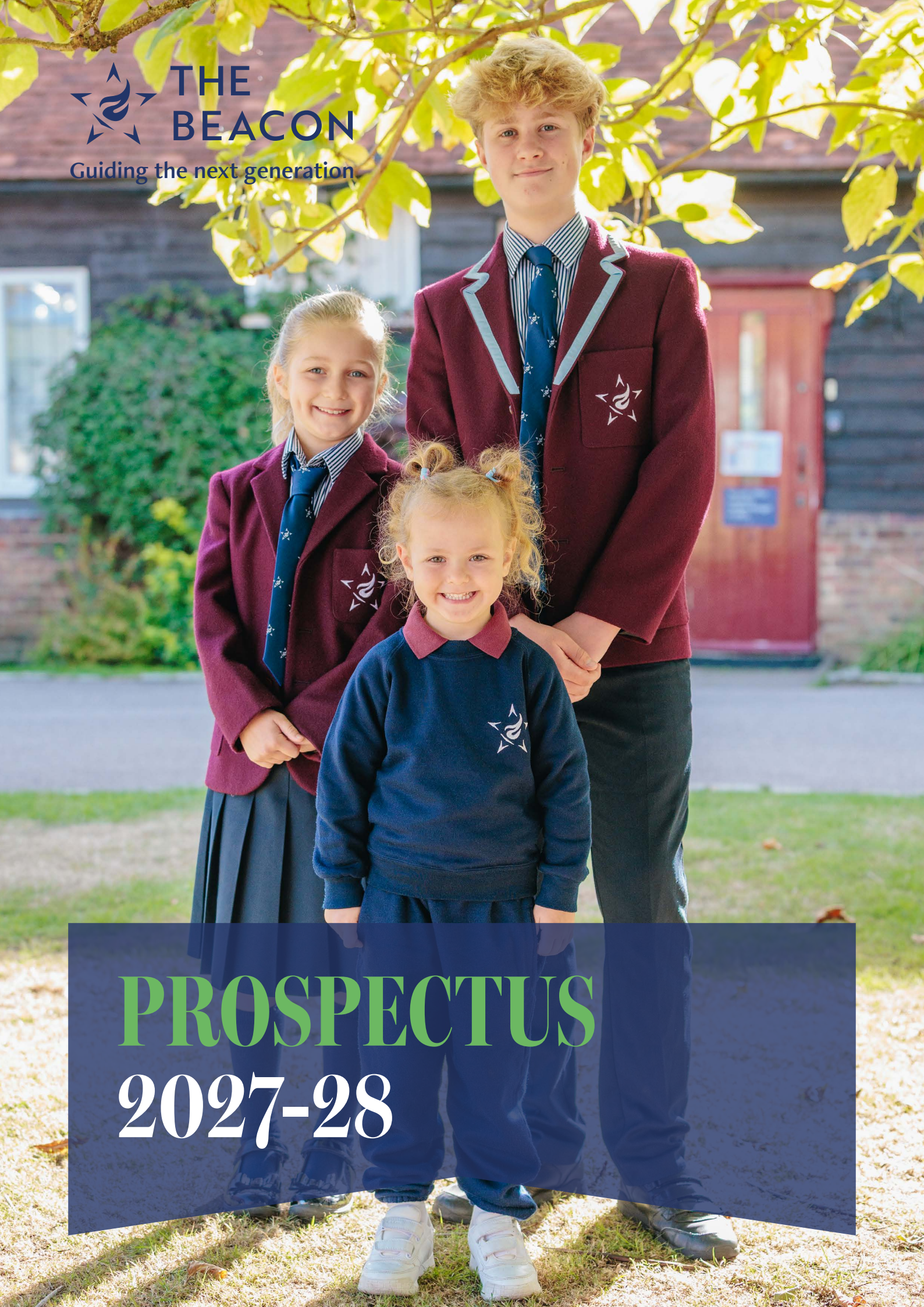


THE BEACON

Guiding the next generation

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HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in **The Beacon.**

Having grown up in Amersham, I have long been aware of the reputation of The Beacon and the values that it embodies. This is a school rightly proud of its long-standing success with senior school transition and formidable sporting prowess but, more than this, it is the development of children's characters, personalities and their ability to converse with one another that defines a Beacon pupil. Generations have progressed to highly esteemed senior schools as assets to their communities; their engaging company, innate sense of kindness, quiet confidence and good humour, all learnt and fostered through their formative years at The Beacon.

