



The Hampshire School

C H E L S E A

EARLY YEARS, PRE-PREPARATORY & PREPARATORY





Welcome



Dear Parents,

I would like to offer you a warm welcome to The Hampshire School, Chelsea. At our independent co-educational preparatory day school for children aged 3-13 years, we pride ourselves on providing the best in primary education practice, preparing children for the rigorous 11+ and 13+ Common Entrance Examinations.

By offering a rich and varied curriculum, we enable our children to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge, discovery and the creative arts. We are a very happy and nurturing family school. Learning takes place in small classes taught by our talented and experienced teaching staff, whose commitment I can truly say is second to none.

We have over 300 children enjoying an excellent education at our two sites in the heart of London. I feel very privileged to be leading this school and I invite you to come and visit us to experience what makes The Hampshire School, Chelsea so special.

I look forward to meeting you.

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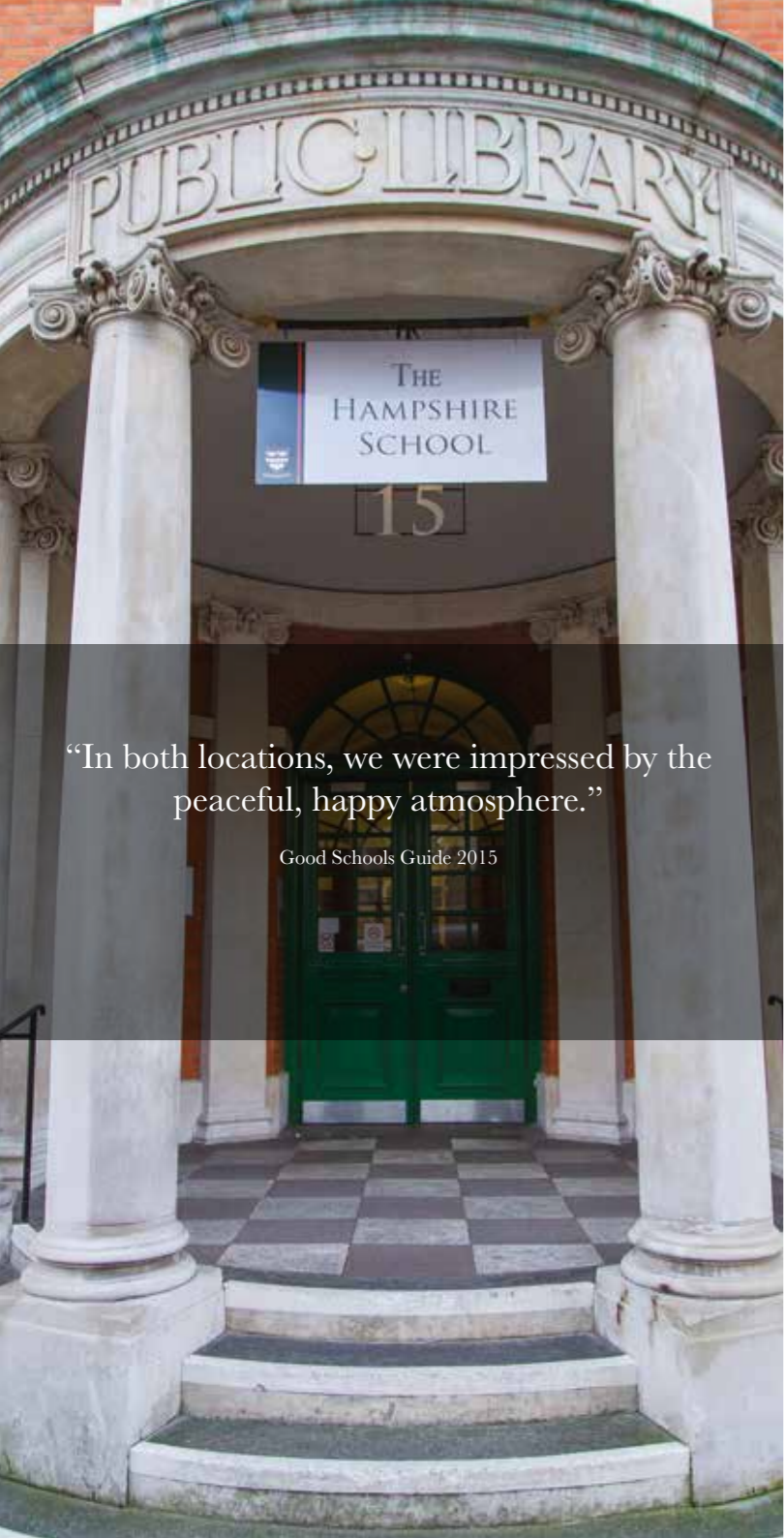
Dónal Brennan
Headmaster



“The school is extremely successful in fulfilling its aim to value, respect and support all learners by providing a high quality education in a stimulating environment, in which the overriding principle is to care for one another.”

