



The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School

Nurturing Excellence



Appointment of:

Teacher of English

Temporary for 2 terms from Jan 2021

www.habsboys.org.uk

Who We Are and What We Stand For

We are Habs, a strong, happy and supportive community committed to the pursuit of excellence in education. We trace our roots back to the 17th Century. Our founder, Robert Aske, established the principles that guide us to this day. We give talented and ambitious young people the opportunities they need to succeed in life.

Our academic performance speaks for itself, but we know that great exam results are just the beginning. A Habs education prepares young people for fulfilment in a world that demands flexibility, creativity, resilience and critical thought. Habs Boys and Girls step into that world with confidence, ready to shape the future and open to a lifetime of new experiences.

Our horizons are wide. We are a diverse community and we nurture a global perspective and a deep sense of responsibility for the world in which our pupils will lead and succeed. Our broad curriculum and co-curricular provision prepares pupils for success wherever their passion may take them.

We work together, offering the best of single-sex education in a co-educational environment. Habs will always be the best place to learn and the best place to teach and work. When you join the Habs family, you will be part of our community long after your schooldays are over.



Robert Aske
Founder

Headmaster's Welcome

This is an exciting time in the history of Haberdashers', with a new strategic plan committed to exceptional education, closer collaboration with the Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls and the development of our Elstree campus over the next decade. Joining us at this point of your career offers an outstanding opportunity to have an impact on the future of this great School.

We offer a warm and nurturing environment, balancing the best of our history with ambitious aims for the future. Each school year brings new challenges and opportunities, but our goals of academic excellence, pastoral care and strong community always remain.

Our pupils are stretched and challenged by inspirational teaching in truly world-class facilities and we take great pride in ensuring our staff and students are given all the resources needed to strive for success and fulfilment.

Teachers at Habs have a shared passion for educating the brightest minds both inside and beyond the classroom. We offer a plethora of character-building co-curricular options and staff are encouraged to be involved in the many wonderful trips, expeditions, fixtures, concerts and plays.

The health and wellbeing of our community is of the utmost importance to us and we offer superb pastoral care for pupils and hold regular seminars and sessions for staff to support in wellbeing.

We have a strong commitment to providing high quality training and development for all staff, and we are exceptionally proud of welcoming new entrants to the profession supported by a highly regarded Newly Qualified Teacher Programme, which includes regular seminars and a dedicated mentor.

We look forward to receiving and reading your application with great interest.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gus Lock'.

Gus Lock MA (Oxon)
Headmaster



Our Future

At Habs we are constantly looking for opportunities to reach new heights in providing for our pupils' changing needs. In 2016, the completion of the Medburn Centre enhanced our already excellent sports facilities, helping to ensure that every pupil can pursue his fitness goals.

In July 2018, the Preparatory School stepped into the future with a new two-storey extension, library, art and DT studios, and renovations to all existing spaces such as classrooms and administrative areas. The School is committed to providing outstanding education.

The next exciting phase of development on campus will be a state-of-the-art academic hub in the Senior School. It will offer innovative accommodation for English, Maths, Modern Languages, Economics and Theology and Philosophy, as well as a sensational new Drama Studio.

Our plans don't stop here. The evolution of Habs is a continuing journey to excellence.

View of Academic Hub from the Quad



Breakout Space



Corridor



Drama studio



Rain Garden



“ We provide the best so that our pupils and staff are inspired to be the best. State-of-the-art surroundings nurture their interests and excite new ones, continuing and creating afresh the Habs traditions of achievement and innovation. ”

Gus Lock, Headmaster

Visit www.habsboys.org.uk to read more about the school

Why Haberdashers'?

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School prides itself on 'Nurturing Excellence'. The School, for boys aged between 5 and 18 years old, offers an energetic and enthusiastic learning environment for inquisitive boys in a simply outstanding environment, with truly exceptional facilities.

The School has a rich history of producing confident and self-motivated young men, who are fully prepared for the challenges of the future. The Old Haberdashers' are testament to this. Pupils leave the School knowing that they have benefited from the very best, well-rounded educational experience, the quality of pastoral care and the opportunity to take part in the most varied of co-curricular programmes. They have the knowledge that this privilege brings with it a duty of ethical leadership and social responsibility.

Both The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School and Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls offer the very best of single-sex education in a unique co-educational environment. Collaboration between the Schools is encouraged and, from September 2021, every Sixth Former will be taught at least one subject in a mixed-gender class.



Including all tuition, meals, school uniform, coach travel



School of the Year



The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School was delighted to be named Independent School of the Year - it is a tremendous accolade and one which the School are extremely proud. This remarkable achievement was enhanced by our Preparatory School, once again, being ranked top Boys' Preparatory School in the country. The Sunday Times Parent Power award qualifies schools not only on their academic achievements but also includes co-curricular, parent feedback and the success of former pupils.

