



BOX HILL
SCHOOL

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Welcome

Box Hill School is a friendly coeducational school for boarding and day pupils, aged 11 - 18.

Set in 40 acres, the school is situated in the heart of Mickleham Village, surrounded by the Surrey countryside, but close to major road, rail and air links and only 40 minutes from central London.

At Box Hill, we want all students to reach their maximum potential. They are encouraged, nurtured and challenged in all they do. We believe that a strong academic tradition, combined with outstanding pastoral guidance, produces well adjusted young people, ready to greet the world with energy and enthusiasm.

We offer a range of benefits including an extensive choice of activities and expeditions, the IB programme in the Sixth Form and optional after-school prep.

Box Hill School pupils stand out from the crowd.

We would be delighted to show you around our school and look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes,







Academic Excellence

A combination of individual care, support, regular assessment and monitoring of work underpins Box Hill's academic tradition.

We make provision for pupils with a broad range of abilities from Oxbridge candidates to those who have been wrongly led to believe they are "average" students. At Box Hill no pupil is average; they all excel at something.

Box Hill caters for the individual by providing small classes and tutorial assistance making it an ideal environment for all pupils to grow and flourish.

In Years 7-9 a broad-based curriculum is taught offering a wide range of opportunities and academic experiences, which supports the transition to the two-year GCSE and IGCSE programme in Years 10 and 11. Beyond the core curriculum of English, Maths and Science, our students are strongly encouraged to study at least one humanity, one foreign language and a creative subject at this level.

For international students who require support in English language, the school's International Study Centre provides tuition in English as a second language and a programme of IGCSEs. Information on the ISC is available online or upon request.





Sixth Form and International Baccalaureate

In the Sixth Form, students undertake the exciting International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), which provides both preparation for university and life beyond. Students study six courses (three at Higher Level and three at Standard Level) from different subject groups ensuring that a breadth of experience in languages, humanities, experimental sciences, mathematics and the arts is acquired. Students are also required to complete an extended essay, a Theory of Knowledge course and a CAS (Creativity, Action and Service) section. The IB links naturally to the Round Square IDEALS already embedded at Box Hill School (see page 11), as it provides a programme of all-round education, combined with challenges and responsibility, that builds confidence and independence.

The UCAS point system awarded for IB students is very generous as it supports and recognises the strengths of an all round education. In addition universities regard the IB programme highly as it provides a better preparation for university study.

For more information on the IB visit our website: www.boxhillschool.com or the IB website: www.ibo.org.

All students entering the Sixth Form at Box Hill School are required to have a minimum of five GCSE and IGCSE grades A* to C or an equivalent qualification, but every case will be looked at individually. We do recommend that for subjects to be studied at Higher Level a student should have a grade B or above at GCSE/IGCSE and students hoping to study Mathematics or a second Language at HL should have an A*.

Regardless of subjects chosen, all potential IB Diploma students are also recommended to have at least grade 'C' at GCSE/IGCSE in Mathematics, English and ideally a second language.

Students from outside the UK who have not studied GCSE/IGCSE courses may be asked to sit a short test in English Language, Mathematics and any additional language that they wish to study and will have an interview with a Senior member of staff to assess their potential to the IB Diploma Programme.







"Staff know their pupils well and give them every support. Relationships are excellent"

Independent Schools Inspectorate

Pastoral

On arrival at Box Hill both boarding and day students are allocated to a School House. The ethos of each House is based around the family, with Houseparents who are the guiding influence. Houseparents are supported by an assistant, the school nurses and other academic staff, who are always eager and on hand to help.

Every House has a Common Room where students get together and a kitchen where they can prepare and share light refreshments and snacks. Just as at home, pupils are loyal to their House families and Box Hill rapidly becomes their home-from-home. The school places emphasis on positive relationships, close friendships and mutual respect.

Each pupil is assigned to a personal tutor within their house – a member of teaching staff who supports their academic and pastoral development. There are a mix of ages within each tutor group which helps to promote friendship, support and responsibility.

There is regular communication between students, teachers and parents, and in addition, parents are able to monitor their child's progress via our *Parents in Touch* website.







Round Square...

there is more in you than you think

Box Hill is a proud founder member of Round Square, an international group of schools sharing the philosophy of Dr Kurt Hahn. Hahn's idea was to place academic work at the heart of the school, but stressed the importance of all-round education as a preparation for life. He inspired a set of principles or IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environmental awareness, Adventure, Leadership and Service) that is embedded into the Box Hill way of life. He believed in confronting young people with challenges and responsibility at an early age. Central to that ethos is the spirit of 'having a go' whether this involves academic work, performing on stage, scaling the climbing wall or taking part in expeditions at home or abroad.

