

DULWICH COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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The school, which has 840 pupils, is divided into four sections, each being located in its own building. Up to the age of nine, boys are mainly taught by their class teacher while from nine upwards staff teach their specialist subjects and take care of a form for pastoral matters.

The Upper School (9-13) has undergone major improvements in the last decade. A spacious Music School, ICT and DT rooms, a twelve classroom teaching block, two Science Laboratories and a five formroom Modern Languages Block have been provided. The Library was completed in September 2000 and has a full range of modern information systems as well as a large stock of books. An art centre, main entrance and admin centre were added in 2005. A Sports Hall was opened in September 2006 along with a new Nursery building.

Sport is important and there are ample playing fields within five minutes walk of the Upper School. There is an indoor 25m swimming pool. Music is a very important activity. The school sends an average of 8-10 boys to public schools with music awards annually. The school has been represented in the National Youth Orchestra and regularly has players in the main IAPS Orchestra. Over 400 boys in the Lower and Upper School learn a musical instrument. A large choice of clubs and activities is available every day and many boys take advantage of these opportunities to enrich their education. All staff have to involve themselves in this programme.

From an early age, pupils are encouraged to set themselves good standards in their work and high academic results follow. Boys move on to a wide variety of senior schools, including Dulwich College, Alleyn's, Westminster, Eton, Winchester, Marlborough, King's Canterbury, St. Edward's, Oxford and Tonbridge. In most years 20 or more academic scholarships are won.

Entry is mainly at age three, four, five, seven and eight, although occasionally vacancies occur at other ages. All applicants are interviewed before a firm offer of a place is made. Several Bursaries are awarded annually to boys aged seven and eight who reach the required standard but who otherwise, for financial reasons, would be unable to come to the school.

Weekly boarding is offered to boys aged eight years and older.