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“In both locations, we were impressed by the peaceful, happy atmosphere.”

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Ethos

At The Hampshire School, Chelsea we promise that all pupils will be valued, respected and supported as they learn and grow. We are committed to providing a high quality education in a stimulating environment. We seek to inspire a sense of security and belonging alongside a culture of high expectations, academically, socially and emotionally. Within this culture we want to encourage pupils to be confident and respectful, and help them to develop the desire to become lifelong learners who strive to achieve personal fulfilment and excellence. Our learning philosophy - called the ‘S.E.C.R.E.T’, is embedded in all areas of school life. Please do ask us about this when you visit the school.

Location

Located in the heart of London’s Chelsea, the main school is accessible and inspiring. Set in the former Chelsea Library, the beautiful Grade II listed building once served as the library for King’s College. Today it is home to our bright and busy classrooms. The space surrounds our pupils with history and beauty, creating a truly unique environment for young people to learn and grow. A short walk away you will find the Early Years children, who are located in a newly renovated Victorian building. This smaller setting provides a homely feel for the children as they accustom themselves to school life.



The secret
of learning





Education

Our exceptional staff teach the National Curriculum to eager pupils from 3-13 years old. Starting at the crucial Early Years Foundation Stage, we personalise activities and learning for all the children. Teaching and learning takes place in small, focussed classes. Our results speak for themselves. Every year we are proud to see children from The Hampshire School winning places at some of the finest senior schools such as Latymer, City of London, Ibstock, St Pauls, Stowe, Westminster School, Dulwich College, Emmanuel's, Albyn's School and more. The pupils have been commended for achieving admirable results in their 11+ and 13+ exams.



“Kindness really does seem to be the way here, and everyone we spoke to agreed. ‘The teachers never, ever shout,’ was one comment. ‘They’re really sensitive to the needs of the children.’”

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Opportunity

We are very privileged to be located in the heart of one of the world’s most vibrant, inspiring and exciting cities. We take full advantage of our location to enhance our pupils’ education with regular visits to London’s finest theatres, museums, galleries, exhibitions and historic sites. Alongside cultural activities, we also embrace our range of on-site facilities.

In 2004 we undertook an exciting refurbishment, transforming the library’s reading room into a beautiful assembly hall and gym. Our upgrade also saw the restoration of the former Queen Victoria library with its impressive gallery, along with a brand new science laboratory. With the latest technology in every classroom and dedicated art, IT, music and drama spaces, our historic building is home to a wealth of opportunity.





“Resources are plentiful and the suitably stocked library is accommodated in the unique surroundings of the old Chelsea library.”

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“The bottle green and grey uniform is smartly worn, and children move about with a sense of calm purpose.”

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CHILDREN’S CHARTER

“WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER.”

- WE ARE HONEST.
- WE ARE GENTLE.
- WE ARE KIND AND HELPFUL.
- WE ARE GOOD LISTENERS.
- WE ARE HARD WORKERS.
- WE ARE RESPECTFUL.

In The Classroom

As a preparatory school for 3-13 year olds, we provide education at a pivotal point in a child's development. We carefully track pupils' academic, social and personal progress, extra-curricular activities and other interests so that we are able to offer carefully tailored support to children.

Our academic standards are high and we are extremely proud of the results our pupils have obtained. Alongside academic achievement, we also encourage children to develop as caring, thoughtful individuals who show consideration and kindness to others and take responsibility for their own education. By creating a friendly, supportive community environment, in which learning is fun and exciting, we give children every opportunity to flourish on their own terms and achieve their full potential.



“As a result of highly effective teaching, pupils demonstrate excellent reasoning skills.”

