



Hurst

HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE

JUNIOR PREP SCHOOL



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NICK OAKDEN, HEAD OF JUNIOR PREP SCHOOL



WELCOME TO HURST JUNIOR PREP

At Hurst Junior Prep School, children are at the centre of everything we do. Childhood is precious and we have a responsibility to our children to make their time at school as special as possible. As such, we aim to nurture every pupil so that they flourish, and make the most of every opportunity to learn and grow.

Hurst is a happy, vibrant, welcoming community - our ethos is embodied by the core values of *Work Hard, Do Good and Engage* and this is embedded in everything we do. We are ambitious for every pupil to achieve their full potential. To do this we foster a love of learning by igniting a child's imagination and promoting a sense of exploration and discovery of the world around them.

Hurst Junior Prep is a co-educational day school for pupils from 4 to 11 years of age.

The majority of our pupils will seamlessly transfer into the Senior Prep School and then onto the Senior School. As a through-school we have full use of the college facilities as well as highly trained specialist staff. We ensure that every single pupil engages with the outstanding breadth of opportunities available so that they can discover a passion that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

I do hope you will come along to visit our Junior Prep School to find out more about what we can offer your child. I would be delighted to meet you and your family, show you the school and answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Nick Oakden
Head of Junior Prep School

SUPERB FACILITIES

Situated within a 140-acre campus, surrounded by beautiful countryside, the school lies on the border of the South Downs National Park, close to the village of Hurstpierpoint in West Sussex.

Easily accessible by car or train, Hurst is situated just north of Brighton and south of Gatwick, a short drive from the A23; or reached via Hassocks and Haywards Heath train stations.

For Reception to Year 2 we have large, modern classrooms which open out onto a covered outdoor terraced area with activities for outdoor learning. Our youngest pupils also benefit from their own bespoke playground to provide a stimulating environment for creative and imaginative play.

All Prep School classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards and computers. The Prep School also houses a library, computer room, art room, music rooms, gym and specially built on-site Woodland School for outdoor education.

Facilities for the creative arts are impressive, with the Junior Prep benefiting from the

college's Music School, Moore Hall and recently built Performing Arts Centre, which are all used for creative performances. The college Chapel is used for weekly services and some performances such as the nativity plays.

Our pupils also make use of the college Sports Hall, playing fields, hard courts, AstroTurfs and grass pitches. All year groups have swimming lessons in the college's heated indoor pool.

In recent years extensive (but sympathetic) building developments have been completed, including the Academic Quadrangle, new teaching spaces specifically for Years 3 and 4, new boys' changing rooms and two Prep School Science labs.

For the sports enthusiasts, a third AstroTurf, further netball/tennis courts, a new cricket practice facility and sports pavilion have all been built. For the performers, our new theatre has been opened, swiftly followed by the adjoining Music and Dance facility.



"We are committed to continuous development and investment to meet growing demand."

TIM MANLY, PRINCIPAL





"Hurst offers so much for pupils and it is great when your child engages and you see them grow, develop and enjoy their school days."

PARENT

THE HURST EXPERIENCE

INDIVIDUALS IN THE HURST FAMILY

At Hurst, pupils are known and valued as individuals and for the contribution they make to our Hurst family. Being part of the Hurst community is so much more than an academic education. Pupils are given exceptional opportunities to develop talents, life skills, support networks and friendships that can last a lifetime.

Hurst Junior Prep accommodates children from four (Reception) to 11 years old (Year 6). Most admissions are into Reception and Year 3 but we welcome entry into all year groups, providing we have spaces available.

LOVE OF LEARNING

Academic life is the cornerstone of a Hurst education. We are ambitious for all pupils and support each child to be the very best they can be. Lessons are carefully tailored to meet the needs of the individuals within each

class, to ensure that each child is appropriately challenged and to encourage a life-long love of learning.

HURST FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

Our Hurst for Life programme for Years 3 to 6, incorporating PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic education) teaches pupils to value themselves, others and the world in which they belong. Pupils explore issues such as sustainability and the environment and we support them with their ideas and actions to help others and charitable causes.

The PSHCE programme also teaches pupils, in an age-appropriate way, about wider aspects of life such as healthy relationships; looking after their own physical and mental health; how to stay safe and managing their digital wellbeing. We create safe spaces for pupils where they can have open discussions and time for self-reflection.

“We build the ideals, values and attributes necessary to enable pupils to think for themselves and to take ownership and responsibility for their future.”

NICK OAKDEN, HEAD OF JUNIOR PREP SCHOOL



EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED

Our expansive co-curricular programme provides pupils of all ages with opportunities to take part in additional sports, outdoor pursuits, the creative arts and an array of other activities.

