

Prospectus

Years 3 to 8



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North Bridge House
Prep School



Introduction from the Head

Welcome to North Bridge House Prep School.

It is a huge privilege to be leading such a fantastic school with a longstanding reputation for providing a fully rounded education and achieving first-class results.

Our aim is to ensure that the quality of education is consistently outstanding and that the children in our care thrive on a rich and exciting curriculum, which allows them to develop into happy, confident pupils who are fully prepared for entry to some of the country's best senior schools.

Sitting alongside our academic curriculum, we have an extensive extra-curricular offering. With over thirty after-school clubs there is something to suit everyone, and activities range from street dance to chess, song-writing to architecture. The vast majority of our pupils learn a musical instrument and many take part in our great variety of ensembles and choirs. We offer a broad array of sporting opportunities and a number of theatrical productions take place each year. The transferrable skills pupils gain by taking part in these activities – the self-discipline, public speaking, teamwork and greater confidence – are invaluable, both in terms of improved academic performance and in terms of senior school interviews and future employability.

We prepare our pupils for entry to a number of top schools such as Channing, City of London, Highgate, Merchant Taylor's, North London Collegiate, South Hampstead, St. Paul's, UCS, and Westminster, as well as our own high-achieving, mixed-ability senior schools – in either Hampstead or Canonbury.

I look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Mornings.

James Stenning

Head Teacher, North Bridge House Prep School



“A strong sense of mutual trust and respect between teachers and pupils is reflected in their excellent relationships and this underpins the fine quality of teaching and learning.”

School Inspection Service, 2015



Through the curriculum the school is highly successful in providing pupils with excellent preparation for the highly thought of senior schools that they move on to and a very rich rounded educational experience.

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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 Prep School, the landmark building on Gloucester Avenue, is just a stone's throw from the beautiful Regent's Park and caters for pupils aged 7 to 13, supporting them through the North London Girls' School Consortium and 11+ testing or the boys' 13+ Common Entrance process.

Prep School Curriculum

North Bridge House Prep School provides a rich and varied curriculum which is both challenging and rewarding for every pupil. Designed to stretch pupils further than in a junior school setting, the Prep School curriculum takes pupils beyond the general knowledge of a subject and equips them with a deeper understanding of its more advanced concepts.

Recognised for having an excellent command of their teaching material across a full range of subjects, teachers carefully plan and deliver lessons to address individual learning needs and thus pupils are highly successful whatever their starting points.

Pupils in the Lower School – Years 3 and 4 – are taught by class teachers for the majority of their subjects, with specialists delivering Art, Drama, Music, Languages and Physical Education. From Year 5 to Year 8, pupils are taught entirely by subject specialists and prepared for various different senior school entrance examinations. We advise on and facilitate pupils either leaving the Prep School at the end of Year 6 (taking the 11+, the Consortium exam or going to one of the North Bridge House Senior Schools), or at the end of Year 8 (taking the Common Pre-Test exam, the Common Entrance exam or schools' individual entrance tests). Pupils are prepared for the best school according to their individual strengths and interests, often gaining highly competitive scholarship places and academic awards.



