



# EATON HOUSE THE VALE



A MEMBER OF THE EATON HOUSE GROUP OF SCHOOLS





**W**elcome to Eaton House The Vale. I am delighted to offer you a glimpse of our world in the following pages. We are a nurturing school, providing education for boys from 4 to 8 and for girls up to 11. We provide a broad range of activities and subjects, academic and non-academic. Our ethos allows children to flourish socially and academically.

Excellent teaching and superb pastoral care and a warm environment inspire our pupils to have a lifelong love of learning, whilst instilling critical thinking skills and a sense of wonder, fun and enjoyment. Although it is important to keep the goals of 8+ and 11+ in mind, we offer an education which reaches far beyond these examination requirements.

We encourage pupils to take responsibility for, and pride in, their work. The whole school community works as a team, and children feel secure and cared-for within their surroundings. We believe that an open-door policy is fundamental, and pupils and parents alike are comfortable talking to any member of staff.

We aim to use the incredible vibrancy that central London offers, and our situation so near to major museums, galleries and events is ideal. Residential trips, both at home and abroad, help to offer a broader experience. Ours is a happy and hard-working school. My team and I look forward to meeting you in person, when you will see this for yourself.

*Mr Robin Greenwood*

## HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

# EATON HOUSE THE VALE

Children entering The Vale at 4 years old do not take an entrance test. We have one class per year of approximately 10 boys and 10 girls, who are taught for the first two years by two teachers per class. We provide a wide and varied curriculum with the emphasis on Maths and English, ensuring that the children have a good grounding in all subjects. Comprehensive reports, including exam results, achievement and effort grades are produced termly. Parents' Evenings are held twice a year for formal meetings with your child's teacher.



INTRODUCTION

Boys at Eaton House The Vale are prepared for Preparatory School entrance exams at 8 years old. We have an excellent success rate, and the results are in the information sheets at the back of the prospectus.

From Year 4 the girls remain at Eaton House The Vale in small classes of approximately 10. We have a competitive entry intake at this point for girls, if numbers permit.

The small classes provide an ideal environment for the girls to mature and fully cover the syllabuses for the London Day Schools and Common Entrance exams. Again, our excellent results are shown in the information sheets.



## ACADEMIC



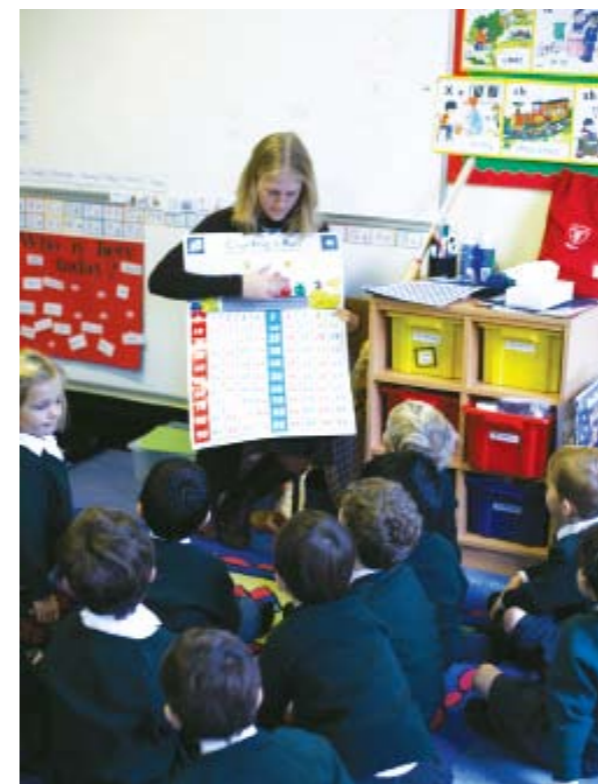
Science is taught throughout the school by a specialist Science teacher. From Year 2, the children use our modern, well-equipped laboratory. Pupils are taught to develop deductive and practical skills and to appreciate the relevance of Science to everyday life. Regular trips are made to the nearby Science Museum, Natural History Museum and the Ecology Centre at Holland Park.

All classes use the multimedia PCs in the ICT room each week in conjunction with the interactive whiteboard. Interactive whiteboards and computers are being introduced into all classrooms on a rolling programme. Class lessons cover word-processing, data handling and paint and drawing software. Touch-typing is taught as part of the wider curriculum. Older pupils have access to the computers for project work.



French, History, Geography and Religious Education are taught throughout the school. French is taught in an informal manner for the younger children using mainly oral work. At 8 years of age language becomes more formal though there is still a strong emphasis on conversation.

History, Geography and Religious Education follow the National Curriculum. Trips are made to a variety of educational sites to enhance the children's understanding.



## SCIENCE & ICT

## FRENCH, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY & RE



**A**rt, Craft and Design Technology are an essential part of the curriculum. The children experiment with a wide range of techniques in drawing, painting, print-making, collage, and three-dimensional work. Older pupils learn to appreciate work by well-known artists.

