

Education & Schooling *checklist*

An investment in your children's education lasts them their entire life. We take a look at a range of education ideas, including establishments with excellent facilities and a variety of philosophies

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.

Visit tassomai.com. 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.



Prepare your kids for school

WHILE FEW CHILDREN AND NO TEENAGER will admit to looking forward to the return of early mornings and homework, there are ways to make going back to school more acceptable, and even exciting.

Shop for new stationery and a school bag with your child to build the anticipation towards their first day. Kids love choosing those shiny new pens, pencils and erasers.

Put up a wall planner and get some stickers to make a visual reminder of how many days until the new term. Declutter their bedroom and allow them to choose where they want their desk. Reward them with new accessories for their desk - colourful pen pots and Post-it® notes in.

Start planning new ideas - ask for their input on what they'd like and try them before the new term starts plus let them choose a new lunchbox.



By preparing your child for school you can minimise the stress and make it a fun experience.

Grab all the essentials they need with an exclusive 15% discount, now at staples.co.uk using voucher code: 299001083.

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A love of learning, culture and achievement

ST MARGARET'S SCHOOL IS AN INDEPENDENT day and boarding school for girls aged 4-18. Founded in 1749, they are one of the oldest independent girls' schools in the UK.

A proven record of academic success, St Margaret's pupils move on to competitive courses

at leading universities both in the UK and overseas. In 2018, 62% of all GCSE grades were 9 - 7 (A* - A) and 70% of all A-Level results achieved A* - B grades.

St Margaret's beautiful 60-acre site boasts a combination of superbly resourced historic and modern buildings. If you have not yet visited the school, please do and they will show you the love of learning, culture of achievement and relish of challenge that is the essence of St Margaret's.



For more information, visit stmargaretsbushey.co.uk or call 020 8416 4400.

Get your little ones classroom ready

THIS SCHOOL TERM, invest in Pilot FriXion and V5 pens, the ultimate essentials for any kids' pencil case. The **Pilot V5 Rollerball Perfect** for writing essays, as ink flows from the unique nib. An ink viewer window also means you won't be caught out with an empty pen. The **Pilot FriXion erasable pen** Write, erase and re-write notes, thanks to the special ink.

Both pens are sold in Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, WHSmith, Ryman, and local stationery stores.



Lyndhurst House Prep School

FOR OVER 60 YEARS Lyndhurst House Pre-Prep and Prep School has played a full part in the range of local independent educational provision, sending on its 13-year-olds to the many renowned senior schools in London, and some to boarding further afield. The school has an excellent record of academic success and achievement, matched by a strong participation in sports, music and art.

Pupils develop a good knowledge of their own and other cultures and traditions. Visits to theatres, museums and art galleries feature prominently throughout the year. A significant strength of the school is the way pupils from a wide range of cultural backgrounds work and play together harmoniously.

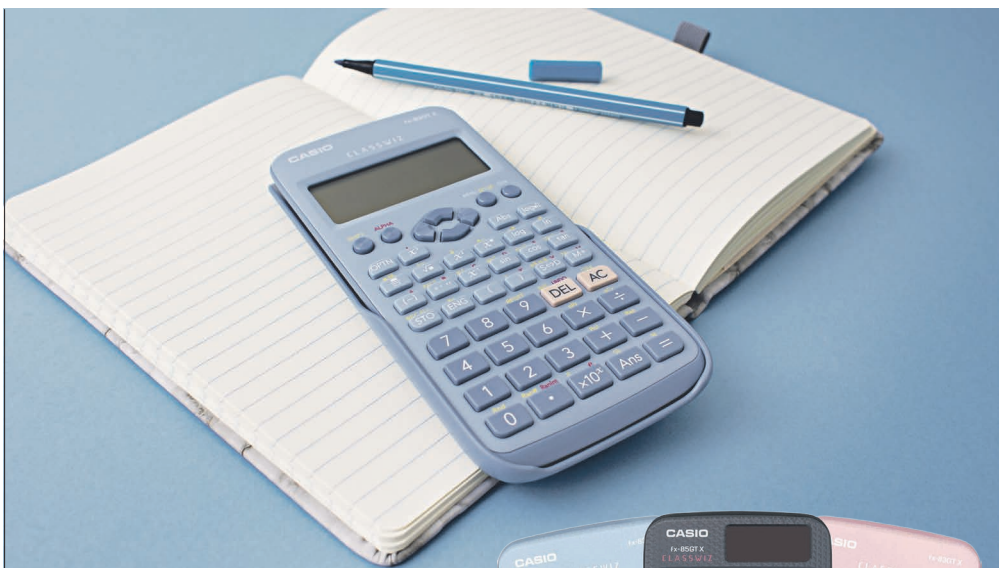
Lyndhurst provides a structured but responsive education from reception at four-plus up to Common Entrance and scholarship at 13, delivered by an experienced, well qualified,



and stable staff team. The abiding characteristics of its pupils seem to be a lively enthusiasm together with a sense of engagement and belonging.



Visit lyndhursthouse.co.uk or call 020 7435 4936 to find out more.



The UK's No.1 scientific calculator just got better

FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11, college to university and beyond, a scientific calculator is an important investment. Over the last 10 years, the maths curricula and exams have changed a great deal and become more demanding. For these reasons, the fx-83GT PLUS and fx-85GT PLUS have been discontinued and replaced with the new fx-83GTX and fx-85GTX. With 14 additional functions, clearer display and now using the latest ClassWiz technology, the new GTX

range is built to last through those important educational years. The fx-83GTX's new pastel colour range brings a fun, stylish feel to these calculators.