A school building generates a quite distinct atmosphere that reveals a school's true character. Touring the premises you will discover a busy, happy and sociable school.

I look forward to working with you and your son or daughter as we experience the enriching community and unlimited ambition that characterises The Beacon.

Nick Baker
Headmaster

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ACHIEVE ACADEMICALLY PROSPER PERSONALLY

We prepare children for what's now, what's next, and wherever life may take them.

The Beacon prides itself on academic excellence, abundant opportunities, and an ability to identify an individual's potential.

From the first steps to the last exam, our team of inspiring teachers and staff deliver best-in-class education in an enriching and enlightening environment.

Throughout The Beacon journey, our tailored curriculum and child-centred education ensures every experience at The Beacon is about becoming a Beacon boy or girl for life.

> "The Beacon has given our son the best possible start in life; it has brought out the best in him and given him endless opportunities"
>
> —Beacon Parent

Values and principles

The school's mission has always been to inspire children to achieve their best within a happy, secure and stimulating environment. The Beacon's core values are fundamental to achieving this mission and to the life of the school.



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Integrity

Behaving with honesty and strong moral principles.

Courage

Persevering bravely in the face of difficulties or fears, building resilience and self-confidence.

Respect

Valuing all individuals, having due consideration and empathy for their wishes, feelings and rights.

Well-being

Developing fully as a person, both physically and emotionally, so that children are confident, healthy and happy.

Achievement

Valuing and aspiring academic, sporting, creative and spiritual development via effort, skill and risk-taking and celebrating one another's endeavours.

Excellence in Education, Environment & Experience

The Beacon has earned a well-deserved reputation for excellence, reflected in the outstanding 11+ and 13+ entrance examination results, coupled with remarkable sporting and performing arts achievements and an impressive array of scholarships offered by leading UK independent senior schools. However, while we are incredibly proud of these achievements, what makes The Beacon truly stand out can be encapsulated within three core pillars:

Education

Our team of inspiring teachers deliver a cross-curricular approach to education, providing a broad and comprehensive learning experience. From their first storytime to their final exam success, our priority is to ensure an engaging academic environment for all our pupils, supporting their growth and fostering a lifelong love for learning and critical thinking.

Environment

Our state-of-the-art facilities provide the perfect setting for a first-class learning environment. But our commitment doesn't stop at the classroom door. From our purpose-built theatre space to our exceptional sports facilities, we open up a wider range of opportunities. It's not just about bricks and mortar; we strive to foster an environment that ensures our pupils thrive academically, creatively and physically.

Experience

We offer a bespoke experience to each individual. Our wrap-around approach to pastoral care pervades all areas of school life. Beyond academic growth, through a diverse range of events, competitions, activities and trips, we enrich every child's journey to equip them with everything they need for the next step.

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FROM FIRST STEPS TO BECOMING WHAT'S NEXT

Introducing Pre-Prep Aged 3-7

Little Beacons Nursery

Our Little Beacons Nursery is an educational Nursery for boys and girls aged 3 to 4 years.

Little Beacons learn through active independent and adult-led play and exploration. They benefit from having a fully-qualified teacher and teaching assistants as part of our Little Beacons Nursery team.

As well as enjoying free flow, play-led experiences, Little Beacons are introduced, via structured, adult-led sessions, to French, numbers, shapes and Phonics, as well as exciting Cooking, Art, Topic and Outdoor Learning activities. The children also enjoy weekly Swimming (in our indoor pool from the Spring Term), PE, Music lessons and Library activities, all with specialised teaching staff.

Little Beacons have the opportunity to participate in a range of activities with our Reception children, such as exciting day trips. The children also share our Early Years' building, Oakway, which comprises stimulating and spacious classrooms, all linked to our Outdoor Learning area to allow free flow as well as a dedicated Library.