As part of this, Box Hill currently runs three exciting overseas aid projects: a school and adult literacy centre that our students helped to build in Africa, which requires upgrading and extending; work in an 'eco-village' in Costa Rica that involves building hydro-electric power plants and installing sustainable food sources; and a housing and stove project in Peru, and we aim to send 10 students to each of these projects every year. We are also involved in other international service projects run by Round Square, including a water project in Thailand and a primary school programme in India.

Additionally, the School organises Round Square exchanges where Years 7 and 8 students travel to European destinations like France and Germany and our Years 9 and above students spend up to 8 weeks in South Africa, Australia, America, Canada, India or Peru studying and working at one of our sister schools.

Each year several students attend the Round Square International Conference.

Destinations have included India, Canada and South Africa and there are also regional conferences held in Europe for our younger year groups.





Activities... *something for everyone*

At Box Hill we constantly strive to produce well-rounded young people, capable of communicating with confidence in an adult world. With this in mind, activities focus on encouraging teamwork, developing skills and interests, helping to develop an empathy with and interest in the outdoors and providing opportunities in both team and individual sports and activities.

Virtually anything is possible. Almost every afternoon our students have a compulsory time set aside for activities and we have an impressive variety of options available, including Rocket Club, Circus Skills, Cooking, Archery and Dance... the choice is theirs!

Expeditions and Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Box Hill is keen to ensure that students leave school having learnt to take responsibility for themselves and others, and to meet challenges head on. In order to achieve this, Expeditions are an integral part of the curriculum in the first three years at Box Hill, combining academic work with expedition skills. Box Hill incorporates two expedition weeks (one in the Autumn term and the other in the Summer term) into the academic calendar.

At the end of Year 9 students will undertake their Bronze Qualifying expedition for the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Students can then continue with the Award in year 10 followed by Silver and Gold in later years.





Sports

At Box Hill School there is great opportunity to take part in various sporting activities. Our sports teams enable all students in the school to compete against other schools based in Surrey and Sussex at football, hockey, rugby, netball, cricket, athletics, tennis, basketball and rounders. Students value highly playing in a team and take pride in representing the school.

But team sports are not for all individuals and therefore Box Hill has qualified coaches to instruct students in other sports, like conquering the climbing wall, completing the low and high ropes or abseiling safely from some of the highest tree platforms.

Horse-riding, karate, judo, golf and tennis coaching are available by arrangement.







Creative and Performing Arts

One of the core strengths at Box Hill is the consistently high standard of art and performance based “award winning work” that our students produce year after year and we have gained a Good Schools Guide Award for Girls taking Art & Design at an English Independent School. Art is available through Key Stage 3, GCSE, and IB level and is an extremely popular subject with many of our pupils gaining excellent examination grades and acceptance into major Art schools including St Martin’s, Chelsea and Surrey Institute of Art and Design.

The study of Fashion and Textiles also provides pupils with fantastic opportunities to be creative, as strong emphasis is placed on developing observational drawing skills and using different media to express ideas. Fashion and Textiles can be studied as an option at GCSE and in the Sixth Form as part of the Visual Arts Programme for the IB.

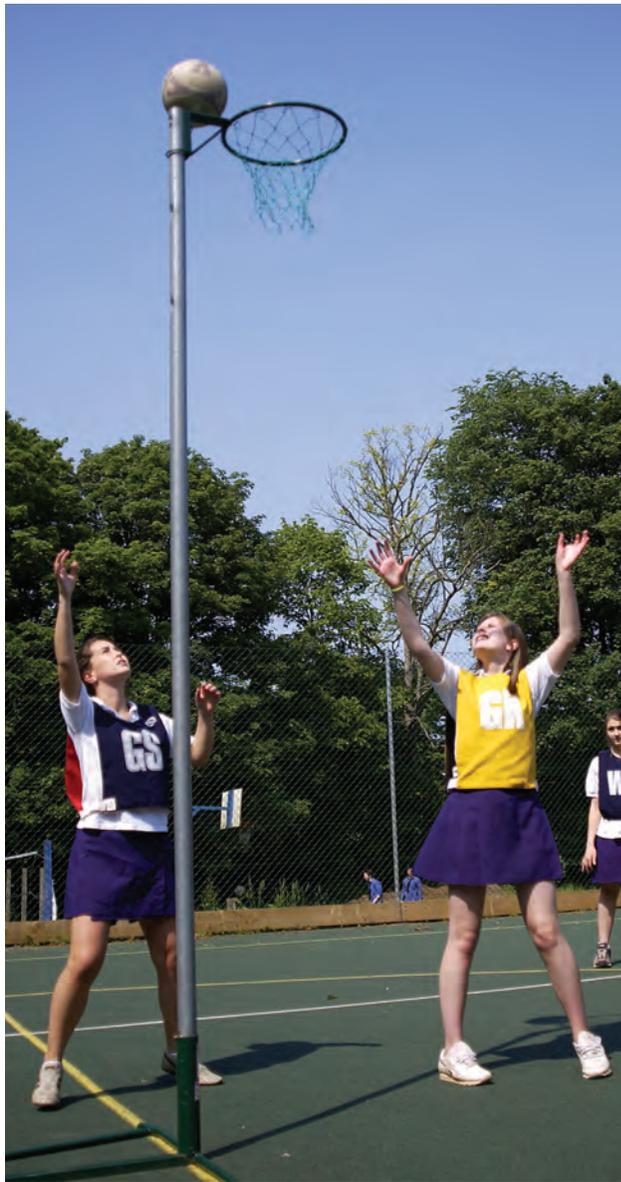
For our Drama and Music students we continue to invest in providing great facilities to showcase their efforts; including a new drama studio and a purpose built Music School.

