



Lanesborough *Preparatory School* **AN OVERVIEW**



Lanesborough is a very popular, oversubscribed, outstanding Prep School for boys aged 3 - 13. The school was founded in 1930 by two Masters from Dulwich College and still occupies its original premises based on Lanesborough House in Maori Road, Guildford, a residential area between the Epsom Road and London Road, about five minutes' walk from the High Street. Lanesborough is in the unique position of being owned by the same charity that owns the Royal Grammar School in Guildford. We have a very close relationship, but are two separate academic institutions. For ease, we do share certain services such as the Bursary Department. Lanesborough is the Cathedral Choir School and up to 18 boys are Cathedral Choristers.

In November 2017 the School made the announcement that we will be changing to a 3-11 School. The boys in Year 6 in 2018-19 will all leave at the end of the Summer Term in 2019 but boys will continue through to Year 8 until July 2020.

The school is on two adjacent sites with the Prep Department on Maori Road and the Pre-Prep Department on Aldersey Road. The two sites are split by the playing fields and Astroturf. In 2013 an adjacent residential site was purchased by the school and in 2016 was developed into a wonderful Sports Hall to enhance existing facilities, not to increase overall numbers in the school. The existing sports facilities has been converted into a Performance Hall.



The Governors are committed to Lanesborough's existence as a thriving IAPS Preparatory School and as the Preparatory School of the Royal Grammar School. With around 350 boys aged 3 to 13, Lanesborough employs over 50 full-time and 8 part-time members of staff, along with 11 visiting music teachers and 6 members of the catering team. The principal ages for entry to the school are 3, 4 and 7, although boys can enter at other ages if there is a place available. We are academically selective at all stages. Boys go onto a variety of excellent Senior Schools - entry to the Royal Grammar School is not automatic although over half of Lanesborough boys do proceed to the RGS. As a result of our recent announcement about moving to a 3-11 school, we are expanding to a four form entry in Year 3 from September 2018 and will, in fact, be able to increase Year 5 as well due to the level of demand from high calibre boys.

Lanesborough enjoys a strong academic reputation and there is an exciting atmosphere that is created by bright boys who are intellectually curious and great fun to teach! Classes are small (the average is sixteen) allowing a significant degree of individual attention. There is a strong emphasis on art, drama, music and sport, as well as an excellent programme of extra-curricular activities. The school prides itself on the quality of its pastoral care and the Governors are very keen to ensure that such care and support, which is a vital aspect of the community at Lanesborough, is maintained and enhanced. Our ISI report in 2011 was excellent and our recent ISI Compliance Inspection gave us a completely clean bill of health. We are pleased to have been one of the first Prep Schools to be awarded certification as a centre of excellence for NACE (able and gifted children) and have also gone through their rigorous re-accreditation process. Inspector comments are unfailingly positive and invariably comment on the warmth, energy, drive, passion and enthusiasm of the boys. They are at the heart of all that we do here. This only happens as a result of the strong, dedicated, caring and inspirational team of adults. Do you want to be part of this?

For further information and to glimpse some of our activities please do look at the school website: www.lanesborough.surrey.sch.uk

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