Little Beacons Nursery is open Monday to Friday during term times. Wrap-around care is available to support busy working families.

The Beacon is now registered for the Early Years Government Funding, offering families access to 15 hours of free childcare per week (term time) for pupils aged 3-4 years in our Little Beacons Nursery.

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Introducing Pre-Prep Aged 3-7

Reception

Reception children enjoy a broad and varied curriculum, with inspiring topics, such as dinosaurs, Mr Men and bears. These lessons involve both practical and play-based learning.

Maths and Literacy lessons are scheduled daily and all teachers are trained in Phonics, which teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension and how to form letters, spell correctly and compose their ideas step-by-step. Our White Rose scheme helps all children build a deep understanding of Maths concepts, while sparking excitement and nurturing confidence in Maths.

Specialist taught subjects, such as Games, PE, Swimming, Music, Drama, Library and French are spread throughout the week and complement the core learning that takes place in the classroom.

Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 are taught in our purpose-built Winterbourn building. They enjoy a full and broad curriculum, providing stimulation and breadth of discovery.

Our Pre-Prep children experience specialist teaching in Music, Drama, Computing, Games, PE and French, which complement the core learning that takes place in the classrooms. There are many opportunities for Outdoor Learning, where children can apply the skills they have learnt in Maths and Science, as well as further afield during school trips to venues such as Whipsnade Zoo, Chiltern Open Air Museum and Windsor Castle.

Our pupils in Pre-Prep dramatically grow in independence, confidence and self-esteem, so that by the time they move up to our Prep School in Year 3, they are ready for the next exciting step on their Beacon educational journey.

LEADING THE WAY FOR THOSE WHO WILL LEAD THE WAY



Introducing Prep School

Aged 7-13

Our bright and modern Osborne building, surrounding The Beacon's picturesque Quad, is home to our Prep School [Years 3-8]. Children in Year 3 move to their own self-contained area in the Osborne building to help them feel secure and nurtured as they take their exciting first steps into Prep School. We also welcome new children into Year 3 as we add an additional class according to demand. Means-tested bursaries are available at the Year 3 entry point.

Lower School - Years 3 & 4

These years are exceptionally important as the children grow in independence and confidence. They are taught the core subjects by their class teachers to maintain key pastoral care, while enjoying specialist lessons in French, Drama, Music, Outdoor Learning, Library, PE, Games, Computing and Science. In Year 3, pupils benefit from specialist teaching in French and in Year 4, Spanish is introduced in addition to French. All Lower School pupils enjoy specialist teaching in Design & Technology, Art and Cooking & Nutrition.

In Year 3, pupils take part in inter-House competitions and events like House debating or football, which really help to foster team spirit. From Year 3 upwards, all our children have the opportunity to play in inter-school sports fixtures, as well as in House matches.

Performing Arts is an important part of Lower School life, with all children taking part in a range of performances from poetry recitals to class playlets in Year 4.

Middle School - Years 5 & 6

In Middle School, our pupils continue to grow in independence and responsibility. Our tutor system is introduced in Year 6, which provides the children with excellent pastoral support and helps to prepare them for life in the Upper School or other senior schools.

Further specialist teachers in all subjects are introduced in Year 6, including Geography, Science, History, French or Spanish, and Classics. Children have a vast array of academic opportunities open to them in these years, such as school debates, author workshops, Maths challenges and cross-curricular trips.

In Performing Arts, Year 5 enjoy a Macbeth workshop and Year 6 take part in a large-scale production, such as Peter Pan JR and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. They also have opportunities to participate in Music ensembles, choirs and our impressive orchestra.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 also take part in the 'Future Sparks' programme. Throughout the year, they are encouraged to initiate fundraising activities outside of the school, to mentor Pre-Prep children, to plan Assemblies and to participate in a wide variety of clubs, drama productions, sports matches and trips.



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Upper School - Years 7 & 8

The Beacon has a vibrant Upper School. The opportunity to mature for two years at the upper end of Prep School gives pupils time, space and security to explore the subjects they really love, without the upheaval of a new and different school environment.