Haberdashers' commitment to the very best education is demonstrated in each and every accomplishment. Its academic success, extensive co-curricular programme and unparalleled pastoral care, are underpinned by an ethos of endeavour that has led to nation-wide recognition.

Success at Haberdashers



Headline results for 2019/ Exam Results

At A Level:

45% A*, 76.3% A*-A, 93.3 A*-B

At GCSE:

73.4% A*, 88.9% A*-A, 96.3% A*-B

University places information

- 92% of boys achieved their FIRM choice university place
- 24 Oxbridge places accepted.
- 3 boys are taking up places at prestigious US universities:
- 1x Berkeley, 2x Stanford

Read some of our Testimonials



Mrs Debbie Bardou
Head of Junior School

“ It is a school with a fluid curriculum that facilitates audacious learning. We are an incredibly well-resourced department. Ultimately the best part about working at Habs are the pupils who enable us to teach to the highest levels. They are grateful for exciting lessons and the backdrop of North West London offers a richly diverse backdrop. ”



Richard Thompson
Head of Modern Languages

“ It’s hard to imagine a more dynamic and stimulating team of people than my Modern Languages colleagues: their enthusiasm, commitment and professionalism ensure that our pupils enjoy their language learning journey as well as making excellent progress. Moreover, the department is characterised by its friendly and supportive atmosphere. ”



Tim Lunn
Teacher of English

“ The boys are enthusiastic and confident. Your subject knowledge is constantly being pushed and developed. ”



English Department Information

The English Department

The English Department at HABS is extremely strong, with over 40 boys currently studying the subject at A Level and 340 at GCSE. The boys are academically very able, well-motivated, and polite.

Departmental Accommodation and Facilities

The English Department is housed in a building with Drama and Theology & Philosophy. This provides a suite of eight recently refurbished classrooms, all of which are equipped with SMART Interactive Whiteboards, digital projectors and wireless network points.

The building has its own computer suite of sixteen computers. This room allows boys and staff to study and research in a studios environment. The department has an extensive book collection and dedicated photocopier and all teaching staff are provided with their own desk in the departmental office, along with a school laptop. The wide-ranging teaching resources are all electronically networked, including all videos and media. The Print Room, excellent School Library, and extensive ICT facilities support the work of the Department.

Departmental Staff

The Department is friendly and informal, with high standards and a general readiness for open discussion and innovation. The Department is always keen to respond to individual interests and enthusiasms.

At present there are fourteen teachers, all of whom are well-qualified subject specialists. Some members of the department are part-time or split their teaching allocation between English and Drama. Traditionally colleagues enjoy considerable flexibility and room for initiative, with a measure of delegated responsibility. In-service training is encouraged and teachers attend courses and conferences regularly. We have several external examiners in the department who are able to provide expert in-house training.

The English Curriculum

English in the first three years is broadly based upon the requirements of the National Curriculum and covers a range of poetry, prose, drama and non-fiction texts. There is ample scope to study a mix of classic and contemporary texts. Individual teachers are given considerable freedom to teach to their strengths and interests.

At GCSE, boys follow the AQA courses in English Language and English Literature, whilst at A Level they currently follow the AQA English Language specification and OCR English Literature specification.

Recent Academic Results

Last year the results in external examinations were very good.

77% of candidates achieved grades 7-9 in GCSE English Language.

90% of candidates achieved grades 7-9 in Literature.

At A Level, 68% of candidates were awarded A* or A grades.

This year six boys have chosen to read English at university, with two securing places to study in Cambridge.

Other

The Department looks to stretch the pupils beyond the constraints of the curriculum. A popular Enhancement and Enrichment course is offered to all sixth form English students. Literacy Society is also run by an enthusiastic committee of Sixth formers and seeks to promote the subject at all levels. A wide range of trips runs throughout the academic year. The English department is scheduled to be rehoused in a new building, alongside Drama, MFL and T&P.



“ It is a pleasure to work with such good humoured and scholarly colleagues and the boys ensure you have fascinating conversations in every lesson. ”

Emma Nairne
Teacher of English



“ What I enjoy most about working in the English Department is the knowledge that colleagues teach literature, language and creative writing to the boys with the belief that it will enhance their lives every bit as much as it does ours. ”

John Dunne
Deputy Head of English

Staff Benefits

Currently the School offers a wide range of benefits to teaching staff, including;



A strong commitment to professional development

With a substantial budget for whole school training and individual courses. Support is given for sabbaticals, post-graduate degrees and other relevant qualifications.



