

# Education & Schooling

## A broad curriculum for a bright future

**IN A RECENT VISIT** to University College School (UCS) in Hampstead, the Good Schools Guide praised the “infinite opportunities for thought, exploration and discovery” for pupils.

But UCS does more than simply provide opportunities. Pupils are encouraged to take chances, and their ambitions are supported by strong pastoral care with a focus on the individual.

Lessons are captivating and dynamic. Teachers inspire and enable pupils to develop their skills based on UCS Learning Values: resilience, relationships, resourcefulness and responsibility. The freedom of subject choice throughout the curriculum gives pupils ownership of their learning and academic direction.

In year 9, pupils can choose languages from a choice of five modern (French, German, Spanish, Mandarin and Italian) and two classical (Latin and Ancient Greek). At GCSE, there is minimal prescription beyond the core subjects of English, Mathematics, a language and a science.



The co-educational Sixth Form offers a diverse range of subjects. History of Art, Psychology, Politics and Mandarin are well-established and successful. Friday afternoons are devoted to an academic enrichment programme, which enables students to develop greater appreciation and knowledge of their intended specialist areas for university applications.

This provision is matched by an equally varied co-curricular offering, with many clubs and societies run by the pupils themselves. Robotics Club is well attended by boys in the Lower School, Model



United Nations is popular in the Middle School, and Pyrotechnics and the Gender Politics Group are active societies within the Sixth Form.

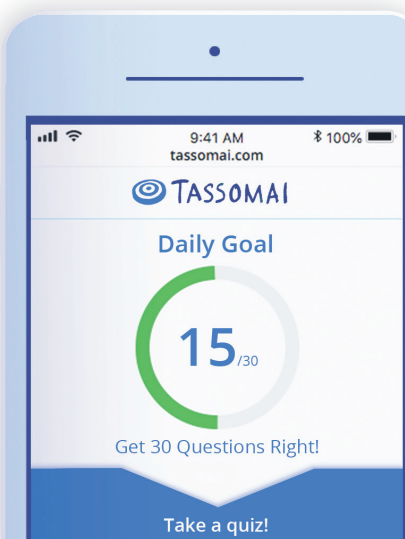
UCS prides itself on its ethos of liberal scholarship. From the classroom to the redeveloped sports fields, from the laboratory to the drama studio, the opportunities for pupils at UCS are truly “infinite”.

Visit the website to find out more about this major London day school: [ucs.org.uk](http://ucs.org.uk)



## The smart way for kids to learn science

**IF YOUR CHILD** prefers technology to textbooks, try Tassomai. This clever online learning and revision program for GCSE science (and some other subjects) has helped thousands of students get better GCSE grades. It also organises learning to avoid stressful cramming, encouraging a “little and often” approach throughout the year.



Tassomai's subject specialists turn each syllabus into multiple choice-style quiz questions that students answer on their phones or laptops. And it really works! Over 450 schools now use

Tassomai's GCSE science program - and 98% of the teachers using it recommend it. Private subscriptions include weekly activity reports for parents, so they can keep a discreet eye on progress without nagging. Parents pay a monthly subscription (there's no contract) and this year any early birds who sign up before the end of September will receive a big discount. [tassomai.com](http://tassomai.com) 020 3380 7968



## Alderly girls have the Edge!

**ALDERLEY EDGE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** is a top-performing independent school for girls between the ages of 2-18 years.

With outstanding pastoral support, innovative teaching, a broad curriculum and a fantastic array



of extra-curricular opportunities, each girl is nurtured and supported in small classes.

This year, the school achieved its best ever A Level results and was ranked the top-performing independent school for A Level Results in Cheshire East for A\* - B grades (The Times League Tables - 17/08/2018).

The school invites you to visit one of its forthcoming open events to find out more:

- Open Evening, Thursday 4 October, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Open Day, Saturday 6 October, 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Sixth Form Open Evening, Thursday 11 October, 6:30pm – 8:45pm

‘Aspire not to have more, but to be more.’

To join the waiting list or register for one of the school's Taster Days and events, contact us: [aesg.co.uk](http://aesg.co.uk) 01625 583028



## Encouraging ambition

**MOUNT KELLY**, shortlisted for the TES Boarding School of the Year Award 2018, and voted one of the top ten best value for money boarding schools by the Daily Telegraph, is set on the edge of Dartmoor National Park in Devon. It combines academic excellence, an outstanding range of opportunities beyond the classroom, and exceptional pastoral care.

We have high expectations and this encourages our pupils to believe in themselves, to be inquisitive, to be resilient and to show ambition both in and out of the classroom. Our pupils feel happy and valued, which gives them the confidence, social awareness and enthusiasm for life-long learning needed to succeed in a fast-changing world.