At Hurst, everyone is encouraged to 'have a go' and we hope that by doing so pupils will not only acquire beneficial skills, but they will be introduced to a hobby or past-time which will stay with them throughout their lives. Our co-curricular activities also provide pupils with further opportunities for challenge, competition and a chance to excel. Many pupils enjoy playing sports for the school teams; performing in dance, drama and music performances and taking part in additional competitions and qualifications.

ACHIEVING THEIR BESTS

Alongside our mantra of 'having a go', we want every pupil to fulfil their potential and achieve the best they can. Therefore, pupils with a talent in a specific area are further encouraged and supported to help them achieve their own personal goals.

“Pupils of all ages appear happy, healthy and active and they are very positive about their school.”

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE





"At Hurst we make sure that every single pupil engages with the breadth of opportunities that are available to them. We want them to discover a passion that will stay with them for the rest of their lives."

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CARING COMMUNITY

The very best schools not only focus on the development of a pupil's academic ability, physical well-being or creativity, they go deeper still. They nurture the character and moral values of their pupils. We prepare our pupils for life in the Senior Prep School and also for life beyond Hurst so that they understand the value of kindness and how to enrich the lives of those around them.

CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

Founded in 1849 by Nathaniel Woodard, Hurst is a Church of England School and the Christian ethos underpins school life. However, we are a diverse community and welcome those of other faiths, or no faith, and pursue an inclusive approach in all that we do. We maintain our religious ethos through assemblies and a weekly Chapel service.

HOUSE SYSTEM

There is a house system where pupils are allocated to one of our four houses. This allows

different years to work together in teams for various house events, which encourages healthy competition and teamwork.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Pupils are encouraged to be active and independent in their learning, to participate in discussions, to take responsibility and assume leadership roles as they progress through the school. Pupils in Year 6 can apply to be a School Guardian and a House Captain.

OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

Pupils are taught to understand the importance of helping others and to appreciate the value of their local and global community. Our pupils regularly support various charities by holding special fundraising events within their houses, year groups and as a whole school.

We encourage our pupils to care for the natural world and we therefore discuss environmental issues and how to tackle them.

*We believe that outstanding pastoral care is essential
for a child to flourish*

THE EARLY YEARS

The Reception experience at Hurst is distinct from any other year group due to our central focus on learning through play. Learning is influenced by what the children want to know and do, as much as by what they need to know and do, in line with the Early Years best practice.

We set up hands-on classroom activities which will foster curiosity so the children are encouraged to initiate their own challenges. By learning in this way they develop their independence, problem-solving and higher order thinking skills whilst also having a tremendous amount of fun.

Learning through play is balanced with age-appropriate portions of teacher-led activities. We work with small groups in order to offer a bespoke level of challenge or support for each individual. In this way, we enable children to make remarkable progress during their Reception year.

We introduce children to their school careers by building strong foundations for future learning.

We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum which works towards the Early Learning Goals. Within this curriculum, learning and development is broken down into seven areas:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Communication and Language
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding of the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The varied curriculum includes weekly Music, Drama, Swimming and French lessons, and Physical Education (PE) twice a week. We also take the children to our on-site Woodland School where they are inspired to explore nature and take risks - such as having a go at something new in order to gain experience and confidence.

"We try to ensure that every child discovers something they are good at, giving a strong base from which to build confidence and self-belief."

CAMILLA FOX, RECEPTION CLASS TEACHER





ACADEMIC FULFILMENT

REACHING THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

We aim to foster a love of learning in pupils by promoting a sense of exploration and discovery of the world around them. Our lessons are designed to stretch and challenge every child and to ensure that each pupil performs to their full potential.

QUALITY TEACHING

Our dynamic teachers take the best from both traditional and modern teaching methods to inspire our pupils. They teach our pupils to use desktop computers, digital devices, interactive whiteboards and laptops as tools for learning. Learning experiences also include visits from writers, artists and musicians and off-site trips.

BROAD CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is broad, and although we take the national curriculum as our base, we extend this in many ways. As a genuine through-school we are able to provide a curriculum that is not only informative, relevant, creative and engaging, it is also one that will provide our pupils with an understanding of the world we

live in and prepare them for the next stage of their education.

The Junior Prep timetable is in line with the Senior School which creates greater fluidity between the two teaching environments.

In Reception to Year 4, pupils are primarily taught by their form teacher to ensure that we have a strong academic and pastoral overview of every child. Pupils receive subject specialist teaching in Music, Drama, French and PE/Games.

In Years 5 and 6 our pupils have greater independence and move around the Prep School to benefit from subject specialists for all of their lessons. Many Junior Prep staff also teach within the Senior School so they understand the challenges pupils may face in the future and can prepare them accordingly.

