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Key aims of Aldenham

The key aims of Aldenham School are to:

- Encourage each pupil fully to develop his or her intellectual, physical and cultural talents.
- Emphasise the importance of the social, moral and spiritual dimensions of community life in a modern society.
- Set appropriate goals to challenge each individual within a small caring community.
- Recognise and reward personal and collective achievement in a positive learning environment.
- Nurture in pupils the character and skills with which to meet the challenges of life beyond school.
- Maintain and develop a team of professional teachers who seek fulfilment in their work through the progress of their pupils.
- Forge a partnership with parents and the wider community for the further development of the aims and life of the School.

THE ALDENHAM ATTRIBUTES

ASPIRATION

CO-OPERATION

COURAGE

CURIOSITY

INDEPENDENCE

RESPECT

The Aldenham Attributes describe our vision for the personal development of our pupils. We believe they encompass the characteristics that provide the framework for a successful experience at the School and equip them to meet the challenges of life when they leave us.

Admission and Fees

Admission to the School at 11+

At eleven years of age there is a three form entry of around 60 pupils. Applicants should have attained the age of eleven before September 1st in the year of entry. Places are offered on the basis of a satisfactory performance at the 11+ test, interview and school report. The entrance examination is held during the Spring Term and the aim is to test the skills of the candidates whatever their background. Papers are set in English and Mathematics and Reasoning. If Aldenham School is the only choice, an early offer may be made, subject to a satisfactory interview and school report. The test would be sat in the normal way.

Admission at 13+

Up to 30 places are available at 13+ to join the pupils moving up from Martineau's House. Places are offered on the basis of 13+ test, interview and school report. The test is during the Spring Term and papers are set in English, Maths, a Modern Foreign Language, Science and Verbal Reasoning. If Aldenham School is the only choice, an early offer may be made, subject to a satisfactory interview and school report. The test would be sat in the normal way. Candidates must be under 14 on 1st September following the exam.

Admission to Sixth Form

Places are available at Sixth Form level for both boys and girls. Offers are based on a school report and individual interview. A minimum of 5 GCSE passes at grade C or above is required, with at least B grades expected in the subjects to be studied at AS/A2 Level.

Admission at other ages

Vacancies do sometimes arise other than at 11+, 13+, 16+ and enquiries for admission should be made in the usual way by contacting the Admissions Co-ordinator.

Induction Programme

Year 7 Induction Programme

Pupils new to Year 7 will attend an off-site overnight induction experience at the start of the academic year. This is a team building exercise and is an essential part of the Induction Programme.

Year 7-11 Induction Programme

All new pupils joining Years 7-11 will attend an Induction Day on the day before the start of the new academic year.

UK Sixth Form Induction Programme

A 3-day Induction Programme for UK students entering the Sixth Form will take place during the last week of the summer term prior to them joining. A further induction morning will take place the day before term begins.

Overseas Induction Programme

Students joining from overseas are invited to arrive by 4.30pm 2 days before the start of the new academic year to enable them to settle in.

Open Days

Open Days are held for prospective parents in the Autumn and Summer Terms each year, with a Sixth Form Open Evening in the Autumn term. On these occasions the Headmaster will speak and there is an opportunity to meet both staff and pupils. Please telephone the Admissions Co-ordinator for further details.

Current Fees 2016/2017

Registration Fee	£75
UK Deposit	£1,000
Overseas Deposit	One term's fees
EU Deposit	£3,000
	Termly
Day Pupils (11+)	£5,097
Boarders (11+) 5 nights	£7,033
Day Pupils (13+)	£7,138
Boarders (13+)	£10,462

Flexible Day and Boarding arrangements - for further details and fees refer to page 14.

Notes

i) The Registration Fee is payable at the time a boy or girl is registered and before an offer of a place can be made.

ii) During the year in which a boy or girl is due to enter the School, an acceptance deposit of £1,000 is payable to be set off against the final term's extras bill. For overseas students the deposit is a term's fees and again this is set off against the final term's extras bill, and the balance returned. Otherwise this deposit will be returned only when the School has to cancel the entry as a result of exam performance or for health or other reasons as specified in the Standard Terms and Conditions.

iii) For convenience the annual Fee is payable termly in advance in three equal amounts and may be paid either in full by termly Direct Debit, bank transfer, cheque or on a monthly basis through a Schools Fees Plan scheme. We also take debit/credit cards (there is a small charge for credit cards). * If the fees are not paid by the due

date the School reserves the right to impose a surcharge or to require that a boy or girl leave the School until the relevant fees are paid. It is the Governors' intention to hold fees at the level stated for the full Academic Year 2016/2017 but they reserve the right to change them if circumstances so require.

A term's notice must be given if it is necessary for a boy or girl to leave the School, otherwise a full term's fees in lieu of notice will be payable, notwithstanding any increase there may have been from the above date. A term's notice must also be given for a change of status from boarding to day, and a half a term's notice for other changes.

iv) The School can provide details of schemes involving lump sum payment of fees in advance and is always ready to discuss other ways of providing for school fees.

