



LONG CLOSE SCHOOL

FAMILY VALUES • INDIVIDUALISED LEARNING • INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING

TRUE EDUCATION IN ACTION



'The school has provided a bastion for my children to excel, be it academically, in sports or in music and drama. This is due to the sense of community the school has where the teachers embody the ethos to nurture and assist the growth of my children. Long Close School has not only provided my children with a place to study but also an education to make them better people.'

Mr & Mrs Kumar, parents of three pupils

WELCOME TO THE LONG CLOSE FAMILY

Long Close is a multi-cultural, co-educational school, unique in the local area by offering your child an outstanding education from the age of 2 to aged 16.

The success of your child is at the heart of everything we do every day. Your child will become part of our nurturing and supportive individualised learning environment where family values and inspirational teaching are placed side-by-side in our aim to achieve the very best results for your child.

We believe that education takes place both inside and outside of the classroom but wherever it occurs we provide your child with exceptional teaching, small class sizes and superb pastoral care enabling us to continually tailor the learning experience we provide your child. We undertake regular assessments of your child's abilities, map his or her results against the national average and use this to give individualised support to your child, ensuring they achieve their full potential.

Our results speak for themselves and we are certain that our continued GCSE success is due to this tailored approach to each

pupil's learning. In recent results, Long Close students achieved a 100% pass rate in the category of gaining five or more GCSE passes from A*-C and over 40% of all grades awarded and A or A*. Our SATS and 11+ results also continue to significantly outperform national expectations. For our latest results, please see the insert in the folder at the back of this prospectus.

We have a broad extra-curricular provision, including sport, drama, dance, chess, public speaking, art and music and we recognise the important role these activities have to ensure your child is well-rounded and enjoys life to the full.

Ultimately, our success is measured by the satisfaction of parents and the happiness of our pupils. I'm sure as you read through the parents' comments on the following pages you will see how successful we are.

We hold Open Days through the year and I would be delighted to meet you in person and welcome your child to Long Close.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Brendan Pavey

Headmaster Long Close School

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'The quality of the work delivered by all the professionals in the Early Years is amazing! Overall the entire team have left an important mark on my daughter's development, from motivating her to eat healthy fruit to being able to read and write her name.'

Mrs Ana Campos de Ataíde, parent of two pupils



EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years provides your child with a warm, safe and nurturing environment to start their Long Close journey. Our qualified practitioners will quickly assess your son's or daughter's specific development needs by observing, assessing their progress and then planning for their next steps through play and teaching.

The Early Years lay a firm foundation for future learning. You can expect your child to be involved in a wide range of interesting and engaging activities such as: music and movement; ballet; gym; swimming; library visits and school trips.

We are proud that our nursery has recently achieved The Bristol Standards certification recognising our commitment to continuous quality improvement. The report specifically commended our outstanding nursery work in relation to involving our families in our setting.

*Education happens
both inside and
outside the classroom*





'The teachers at Long Close School simply seem to enjoy teaching - we've always found them to be very dedicated, enthusiastic and excellent listeners who give clear, constructive feedback on our son's progress whilst also providing him with the necessary motivation and encouragement to seek higher things.'

Mr & Mrs Lawrence, Parent

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

When your child progresses from our Reception Class into Year One, their journey may be considered to be along 'traditional academic lines' and we aim to deliver this through inspirational teaching and individualised learning. The emphasis of our teaching at this stage is on literacy and numeracy.

Your child will also have the opportunity to study Science, Spanish, History, Geography, ICT, Music, Art and Design and Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE), many of these subjects are taught by specialist teachers with specific qualifications in these areas. All classes also have a weekly Drama lesson.

In Years Five and Six your child will continue to have a Form Teacher who cares for their emotional and pastoral needs but all subjects become specialist-based. The children are carefully set according to ability for Mathematics and English. There is preparation for verbal and non-verbal reasoning in preparation for 11+. Science lessons are conducted in the specialist Sir William Herschel Science Laboratory.

*We deliver
inspirational teaching
making learning fun!*





'The school's motto is 'we seek higher things' and we, as a family can testify that this is true. Our daughters see themselves nowhere but the top in whatever they do and that is mostly down to the school's confidence building opportunities, diverse range of learning experiences and the environment provided for pupils.'

