Bridge House Senior Canonbury



## Curriculum

We provide each year group with specialist subject options to complement a balanced core curriculum, with all students partaking in additional weekly enrichment lessons. As students move through the school and refine their curriculum choices to achieve greater specialism and depth of study, Sixth Formers continue to benefit from PSHE and Games lessons, but are only assessed in their selected A-Level courses.

The table below indicates the subjects available to study in Years 7 to 9 and at GCSE and A-Level\*:

Lower School	Middle School	Sixth Form
Art	Art	Art
Biology	Biology	Biology
Chemistry	Chemistry	Chemistry
Computing	Computing	Economics
Drama	Drama	English Literature
English	English	Extended Project Qualification
French	French	French
Geography	Geography	Further Mathematics
History	History	Geography
Latin	Latin	Government & Politics
Mandarin	Mandarin	History
Mathematics	Mathematics	Mandarin
Music	Music	Mathematics
PE	PE	Photography
Physics	Physics	Physics
PSHE	PSHE	Psychology
Spanish	Spanish	Spanish

\* subject to appropriate student numbers at A-Level



## Extra-Curricular

Extra-curricular life is an important part of our ethos at North Bridge House Senior Canonbury. Outside of the formal curriculum we create opportunities and experiences that stimulate, challenge and develop the individual, as well as enhance their university and job applications. Our broad co-curricular offering grows students into confident, well-rounded young adults, with a sense of community and a wide skill set for the ever-changing global job market.

As well as encouraging hobbies and interests, we aim to inspire students with insights into a range of professions. Our series of 'World of Work' events enables students to explore potential career interests and supports them in their choice of work experience. The lecture programme features speakers from varying workplaces and is designed to educate students, expanding their horizons and allowing them to make informed choices about their professional development and academic pathway. Pupils have the opportunity to question professionals on personal experiences, challenges and successes, increasing their understanding of the demands of different industries.

Designed to prepare students for modern day society, our extra-curricular provision is structured around self-discipline, team work and leadership. Activities range from the Young Enterprise Programme, in which pupils learn the value of entrepreneurship as they design and pitch their products to investors, to the highly rewarding Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Every year, pupils embark on the Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke Award DofE programmes with the help and support of our specially trained staff. The various Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition and Residential (Gold Award only) sections challenge pupils beyond the classroom, developing strength of character and transferable life skills, which are sought after in higher education and employment. Our students enjoy working both independently and as part of a group, growing themselves within the community as they gain recognition for their outreach work.





## After School Clubs & Enrichment

From Year 7 up to and including Year 13, our pupils choose from a variety of activities in their weekly timetabled Enrichment lessons, including:

Astronomy	LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) Award
Chess	London Book Club
Creative writing	Mandarin
Glee Club	School Band
Italian	Spanish
Judo	Sport

Furthermore, our range of after school clubs vary each term to provide a wide choice of team sports, creative and performing arts, music and language lessons. The variety of activities builds on the curriculum and offers new fields to explore, alongside practice and rehearsals for match games, concerts and theatre productions.

## Pastoral Care

We are committed to supporting students in all areas of school life, building their confidence and self-esteem to, in turn, further their academic achievement. Our school counsellor provides a confidential drop in centre which students can use at their own discretion, whilst form tutors foster strong relationships with pupils in their everyday care. Form tutors also deliver a structured SMSC (spiritual, moral, social and cultural) programme and PSHE lessons every week, tailored to each year group and including a series of lectures from guest speakers.

Our thriving house system is a large part of school life, uniting all teachers and students in a variety of competitions, assemblies and themed lunches, and creating a strong support network throughout the whole school.

Head of House and prefect systems present leadership opportunities to pupils of all ages and enable our student body to have an input into the effective running of the School. Sixth Form role models also have the chance to guide and support younger pupils as part of our mentoring programme, which adds to the great sense of community throughout all year groups.





## Sport

At North Bridge House Senior Canonbury we offer an interesting and exciting range of sports to appeal to the individual aspirations of our pupils, both within and beyond the curriculum. From court games such as tennis and netball to the varied terrains of skating and trampolining, we provide students with as many sporting opportunities as possible.