Mount Kelly is well known as a world class coaching facility for swimming, including an onsite eight lane 50 metre pool, and offers an elite training programme which is fully integrated within the academic life of the school. [mountkelly.com](http://mountkelly.com) 01822 813193



## Getting the kids into cooking

**ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN** and most trusted cookware brands is encouraging keen home chefs and young cooks to showcase their culinary skills and gain recognition in their national cookery competition.

Recognising excellence, the Teflon™ Diamond Standard Awards is an established and well-respected initiative amongst industry leaders. Supported by gourmet cookware brand Anolon, the national finals are held at the Waitrose Cookery School in London and judged by an esteemed panel. Headed up by celebrity chef Lesley Waters, this competition is an exciting opportunity for the whole family to get cooking and win some fantastic prizes.



So, why not get competition-ready by perfecting your culinary skills at home? Yes, cooking for the whole family can be stressful, but that's where you can rely on Teflon™ non-stick coated cookware and bakeware. They make it easy to make quick and healthy dishes using little or no oil, butter or fats, and without compromising on taste. Dishwasher tested and proven safe for effortless cleaning, the Teflon™ branded seal of approval assures the highest standards in the kitchen and at home.

For more information, recipes and to enter the competition, visit the Teflon DSA website. Deadline 31st October 2018. [teflondsa.co.uk](http://teflondsa.co.uk)



## Helping your daughter to achieve her goals

**AT SUTTON HIGH SCHOOL** we empower girls to embrace challenge, promote a sense of belonging and foster a love of learning.

Our aim is for girls to learn with joy every day and attain the academic success needed to pursue their dreams, whatever they might be. We open the door to a wealth of opportunities and our understanding of each girl enables her to take her own steps to success.

Come and visit us to find out more at our Open Mornings on 22 September and 16 October.

[suttonhigh.gdst.net](http://suttonhigh.gdst.net) | 020 8225 3001



## Getting your child off to the best start

**BRENTWOOD SCHOOL** is an independent day and boarding school in Essex, for pupils aged 3-18.

The Preparatory School is introducing full day nursery places and 7.30am-6pm wraparound care from September 2019. Now accepting registrations for nursery, reception and 7+. Register online now. [brentwoodschool.co.uk](http://brentwoodschool.co.uk) | 01277 243291



Broaden your child's horizons with our round-up of some of the best schools, tools and activities to help them to succeed

## High-achieving girls, with a healthy dose of empathy

**TUDOR HALL** is unique in so many ways. It is a thriving, vibrant, full boarding and day school for girls aged 11 to 18, based in Wykham Park, Banbury.

Academic results are excellent, produced by young women who have been selected not just on their academic ability, but also their personal strengths. The girls are not of one type, which creates a community where everybody respects its members and celebrates their individuality.

Staff work with pupils to ensure that each one is encouraged and supported to do her best, and the girls are ambitious and determined to make the most of the many opportunities in school and further afield. All take part in the school's

Aim Higher programme, which affords a range of academic opportunities beyond the classroom. Girls are encouraged to pursue their intellectual curiosity whilst developing resilience; all of which promotes self-confidence, crucial for the world we live in.

As one prospective parent said, “*For a young woman in today's world, confidence and capability are some of the important qualities we are working to achieve with our daughter, something Tudor Hall pupils seem to have in abundance.*”

With so many opportunities available, it might be easy to forget the world outside school. However, the Tudor community works hard to embody the school motto ‘Habeo ut dem’, which means ‘I have in order that I may give’. And it works. “*Articulate, confident and high achieving, yet aware of the needs of others,*” is how the Independent Schools Inspectorate describes Tudor girls.

[tudorhallschool.com](http://tudorhallschool.com) | 01295 263434



Tudor girls are ambitious and determined



## Smaller class sizes ideal for your child

**ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL** is a small, catholic, independent school in Gravesend. Founded by The Sisters of Mercy over 150 years ago, it has been renowned for its academic success and high expectations throughout the years. The school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in a nurturing and happy environment; children are encouraged to achieve their personal optimum in all areas of school life. The small class sizes ensure personalised learning and individual attention for each child. The schools offers wraparound care to give flexibility to the school day, and is very proud of its grounds that include an extensive playing field and an on-site swimming pool. [secretary@sjcps.org](mailto:secretary@sjcps.org) 01474 533012



## Helping students to navigate the world

**HALCYON IS THE ONLY** not-for-profit, co-educational, exclusively International Baccalaureate (IB) school in central London.

Halcyon is a thinking community, committed to nurturing engaged, reflective, life-ready, global citizens. Our students are flexible, resilient, intelligent collaborators who navigate with confidence in a digital world.

With an extensive student wellbeing programme, integrated digital learning and commitment to the lifelong learning of its staff, Halcyon is proud to encourage innovation, collaboration and community.

Halcyon was inspected and rated as Outstanding in all categories by Ofsted in 2017.

[halcyonschool.com](http://halcyonschool.com) | 020 7258 1169