Mr & Mrs Raja, parents of three pupils

SENIOR SCHOOL

Years Seven through to Eleven are crucial in the education of any pupil as they focus on achieving success in their GCSEs.

At Long Close School we pride ourselves on being able to understand your child's individual ability, through thorough knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses. We use our unique insight to develop individual learning plans that set the right amount of academic challenge, targeting areas of the curriculum which need more focus and differentiating in areas where your child excels. It is this tailored approach which inspires the pupils to achieve results above and beyond the national average for GCSEs.

We teach the following subjects at GCSE: English, English Literature, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Spanish, Religious Studies (RS), Art and ICT.

Your son or daughter will also have the opportunity to undertake work experience, leadership training and a series of talks under our 'Inspire the Future' initiative. They will also have the chance to become prefects and heads of houses, further fostering their sense of responsibility and leadership skills. Now that they are at the top of the 'Long Close School Family' we have very high expectations of them!

We are very proud of the positive comments we receive every year from Sixth Form establishments when our Long Close pupils join them.

Individualised learning ensures all pupils excel



'The family friendly atmosphere is re-emphasised through the genuine interest of both the parents and teachers, in the well-being of the children that attend the school. The teaching is of a high quality and there is a good standard of learning where we have seen our children able to express themselves in a variety of ways to help them develop their whole being.'

Mr & Mrs Richardson parents of three pupils



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We believe intrinsically in the education that takes place both inside and outside the classroom. A full and varied extra-curricular programme is an essential part of the journey our pupils make as they progress through the school. Whether it is through gym in the Early Years, music and drama in the Preparatory school or whether it is through 'Learning to Work Schemes' in the Senior school, these experiences are essential elements in the education that pupils will gain at Long Close School.

Over recent years the school has developed a reputation as one of the most highly performing schools for cricket in Berkshire. We also have a full and varied fixture list in hockey, rugby, football, netball and rounders. We make the most of our local facilities, the swimming pools and the local playing fields, as well as our excellent on-site astro-turf pitches and cricket nets.

We also offer your child countless ways to develop their artistic abilities with specialist teachers, termly art competitions and weekly Drama lessons taught by actors from the Everyday Theatre Company which operates as our theatre in residence. Within our outstanding Music Department there are an extensive number of choirs, an orchestra and your child could also have individual music lessons if they wish. It is through this busy and varied programme that we aim to see 'true education in action'.

'Pupils make outstanding progress overall because the teaching is consistently good and the pupils have exemplary attitudes towards learning.'

Ofsted, 2010

Family Values lie at the heart of everything we do



NEXT STEPS

We would like to invite you to experience Long Close for yourself by attending one of our open days or by having a private tour. Please contact us to book an appointment by telephone: **01753 520095** or email: **info@longcloseschool.co.uk**
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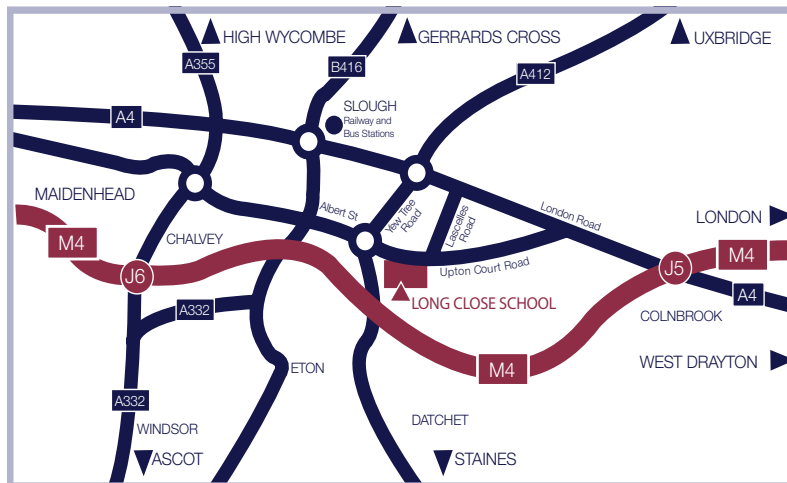
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 TEACHING EXCELLENCE

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