



Knightsbridge School

Knightsbridge School is a new preparatory school which offers a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum preparing both boys and girls for 8+, girls for 11+ entry to secondary school and boys for 13+ entry to public day and boarding schools. The school begins in the Nursery Class with full-time education for three year olds, and goes through to thirteen years in Senior 8 and Common Entrance examinations.

Overview

At Knightsbridge School pupils are encouraged to play hard, work hard, make the most of every opportunity open to them and achieve their full potential. They are taught all National Curriculum subjects to a high standard, and modern languages from Reception age upwards.

French is taught from Reception as part of the curriculum. Italian, Spanish, Greek, Latin and Chinese are offered from Reception Year as a second Modern Foreign Language choice.

English as an Additional Language (EAL): Children's needs will be met in line with our policy to support individual needs.

Children with Statement of Special Educational Needs: If a child has a statement of special educational needs, the requirements of the statement will be met by the school. Extra support will need to be paid for.

The school fosters a strong sense of community, and provides a supportive and warm environment. Small classes overseen by highly qualified, dynamic and enthusiastic staff ensure that boys and girls benefit not only academically but also personally. By developing their self-esteem and confidence they will grow into happy, independent all-rounders of healthy body and healthy mind.

The School

Located in the heart of Central London, housed in two magnificent mansions, Knightsbridge School opened in September 2006. The premises underwent an extensive renovation and upgrade programme over the summers of 2006 and 2007. Teaching facilities include well-equipped and modern classrooms, a science laboratory, an information and communication technology (ICT) suite, a fully in-house catered dining hall, a new performing arts studio and private music practice rooms, a modernised Junior/Senior library and art studio.

Sports' facilities include a gymnasium on-site, as well as a diverse and challenging sports programme that makes use of local venues such as Burton's Court, Battersea Park, St Luke's recreational grounds, the Queen Mother Sports' Centre and Hyde Park.



Location and Travel Arrangements

Walking to school is a critical part of the Knightsbridge School ethos and there is a strictly enforced School Travel Plan approved annually by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea as well as London for Transport. We encourage all pupils, parents, staff and visitors to WALK TO SCHOOL whenever and however possible, including Park and Stride if that is the only option.

Knightsbridge School is also easily accessible by public transport. Knightsbridge underground station on the Piccadilly line is a five-minute walk away. The Circle and District lines at South Kensington and Sloane Square are a ten minute walk. Regular buses run along the Brompton Road which is very close.

Subject to availability, bus services are safely and securely operated by Knightsbridge School's own vehicles and drivers that offer door-to-door pick up and drop off service where possible. If traveling to school by car, parents will be encouraged to car share and park away from the road directly in front of the school and walk the short distance to the main entrance.

When travelling to visit Knightsbridge School for any reason – Open day or evening, show-around, meeting with the Head, dropping off a child for a day's assessment, special event, Parent's evening, or daily drop-off and collection, we urge *everyone* to not enter from Pont Street but rather from the back of Lennox Gardens or Walton Street or Ovington Gardens and to please not park or drop-off or collect directly in front of the school to ensure road safety and prevent traffic congestion or environmental pollution or disturbance to the neighborhood.

Thank you to all who support us by walking to Knightsbridge School.



The Curriculum

Please note that the curriculum is under constant review and is subject to changes.

Junior School (4 – 8 year olds)

Reception, J1, J2 and J3

Entry to the Junior School is by assessment. The Junior School teaches the major components of the national curriculum including English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Music, Art, Design Technology, ICT, Physical Education and Swimming. Judo, Fencing and Ballet are also offered. Additionally, pupils take French for two lessons a week and children also choose a second Modern Foreign Language (Italian, Spanish, Mandarin or Greek). PSCE (Personal, Social, Citizenship, Health Education) is to be taught throughout the school. Homework Club operates after school on Monday-Thursday before after-school clubs.

There is an extensive extra curricular programme which includes unique and exciting activities in fields such as Music, Karate, Ballet, Tennis, Athletics, Cookery, Judo.