Membership of the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS)



Fee Remission for each eligible child at the Boys' and Girls' Schools who is offered a place.



Group Life Assurance



Free use of the state-of-the-art Medburn Centre including fitness suite, swimming pool, climbing wall and squash courts.



Free coach travel on the service provided by the School (subject to availability).



Reimbursement of relocation expenses (role dependent).



Free lunches, other meals and refreshments.



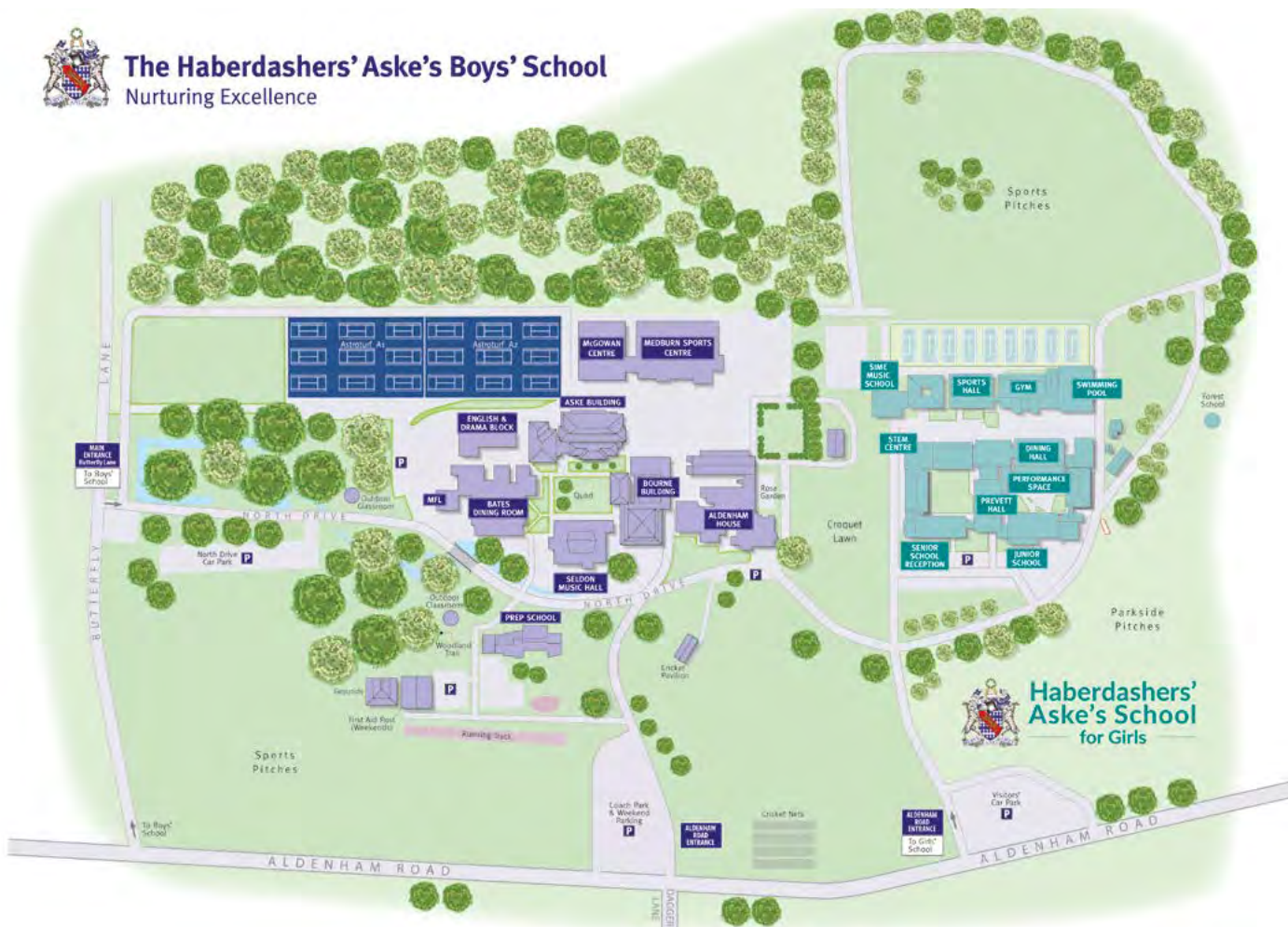
Free onsite parking.

Our Location

The Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School is based on a rural, 100-acre site in leafy Elstree, Hertfordshire, whilst being within easy reach of London and nearby to junctions on the M1 and M25, as well as the A1. The School believes it has the largest coach network of any school in the UK, allowing pupils and staff from far and wide to access the campus easily.



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