Extra-Curricular & Enrichment

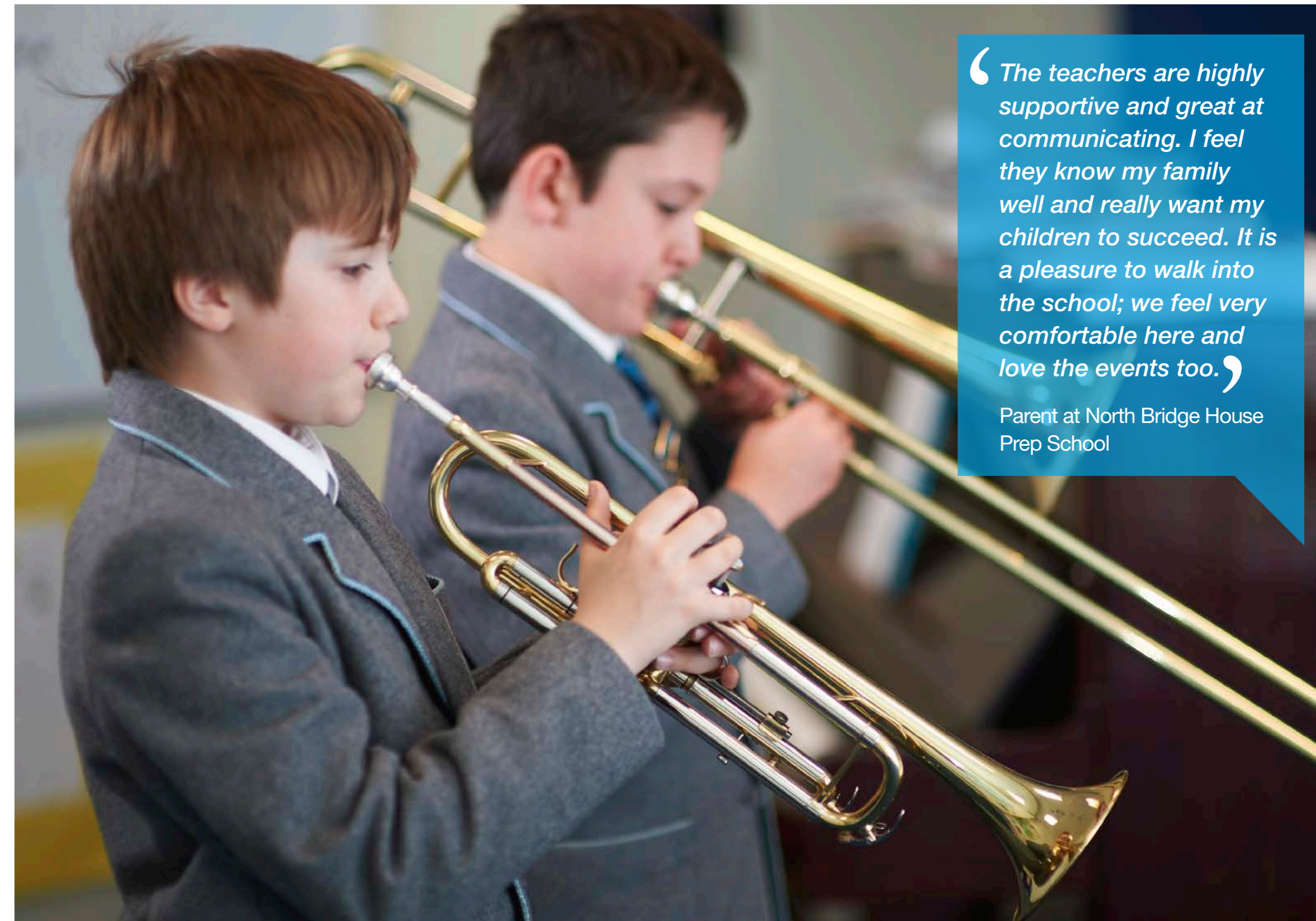
At North Bridge House Prep School we are committed to celebrating the individual, including their many talents and interests beyond the curriculum. We offer a wide range of after school clubs and activities which encourage personal growth and develop all-important self-confidence.

From Music, Drama and Art, which children enjoy as both subject and enrichment offerings, to the more niche clubs such as Chess and Flamenco, our extra-curricular programme is rich, diverse and character-building.

We are proud to boast multiple choirs, an orchestra, and the popular 'Singer Songwriter' club, and as such, enjoy a wonderful host of concerts throughout the school year. Children also take great pride in producing and performing in school theatre productions, contributing behind the scenes as well as on stage.

There are plenty of other creative and sporting opportunities in clubs such as Textiles, Cookery, Model-Making, Table Tennis, Street Dance and Ballet, to name but a few. All clubs build on the curriculum to ensure that each child not only receives an excellent all-round education, but has the opportunity to discover and pursue other areas of inspiration.

In addition to this, all pupils enjoy a broad range of memorable trips and visits throughout the year. Recent favourites have included cultural stays in France, Italy and Morocco, as well as excursions to the many great London museums in the surrounding area. Residential camps such as Bushcraft and PGL are also highly popular with the children, who enjoy trying a range of watersports and learning survival skills.



