

## Tatler Schools Guide - September 2021





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**BASSETT HOUSE** SCHOOL .

60 Bassett Road, W10 6JP Website bassetths.org.uk Head Kelly Gray Pupils 138 day: 74 boys, 64 girls Ages 2-11 Term Fees £6,320

It's always a good sign when the children's only complaint is that the school day ends too early; pupils also cite 'jokes of the day' and the annual teachers' pantomime as their favourite things about BHS. Situated in an airy red-brick building in the heart of Notting Hill, Bassett House also has a purpose-built new nursery and reception building, which is onderfully bright and has an interactive learning zone. Sport is derful addition to the family'. retired in July 2021 with Louisa clubs are all on offer.

strong, with access to excellent local facilities and an array of activities and games 'that allow pupils to progress at their own pace', nurturing a love for physical activity. The partnership with local charity Growing Spaces sees pupils enjoying workshops in the local church garden, helping to foster green fingers and an appreciation of nature. September 2021 marks the arrival of new Head Kelly Gray, who sources think 'will be a wonBROOMWOOD HALL ... 68-74 Nightingale Lane, SW12 8NR

Website northwoodschools.com Head Upper: Louisa McCafferty. Lower: Jo Townsend Pupils Upper: 250 day girls. Lower: 320 day: 160 boys, 160 girls Ages Upper: 8-13. Lower: 4-8 Term Fees Upper: £7,140. Lower: £5,820 After 20 years at the helm of this 'ambitious, efficient and successful' ship, Head Carole Jenkinson

McCafferty succeeding her. Boys leave the co-ed Lower School at eight and move on to sibling school Northcote Lodge, while girls stay on through Broomwood Hall Upper School until the age of 11 or 13, leaving brimming with confidence', and with a healthy haul of scholarships. There's a new enrichment programme for Years 7 and 8; girls can now do rugby, football and cricket; and there are plans for increased collaboration across the esteemed Northwood family of schools. Around the corner at the Lower School, Jo Townsend has taken up the Headship, the early years' site has been revamped, and new coding, street dance and yoga

**EATON SQUARE** SCHOOL .

55-57 Eccleston Square, SW1V 1PP

Website eatonsquareschool.com Head Patricia Watt Pupils 321 day: 168 boys, 153 girls Ages 4-11 Term Fees £7,555

Proudly located on one of London's most prestigious garden squares, this vibrant mixed prep continues to hold its own. The school is centred around the wellbeing of the children, stretching them academically, but always in a fun way. Principal Sebastian Hepher receives rave reviews ('One simply cannot imagine the place without him') and possesses vast knowledge about the UK school system. Most students, however, head straight to the senior school, which will have its own Sixth Form from September 2022 (the unique Preparation for Life programme is a huge draw). Music plays a big part in life here: opportunities in the Chamber Choir are highly sought-after and the yearly production is a highlight.

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Considering a change for Sixth Form? Eaton Square Senior School's new opening could be the answer

## THE NEXT 12 MONTHS LOOK SET TO

be a monumental period for Eaton Square Schools. Not only does this September mark its 40th anniversary, it also coincides with the announcement of Eaton Square Senior School's new Sixth Form, which will open in September 2022. This exciting expansion is part of the continued growth of the Schools group and its prestigious family of nurseries, prep and senior establishments, all of which are located across Belgravia and Mayfair in London.

This much-anticipated new opening is worthy of great celebration. And that is just what Eaton Square Schools is doing by hosting a launch event that will take place at Eaton Square Senior School at 106 Piccadilly—a stunning, historic Grade I-listed building right in the heart of London, overlooking Green Park. For those who might have walked past this address without a second glance, it's worth

noting that the building was previously home to the exclusive private members' club St James's Club, which was regularly visited by the likes of Ian Fleming and Evelyn Waugh. During the evening event, guests can enjoy an invaluable series of talks and presentations from Eaton Square Senior School, Dukes Education's world-leading university consultancies, and special guest speaker Professor Mark Bailey. There will be a Q&A, plus plenty of drinks and refreshments.

## The bespoke Preparation for Life programme equips pupils with vital lifelong skills

The blueprints for Eaton Square Senior School's new Sixth Form are already in motion. It will open in an elegant five-storey Georgian townhouse overlooking Eccleston Square. This sought-after, convenient location is a stone's throw from Victoria Station and walking distance from business hubs, Buckingham Palace

and the Royal Parks. Filling this beautiful new central space will be bright young minds seeking to learn and acquire the skills necessary to go out and face the world head on.

Following a rigorous approach to academia, pupils will also take Eaton Square's unique, compulsory and structured Preparation for Life programme. Spanning business basics, mental health, personal finance, and more, it will empower pupils to leave school with the tools and self-knowledge required to seize every opportunity that comes their way. Pupils will thrive in the Sixth Form's innovative educational framework, which blends the benefits of a traditional school sixth form with those of an independent sixth form college.

When it comes to next steps, the pupils will be supported by the school's higher education services. All will have access to Dukes' expert university consultancies, including A-List Education (the UK's leading US university admissions specialists), The Medic Portal, The Lawyer Portal and Oxbridge Applications. Whatever the future holds, Eaton Square Senior School is the place to prepare.