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Our Curriculum

The National Curriculum for England is at the core of our teaching, providing children with education that promotes critical thinking and creativity, while ensuring progress is closely monitored to make certain each and every child attains their own personal best.

As an independent private school, we have been able to build on the National Curriculum, by designing a system of education which stimulates young people with the very best our staff have to offer. Learning is tailored to the individual, ensuring each child achieves their personal goals. We strive every day to achieve the very best progress for every single child, to give our pupils the finest possible start to their educational journey.



“Adults’ high expectations motivate the children to set themselves challenging targets. All children are confident that their ideas will be taken seriously.”

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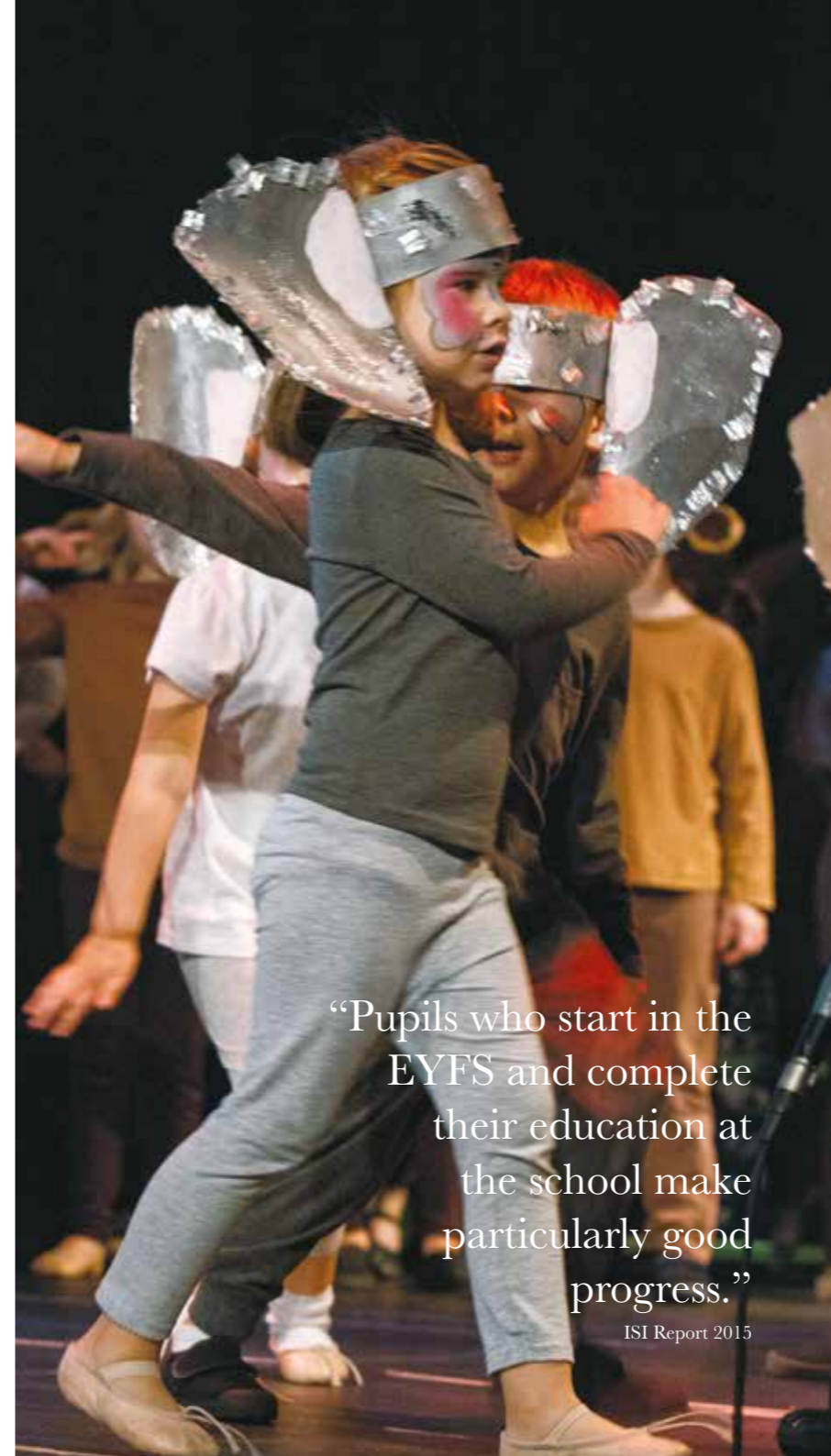


Early Years

Children are welcomed to join the Early Years from the term they turn three. Our experienced and well qualified staff ensure that the transition into school life is enjoyable and highly successful.

