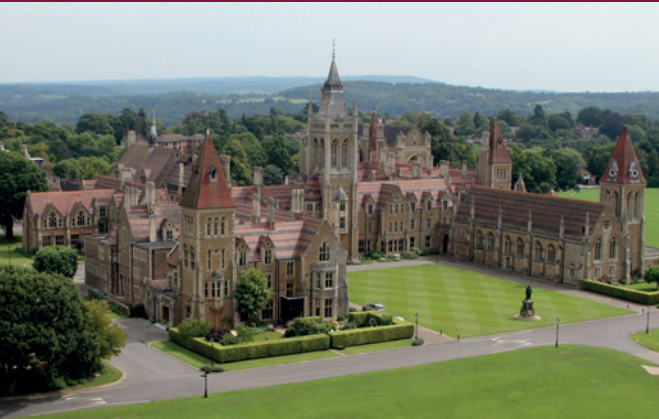




CHARTERHOUSE



Edgeborough



Charterhouse and Edgeborough Merger



We are delighted to announce the exciting news that Edgeborough School will be joining the Charterhouse family in September 2021



A great fit

Just as it is only by visiting a school that parents come to appreciate what is special about it, so it is that only by working together do schools realise a shared ethos.

In announcing the merger of Charterhouse and Edgeborough, the two schools are formalising a close relationship that has existed for many years, allowing us to experience our similarities first hand.

Some parallels are obvious: both schools enjoy extensive grounds and are proudly committed to an academic yet all-round curriculum. Others are more subtle: a shared view of the kind of co-educational experience that best equips young people to thrive, epitomised by the importance of individual pastoral care that permeates all aspects of school life.

It became clear to headmasters and governors alike that, by merging formally, we could create a compelling new joined-up prep and senior school education – the strongest of its kind in the region – as well as further enriching the experience available at both schools. An exciting prospect for all of us.

However, and importantly, we also recognise the real value in each school retaining its day-to-day autonomy and unique character. So we will continue to lead our respective schools, and much-loved traditions and important details like name, crest and uniform will remain.

We look forward to forging the next chapter together.

Alex Peterken

Dr Alex Peterken

Dan Thornburn

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A stand out offer

Two historic schools, linked by a common vision and approach, now one family

Current strong momentum in both schools

Edgeborough is building on its historic strengths and has seen significant success and momentum, with record pupil numbers today and growing interest in admissions. Charterhouse is in the midst of one of the most exciting change programmes in the sector, moving to full coeducation and growing to more than 1,000 boarding and day pupils in the next three years.

An opportunity to achieve much more, together

The primary focus of each school is, first and foremost, on providing an outstanding all-round education in an environment where pastoral care is at the centre of all that we do. However, the combined school can offer a route through from Nursery to University entrance, with many opportunities to collaborate across the schools in all aspects of school life. With shared values and aspirations, this will enhance all pupils' experiences.

New subjects and activities for Edgeborough pupils

Pupils at Edgeborough will enjoy extra depth and breadth in both academic and co-curricular life. They will benefit from additional input from Charterhouse's specialist teachers and coaches, and will have the opportunity to take on a wider range of subjects and activities – inside and outside the classroom – making use of Charterhouse's facilities.



Enhanced leadership opportunities for Charterhouse pupils

Pupils at Charterhouse, meanwhile, will benefit from greater leadership opportunities. They will coach and mentor Edgeborough pupils, and will support the older years in a range of co-curricular activities. As well as being rewarding, this activity will help cement their knowledge and interests, all the while building confidence.

Maximising resources at both schools

The merger also brings significant financial benefits. Increased size means increased specialist support skills and greater purchasing power, important for today's cost efficiency and tomorrow's vision. While both schools are financially secure and are seeing record pupil numbers, they will be even stronger together.



Leadership and Governance

Continuity of leadership

Dan Thornburn will remain as Headmaster, responsible for the day-to-day running of Edgeborough along with his senior leadership team. The School will retain its own DfE registration and ISI inspection regime along with the membership of the Independent Association of Prep schools (IAPS). Dr Alex Peterken will continue to be the Headmaster of Charterhouse and will have overall executive responsibility for both Charterhouse and Edgeborough.

A new single governance structure

A single Governing Body will have responsibility for both schools. Three Edgeborough Governors will join the main Governing Body and a new Prep School Committee will be created to oversee the day to day governance of Edgeborough. This committee will be chaired by Jeremy McIlroy, the current Edgeborough Chair of Governors. This will provide continuity of oversight and the appropriate level of support for Dan Thornburn and his team.



Admissions

A new entry point

Pupils will be able to join the Charterhouse family at each of the usual admissions points; to Edgeborough at Nursery, Pre-Prep and in Year 3 or into Charterhouse at Year 9 or 12. However girls and boys leaving a prep school at eleven, but destined for Charterhouse at thirteen, will now have a way to join the family immediately rather than have to switch schools twice within two years.

That is not to say that all Edgeborough pupils will automatically move to Charterhouse. While many already do and thrive, we believe that – just as in mergers – it is a question of best fit. So, pupils wishing to apply to Charterhouse will go through the usual admissions process and, as always, Edgeborough will continue to prepare pupils for a wide range of senior schools – aiming to ensure that the choice best suits each pupil's individual needs.





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