In Upper School, our pupils embark upon our ‘Shining Future’ programme which is a dedicated learning programme tailored to each individual, enabling pupils to fulfill their academic potential, gain greater independence, build confidence and develop lifelong skills.

The programme provides pupils with opportunities to take on leadership roles. All children are given greater responsibility and independence in making decisions and are encouraged to mentor our younger pupils, acting as role models.

The Upper School curriculum is enriched by our Pre-Senior Baccalaureate [PSB] programme, which combines rigorous academic standards with a broad and balanced curriculum. The PSB also promotes vital skills in independent learning, in the appropriate use of technology and in critical thinking and analysis.

Using this programme of study, children are extremely well-prepared for entry to any senior independent school, whether it uses the PSB, Common Entrance or its own entrance exams.

Our aim is to provide children with an invaluable experience that will enrich their lives. Beacon pupils leave us as mature, confident and kind young people, fully prepared for their future steps in education and adult life beyond.

LEADING LIGHT

Pastoral Care

The welfare and wellbeing of our Beacon community is a primary focus. Nurturing, supporting and encouraging all pupils to feel happy, secure and confident is of paramount importance.

Our Pastoral Care Team, comprising of class teachers, form tutors, Heads of Sections, Heads of Houses, our Medical Team, Senior Leadership Team and our in-school Well-being Coach & Counsellor meet regularly to ensure the daily-changing needs of our pupils are met.

Small class sizes allow our staff to develop strong, trusting relationships with each child, helping us identify and address any pastoral concerns immediately.

Beacon pupils are encouraged to share any concerns through various methods, such as online programmes, 'worry' boxes and in-person circle, class or tutor times. We have a vigorous anti-bullying policy and two active School Councils, which give the pupils further opportunities to discuss issues and put forward suggestions.

Mindfulness is introduced to all children from Little Beacons upwards, helping them to build a sense of self-awareness through paying attention to the present moment.

Our Upper School pupils also play a key role in our pastoral care, offering support and friendship as 'mentors' for the younger children during break and lunchtimes.

The Beacon Medical Centre is run by two fully qualified Nurses daily to provide our pupils with the highest standard of medical care in a moment of need.

Settling in

Whether children join us in Nursery, Reception, Year 3, Year 7 or at any time throughout the school, our nurturing staff are extremely experienced in ensuring children feel welcomed, valued and secure as they start on their exciting journey at The Beacon.

New joiners are assigned special 'buddies' who are proud to take them under their wings, introducing them to friendship groups and, alongside their class teacher or form tutor, helping them settle into school life quickly and happily.

We are also lucky to have incredibly supportive and inclusive parents who warmly welcome all new families through social events, coffee mornings and the large range of whole-school events run by our wonderful Beacon Parents' Society.



GUIDED & INSPIRED

Academic Life

In a world of targets and assessments, we are determined to keep the love of learning and discovery burning brightly in all our children. This is why, from its earliest stages in our Little Beacons Nursery, to our Upper School Pre-Senior Baccalaureate programme, our Academic Team work tirelessly to ensure our pupils benefit from a truly balanced, relevant and engaging curriculum, incorporating a wide range of academic and creative subjects.

Specialist teachers in PE, Games, Music and Drama inspire Beacon pupils from their first day in Little Beacons Nursery, with further specialist teaching introduced and increased year-on-year from Year 3 upwards, preparing our pupils for secondary education. No child is overlooked, working within their own individualised learning plan to inspire them to reach their full potential.

Our high staff to pupil ratio, and access to our Learning Support Centre, also means that whatever level the pupils are working at, whether they need a little extra support or further challenges for those children who work at a faster pace, we can adapt our teaching to best suit their individual needs.

As well as teaching a broad and exciting curriculum, we are also dedicated to teaching children how to learn, instilling key core learning skills such as independent thinking, teamwork and resilience through every task and challenge.

Our libraries are open all day, every day to encourage children to develop a love of reading and staff take time to understand and assess each child's interests and enhance their literacy skills.

Our Sustainable Learning programme is embedded across the curriculum in all year groups and aims to raise awareness of current environmental issues. Our Eco-Council, comprising of both pupils and staff, helps to support this programme through their many pupil-led initiatives.



GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SPORTS PEOPLE



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Sport

Our ethos at The Beacon is 'Sport For All'. From Nursery upwards, the children receive coaching from specialist teachers in a wide variety of sports through their Games and PE lessons, as well as a variety of after-school clubs. Whatever the level children are playing at, they will be coached and encouraged to develop a love for sport which will last a lifetime.

We understand the importance of exercise in education, which has repeatedly shown to improve academic performance and focus. There are four sessions of Games and PE each week from Year 3 and all pupils have the opportunity to play in inter-school fixtures, as well as in House matches.

Every child in Years 3 to 8 represents The Beacon in team matches. With over 40 sports teams fielded each term, in recent years our pupils have enjoyed 750 sports fixtures every academic year.

During Games lessons, all children are coached in the major team games, which include rugby, football and cricket. Our PE curriculum focuses on a number of more diverse and varied sports and activities that are designed to encourage physical development and progress. Sports taught in PE include hockey, basketball, swimming, fitness, athletics, HIIT, cross country, netball and tennis. The Beacon regularly reaches national schools' finals in rugby, hockey, cross country and athletics and has an admirable track record in tennis and swimming.

Our excellent sporting facilities include AstroTurf pitches (which convert to four tennis courts), Sports Hall and 16 acres of playing fields with pristine pitches and a cross country course rolling away to the Chiltern Hills. Our covered heated swimming pool enables pupils to enjoy swimming all year round.

We have a vast range of sporting after-school and holiday clubs, including football, hockey, cricket, tennis, rugby and athletics. Our older pupils also enjoy taking part in sports tours such as football, cricket and IAPS Skiing competitions.

Sports played at The Beacon

- Rugby
- Football
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Swimming
- Netball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Tennis

> "Pupils are very physically fit and active because of the many opportunities to participate in a variety of sports and the high profile sport for all, in the curriculum and extracurricular activities."
>
> —ISI Inspection 2022

GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS

Performing Arts

Music and Drama are integral and highly valued parts of school life. Our pupils in Early Years enjoy weekly Music sessions led by passionate and talented specialist teachers. Reception through to Year 3 receive three Performing Arts lessons a week. In Years 4 to 8, children take part in a Music and Drama rotation that further develops their skills and talents.

All children are encouraged to learn an instrument when they are ready, often in Year 2, and over 300 pupils currently receive weekly music tuition for a whole range of instruments from a large team of specialist teachers. A wide range of ensembles are also available, developing the musicianship of those starting their musical journeys and supporting our stronger musicians, many of whom go on to achieve Music scholarships at senior schools.

Drama

Beacon pupils are given the opportunity to perform each year, from Early Years Nativities and smaller-scale productions in Year 4, to larger-scale performance opportunities in Year 6 and Year 8.

Over 100 pupils currently receive weekly LAMDA tuition, delivered in small groups, duos and, as the children get older, in individual tuition. Additional extra-curricular Drama is offered through Drama clubs and holiday workshops, such as Dance. Pupils in the Upper School also acts as crew for their own production, gaining a fascinating insight into technical theatre.

Over recent years, our pupils have enjoyed Performing Arts trips and tours. Our Upper School Beacon Voices choir have toured on many occasions. The Upper School runs a bi-annual trip to Edinburgh Festival Fringe, performing at one of the world's largest arts festivals. Past shows include Into the Woods JR, Bugsy Malone JR, Guys and Dolls JR and Sister Act JR.

Performing Arts Facilities

- A 220-Seat Purpose-Built Theatre
- Atmospheric Studio Theatre
- Large Music Teaching Room
- Music Technology Room
- Eight Music Practice Rooms
- Fully-Equipped Drum Pod

Instrumental Tuition Available

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double bass
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Trumpet
- Cornet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Baritone
- Tuba
- Drums
- Classical guitar
- Electric guitar
- Bass guitar
- Harp
- Piano
- Singing

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GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CREATORS



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Creative Arts

Harnessing and stimulating our pupils' imagination and creativity through Creative Arts is as important as a strong grounding in our core academic subjects.

