

Hotham Primary School

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Welcome to Our School

Limitless opportunities for every child to aspire and succeed



A Warm Welcome to Hotham

Bienvenue à Hotham



Hotham is a dynamic and creative community school in the heart of Putney, where pupils and staff work exceptionally well together. Visitors to the school never fail to mention the happiness of our children and the welcome they receive from our staff. I am incredibly proud to be leading this school.

At Hotham our vision is to provide limitless opportunities to our children to allow them to aspire and succeed. We are proud to be a truly inclusive community school, welcoming all pupils who join us from a range of diverse backgrounds. Regardless of a child's starting point, it is our mission that all children have a broad range of experiences and opportunities.

A key word to life at Hotham is 'purpose'. We believe that children need to understand what they are learning, why they need to know it and to have the opportunity to apply their learning in meaningful ways. Our curriculum is designed around a termly essential question. Examples include, 'What happened to the Maya?' and 'How can we bring a toy to life?'.

It is commonly said that education should prepare children for real life. We believe that our children are living real life already and we are determined to give our children opportunities to live this life to the fullest. We value an international outlook, and all children learn French from the minute they start our school, integrated into daily life to make it meaningful.

Our community is united around our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resolve. These inform our decision-making and sit at the heart of everything we do. Since I joined the school, I have seen first-hand Hotham's strong sense of community and just how special this is: everyone is valued; diversity is celebrated. The school is very lucky to have committed staff and pupils, engaged parents, a supportive governing body, and an active PTA.

If you would like any more information or would be interested in visiting our school, I would strongly encourage you to get in touch with the school office. We are proud to show our school to visitors, and we are happy to run tours throughout the year for prospective parents.

With best wishes,

Richard Byrne-Smith
Headteacher



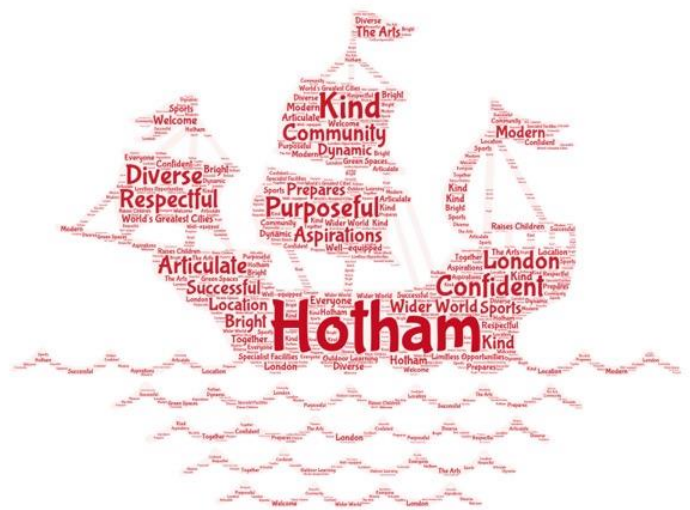


Our Vision and Values

At Hotham our vision is simple: we provide **limitless opportunities for every child to aspire and succeed**. All members of our community contributed to creating this vision – and we all share responsibility for making it a reality.

Our three core values represent the principles which guide our actions as a school. They also sit at the heart of our approach to behaviour and relationships.

We **respect** ourselves, each other and our environment; we take **responsibility** for our learning and our actions; we show **resolve** in the face of every challenge.



Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is built around two key words – purpose and opportunity. We see our role as preparing all children for life in London and the wider world. Our curriculum is rich and broad, and we make the most of our location in one of the world’s greatest cities.

Reading is central to our curriculum. Our phonics programme starts in Nursery and children are taught to read systematically. High quality core texts (fiction and non-fiction) are valued and used across the school.

Hotham Projects are termly projects which connect deep subject knowledge in English, history, geography, art and design technology. Across the term, pupils learn essential knowledge in each subject discipline, go on engaging and relevant trips, and work towards a quality outcome which is shared with families.

French is taught to all pupils from Nursery upwards. Our enhanced language offer is delivered by our highly skilled staff and helps pupils to quickly become familiar with a second language.

Music is taught by a specialist music teacher who provides expert tuition to whole classes, runs ensembles, leads choirs, and hosts performances; all pupils in Year 4 are taught the clarinet.

Our Facilities

The children at Hotham are very fortunate to have a large school site with excellent facilities, including:

- Large refurbished school building with airy classrooms;
- Sports hall;
- Separate Early Years playground;
- Woodland area with forest school facilities;
- A 4G sports pitch and second hard netball court;
- Fully equipped music room;
- Art and design technology studio;
- Allotments and a pond;
- Well stocked library;
- Class sets of Chromebooks and iPads;
- Sensory room;
- 'The Hub' for social and emotional support.



Sport and Wider Opportunities

While pupils at Hotham achieve well in English and Maths, we value learning in all its forms. We also have a specialist sports teacher who makes use of our extensive facilities, teaching PE across the school whilst co-ordinating teams and fixtures in all major sports. Our extra-curricular offer is large, with clubs which regularly include French, chess, STEM, robotics, nature, cookery, fencing, jiu jitsu, creative writing and many more. Pupils represent the school locally and beyond – we field teams for a range of sports, as well as debating competitions, spelling bees, maths competitions and more.

Key Facts

School type: Mainstream community school
Ofsted rating: Good, 2019
Reception places: 60 (two-form entry)
Nursery places: 32 (full-time/part-time available)
Breakfast club / After-school care: Available daily
Leavers' destinations: Ashcroft, Richmond Park Academy, St Cecilia's, Ark Putney, Tiffin, Holland Park, Epsom College, Kingston Grammar, Emanuel

Key Contacts

Headteacher: Richard Byrne-Smith
Deputy Head: Olivia Ridout-Doyle
Assistant Head: Rebecca Oddy
SENCO: Kimberley Walker
Admissions: Emma Burley

How to Apply

Applications are processed by Wandsworth Borough Council. Information on how to apply can be found on their website. Alternatively, please get in touch with us and we will guide you through the process.

Getting in Touch

You can call us on 020 8788 6468 or email us at admissions@hotham.wandsworth.sch.uk

Alternatively, please pop in to the school and we will be only too happy to help.

To find out more, please visit our website: www.hothamprimaryschool.org.uk