Curriculum summaries and presentations are made each year by Form Teachers to give a curricular overview to parents.

Senior School (8 – 13 year olds)

S4, S5, S6 (8-11 year olds)

S7, S8 (11 – 13 year olds)

Entry to the Senior School is by assessment. All pupils sit the 8+ tests in January alongside pupils wishing to join from other schools. Pupils' general school record in all areas of school life is also taken into account including music, sports, arts, languages and an interview.

In Year 5 preparations begin for all pupils for the 11+ syllabus so that should they wish to sit this examination in the January of Year 6 they will have been fully prepared. In Year 6 work on the 13+ syllabus begins for those wishing to sit the 13+ examination to public schools in June of Year 8.

Reports and Parents' Evenings

Written reports are sent to parents at the end of the Autumn and Summer terms.. There are thrice-yearly Parents' Evenings for discussion about pupils' progress. The Head and staff are always pleased to see parents by appointment to discuss any problems or concerns.



Term Dates

2008/2009

Spring Term 2008	Starts	Tuesday 8 th January 2008
	Half Term	Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th February 2008
	Ends	Thursday 20 th March (noon)
Summer Term 2008	Starts	Tuesday 15 th April 2008
	Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th May 2008
	Ends	Thursday 10 th July 2008 (noon)
Autumn Term 2008	Starts	Thursday 4 th September 2008
	Half Term	Thursday 23 rd –Friday 31 st October 2008 (inclusive)
	Ends	Thursday 11 th December 2008 (noon)
Spring Term 2009	Starts	Tuesday 6 th January 2009
	Half Term	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2009 (inclusive)
	Ends	Friday 27 th March 2009 (noon)
Summer Term 2009	Starts	Tuesday 28 th April 2009
	Half Term	Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June 2009
	Ends	Friday 10 th July 2009 (noon)



Entrance Procedures

Entry to Knightsbridge School is by informal interview of both parents and children at the appropriate level. Prospective boys and girls for classes J1 and above are expected to spend a day of assessment at the school in their relevant year group, and a report from the Head of the applicants' current school is required. Before your child comes for an interview you should have visited the school, by joining a show-round on Monday or Wednesday mornings. This can be arranged by ringing the Reception Desk or by e-mail to admissions@knightsbridgeschool.com. When a child enrolls at Knightsbridge School, parents will receive an information pack including a copy of our Complaints Policy and a list of schools to which our children have successfully gained entry. Other policies are available from the School Office, including: Admissions; Anti-Bullying; Assessment; Behaviour and Sanctions; Child Protection; Communications; Health, Safety and Welfare; Homework; School Uniform; Special Educational Needs.

Registration

A child's name is only placed on the list of applicants for admission after a registration form has been completed and returned to the Admissions Office, together with a non-refundable registration fee of £100. Admission will be subject to the availability of a place and the pupil satisfying the entrance requirements.

Offer of a Place and Deposit

On offer of a place, a deposit of one half-term's tuition fees will be requested. This deposit will be refunded at the end of the pupil's final term provided five continuous terms have been completed, a full term's notice given and all outstanding accounts have been settled. The deposit is non-refundable if the acceptance of a place is cancelled for whatever reason, prior to the pupil joining the school. A deposit of one-half term's tuition fees will also be requested for siblings of children already at the school. If the place is relinquished, the deposit will not be refunded.

The school reserves the right to apply any deposit paid to any unpaid account of the pupil at the school or any unpaid account of a sibling at the school.

School Fees 2008-2009 (Termly and subject to change)

Nursery Class (3-4 years)

Half Days £3,850

Full Days £3,850

(Will only be offered at full-day tuition from September 2008)

Reception to J3 (4-8 Years) £4,254

S4 to S8 (9-13 years) £4483

Meals, uniform, trips, and extra-curricular clubs and activities are in addition to the tuition fees. All other arrangements relating to school fees are contained in the Acceptance Form.