All children and parents are warmly welcomed each day, with the belief that the school is an extension of the home and that a strong link between family and school is imperative. The children's days are full of exciting and stimulating learning, each planned for the individual child. The Early Years Foundation Stage provides a strong basis to the curriculum, whilst specialist input and a variety of activities ensure that key skills are embedded and developed to a high level.

The children take part in a variety of specialist lessons each week, including: gym, art, music, drama, dance, ballet, swimming and French. They also participate in a variety of school events, educational school trips and Forest School - an outdoor and wildlife exploration activity. Children transfer to the main building at the end of Reception as confident learners already well versed in the expectations and skills needed for Year 1.



“The contribution of the EYFS to the children’s wellbeing is excellent.”

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“Pupils who start in the EYFS and complete their education at the school make particularly good progress.”

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“In the EYFS excellent links with the main school mean that the children are prepared and ready to transfer.”

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“Pupils’ personal development is excellent.”

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Pre-Preparatory

In the pre-prep, children are taught by experienced teachers who nurture and inspire individuals. The creative and stimulating curriculum has been tailored by our professionals over recent years. The class teacher takes the core subject lessons, with specialist teachers providing PE, Sport, Dancing, Art, Music, Drama, French and ICT. The children flourish and progress in a secure, friendly and exciting environment, laying the groundwork for their education, developing social skills, discovering their aptitudes and enjoying exceptional support and facilities.

Many of the lessons are hands on enquiry based learning experiences, which help solidify concepts. The differentiation that occurs is exceptional. The children follow the Read, Write Inc. Literacy scheme, which allows for small group work at the exact level of those children. This has seen reading and writing levels soar over recent years.



Preparatory

When pupils enter Year 4 aged 8, they begin their preparatory education. At this crucial stage we start to offer more specialist subject teaching, encouraging children to take more responsibility for their learning and preparing them for their big transition to senior school at the end of Key Stage 3 aged 13.

We work extremely hard to ensure our pupils are well-equipped to excel in their important 11+ and 13+ Common Entrance Examinations. We encourage academic excellence while working hard to ensure correct exam technique.

Our carefully structured programme of study is constantly updated in line with current educational developments with respect to the Independent Schools' Examination Board Common Entrance syllabus, but also with due regard to the National Curriculum. Our pupils are assessed regularly, undertaking frequent test papers practised under examination conditions at 11+ and 13+. They also provide valuable diagnostic insight into the strengths and weakness in a student's ability to learn, helping our teachers provide personally tailored support in the right areas.

“A successful and busy school, offering a supportive and relaxed environment in which children can be themselves and achieve their potential without having to compromise their nicer nature.”

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“The teachers’ thorough subject knowledge and excellent interaction with the pupils inspires them to complete tasks to a high standard”

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Our Extra-Curricular Activities

There's much more to education than lessons, tests and classes.

We think it's vital that our pupils have plenty of time to get involved in the activities they love. It's not just great for learning, it's also vital for growing confidence, developing social skills, staying fit and exploring creativity.

That's why we offer a broad, varied and exciting range of extra-curricular activities, clubs, societies and teams to help our young people pursue their passions. Whether your child is a budding gymnast, an IT expert, a talented painter or simply loves making music, they'll find an extra-curricular activity they'll love on our vibrant programme. In total we offer around 70 clubs per week.



“Activities are prepared in response to the children’s interests and are supported by an excellent range of resources.”

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70 Clubs

Arts

The school was founded on the ethos of a love and passion for the arts and, to this day, we continue to offer a broad and varied range of extra-curricular activities to reflect and encourage this passion.

From producing podcasts and playing the ukulele, to performing centre stage and creating original art, we offer a complete range of creative outlets and activities as part of our enrichment programme. We ensure children have all the tools and resources they need to really express themselves, explore their talents and make something great.

Whether they're taking part in our creative writing programme delivered by published children's authors, expanding their art portfolio or learning a brand new style of dance, we'll help their creativity and talent shine.



“Creative displays enhance learning and celebrate pupils work.”

