

LOCKERS PARK



DAY & BOARDING PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS AGED 7-13 YEARS
PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-7 YEARS

Message from the Headmaster

Lockers Park is a thriving day and boarding school where pupils receive a first class academic education that is balanced and happy.

For over 140 years, the school has been educating boys aged 7 to 13 to the highest standard, while our purpose-built Pre-Prep supports boys and girls from 4 years as they embark on their educational journey.

We prepare boys for top British public and independent senior schools, often achieving scholarships. We do not feed to any particular school, but support our boys and their families to select the right school for future happiness and success. We make a virtue out of letting boys be boys and our kinaesthetic approach ensures pupils are highly engaged to achieve the best academic results. An emphasis on the individual child, combined with small class sizes and structured sport every day enables each boy to fulfil his potential.

Academia, The Arts, Music, Sport and Co-curricular success are celebrated in equal measure at Lockers Park and the motivational environment allows pupils to discover hidden talents and initiate lifelong passions.

Above all, we aim to ensure each child leaves Lockers Park as a well-rounded individual with the self-confidence, resilience and self-esteem needed to become a successful young man.



A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Chris Wilson".

Christopher Wilson
Headmaster



Why Lockers Park?

- Excellent Common Entrance results with an impressive range of scholarships and exhibitions to top senior schools won every year
- A prep school with a practical approach to learning, allowing boys to be boys and ensuring increased concentration levels academically
- Traditional values of respect, honesty, tolerance and compassion are the cornerstones of a Lockers Park education
- A progressive, supportive attitude with first-rate pastoral care ensures children thrive as individuals
- Inclusivity is key; children are encouraged to experience the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer, giving each the chance to shine
- A purpose-designed Pre-Prep situated in the school grounds gives younger children their own space in addition to access to the Prep School's extensive facilities
- An innovative optional Saturday morning school programme offering enhanced senior school preparation and more
- Unique wraparound care package (running from 7.30am until 7.30pm for Prep School pupils and from 7.30am until 6.00pm for Pre-Prep pupils) included within termly fees



Our school vision

To teach and prepare every child to become a confident, high-achieving citizen of the future with enduring values of respect, honesty and tolerance.





“Lockers Park’s unique and inspiring learning environment continues to reap dividends, securing strong academic results and preparing boys for the very best British public and independent schools via Common Entrance and Scholarships.”

Director of Studies

Academic focus

Treating boys as individuals is at the very heart of our culture. We know that allowing boys to be themselves, comfortable within their school environment, encourages them to gain confidence and flourish academically.

Combining hands-on, visual and auditory styles in the classroom ensures pupils are highly engaged and enjoy learning. We successfully blend the structured environment of the classroom alongside making the most of our beautiful 23-acre grounds, ensuring every child has the best possible educational experience.

The ISI’s evaluation of the curriculum was “Excellent”, observing the breadth of subjects covered. The ISI also noted that Lockers Park boys are thoroughly prepared for all external examinations.

We have recently introduced a new-look Saturday morning school programme running from 9.00am until 12.30pm. These optional sessions are designed to support senior school preparation around core subjects and also feature team building, creative writing and entrepreneurship workshops. EAL lessons are available during this time for overseas pupils thus diminishing the impact of missing key subject lessons during the core school week.





“A fantastic school: the Lockers Park experience has transformed our boy into a confident and happy young man.”

Parent testimonial

Pathway to success

We believe that social and emotional growth is as important as academic progression and we work to ensure Lockers Park pupils are happy, energetic and well-motivated individuals. Combining healthy competition with the need to encourage effort provides a stimulating setting. Furthermore, we work to ensure boys develop the necessary resilience, readying them for the challenges that lie ahead.

Small class sizes – a maximum of 16 per class with a pupil:staff ratio of 8:1 – allow each child to realise their potential. Supportive and inspiring teachers expect and encourage the best from every pupil, placing the needs of the boys at the heart of everything they do.

Our experience shows that structured sport every day combined with outdoor play leads to increased concentration and success in academic lessons. Boys not only gain from the physical and mental stimulus that sport provides, but are able to hone teamwork and leadership skills that are invaluable later on in life.