The fx-85GTX has the addition of solar power to ensure no loss of battery during those crucial exams.

Recommended by 87% of teachers across the UK and Ireland, the new GTX range can be used in GCSE and IGCSE, National 5 and Highers, Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations.

Learn more at education.casio.co.uk

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A London school that looks outwards

FOUNDED AS A CO-ED SCHOOL in 1594, Emanuel, with its green and leafy setting, thrives in the heart of South West London, minutes from Clapham Junction.

Emanuel partners academic ambition with sustained participation in the creative and performing arts, sports, outdoor life, clubs, spiritual and charitable work, ensuring our pupils are optimistic, compassionate and high achieving. The A-level results in 2018 exceeded all previous years' outcomes and the average point score per pupil at GCSE has been 10 As for the last three years.

Each pupil's form tutor encourages participation in any of the 120 clubs and societies, subject clinics and musical societies, ensembles and choirs. All pupils are invited to get involved in our many sports, with fixtures in rugby, netball, hockey, rowing and cricket, and football from spring 2020. Creative individuals will find their place in the new Dacre building, which offers art studios, a photography dark



room and a professional film studio. Actors and theatre technicians can get involved in one of our many acclaimed school plays or join our theatre company at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Emanuel's curriculum includes many charitable and outreach programmes; we strongly believe in personal welfare and self-esteem being enhanced by helping others. Students leave to study at prestigious higher education institutions, including Russell Group universities and North American colleges, as well as destinations such as RADA, the Royal Drawing School and music conservatoires.



Emanuel School

For more information, call 020 8870 4171 or visit emanuel.org.uk



School on the water with the boat club

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN 2003, the Sir William Perkins's School Boat Club (SWPSCB) has gone from strength to strength. From borrowing boats and being based at a local club, we now have our own state-of-the-art SWPSCB on Laleham Reach, providing a top-class training environment.

With a dedicated professional team of coaching staff providing inspirational support, the club has had huge successes in recent seasons. In 2016-17, we won two national level medals; in May 2018, we had our first Great Britain representative since 2013; and in July 2018 we had a crew qualifying for Henley Royal Regatta - a first for the school!

During the summer of 2018 we were proud to be British Rowing Junior Champions in the J16 double scull and J18 quadruple scull, finishing



on a high with a bronze medal at Coupe de la Jeunesse in Cork where we competed against 13 other European nations, with our Head of Rowing as coach.

All this, as well as producing indoor rowing champions, is only achieved with the dedication and skill of our students and their coaches, and of course the support of their parents and their school.

The only way to really get the full picture is to come and visit the school. Visit swps.org.uk or call 01932 574900 for more information.



The classic notepad

DESPITE THE WORLD BECOMING increasingly digitalised, the need for notepads, especially in a school and university environment, won't disappear any time soon.

Studies have found that taking down notes on a pad during lessons can help you to learn better and retain information for longer. This is because the areas of the brain associated with learning and memories work far better when you



The top ten issues in British classrooms

BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATOR Ross Morrison McGill, aka @TeacherToolkit, returns with a new book that tackles the top ten issues in UK classrooms.

We often talk about the challenges of teacher recruitment and retention, about new initiatives and political landscapes, but day in, day out, teachers and schools are delivering exceptional teaching and most of it is invisible. Ross Morrison McGill, bestselling author of *Mark. Plan. Teach.* and *Teacher Toolkit*, pinpoints the top ten key issues that schools in Great Britain are facing today. Providing strategies, ideas and techniques for how these issues can be tackled most effectively, Ross uncovers, celebrates, analyses and disseminates best practice in teaching.

"This is a powerful working document for a better education system." - Bobby Seagull, Maths teacher, University of Cambridge Doctoral Student, Author and BBC TV Presenter, @bobby_seagull

"Just Great Teaching doesn't disappoint. In an era of over-tested young people, a teacher recruitment crisis and grave concerns about workload, we urgently need solutions. This book provides a refreshing new vision of how our schools could be." - Fiona Millar, Education Writer and Commentator, @schooltruth

"Ross McGill does it again. Taking a problem-solving approach to key aspects of teachers' work - marking, assessing, planning and pedagogy - he provides a research-informed, practical set

Microsoft Office Home and Student: the future is here!

NOW AVAILABLE FOR Mac and Windows 10 users, Microsoft Office Home and Student 2019 brings a host of exciting changes and additions to keep those teenagers off their gaming consoles. No, you're not dreaming!

Firstly, Word, Excel and PowerPoint have all been updated and are more efficient than ever. Microsoft Office Home and Student 2019 also gives you new inking and editing tools, the ability to make maths equations and a fabulous new PowerPoint Zoom navigation feature. And that's just for starters...

Great graphics Thanks to Scalable Vector Graphics, documents, worksheets and presentations have never looked so visual or been so easy to use. Graphics can now be easily rotated, moved, coloured and resized.



Break the language barrier The new Microsoft Office Translator enables you to talk in your own language and have it translated into another language on screen in real time. For students for whom English isn't their first language this is an invaluable learning device. Translate a selected portion of text or the whole document in an instant.

Move it! A new effect called Morph creates animation in seconds which means presentations are much smoother and professional looking. This is so good that teenagers might actually enjoy giving a presentation!

These are just a few of the many fantastic features we've highlighted in Microsoft Office Home and Student. We think you'll love it. Search 910953 on [Ebuyer.com](https://ebuyer.com) for more information.

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of suggestions to ensure Just Great Teaching. This book walks the talk of teacher and student wellbeing." - Stephen Tierney, CEO, blogger and author of *Liminal Leadership*, @LeadingLearner

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