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Outdoor Space

The Hampshire School is very fortunate to be one of the few schools in the area able to offer a large, private, outdoor play space for the children.

It provides a secure environment for all ages in which to play safely on the cushioned all weather flooring.

The space is well-equipped with interactive learning and play equipment including chess tables, chalk boards and a climbing wall.





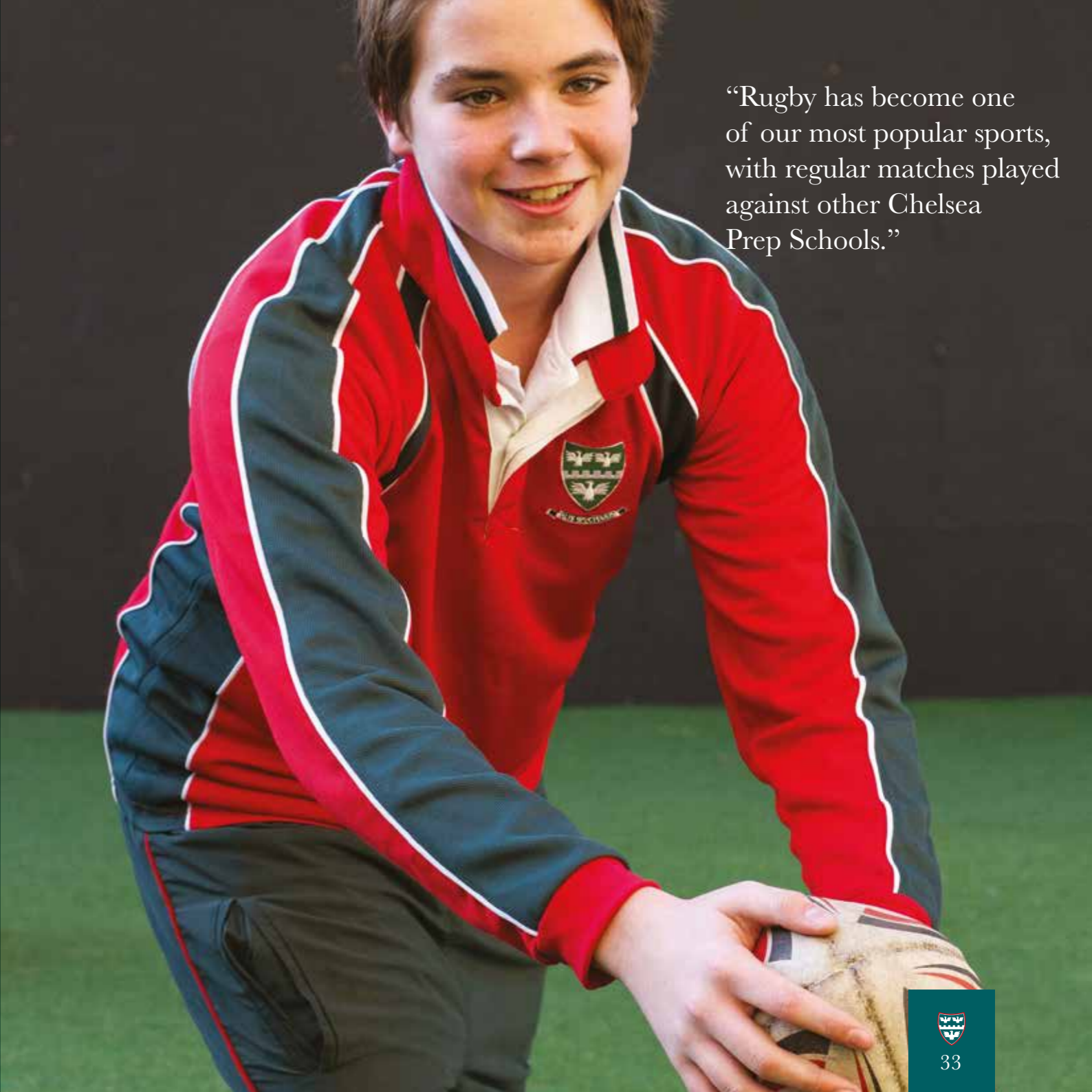
Sports

Our well equipped school is fantastic for team building, confidence boosting and, of course, physical fitness. The local area is also perfect for young people with a passion for physical activities.