Every year we create and perform at least one full stage production for each of the Junior and Senior departments. They are always a challenge for pupils and staff alike, but

the results are truly inspiring. Our musicians are an integral part of each performance and contribute significantly to the success of the productions. They also have plenty of chances to shine as individuals at our special Cabaret evenings, musical soirées and Rock Nights and by representing the school in several of the local music festivals and competitions in which Box Hill always does well.

Drama and speech lessons leading to London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) qualifications are available by arrangement.





Admissions, Scholarships and Bursaries

We strongly advise that you visit a school before registering for a place, to get a feel for how it works. Box Hill School has many Open Mornings and School at Work Days, which you are welcome to attend. However, if you would like to see the school at a different time, please call to arrange an appointment. Further information and dates of forthcoming Open Days are always available on our website: www.boxhillschool.com.

If you would like to register for Box Hill School, please complete and return the enclosed Registration Form. During the selection process consideration is given to the results of the entrance test and interview, past school reports, academic tests, grade predictions and other strengths that your child may have.

We have a number of Scholarships and Bursaries on offer at Box Hill. Scholarships are available for those entering Years 7, 9 and the Sixth Form, under the following categories: Academic, Art, Expressive/Performing Arts (art, music and drama), Sport and All Rounder. We offer means-tested bursarial assistance to give all children the opportunity of a Box Hill education. For more information on these, please see our website.

We look forward to welcoming you.







Heritage

Box Hill School was founded in 1959, but the Grade II listed Dalewood House, which is the school's main building, was built in 1883.

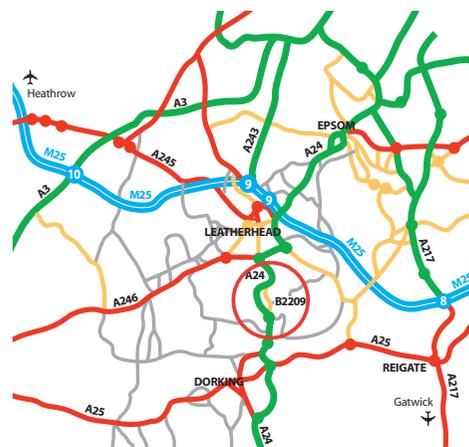
Dalewood House is a remarkably complete example of Gothic Design, with richly ornate interior finishes and imposing external architecture. The House was designed by the Victorian Architect John Norton, who designed a number of other buildings of distinction around the UK and Europe. Before Box Hill School took occupation of the house it was in almost continuous private ownership by the Evans family, but was converted into use as a school building after the Second World War. David Evans was one of the nineteenth century's pre-eminent silk printers as chairman of Evans and Co.

On architectural design alone, Dalewood House is a building of significant architectural achievement. However, the number of architectural aspects that are still part of the building make it a rare survival adding significantly to the value of the already rich heritage.

Box Hill School Trust takes its responsibility as custodian of this beautiful building seriously and maintains the house and grounds to the highest possible standards. We like to make the school welcoming and the fire in the entrance hall is often lit during colder weather adding cheer to any dull day.







How to get to Box Hill School

by car From Junction 9 M25 : Follow the A24 towards Dorking. On the single dual carriageway (still the A24) turn left onto the B2209 to Mickleham; Box Hill School is the first entrance on your right.

by train Trains leave Victoria and Waterloo every 30 mins to Leatherhead Station and hourly from Gatwick Airport to Dorking Deepdene. Taxis are available outside both stations.

by bus There is a bus stop directly outside the school which forms part of the number 465 bus route run by Arriva. This route runs between Dorking and Kingston, stopping at Mickleham, Leatherhead, Chessington, Hook and Surbiton.

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