All pupils have lessons in Art, Dance, Drama and Music, and enjoy opportunities to perform in front of parents at events such as our annual nativity plays and Dance Showcase. Large-scale drama productions are held each year and are compulsory for pupils in Years 3 to 6.

“My children enjoy going to school every day and look forward to seeing their teachers. This says a great deal about the quality of teachers.”

PARENT

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

We encourage all pupils to try new activities, not only for the achievement, fun and wellbeing they bring, but also because they facilitate the development of many life skills. Our co-curricular programme includes a wide variety of sports, outdoor pursuits, creative and performing arts, and clubs for all interests.

MUSIC

We have music groups for instrumentalists of all levels, such as an orchestra, jazz band, brass group, flute group, guitar group, string group and numerous choirs.

Many Hurst pupils take extra individual instrumental lessons. As well as singing lessons, musical tuition spans keyboard/piano, brass, string, woodwind and percussion instruments.

There are many opportunities for pupils to showcase their musical talents, including assemblies, termly informal concerts and annual whole-school concerts.

DRAMA

We offer after school drama clubs for all ages and hold workshops led by industry professionals. We also have an outstanding London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) department which offers additional drama and music lessons. Pupils are also able to take LAMDA examinations and our results are consistently among the best in the country.

DANCE

We are proud to have a thriving dance department and we offer numerous dance groups for girls and boys of all ages and abilities. Dance clubs - which include ballet, contemporary, street and tap dancing - are delivered by our dance department and external professional dancers. We also offer Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) graded examination classes in ballet.

Our dancers have opportunities to perform to an audience and our annual Dance Showcase is a highlight of our creative calendar.

“The school provides a wealth of extra-curricular activities in which pupils receive excellent coaching from staff who have high levels of expertise.”





SPORT AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS

We believe that sport is beneficial not only for our children's development but also for nurturing teamwork and talent.

Within our timetabled PE lessons we teach sports skills to help prepare pupils for healthy and active future lifestyles. Our PE programme includes swimming, gymnastics, dance and games. All lessons are taught by specialist PE teachers, including fully-trained swimming instructors.

The games timetable in the Junior Prep features the following seasonal sports: hockey, rugby, football, netball, cricket and athletics.

Within our co-curricular programme, pupils have the opportunity to further their skills in our major seasonal sports. They can also take part in additional sports such as: cross-country; ninjitsu; running; swimming; table tennis; tennis; triathlon; water polo and yoga.

Pupils have the opportunity to represent Hurst in competitive fixtures and competitions in almost every sport. Throughout the year we also hold inter-house sports competitions.

For young horse riders, there are a number of school equestrian teams. Pupils can compete in National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) events and local competitions. Hurst has a close relationship with the world-class equestrian showground at Hickstead and sponsors the National Schools and Pony Clubs Championships and organises the Inter-schools Showjumping Championships.

ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Activities and clubs vary each year but often include: Arts and Crafts; British Sign Language; Chess; Debating; Design and Technology (which includes jewellery-making and woodwork); Film club; Greek; the Hurst newspaper; Lego; Manga comic book drawing; Modern Foreign Languages; Philosophy; RLSS UK Rookie Lifeguard Training; Tabletop Gaming, and Woodland and Campcraft skills.

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) clubs include coding, 'Space Explorers' and 'Scientists of the Future'.

SHAPING THE FUTURE



PRINCIPAL

Tim Manly
BA (Oxon) MSc (LSE) PGCE (Cantab)

Tim joined Hurst College in January 2005 as Headmaster of the College, having formerly taught at Oakham School where he was Deputy Head and, prior to that, at Sevenoaks School. During Tim Manly's stewardship, Hurst has evolved into a very attractive destination for families and, as a result, has doubled in size and changed profoundly without losing any of its core strengths in terms of characteristics and personality. In September 2022, Tim took on the role of Principal, responsible for the overall performance and the strategic development of Hurst.



HEAD OF COLLEGE

Dominic Mott
MA (Queens College, Cantab)

Dominic joined the Senior Leadership Team as Head of the Senior School in September 2015, and prior to that was Head of Languages at Sevenoaks School for four years and Head of Spanish for the previous three years. Before joining the teaching profession, he worked for Merrill Lynch and had a stint in the army. He has a MA in Modern and Medieval Languages from Cambridge. In September 2022, Dominic succeeded Tim Manly to become Headmaster of the College.



HEAD OF JUNIOR PREP

Nick J Oakden
BA Wales; MEd Buckingham, NPQH

Nick joined Hurst College in 2010 as Deputy Head of the Prep School from Repton Prep School in Derbyshire where he was a boarding Housemaster and Head of Maths. Previously, he taught at Warwick School. Nick has an MEd in Educational Leadership and is an inspector for the ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate). In September 2022, Nick was appointed as Head of the Junior Prep School.