We have clubs, classes and teams dedicated to all major sports. From the Chelsea Football Club coaches' weekly after school clubs with our boys and girls, to touch rugby, gymnastics, rounders and archery, there are plenty of opportunities for children to take part. There is a head of both boys' and girls' sports, encouraging excellence in both. Many matches are played against other schools enhancing the community feel of the school.

We also offer more unusual sporting activities including fencing, judo, table tennis and street dance.

Chelsea Ballet School teach all children aged 4-8 years weekly.



“Rugby has become one of our most popular sports, with regular matches played against other Chelsea Prep Schools.”

“The curriculum is supported by an excellent range of extra-curricular activities and trips.”

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Stay & Play Programme

Our Stay & Play service is offered after school until 6pm, giving younger children a chance to wind down after school with supervised play, while older children are encouraged to work through their homework with a snack and a drink. Children are welcome to join these groups on a full-time basis or as last minute, occasional bookings.



Early Bird Club

We understand parents are busy people, often with demanding jobs, so our Early Bird Club opens at 8am. During our daily Early Bird sessions, children enjoy supervised activities before they start their lessons, giving them a positive start to the day and helping parents and guardians stay on schedule.



“Pupils thrive at The Hampshire School because the school successfully encourages each individual to develop personal skills and feel valued in a warm and friendly environment.”

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Our Community

‘We care for each other’ is our school’s message, chosen by the children and included our School Charter. This simple message influences every aspect of what we do here at The Hampshire School.

We’re lucky enough to be part of lots of exciting communities here in Chelsea. We play an active role in our local area and we’ve built our very own community right here on campus. Whether we are supporting local charitable causes, learning together in the classroom or connecting with the global GEMS network, our commitment to caring for each other remains strong.

Our Teachers

Great teachers inspire great pupils and the educators in our classrooms are no exception to this rule. The more skilled our teachers, the better the education our pupils enjoy, which is why The Hampshire School is continually investing in training, global skill sharing and further education for our teaching staff.

A photograph of two young girls in school uniforms. They are wearing dark green cardigans over white collared shirts. The girl on the right is also wearing a red and green striped tie. They are both smiling warmly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in similar uniforms, suggesting a school event or assembly.

“Pupils spiritual awareness is of an extremely high quality. They celebrate and share their learning and an atmosphere of warm appreciation pervades.”

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Pupil Fundraising

It is hugely important to build our children's sense of humility and graciousness through charitable causes. The children have a charities committee of which they are very proud.

They partake in real life experiences such as donating their clothes to the Syrian refugee children, loading the van and sending it on its way. Similarly they like to raise money for many worthwhile causes closer to home. The staff are also passionate about charity work and have completed sleep-outs to support homelessness, marathons for childrens charities and much more.

School Houses

Every day our pupils strive to earn House Points for their School House. The Hampshire School is home to four Houses, which compete with each other to earn the most points. Each week, the highest scoring House has the honour of flying their House Colours at school assembly.

What makes our House system particularly enjoyable and beneficial is the sense of pride, commitment and support it offers to our young people. Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils take on increased responsibilities, while our younger children benefit from relationships with older students who set a positive example when it comes to behaviour and achievement.



“Pupils are given excellent support by the enrichment team”

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Parent Engagement

Research from all over the world shows that parental engagement in learning helps children do better at school.

The Hampshire School 'Parental Engagement Programme' goes far beyond keeping parents 'in the loop' about their child's learning, it provides opportunities for parents and guardians to be actively engaged with their child's education. Our school recognises parents as central to the teaching and learning process, which means we take concrete, practical steps to build close relationships between parents, guardians, teachers, children and the school including: coffee mornings and events for our parents, to support their understanding of how we teach, or just to have some fun together as a school community.

Developing happy, ambitious and confident young adults ready to meet the challenges of secondary education is no simple feat. That's why we think it's so important that the parents of our school children communicate closely with our teachers. We work hard to boost parental engagement in the education of their children, and we ensure that our teachers are always

available and accessible when you need to talk.

Close Communication

From informing parents about the termly curriculum and arranging regular parent-teacher meetings, we encourage close communication between home and school. Whether you have concerns, ideas or questions, our teaching staff are always available and happy to help.