“As a small and family-orientated school, our Pre-Prep pupils are encouraged and supported academically, emotionally and socially.”

Head of Pre-Prep

“The happiness of the children is paramount.”

Tatler Schools Guide

Pre-Prep

A recent addition to the school, the Pre-Prep sits within Lockers Park’s leafy 23-acre grounds. It is a modern, light and well-resourced space that welcomes both boys and girls from Reception through to Year 2.

The Pre-Prep’s approach complements that of the Prep School with small class sizes and a focus on fulfilling academic potential while nurturing the welfare and progress of each child. Here, boys and girls learn together and dedicated staff deliver an innovative and carefully designed curriculum that allows children to flourish and become rounded and happy individuals, ready for and curious about the future.

Our approach fosters a love of learning with a strong focus on outdoor play – key for the children’s well-being and physical development. As well as the core subjects of Numeracy, English and Phonics, cross-curricular and topic-based teaching offers a breadth of subjects to engage the children.

In weekly nature lessons, our Pre-Prep pupils enjoy activities that encourage them to use their observation skills and senses, including scavenger hunts, making woodland jewellery and bird watching.

Whether it’s Sport, Science & Technology, Music, Art or Drama, there is the opportunity for Pre-Prep pupils to participate in a variety of activities, making the most of the Prep School’s extensive facilities.

In addition to the school day, we offer flexible wraparound care incorporating breakfast and supper, together with a range of after school clubs for the children to enjoy.

“Pupils develop a quiet confidence. They are friendly, caring and courteous and have a strong sense of right and wrong.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate

Prep School

As they enter the Prep School our boys continue to develop into confident young men.

Well-appointed classrooms, specialist teaching areas and excellent sports facilities provide an inspiring and encouraging learning environment.

Charged with educating the men of the future, we empower our pupils. Organising the Library, leading Chapel services and assemblies and taking part in events to help raise money for charities are just some of the many ways we instil independence and drive in our boys.

The curriculum is carefully structured to help boys grow socially, culturally and emotionally, equipping them to develop moral principles and participate confidently in discussion and debate.





“There is a great balance between academic excellence and pastoral care.”

Parent testimonial

Moving on

At thirteen years old, Lockers Park boys progress to the country's most distinguished senior schools, a significant number with scholarships. Recent graduates have moved on to Bedford School, Eton College, Haileybury, Harrow School, and Rugby School as well as some of the excellent local senior day schools including Berkhamsted School, Merchant Taylors' School and St Albans School.

One of our most important tasks is to offer guidance on which school we feel will best suit a boy's needs when he leaves Lockers Park. Deep knowledge of the senior school landscape and continuous communications with Heads and Registrars allows us to provide strong counsel. Our Year 6-8 Senior School Preparation Programme involves exam and interview practice, visits from key senior schools and scholarship coaching alongside tailored advice from the Headmaster and senior staff.

Our aim is to ensure Lockers Park boys leave as well-rounded individuals, fully equipped for the excitement and challenges of senior school life.







“Lockers Park makes a virtue of letting boys be boys. We believe that engaging in outdoor activities is intrinsic to good schooling, leading to increased concentration and success during academic lessons.”