We are fortunate to have three incredible, purpose-built studios for children to learn in and be inspired by the Creative Arts – a large, light-filled Art studio, a fully-equipped Cooking & Nutrition classroom, as well as a Design & Technology workshop.

Art

Art in Pre-Prep and Year 3 is taught by class teachers to help our children develop a wide range of skills in a familiar environment.

From Years 4 to 8, children are taught by specialist staff and make full use of our inspiring Art Studio with wonderful pottery, painting and printing facilities to help them to explore and develop their creativity. The children are encouraged to continue to work on projects in after-school clubs and many volunteer to help build and create sets for our many Performing Arts productions.

Design & Technology

From Reception to Year 3, children are taught Design & Technology by their class teachers, covering various projects. From Year 4, children enjoy Design & Technology in our fully-equipped workshop - and many pupils say that this is their favourite place in school!

Our pupils learn how to transform imaginative ideas, first into detailed plans using the latest CAD/CAM technology, and then into actual products learning a good balance between traditional handwork skills (drilling and sawing) and the latest in design tool use. They all have a lot of fun building projects such as pinball machines, wooden boxes and sweet bowls.

Our Year 8 pupils are prepared for Design & Technology in senior schools, creating items such as desk standing clock prototypes for a business client including a corporate logo.

Cooking & Nutrition

Children from Years 4 to 8 enjoy Cooking & Nutrition lessons in our fully-equipped newly refurbished state-of-the-art classroom.

As well as learning important cooking techniques, the pupils gain a fantastic knowledge about food safety, nutrition and healthy eating. We even have our own flourishing Kitchen Garden, which our pupils help to cultivate, with many of the dishes they produce using home-grown ingredients.

Our annual MasterCook Competition is a fun way to gain further confidence in the kitchen. Children leave The Beacon with a love for cooking and a real appreciation of balanced nutrition.

GUIDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ADVENTURERS

Outdoor Learning

Over the past few years, Outdoor Learning at The Beacon has really flourished.

Our Little Beacons enjoy a weekly welly walk incorporating Outdoor Learning in their own dedicated forest area. Children in Reception to Year 6 enjoy exciting hands-on Outdoor Learning sessions in our 18 acres of grounds and nearby woodlands as well as on their many day and residential trips throughout the year.

Years 1 and 2 have sessions led by the teachers incorporated into their different topics in subjects like Science and Art. Children in Lower School continue to build on the skills introduced in Pre-Prep and start simple map reading and compass skills, as well as learning some practical skills, such as how to whittle and make more solid structures. These popular sessions culminate in an exhilarating marshmallow and fire-lighting session each year.

Our Middle School pupils also enjoy learning real-life practical application of teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills through half day sessions. Their core learning skills are tested further through a broad range of classroom, field and woodland-based challenges.

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Healthy Eating

The Beacon is committed to providing our pupils with nutritious, exciting, well-balanced food, using fresh and locally-sourced ingredients, created on site. Our goal is to instil an appreciation and understanding of fresh, healthy food at a young age that will positively influence children throughout their life.

Our menus are developed on a weekly basis to take advantage of seasonal produce. Children in our Breakfast Club enjoy a cooked or continental breakfast and fresh fruit. Our lunch consists of two hot main courses (including a vegetarian option), jacket potatoes with a range of toppings, a full salad bar, hot desserts, fresh fruit and yoghurt and granola pots. Our range of homemade breads, soups, desserts, cakes, biscuits, smoothies and yoghurts are freshly made every day.

All of our food is free from artificial additives, preservatives, E numbers and hydrogenated fats and we only use free-range eggs.

We are committed to improving our sustainability, and all our waste is recycled (or composted). As most of our food is cooked on site using local ingredients, our requirement for packaging is reduced. However, 100% of our plastic packaging is now fully recyclable or biodegradable.

Encouraging New Flavours

Our talented catering team are constantly devising inventive ways to encourage children to try new tastes, flavours and cuisines. Their break time 'Taste Buddies' initiative, featuring healthy creations such as edible gardens, have been particularly effective in educating children and encouraging them to try new foods.