**D**rama is seen as crucial to developing self-confidence and teamwork. Every year we produce a play, usually a musical, in which all children from Year 2 upwards are involved. The play is performed on the stage at Baden Powell House and allows the children to display and develop their musical and dramatic talents.

**A**ll classes have weekly music lessons, enabling them to experience a wide range of music-making activities. From 7 years of age, all children learn to play the recorder. Individual tuition is available for the piano and violin; regular opportunities are provided for the children to perform, including concerts, carol concerts and assemblies.



## ART, DRAMA & MUSIC



Pupils have sports lessons twice a week using the facilities at Battersea Park. The children are taught netball, football, cricket, rounders and tennis, and we regularly play matches against other schools. In addition, there are gymnastics lessons in the school hall, and pupils are taught swimming. A Swimming Gala and Sports Day are held during the summer term.

## SPORTS



**E**ach year a party of 7-10 year olds attend a multi-activity holiday accompanied by their teachers. They experience a wide variety of activities such as orienteering, horse riding, abseiling and quad biking.

During the girls' last term at Eaton House The Vale they are taken to France for a week where they are taught informally by French teachers during the mornings, and participate in fun activities, all in French, in the afternoons. Every evening there are different activities such as talent contests and fancy dress competitions.

**T**here are a variety of clubs available after school to allow the children to develop their talents in different areas.

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY





In 1897 Mr J. Morton opened a small pre-preparatory school for boys, initially in Sloane Street and then at 35 Cliveden Place. He had been encouraged to do so by the mother of a boy he was coaching – Harold Macmillan. In January 1937, the school moved to 3 Eaton Gate to provide larger premises, and in 1946 5 Eaton Gate was purchased to accommodate an expanding school.

Mr Leman retired in 1959 and the school was bought by Mr and Mrs Ingham, who had previously run Westminster Kindergarten. In 1977, the Inghams retired and Mr and Mrs Harper took over Eaton House Belgravia.

In 1980, Mr and Mrs Harper were approached by parents concerning a co-educational school in The Vale, off King's Road, owned by the Hon Elizabeth Russell, who was retiring after twenty-five years. Mr and Mrs Harper purchased the school and in 1986, moved The Vale to bigger premises at its current location in Elvaston Place, South Kensington.

Mr and Mrs Harper went on to found the Eaton House The Manor Schools on Clapham Common.

Over a period of one hundred years there have, of course, been many changes at the schools, but we believe that The Eaton House Group of Schools continues to provide traditional standards of education and behaviour whilst embracing all that is best in new ideas and developments.



**EATON HOUSE  
BELGRAVIA**

**3-5, Eaton Gate,  
London  
SW1W 9BA.**

*Boys Pre-Preparatory School,  
from 4-8 years*

Eaton House School, now known as Eaton House Belgravia, has been established for over 100 years and has a high reputation for its academic results. It is located in central London.



**EATON HOUSE  
THE VALE**

**2, Elvaston Place,  
London  
SW7 5QH.**

*Co-Educational School,  
from 4-11 years*

Eaton House The Vale is located in South Kensington, close to Kensington Gardens. A friendly co-ed school that produces excellent exam results for both girls and boys, it features exceptional pastoral care.



**EATON HOUSE  
THE MANOR**

**58, Clapham  
Common Northside,  
London SW4 9RU.**

*Co-Educational Nursery, 2-4  
years. Boys' Pre-Preparatory  
from 4-8 years  
Boys' Preparatory School  
from 8-13 years*

Eaton House The Manor has a high reputation for academic results at all levels. It provides a well-rounded education, in 1½ acre grounds facing the greenery of Clapham Common.



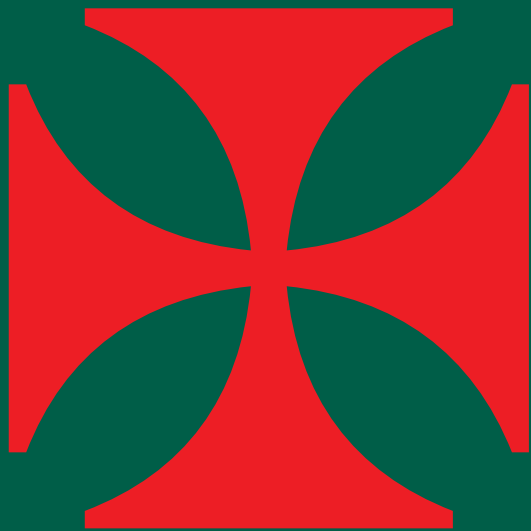
**EATON HOUSE  
THE MANOR GIRLS'  
SCHOOL**

**58, Clapham  
Common Northside,  
London SW4 9RU.**

*Girls' Preparatory School,  
from 4-11 years*

Eaton House The Manor Girls' School provides a welcoming school environment and well-rounded education for 140 girls, aged 4 to 11, and is conveniently situated on Clapham Common.

# GROUP HISTORY



THE EATON HOUSE GROUP OF SCHOOLS  
IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE