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pupils, *pictured on our cover*, for whom English is a second language. Its core values are POISE: perseverance, ownership, integrity service and empathy. Part of a family of schools, children can progress to the prep school until 11 and then onto the senior school and sixth form on 106 Piccadilly.

school prides itself on getting to know each individual pupil on their educational journey.

ST PHILIP'S SCHOOL

South Kensington, SW7 4NE, 020 7373 3944
100 boys, 7-13, Roman Catholic day school
stpschool.co.uk

THE HAMPSHIRE SCHOOL CHELSEA

Chelsea, SW3 6NB, 020 7352 7077
104 pupils, pre-school, pre-prep and prep, girls and boys, 2-13
thehampshireschoolchelsea.co.uk

"A tiny dot of a school that produces incredible boys," was how an Eton master described St Philip's. There's a family feel to its townhouse premises in the heart of Kensington, where the headmaster greets pupils and parents on the doorstep each morning. It aims to offset the pressure of being a competitive school with "having a blast" says headmaster Alexander Thomas. Leavers head for the likes of Harrow, Eton, Dulwich College, City of London, Westminster and King's College School Wimbledon.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE PREP

Hampstead, NW3 6AE, 020 7435 1916 (nursery and upper school); NW3 6PD, 020 7431 3466 (junior school)
580 pupils, girls 2 1/2-11; boys 2 1/2-13
devonshirehouseschool.co.uk

Resilience and wellbeing are at the heart of this prep and pre-prep, based in four large Victorian houses in Hampstead. Mental health is "everyone's business" and generosity of spirit is promoted as a key ethos of the school. Academically strong with subjects ranging from coding with robotics to Latin, boys are prepared for Common Entrance and girls 11+.

The school's motto is 'Alte Spectemus' – 'Aim High', which reflects a commitment to high aspirations of academic excellence, personal wellbeing and fulfilment. Set in a Grade II listed historic library, it is easily accessible, with a door-to-door collection and drop-off service with a fleet of school buses. Grounds boast a rare, expansive outdoor area in the heart of London with excellent playground facilities, *pictured above left*.

HILL HOUSE

Knightsbridge, SW1X 0EP, 020 7584 1331
600 pupils, prep co-ed 4-13
hillhouseschool.co.uk

Hill House provides an enriching, broad based education to children from all over the world. The school actively supports children's happiness and development, helping them to flourish and achieve their best while preparing them to be life long learners. A warm and nurturing environment, children are encouraged to have the confidence to take risks and engage with the wider world.

OUTSIDE LONDON

COTTESMORE SCHOOL

West Sussex, RH11 9AU, 01293 520648
200 pupils, girls and boys 4-13; boarding 8+
cottesmoreschool.com

Close to Gatwick, pupils at this multi-award winning prep come from the local area, London and overseas. Beautiful grounds with golf course, fishing lake, heated pool and shooting range. Strong on creative arts and sciences and feeds public schools such as Eton, Harrow and Charterhouse.

LUDGROVE SCHOOL

Berkshire, RG40 3AB, 0118 978 9881
200 pupils, boys' prep boarding, 8-13
ludgrove.net

Founded in 1892, this boys' fortnightly boarding school drew world attention when Prince William (in 1992) and Prince Harry (in 1994) arrived as pupils. Although ambitious for its boys, the school, set in 130 acres, has a homely environment. Its mantras are "Be kind" and "Be the best you can". Facilities include a nine-hole golf course and Eton Fives courts, but cricket is the key sport. Leavers often head for Radley, Eton and Harrow. ▶

DULWICH PREP LONDON

Dulwich, SE21 7AA, 020 8766 5500
840 boys, age 3-13, day pupils
dulwichpreplondon.org

"No day is taken for granted", with this year's leavers accepting 47 scholarships (29 academic) to top schools, notably Dulwich College (with which it has no official link), Eton, St Paul's, Winchester, Alleyn's and Whitgift. Head master Louise Davidson believes "our greatest success is measured by the character of our boys".

EATON SQUARE NURSERY & PREP

Belgravia, SW1V 1PH, 020 7225 3131
260 pupils, girls and boys, 2-11
eatonsquareschools.com

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the school is popular with the international community of Belgravia, offering additional support to

NORTH BRIDGE HOUSE

Regent's Park, NW1 7AB, 020 7267 6266
385 co-ed prep pupils, 4-13
northbridgehouse.com

A family of schools across six North London locations, including Hampstead and West Hampstead (nursery), Regent's Park (prep), Canonbury and Hampstead (senior). Its nurseries have recently been rated by parents as in the 'London top 20'. The prep offers more than 30 after-school clubs and the whole