Pupils also love our many themed lunches to tie in with celebrations such as Chinese New Year, Thanksgiving and World Book Day.
The Beacon caters for all special diets and allergies (we are a no-nut school). We work closely with our pupils and their families to address individual dietary needs.

Our popular Cooking & Nutrition lessons further enhance childrens' knowledge and appreciation of nutrition and healthy eating. They all love tending our Kitchen Garden and cooking with the freshly grown ingredients.



Wrap-Around Care and Clubs

We are committed to supporting all our busy families with a flexible wrap-around care provision.

Breakfast Club is available, offering a choice between a delicious continental or cooked breakfast. There is also supervised Late Stay care available on site after standard school hours. Alternatively, children from Year 1 to Year 8 can enjoy an extensive range of after-school clubs. From wellbeing, choir and construction clubs to hockey, Lego robotics and warhammer, there is an opportunity for children to experience something new, develop skills and gain a real sense of achievement. Pupils in Reception are able to take part in clubs from the Summer Term.

In Prep School (from Year 3 upwards), pupils can choose to take part in an extra-curricular club after school, or they can stay on to work on their homework in our supervised Prep sessions.

Holiday Clubs

We offer a range of multi-activity camps run by Beacon staff, including football, tennis, rugby and cricket, as well as activities including Design & Technology, Cookery, Drama and Art.

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> "The Beacon do it all; from Breakfast Club at 07:30 and a great range of after-school clubs to care until 18:00. As working parents, this makes such a difference to our family life"
>
> —Beacon Parent



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School Trips

There is no better way to bring learning to life than with a hands-on experience.

Our pupils experience a varied range of fun and educational outings from Little Beacons upwards, ranging from day trips in the UK to residential trips abroad. School trips reflect and complement many aspects of the curriculum, enhancing and re-affirming our pupils' enjoyment of learning, broadening their horizons – and they're so much fun, too!

All children in Year 4 and above enjoy an annual residential trip. We also arrange exciting team-building trips for our Year 7 pupils at the beginning of their Upper School journey, and Year 8 pupils take part in a moving and powerful visit to the WWI battlefields near Ypres at the start of the academic year to tie in with their History and English topics. All our term-time trips are included in the fees.

Other trips during the holidays have included ski trips, a Classics trip to Pompeii and the Bay of Naples and a choir tour to Trento in Italy, as well as performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in the summer.

In addition to our residential trips, all Beacon pupils enjoy a range of day trips or theme days throughout the year.

> "I had the best time of my life on my PGL! We had so much fun together and I tried things I never thought I could do"
>
> —Year 5 Beacon Pupil



THE BEACON COMMUNITY

Our Vibrant and Supportive Beacon Community

There are so many ways to become involved in the school and all new families are warmly welcomed into our close community.

The Beacon Parents' Society

The Beacon has a very active Beacon Parents' Society (BPS), which aims to provide fun and inclusive social activities for our parents and pupils, while at the same time raising funds for both the school [equipment and resources] and local charities. The BPS Committee comprises of parents from all year groups and members of staff. Recent projects that the BPS has funded include the refurbishment of our Cooking & Nutrition Room as well as our ICT Suite including new green-screen and robotic programming technology, large format display boards for artwork, table tennis tables, outdoor play equipment, an Augmented Reality Sandbox for Geography, board games for a new break-time Games Café, and a laser cutter plus 3D printers for Design & Technology.

The Committee organises a variety of activities and events, from Quiz Nights, Cake Sales, Beaconfest Family Fun Day and a Summer Ball, through to discos and other activities for the children, plus a Christmas Fair and Camp Night.

Class Representatives

At The Beacon, our Class Reps are valued parent volunteers who play an important role in strengthening our school community. Acting as a key link between parents, BPS, and the school, they are responsible for helping new families settle in and organise fun social events. Our Class Reps are usually in post for an academic year.

The Beacon Association

The Beacon Association includes current parents, staff and pupils, as well as former parents, staff and former pupils - anyone with a meaningful relationship with the school. It was founded in 2009 in the school's 75th year and, together with The Old Beaconians' Society, holds regular events for members of our wider Beacon Community to keep in touch.