“The teachers are highly supportive and great at communicating. I feel they know my family well and really want my children to succeed. It is a pleasure to walk into the school; we feel very comfortable here and love the events too.”

Parent at North Bridge House Prep School



Sport

At North Bridge House Prep School, pupils enjoy a wide range of sports as both part of and in addition to the curriculum. We believe that sport is essential to pupils' physical and emotional well-being and develops valuable team skills. Girls and boys benefit from weekly PE and Games sessions which are held in either Regent's Park or the school gym. Additional activities such as rock-climbing take place at local sports facilities, whilst winter cricket is played in our Senior School sports hall and at Lords. Boys and girls play many different sports, including:

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Tennis

We enjoy competitive events in many of these sports, including House and School matches, local and national tournaments, as well as tours around the UK. Chess is enjoyed throughout the Prep School, with Year 2 pupils from North Bridge House Pre-Prep joining our talented players to compete at National Championship level. There are also a number of events in which pupils across all year groups participate, such as the annual Football Tournament and Sports Day.

We endeavour to give as many of our pupils the chance to represent the school as possible, organising A, B and C teams amongst the majority of our sports squads.

Facilities

North Bridge House Prep School is a striking building which provides fantastic on-site facilities and is ideally located next to Regent's Park, where students enjoy recreational and regular sports sessions.

With its ornate ceiling in the chapel and stained-glass windows, the building hosts many impressive architectural features which hint at its former life as a convent. Now, together with the modern teaching facilities, the school's character creates an inspiring learning environment in which pupils benefit from the latest technology and advanced learning resources.

Bright, spacious classrooms are augmented by two large music rooms; soundproof music pods for one-to-one tuition, practice and recording; an indoor gym; state-of-the-art Science laboratories and an Art studio flooded with natural light. In addition, pupils enjoy the broad collection of library books both in and out of class time, as well as weekly I.T. lessons and extensive use of iPads.



“The ethos of high achievement in a collaborative and supportive learning environment encourages both self-reliance and cooperation between pupils.”

School Inspection Service, 2015

‘A major strength of the school is the manner in which it consistently promotes the children’s personal and emotional development.’

School Inspection Service, 2015



Our Community

Staff, pupils, parents and friends form a strong community at North Bridge House and together we support one another and the local area. From our many school events to the outreach projects and global charity initiatives in which we participate, there is plenty of opportunity for pupils and families to contribute to our vibrant community.

Through parental engagement groups such as NBH Friends, we foster a positive and productive relationship with our parent body and welcome their contribution to the social culture and future development of the school. Children and parents are involved in the organisation of school events including the Grandparents’ Tea Party, picnics, discos, quiz nights and concerts to develop the all-important family feel of North Bridge House.

Our thriving prefect system enables pupils to have an input into the effective running of the school and is supported by a well-voiced School Council. Furthermore, Heads of Houses, Sports Captains and Form Captains ensure there are plenty of leadership opportunities for pupils, as well as a great sense of competitive team spirit.

At North Bridge House Prep School, we also enjoy planning and participating in regular charity events. From non-uniform days and cake sales to orchestral concerts and art and craft fairs, pupils realise the importance of supporting those who are less fortunate than themselves. We are equally as enthusiastic about fundraising for local charities, such as Wednesday’s Heroes, as we for international development projects like the Global Fund for Children.

Why choose North Bridge House?

At the core of our outstanding 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 high quality of education of which we are proud.

North Bridge House is renowned for the pastoral support offered to the individual pupil. Our approach focuses on knowing each and every student, and understanding their personal needs, aptitudes and aspirations.

Through our stimulating curriculum and exciting extra-curricular programme, we provide a very rich and rounded educational experience, from which children achieve academic success as well as tolerance, consideration and respect for others.



Where next?