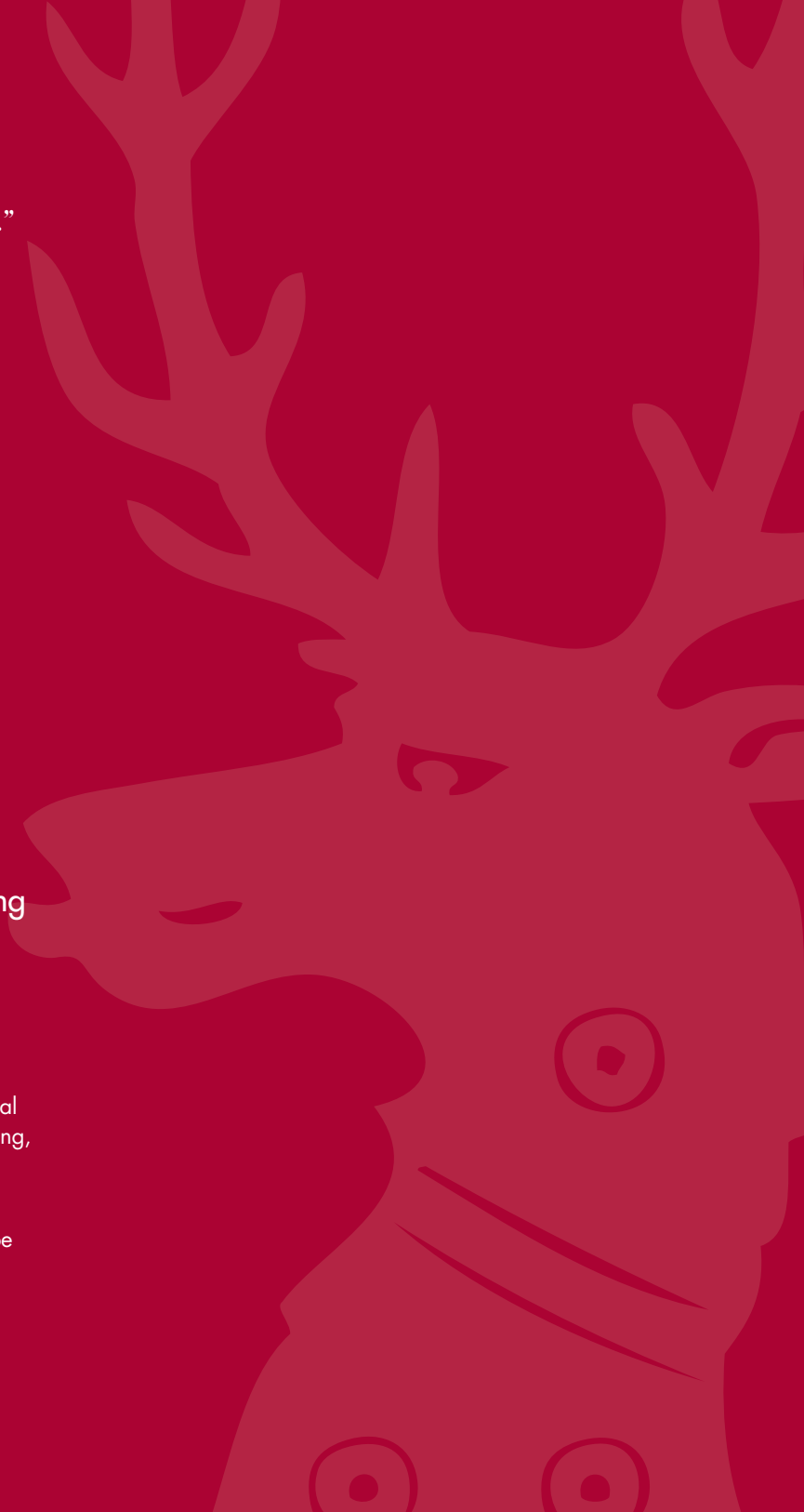
Director of Sport

Sport every day

A rich sporting programme and excellent facilities combined with high quality coaching are on offer at Lockers Park. The school’s supportive and motivational environment ensures boys can achieve their potential, whatever their ability or specialism.

Team games of rugby, football and cricket alongside individual sports such as tennis, squash, athletics, swimming, rifle shooting, skiing and cross-country teach teamwork, leadership and strategic thinking.

Inclusivity and participation are key. Boys are encouraged to be involved in, and try out, as many activities as possible and we work to ensure every child has the opportunity to represent the school termly during their Lockers Park career. We often field a whole year group or sometimes every boy in the school.



"I would never have thought of becoming a member of the Chapel Choir. The teachers are so friendly and encouraging, they make anything seem possible!"

Year 6 Choral Singer

Music and the Arts

Our dynamic Arts programme continues to be one of our greatest strengths, benefitting from specialist teaching and extensive facilities. There are plenty of opportunities for your son to follow his cultural and creative passions – Drama, Music, Art or Design & Technology are all key disciplines – and many boys win scholarships to senior schools in these fields.