The Old Beaconians' Society

This is open to all former Beacon pupils and holds regular reunions on and off site. It has its own social media pages and regular newsletter updates, to help alumni keep in touch.

Charity Support

We are really proud of our support of national and local charities. Each year, our Beacon community raises thousands of pounds for causes close to our hearts.

The External Community

Our school takes pride in our involvement with our local community, regularly sharing our facilities with groups working with children and young adults. We also have close links with other schools - locally, nationally and internationally.

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Life after The Beacon

It's never too early to start to consider which senior school would best suit a child when they reach the end of their Beacon education journey. Our teams are extremely experienced in advising families as to the next steps, and we are always happy to meet with parents to discuss and suggest suitable future schools. Our knowledge of and relationships with an extensive range of senior schools really help our Beacon families to make the best-informed future school choices.

We also host biennial senior school events - attended by representatives from an extensive range of independent senior schools - as well as annual Secondary Transfer Test [11+] information evenings to ensure our parents are as informed as we are about the many options available.

Some children leave us at the end of Year 6 to take up places at the local grammar schools. Our Transfer Test results are routinely over double that of the county average. The Beacon continues to be the largest feeder school into Dr Challoner's.

At the end of Year 8, the majority of children move on from The Beacon to go to the local independent day schools such as Berkhamsted School or to one of the many boarding school options, including Bradfield College, Eton College, Harrow School, Marlborough College or Shiplake College.

In the past few years, pupils from The Beacon have been fortunate to recieve Academic, Music, Drama, Art, Design & Technology and Sports scholarships to top senior schools in the country.

Our Upper School team are extremely experienced at helping our pupils to prepare for these scholarship selections and we are proud of all our past and present scholars.

We love welcoming Beacon pupils back to the school to reminisce about their time with us and to help future generations of Beacon pupils on their education journey.

Admissions Journey

Choosing the right school is such an important decision, so it's essential families feel happy and confident throughout the admissions process. Our welcoming Registrar, Marie Papa, will support you as we welcome you to our Beacon community.

Please do contact Marie with any queries on admissions@beaconschool.co.uk or call on 01494 432764.

There are four main entry points at The Beacon:

- Nursery [age 3]
- Reception [age 4]
- Year 3 [age 7]
- Year 7 [age 11]

However, places in other year groups do become available, so please do enquire. You may register your child using our online registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable fee of £150. Early registration is advised and we encourage families to visit us during the school day and to meet our Headmaster, Nick Baker.

Open Days are also held throughout the year, details of which can be found on our website. Registered children are placed on a waiting list in order of date of registration and when a firm offer has been made in writing, parents will be invited to complete our Acceptance Form and requested to pay a deposit to secure the place.

Assessments

New joiners are invited to an Assessment Day in the year prior to starting, enabling children to experience life as a Beacon pupil as well as being observed and assessed. During the day, they will enjoy a variety of lessons, lunch and the opportunity to meet their teachers and peers.

For Years 1-8, assessments are age-appropriate in Maths and English, and references are requested in addition to a school report. Offer letters will be sent out a few days after a successful assessment.

Nursery and Reception children are invited in for a short observation and assessment session with our Early Years team. References from current Nursery settings are requested to ensure they are ready to start the following September.

Bursaries

Bursaries are available from Year 3 upwards. Awards of up to 100% of fees can be made in accordance with the criteria published on the school website.

Fees

Please visit our website to view our school fees.

Joining The Beacon

For families joining The Beacon in September, children take part in a Moving-Up Morning in July prior to starting and an Induction Afternoon [Years 1 to 8] the day before term starts. We find this really supports our new joiners and helps the children to settle in at The Beacon.

For parents, we hold an Information Evening in the Summer Term prior to joining. This provides valuable information and gives parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher.

We look forward to welcoming new families to The Beacon.

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School Transport

The Beacon is proud to operate a wide variety of minibus routes to travel to and from The Beacon. There is also a chauffeured car service for children aged 6 and under with routes from Gerrards Cross, Chalfont St Peter, Seer Green and Beaconsfield New Town.

Our transport routes include High Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Chorleywood, Berkhamsted, Gerrards Cross and surrounding villages.



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