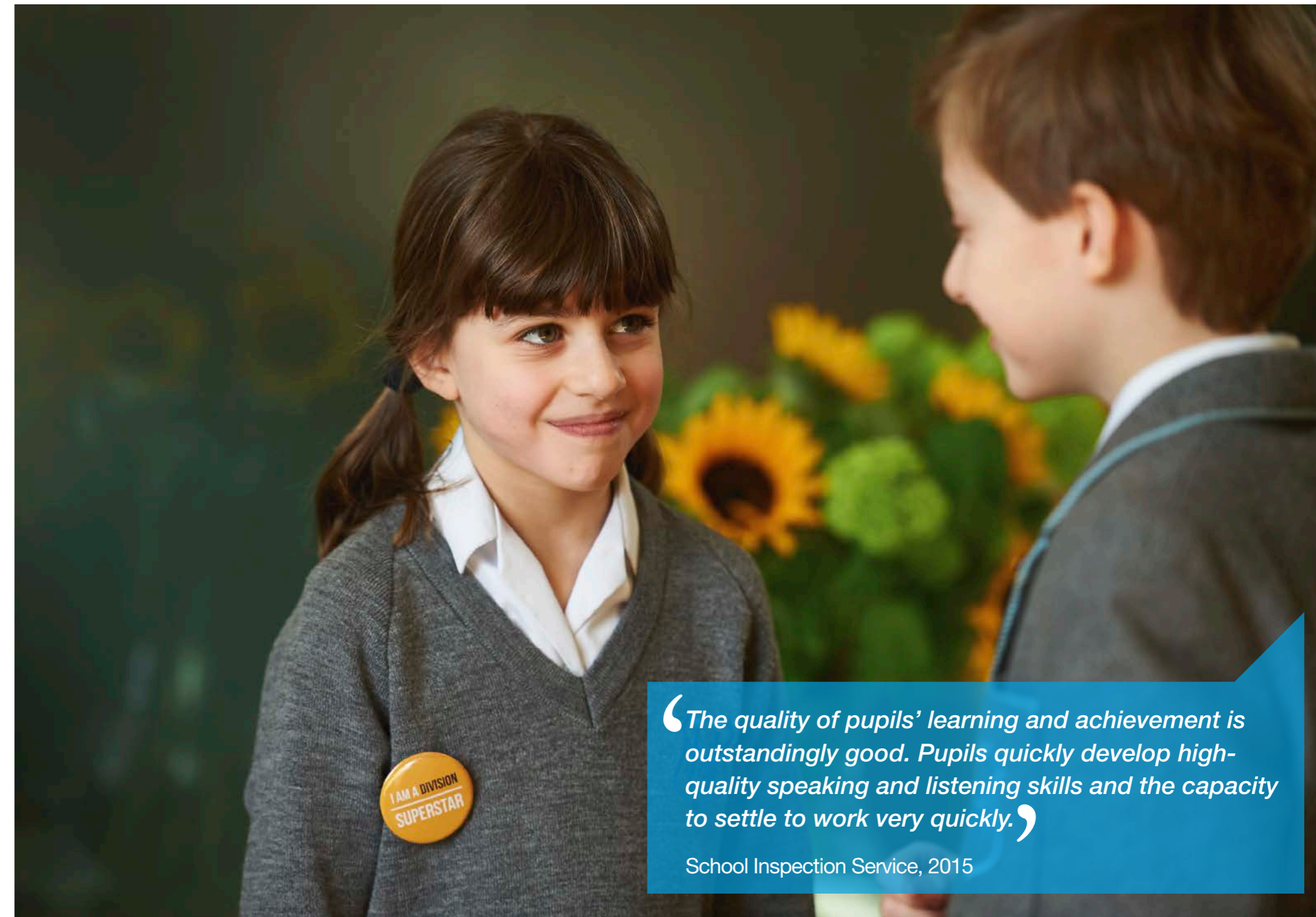
Traditionally, girls are prepared for senior school 11+ assessments and boys for Common Entrance at 13+. The children that sit these external examinations all achieve outstanding results, with the majority of pupils gaining entry into their first choice Senior Schools – often with scholarships. These include some of the best Senior Schools in London and the UK, such as Channing, City of London, Mill Hill, North London Collegiate, South Hampstead, St. Paul's, UCS and Westminster. Visit our 'Results and Destinations' web page for more detailed information on pupil destinations.

