



# Headmistress's Talk Highlights

- Coopersale Hall is a happy, nurturing environment, where pupils develop into mature, confident and highly motivated individuals, gaining the necessary academic and social skills for senior school.
- We have traditional values and a friendly feel, and the ability to tailor the education to needs of the individual.
- Our excellent resources and extensive grounds help to ensure that our pupils achieve and develop their talents and skills – be that in academic subjects, sport, the arts or in anything else they may wish to do.
- We are a heritage school, the buildings have plenty of character and history, and we are fortunate to have wonderful grounds with: an adventure playground, a large court for netball and tennis, an AstroTurf, a play house area, an outdoor classroom area, an environmental study area with pond, a large sports field, the terrace and lawn for Early Year classes, a cross country course and there is also a golf course adjacent.
- At Coopersale Hall, each child is seen as an individual. There is no mould into which a child must fit. The aim of the school is to encourage each child to be the best that they can be, whatever that might be.
- Our traditional values emphasise the need to have respect for others, to be good citizens of a bigger world, as well as to develop an openness to new ideas and take initiative.
- Our pupils move on to their next schools, both independent and state, well-grounded and with confidence.
- We have an 'open door' policy and parents/carers are encouraged to discuss their children's progress with staff. Parents are always welcome to speak with their child's teacher or the Headmistress at any time.
- There are formal parent/teacher meetings, formal half yearly reports, as well as informal and regular assessments.
- Parents are invited into school to discuss transition to seniors in Year 5 and there are individual meetings with staff as part of the preparation for the move at the end of Year 6.
- During the initial lockdown, we continued to provide an extensive remote learning package and our families and students have been extremely well-supported in their learning at home. We are already prepared to re-introduce remote learning when needed.
- Our process for offering places is straightforward and personalised. We invite all prospective pupils to come into school for an individual tour and to have an assessment for entry. We assess English and Maths, as well as observing the children and talking to them in an informal conversation or interview. We offer our places on the basis of the assessments, academic potential and character.



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- Our 11+ preparation is thorough and we take great pride in our Year 6 pupils who pass examinations to a wide selection of senior schools every year, many being offered scholarships and awards.
- We prepare them, not only by teaching a broad and deep curriculum, but also by encouraging participation in:
  - Outdoor pursuits, from a Year 3 camp to residential stays for Years 5 and 6 on the Isle of Wight and Norfolk.
  - Local events such as the Youth for Music concert at the local church, district sports, art and science competitions.
  - National events such as Young Voices at the o2, and many national sporting events and art competitions.
  - We have many visitors to the school, ranging from charity representatives to a local magistrate, a Rabbi and Bikeability for Year 6.
  - The Early Years join in with many of these events but also have their own such as, Bring a Bear to School Day, Coopersale Conga and trips to Paradise Farm and the Gruffalo Trail. They also have their own Harvest Festival and Christmas and Easter productions.
  - Extensive extra-curricular programmes.
- We provide wrap around care. Our Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am each morning and provides a healthy breakfast in a calm, supervised environment before the start of school. Tea time Club runs until 18.00pm, with a variety of activities on offer.