Parent Partnership

We don't think parent engagement in school life should start when it's time for homework. We encourage all parents and guardians to get involved in school life at The Hampshire School. Whether you would like to join our Parents Association and help spread best practice for teaching at home, or would like to learn new skills and tools from our teaching team, let's build a partnership.

"Recent events organised by the PAC include a Fathers' Day breakfast and a United Nations day where parents drew on their own variety of backgrounds to run stalls showcasing food from countries around the world." Good Schools Guide 2015





“Our commitment to the performing arts is a priority”

Mr Brennan

Next Steps

Selecting the right school for your child and settling into a new place of learning can be stressful. This is why we have made our admissions process as straight-forward and hassle-free as possible.

We believe it's very important that your family has the opportunity to get to know our school before the application process begins. We offer school tours throughout the year to help you get a real feel for our facilities, our ethos and our atmosphere before enrolment.

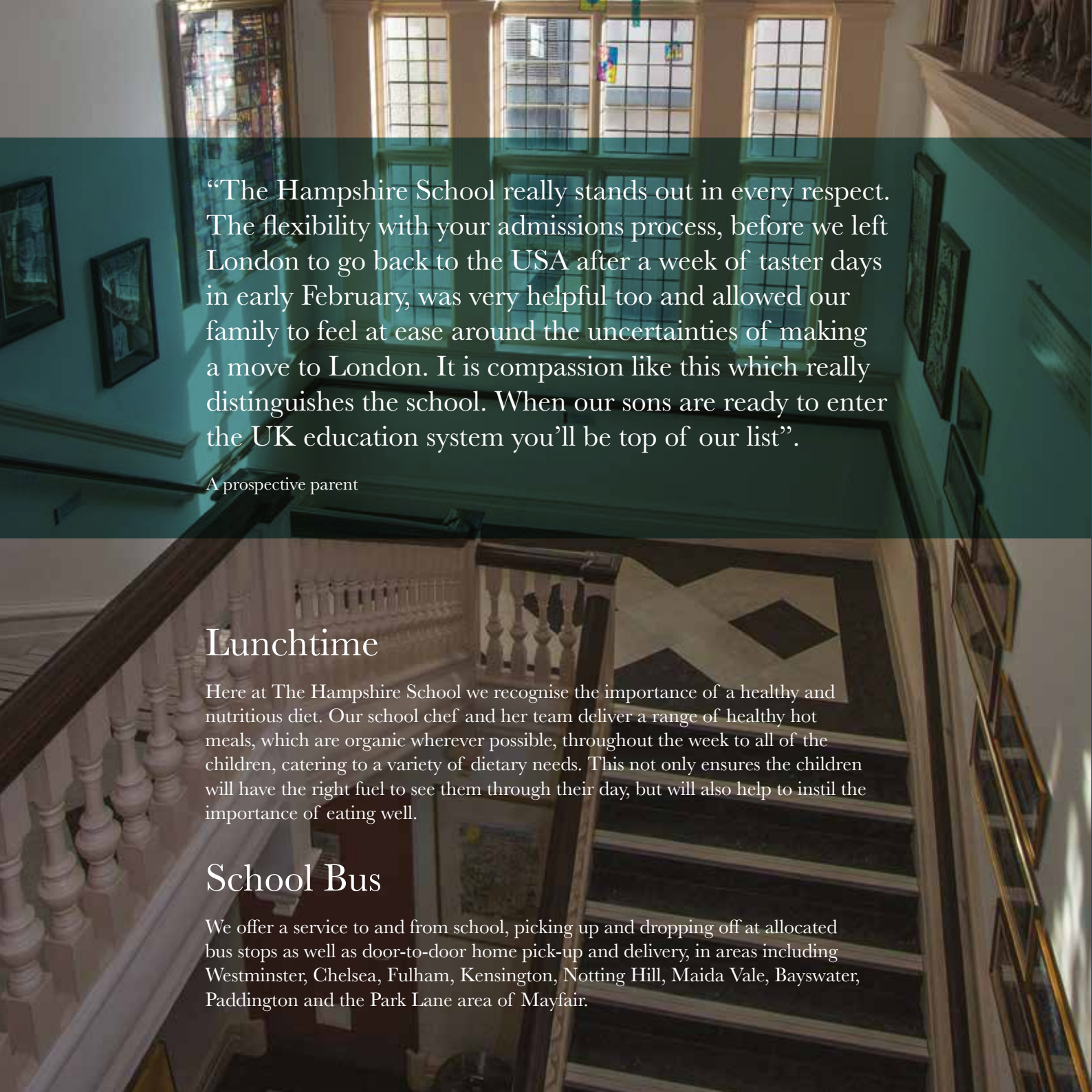
Interview

When you're ready to take the next step, please get in touch and we will invite you and your child to our school. At Early Years level this will involve an informal assessment with our Headmistress.