PE lessons are compulsory, enhancing the physical and emotional well-being of students, and take place within timetabled games afternoons. From Key Stage 3 up to and including Sixth Form, all students enjoy games sessions on a weekly basis. Lessons are then supplemented by a variety of extra-curricular sports clubs and teams, which offer pupils the opportunity to develop their interests at a more advanced or competitive level.

Our sports programme is designed to enable all students to develop new and existing skills, become fitter, more self-motivated and to feel safe within each area of study. As well as promoting strength and self-discipline we focus on the importance of teamwork through a range of group games, in which pupils learn to appreciate both their own and their peers' contributions. We further encourage students to participate in as many of the extra-curricular clubs and training sessions as possible, so they build on important life skills such as determination and commitment.

Given our prime location we are keen to make use of all the great facilities in the local area and build on our existing links with the community. Consequently, we use our own impressive King Edward's Hall for some activities, whilst the majority of sports take place off-site at destinations easily reached on foot or by school bus. Our programme of sports includes:

### **Highbury Fields**

Netball, Rounders, Tennis and Touch Rugby

### **West Reservoir**

Sailing

### **Paradise Park/Rosemary Gardens Astro**

Football

### **Sobell Centre**

Badminton, Basketball, Gymnastics, Ice-Skating, Squash, Trampolining and Volleyball