Music at Lockers Park is highly regarded. Tatler Schools Guide recently described the music provision as "terrific". Over 95% of pupils learn a musical instrument with many learning two or three. A thriving String Orchestra and an excellent Chapel Choir are just some of the options on offer to pupils and there are ample opportunities to perform throughout the year whether in the school's beautiful Chapel or at prestigious venues in London.

Two large-scale drama productions a year plus numerous speaking and debating events provide occasions to develop and demonstrate self-confidence. Art is also taken seriously with popular extension groups for those keen to further hone their skills, plus an eagerly-anticipated annual Art & Technology Exhibition.



Beyond the classroom

An extensive extra-curricular programme ensures a rich palette of opportunities is accessible to each and every boy.

Whether it's Sport, Science & Technology, Music, Art, Drama, Cubs and Scouts, or Chess and Debating, pupils can enrich and broaden their knowledge and life experiences in so many ways at Lockers Park. Indeed, we like to encourage our young people to try pursuits they would not ordinarily consider.

We understand the value of having fun and enjoying time with friends and so ensure a diverse range of less structured activities is available. Boys may be found making the most of our beautiful 23 acres of woodland... building dens, spotting wildlife, playing hide and seek. Others may be taking photographs, playing in the popular Train Room or building robots and rockets.







“Boarding life at Lockers Park is full to the brim. From theme nights through to weekend trips there is always something to look forward to. And it speaks volumes that we often find it is the boys themselves who ask to board.”

Head of Boarding

“Our son tried flexi-boarding and absolutely loved it. He then joined Cubs and boarded every Thursday. If he could, he would probably board every night!”

Parent testimonial

Boarding life

We find boarding develops independence, teaches respect and the value of community, as well as allowing the boys to make good and focussed use of their after-school time.

The boys learn to live and work together, to accommodate and support a range of individuals and often develop life-long friendships.

For some, this is essential preparation for boarding at senior school. For others, it is an opportunity to experience the unique camaraderie of communal living before moving to a senior day school.

Boarding arrangements at Lockers Park are flexible and can be helpful in planning a busy family diary. As well as full and weekly boarding, boys can choose to board a few nights a week to benefit from the social experience and the range of activities on offer.

A dedicated team of staff with good humour and energy provide a family environment where everyone counts. Our full-time team of resident matrons, supported by a school doctor, is ready for all that a school of young boys can throw at them.

"I've really enjoyed leading my Set and sharing the wins and the losses with my team mates."

House Captain

"My child is happy, confident and has a real sense of belonging and security. Every single teacher is approachable, positive and encouraging. We could ask for nothing more."

Parent testimonial

Community

We pride ourselves on having an open, inclusive community that is both peer-to-peer and cross-year, encouraging the boys to work together and forge strong bonds. Competition between Sets (houses) is a key tool helping to prepare our boys for future educational and working life. We have six Sets at Lockers Park and, of course, every boy believes his Set is best. The Sets compete across a variety of disciplines including sport, mathematics and music.

Raising money for local, national and international campaigns not only teaches our boys the importance of respect, compassion and a sense of responsibility about the world they live in, but also shows them what can be achieved by working together. Initiatives are proposed by boys, staff and our parents' association, the Friends of Lockers Park. Recent examples include the School's annual sponsored walk which raised funds for a neighbouring SEN school and an art project supporting Great Ormond Street Hospital.





Lockers Park – a charitable trust

Lockers Park is an educational charity committed to the promotion of education and good schooling for all.

As part of our charitable commitment we welcome schools from the local community to share our specialist classrooms, teaching and facilities whenever possible.

We are also committed to offering financial help in the form of bursaries to deserving candidates, subject to our financial resources. Bursaries may be available up to 100% based on availability and financial circumstances. Please see the Lockers Park website for details of our next Scholarship Day.

We would love you to visit us. Please call 01442 251712 or email secretary@lockerspark.herts.sch.uk if you would like to make an appointment and find out more.





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