For older children joining our pre-preparatory and preparatory classes, there will be a taster day which will also include a Mathematics and English assessment. We understand how visiting a new school can be daunting, so we take every step we can to make sure this is a relaxed, pressure-free and enjoyable introduction to our school.

Acceptance

If your application has been successful, a formal offer will be sent to you following your assessment. Should you wish to accept, please complete and return the relevant paperwork. Unfortunately, due to high demand, if we do not receive acceptance within seven days, the place will be offered to another candidate.



“The Hampshire School really stands out in every respect. The flexibility with your admissions process, before we left London to go back to the USA after a week of taster days in early February, was very helpful too and allowed our family to feel at ease around the uncertainties of making a move to London. It is compassion like this which really distinguishes the school. When our sons are ready to enter the UK education system you’ll be top of our list”.

A prospective parent

Lunchtime

Here at The Hampshire School we recognise the importance of a healthy and nutritious diet. Our school chef and her team deliver a range of healthy hot meals, which are organic wherever possible, throughout the week to all of the children, catering to a variety of dietary needs. This not only ensures the children will have the right fuel to see them through their day, but will also help to instil the importance of eating well.

School Bus

We offer a service to and from school, picking up and dropping off at allocated bus stops as well as door-to-door home pick-up and delivery, in areas including Westminster, Chelsea, Fulham, Kensington, Notting Hill, Maida Vale, Bayswater, Paddington and the Park Lane area of Mayfair.

Fees

Our school fees vary annually and depend on your child’s educational level. The following services and activities are all inclusive:

- A yearly residential trip for senior children
- Weekly swimming lesson
- Weekly ballet for Reception to Year Three children
- An interactive home learning programme
- A daily, nutritious school lunch
- Hire of textbooks and other educational resources
- Membership of the Hampshire School Parents’ Association
- Arts and handicraft materials
- A variety of Hampshire School teacher-run after school clubs

We offer a number of additional “pay per use” services, classes and extras available to our pupils at an additional cost. Optional extras include:

- Music tuition
- Minibus services
- Early Bird and Stay & Play club
- Speech and language therapy
- Additional language or learning support
- Outside providers’ extra-curricular clubs

Additional Fees

There are a few extra costs on top of your annual school fees. We ask for a non-refundable £170.00 registration to arrange your place and conduct the necessary administration to enrol your child.

We also require the payment of a confirmation deposit to secure your child’s place at The Hampshire School. This deposit, which will be refunded after your child has completed three terms of tuition is £2,100 for UK residents and equal to a full term’s fee for non-UK students. Accident Insurance and Pupil Travel Insurance is also required, amounting to £8.50 per term.

Application forms

To begin your application and to arrange a school visit, contact The Hampshire School. For further information and to download an application form today, please visit our website www.thehampshireschoolchelsea.co.uk



The Varkey Foundation

Earning little more than 500 Rupees as a teacher in 1950s Kerala, GEMS Education founder K.S. Varkey was committed to donating 10% of his earnings to those in need. This early act of charity is what drives GEMS Education's commitment to helping every child gain access to a quality education today.

Working with sister charity, The Varkey Foundation, GEMS Education also fights to help give underprivileged young people the opportunity to enjoy a better standard of learning. For every child enrolled at a

GEMS School, like The Hampshire School, the Varkey Foundation aims to positively impact the lives of 100 impoverished children.

From Africa's biggest slum, to Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, the Varkey Foundation's causes are far-reaching. All GEMS schools work hard to ensure their pupils are involved in this charitable work, whether they're helping with fundraising or setting up makeshift slums to raise awareness.

“There will rarely be people who launch something with so much potential to lift the hopes and spirits and dreams of children as this Foundation has done...The benefits from an educated child will affect not only the child itself, but his or her family and the wider community.

The Varkey Foundation's commitment will bring that opportunity to millions more children around the world.”

Bill Clinton





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