Prep School pupils can also continue their education at North Bridge House, and both girls and boys are welcomed into our two popular Senior School sites upon reference from the Head Teacher. We prioritise our Prep School children for places at either North Bridge House Senior Hampstead and North Bridge House Senior Canonbury, depending on their preference, and thus provide the ideal opportunity for students to complete their education without the added pressure of external entrance exams.

Importantly, all pupils are carefully advised on and prepared for the Senior School best suited to their needs, whether that is one of our sought after NBH campuses, or one of the other highly prestigious schools to which we are renowned for sending Prep School graduates.

How to apply

To apply for a place at North Bridge House Prep School, 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 the application and to arrange for your child to join us for an Admissions Day. We are a non-selective school but assess potential students to determine their current academic level and how we can help them to fulfil their potential. Applicants also have an informal interview with the Head Teacher to ensure that they are suited to North Bridge House and, most importantly, that they will be happy at the school. Further to the Admissions Day places will be offered depending on availability. The main intake point is at 7+ however, we welcome applicants for all year groups. For more information, please visit www.northbridgehouse.com



‘The quality of pupils’ learning and achievement is outstandingly good. Pupils quickly develop high-quality speaking and listening skills and the capacity to settle to work very quickly.’

School Inspection Service, 2015



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Our Location

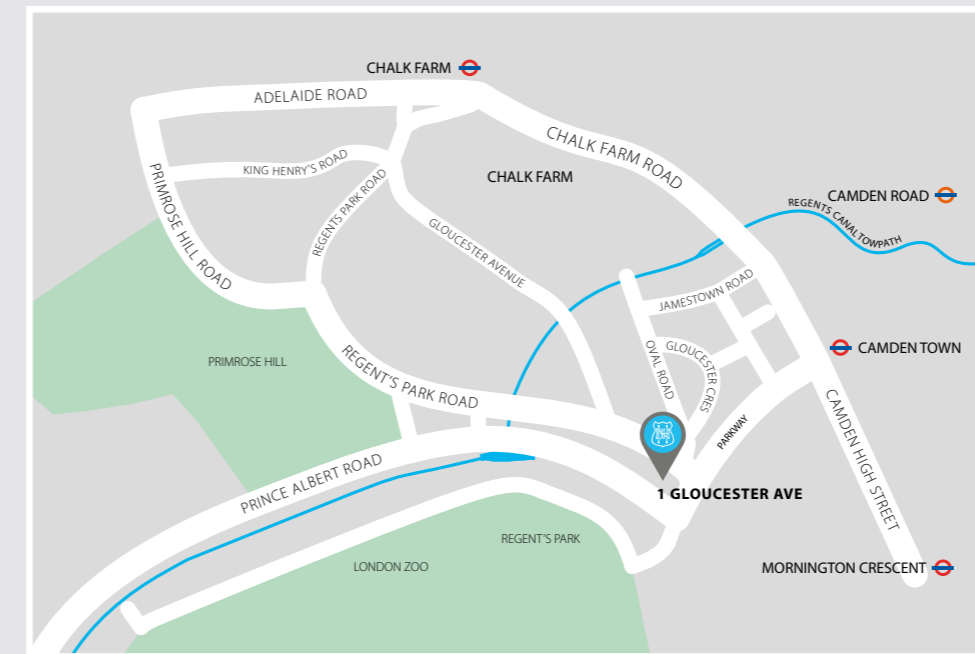
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Public Transport

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- 🚇 Mornington Crescent: 0.5 miles

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“My children have really grown in confidence and maturity at NBH Prep and genuinely enjoy going to school. It is a dynamic, happy and organised school, and the teachers are excellent.”

Parent at Prep School

A co-educational independent day school for pupils aged 7 – 13



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Book your visit now

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A high-achieving, co-ed, mixed ability Prep School on the edge of Regent's Park, where pupils are challenged and stretched, but never pressurised. Providing 11+ for girls and 13+ for boys, under one roof and setting up happy pupils for the top London Seniors, year after year.

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