



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

WE AIM FOR HIGHER THINGS



WELCOME



HEAD'S WELCOME

At Long Close School, each child is encouraged to aim for the highest – to do the very best they can.

Our small class sizes and skilled, experienced teaching staff ensure that every boy and girl can fulfil their potential within a caring, family environment.

We are very proud of our heritage and tradition and will be celebrating our 80th anniversary in 2021. Long Close School educates boys and girls from the age of 2 to 16 years in Nursery, Preparatory and Senior Schools which all share the same ethos of individualised teaching,

academic focus and character development. We believe in presenting all our children with opportunities to discover and develop lifelong skills and passions in an environment in which they can grow into confident and happy young people.

I look forward to welcoming you,

Miss Kam Nijjar
Head of Long Close School

THE PERFECT START TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

The Long Close Nursery provides our youngest boys and girls with a warm, safe and nurturing start to their educational journey. Each day is a new adventure with the children being exposed to a wide variety of learning experiences both indoors and outside. The staff are experts in this crucial stage

of a child's development and work in true partnership with parents. Our Nursery forms part of a wider Early Years setting within the school and the children start to read and count, enjoy sessions of PE, Music and Dance and visit the Reception class regularly which makes for a seamless transition to school.



*“The quality of the work delivered
by all the professionals in the
Early Years is amazing!”*

GROWING A SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY



“The teachers at Long Close School simply seem to enjoy teaching - we’ve always found them to be very dedicated, enthusiastic and excellent listeners who give clear, constructive feedback on our son’s progress.”



The Prep school is a vibrant, happy and stimulating environment where children develop their love of learning. We teach according to traditional lines with a focus on literacy and numeracy providing a solid academic base for the future and a thorough preparation for the 11+. We rank in the top 50 independent prep schools in the country (*Sunday Times Parent Power 2018*) and the strength of our Phonics teaching is recognised through our status as a Read Write Inc. Model School (2019).

We also recognise the importance of a broad education - sparking children’s curiosity and building their knowledge of the world through topic work, workshops and trips. Being part of a through-school means that pupils benefit from specialist teachers and facilities (eg. Science, Computing, Spanish, Art) in addition to receiving excellent pastoral care from their form teacher.



“I love the family environment and the fact that all the teachers are so caring and supportive.”



CONFIDENT, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

We pride ourselves on being able to understand each child's individual ability and preferred style of learning. Small class sizes in our Senior School allow inspirational subject teachers to ensure the correct amount of support or stretch is provided to each student. The added value in our GCSE results in the core subjects

of English, Maths & Science and a broad range of options - Humanities, Computing, Art, Music & Spanish - bears testament to this. We are also aware of the importance of character development in order to prepare the boys and girls for Sixth Form, university and the world of work. The small size of the Senior School means

that children mix naturally across year groups providing invaluable peer mentoring. We encourage all to take the Bronze DofE (volunteering in the community and going on an expedition), students follow a structured careers programme and Year 11 hone their leadership skills as top of school prefects.

“I thoroughly enjoy learning every day at Long Close. There is fun, friendship and respect.”



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Sport is a major part of life at Long Close with specialist teaching from Nursery onwards, Prep and Senior fixtures against other schools and talented individuals going on to represent the county. Music is a vibrant area - pupils can receive peripatetic lessons as well as performing in productions, choirs and orchestras. After-school clubs offer a termly choice of activities, ranging from judo to Forest School, to allow children to discover and develop their interests. Day and residential trips introduce pupils to new challenges and enable their teamworking skills and global awareness to evolve.



AN INFORMED CHOICE

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions that you make as a parent.



Long Close is the answer for those who seek a friendly, close-knit community which is ambitious for its pupils.

The Nursery, Prep and Senior Schools deliver strong academic results whilst ensuring the children enjoy learning.

Whatever the age, we believe in a home-school partnership to ensure that pupils follow our shared values of hard work,

respect and happiness. We offer an extended school day and parents can rest assured that when they collect their children they have enjoyed a busy day of learning, eaten healthy, fresh food prepared by our catering team, taken part in clubs or started their homework.

Please do arrange to visit and see Slough's 'best kept secret' for yourself.



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