INSPECTION REPORTS AND REVIEWS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

- “The quality of pupils’ academic and other achievements are excellent overall.”
- “The quality of pupils’ personal development is excellent overall.”
- “Pupils’ outstanding attitudes to learning are evident in lessons and beyond.”
- “Behaviour is exemplary, and they are respectful and supportive of each other.”
- “Pupils of all ages appear happy, healthy and active and they are very positive about their school.”

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) inspection refers to our provision for Hurst Junior Prep School children up to, and including, the age of 5 (Reception class).

- “The overall effectiveness of the EYFS is outstanding”
- “Leadership and Management are excellent”
- “The quality of the provision is outstanding”
- “Outcomes for children are excellent”

Summary from the full inspection report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI), May 2019. Full report available at isi.net and on the Hurst website hpsc.co.uk

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

- “Pupils say the challenge grade system ‘helps you get to where you want to be’, and it certainly works, Hurst is in the top 10% nationally for value added.”
- “A parent told us this is not a school for those who want to fly under the radar and just get to the end of their school days: ‘the thing you do at this school is engage - it can be anything, there are endless opportunities’”
- “Parents choose Hurst because they feel it provides something more than an academic education: ‘We want (them) to do well academically but [...] we want them to be brought on as people’.”



There are a number of guides for parents seeking objective information but many consider the Good Schools Guide to be the most authoritative. Its reports are based upon a rigorous independent appraisal, including an inspection and interviews with a range of current parents.

Full report available at goodschoolsguide.co.uk and on the Hurst website hpsc.co.uk

“The first choice for many parents who would traditionally have sent their children further afield”

GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

HOW TO FIND US

APPROACHING HURST BY ROAD FROM THE NORTH

- From the M25, join the M23 and then the A23 travelling south
- Leave the A23 at the Burgess Hill/Hickstead/Twineham turn-off, turning left at the roundabout at the head of the exit road to join the A2300
- Turn right at the next roundabout (road signposted to Goddards Green and Hurstpierpoint)
- At next junction (with The Sportsman Public House to your left), cross with care and continue straight ahead into Cuckfield Road
- After approx. 1.5 miles, turn left into Chalkers Lane (opposite the signpost for Hurstpierpoint College)
- Continue along the lane; the entrance to the Prep School is on the right

BY RAIL

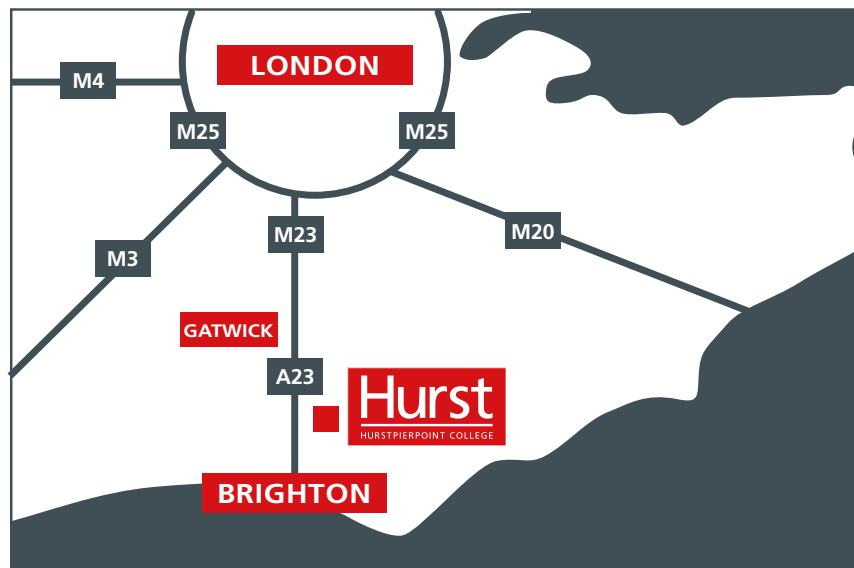
There is a fast and frequent rail service from London Victoria to Hassocks station. The College is a short taxi ride from the station. Haywards Heath station is also close by.

APPROACHING HURST BY ROAD FROM THE SOUTH

- From Brighton, join the A23 travelling north.
- Leave the A23 at the Hurstpierpoint turn off B2117
- Turn right onto B2117 (crossing the A23)
- At the roundabout in the village go straight across, into Cuckfield Road
- After approx. 1 mile, turn right into Chalkers Lane (opposite the signpost for Hurstpierpoint College)
- Continue along the lane; the entrance to the Prep School is on the right

BY AIR

Hurst College can be reached quickly from both London Gatwick and London Heathrow.



ARRANGE A PERSONAL VISIT

We look forward to welcoming prospective pupils and parents to Hurst to experience our vibrant community.

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