### **Parliament Hill**

Athletics

### **King Edward's Hall, Senior Canonbury**

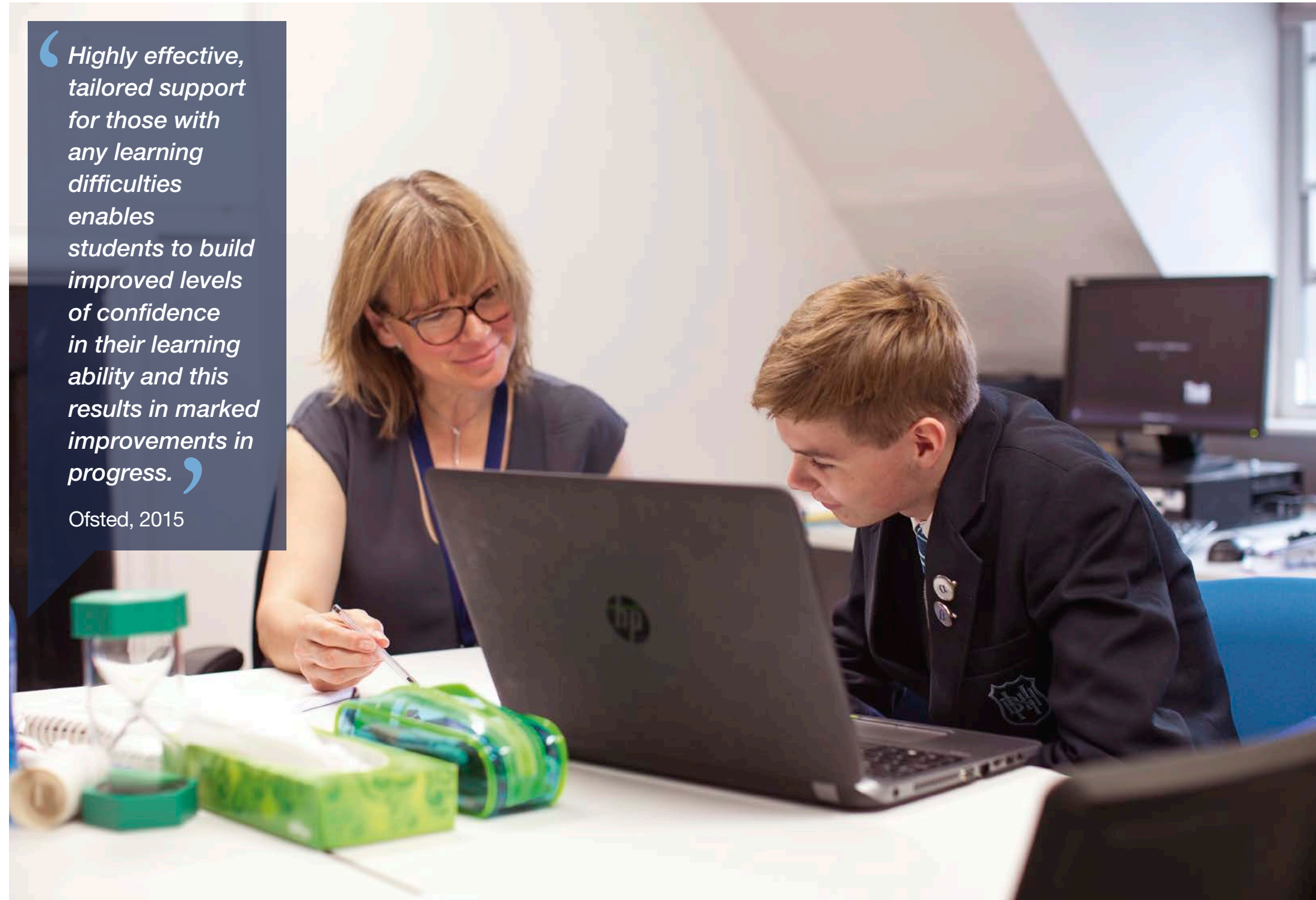
Dance





*Highly effective, tailored support for those with any learning difficulties enables students to build improved levels of confidence in their learning ability and this results in marked improvements in progress.*

Ofsted, 2015



## Learning Support

At North Bridge House Senior Canonbury we support all students in their learning and deliver a flexible curriculum to ensure pupils progress according to their individual academic ability. Work is carefully planned and set to challenge every student to exceed their expectations, including pupils who are particularly able as well as those who require additional help.

Through 'outstanding assessment procedures' (Ofsted 2015) and an internal referral process, students who require additional help are quickly identified and reassured within a rolling programme of personalised support. Where possible however, we identify students with known or suspected needs during the admissions process, so that from day one of their North Bridge House career they fully benefit from our tailored provision.

Our Learning Support Team is at the heart of classroom learning and with expertise available to support all subjects, the department works closely with course teachers to ensure each child's needs are met. Providing one-to-one support in lessons and further small group sessions, our team address any gaps in pupils' understanding and encourage rapid progress in their learning.

Both our experienced Learning Support Co-ordinator and SENCO are members of the school's Senior Leadership Team, thereby ensuring our commitment to an inclusive curriculum and teaching strategies attuned to the needs of the whole school community. Our Learning Support Coordinator is also an expert dyslexia teacher and so students can receive any specialist help they require on site.

Productive, close-working relationships between the School and home ensure students are supported in every aspect of their studies. We maintain regular and essential contact with parents to discuss and report on pupil progress, whilst our students are, most importantly, at the centre of all decision-making in their day-to-day learning.

Our supervised homework club – a great tool for all students – is also of particular benefit to SEN students, providing learning support outside of the classroom and help with organisation.



## Why choose North Bridge House?

### Understanding Teens

In order to enhance the academic performance and personal development of our pupils, we are committed to understanding the impact of adolescence on the way they think and behave. Ongoing research has revealed that the brain undergoes significant changes during the teenage years, so we have taken to working with experts to use this information in maximising our students' output and success.

Our free Understanding Teens community events have seen visits from University College London's Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, Sarah-Jayne Blakemore and Teenage Mental Health champion, Johnny Benjamin. The exploration of the science behind adolescent thought processes has enhanced our outstanding pastoral support around pupils' mental and emotional wellbeing.

Further to our work with the Teenage Sleep Foundation and Dr Paul Kelley from the University of Oxford, we have also introduced a later start time for our Sixth Formers, adjusting the school day to when they are more receptive and have greater capacity to learn.

### Outstanding Teaching

At the core of our exceptional academic and pastoral provision is a team of highly qualified, passionate and inspirational teachers. Each one has been carefully selected to ensure that, together, they deliver the outstanding quality of education for which we are commended by Ofsted. Students are individually prepared for academic excellence, taught by staff who have worked at some of the best schools in London and can advise on entry to prestigious universities from first-hand experience.

### Ideally situated to serve the local community and beyond

North Bridge House Senior Canonbury is the first independent Senior School and Sixth Form in the London Borough of Islington and is ideally located to serve families in Islington, Hackney, Camden, Westminster and the wider area. With Canonbury overground station, Highbury and Islington station and Angel tube station all in close proximity, the school is also easily accessible for students living further afield. NBH Canonbury is a welcome addition for parents seeking a high quality, academically rigorous and fully rounded education.



*“The support from my Spanish teacher in our one-to-one sessions is amazing and drives me to work harder.”*

Sixth Form student at North Bridge House Senior Canonbury



## Where next?

North Bridge House Senior Canonbury provides students with a firm foundation for university and employment, offering guidance on A-Level choices, degree programmes and university selection. Experienced mentors with in-depth knowledge of higher education advise on careers, UCAS applications and university interview techniques (including Oxbridge), supporting each individual student. North Bridge House Senior Canonbury students gain entry to some of the top Russell Group Universities as well as universities specialising in specific courses. Recently, leavers have accepted places at Bristol, York, Warwick, Manchester, SOAS and Sussex, to name but a few.

## How to apply

To apply for a place at North Bridge House Senior Canonbury, please complete a Registration Form on the school website and arrange payment of the registration fee via cheque or bank transfer with the Admissions Team. The Admissions Team will then contact you to confirm receipt of your application and to arrange for your child to join us for an Admissions Day. Applicants for all year groups, from Year 7 to Sixth Form, are assessed to determine their current academic level and how we can best help them fulfil their potential. A-Level applicants will require a Grade 6 in at least 5 GCSE subjects, including either English Language/Maths. They will also have an interview with the Head of Department for each subject they wish to study and with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to ensure they are suited to – and will be happy at – North Bridge House. Further to the Admissions Day places are offered in February, subject to a successful reference and at the discretion of the Head Teacher. Our main intake points are at 11+ and 16+ however, we continue to welcome and consider applicants for Year 9 and occasionally other year groups. For more information, please visit [www.northbridgehouse.com](http://www.northbridgehouse.com)



# North Bridge House Senior Canonbury

## Public Transport

- ☰ Canonbury: 0.2 miles
- ☰ Highbury and Islington: 0.2 miles
- ☰ Angel: 0.5 miles

## ☰ Underground to Highbury & Islington

- Finsbury Park – 1 min
- Euston – 3 mins
- Victoria – 10 mins

## ☰ Overground to Canonbury

- Camden Road – 4 mins
- Whitechapel – 11 mins
- Hampstead Heath – 13 mins

## ☰ Overground to Essex Road

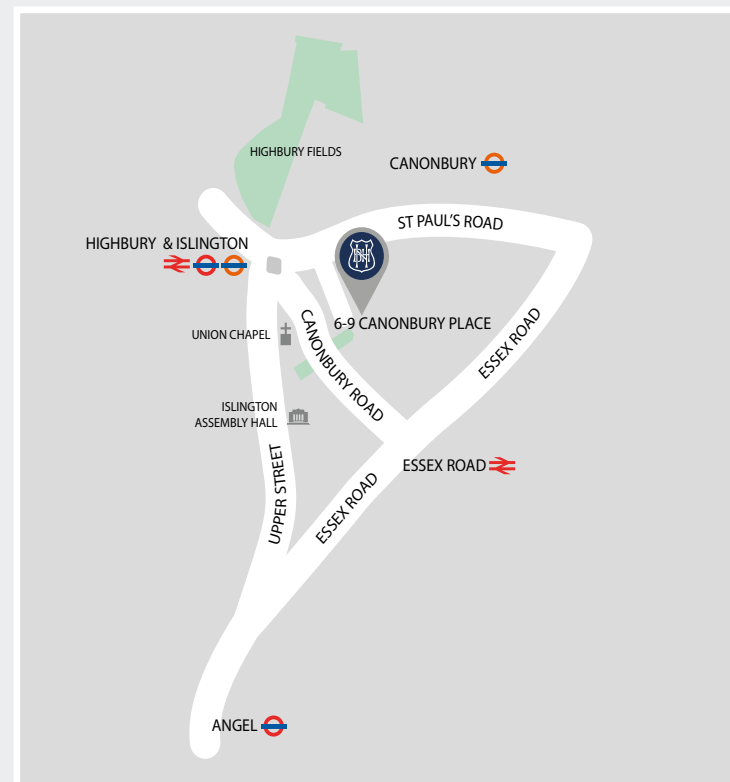
- Moorgate – 5 mins
- Alexandra Palace – 14 mins
- Palmers Green – 19 mins

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of the students.”*

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