* Any other method of payment must be individually agreed with the School.

Music Tuition Fees (Individual)

40 minute lesson £29.20 per lesson. For further details of music lessons available please refer to page 15.

English as a Foreign Language Fee

Individual 40 minute sessions (25 lessons per year) will be charged at £380 per term for 25 lessons. Therefore a pupil requiring 2 sessions a week will be charged £760 per term, and 3 sessions a week £1,140 per term.

Standard Terms and Conditions

These are available on the website: www.aldenham.com/other information

Scholarships and Bursaries

A number of awards are made each year for exceptional performance at the time of application in academic work, art, music, technology or sport. Occasionally fine all rounders are given an award. Sixth Form scholarships are available either for those already in the School or those joining at that point, based on potential to succeed in the Sixth Form.

Bursary funding is available to support a number of students each year whose family circumstances mean that they would be unable to join or continue in the School, but where their potential of success is judged significant. The Foundation utilises the services of an external body, Bursary Administration Ltd (BAL) (www.schoolbursaryguide.com) who may complete a home visit with the parents to review documentation and to have a general conversation regarding their application. All awards are subject to an annual review which is carried out during the Summer term for the following school year.

All Scholarships and Exhibitions are tenable from the time of the award until the boy or girl leaves the School. Holders of awards are expected to remain at School until they have taken their A Level exams and the continuance of the award is subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

Academic Awards

At 11+ and 13+, awards are made on the basis of performance in the Entry Test and a subsequent interview.

Other Awards

At 11+ candidates who have a special ability in Music or Sport should inform the Admissions Co-ordinator well before the Entry Tests as an audition or portfolio of project work will be required.

At 13+ all candidates who show a special ability in Art, Music, Design & Technology or Sport should inform the Admissions Co-ordinator well before the Entry Tests as an audition or portfolio of project work will be required.

At 16+, awards are made on the basis of GCSE performance and interview.

All scholarship applications need to be supported by the candidate's current Head Teacher.



Music Awards

Candidates at all ages should offer two instruments (this includes singing, especially at 16+, which forms an important part of the musical life of the School as a whole) and the standard of one of these at 11+ should be Grade III / IV of the Associated Board, at 13+ Grade V/VI and at 16+ Grade VI / VII. Music Scholars and Exhibitioners receive free instrumental tuition for one instrument. Consideration will be given to candidates according to potential and the candidate's enthusiasm to take part in musical activities such as concerts, music competitions, choir, orchestra and chamber groups.

Art Awards

Awarded at 13+ and 16+. Art Scholars are seen as ambassadors for the department within the school. Candidates should therefore be able to demonstrate an excellent drawing and painting ability as well as strengths in using a wide variety of media within their A3/A2 sized portfolio brought to interview for discussion (all 3-D work & large scale pieces to be presented as photographs within the portfolio).

Candidates should show a well advanced visual perception, being able to communicate ideas and feelings in a visual way based on both perception and conception (observed, remembered and imagined). The portfolio work should consist of the most recent and up to date art work completed either in school or in their own spare time beyond the class room. There will also be a 45 minute drawing task during the interview. Potential art scholars should be able to discuss their work confidently and express their deep interest and enthusiasm for this subject fluently at interview.

Design & Technology Awards

Awarded at 13+ and 16+. We look for an ability to explore and resolve design problems amongst the many areas of technology, particularly resistant materials (wood, metals, plastics) and including electronics, textiles and graphic products. Younger candidates will clearly have a much reduced range of workshop experience, but all are required to show evidence of their excellence through an informal portfolio of written work, graphics and manufactured products. Candidates are interviewed by department staff and undertake a series of short challenges to establish their potential as technologists. Prior knowledge is much less important than latent ability.

Sports Awards

An Aldenham School Sports Scholarship is normally awarded to candidates who show a very good level of performance in TWO of the main sports played at Aldenham, as follows:
For boys (Football, Hockey and Cricket)
For girls (Hockey, Netball and a range of other sports including Athletics, Rounders and Tennis)

As a guide a very good level of performance would equate to an excellent School 1st Team player with the ability to affect a match in a positive way. However, consideration will also be given to candidates who specialise to a particularly high level in one sport. References must normally be supplied from the appropriate team or club if you are applying for an award based on one sport only.

From the candidates applying, a group will be invited to attend a session at Aldenham to take part in a selection procedure. This will involve fitness testing ('bleep test' / cooper run / Illinois agility) hockey tests, cricket nets, football, netball. Further details may be obtained from the Director of Sport.

The School and the Wider Community

The School Day

'Call' in Houses for boarders is at 7.30am followed by breakfast from 7.35–8.05am. Registration for all pupils is at 8.30am. Lessons begin at 8.40am. On Monday there is a Headmaster's Assembly. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday the whole school meets in Chapel for Assembly or an act of worship. There are five lessons every morning. There are three lessons on Monday afternoon and alternate Wednesdays and two lessons on all other weekday afternoons. There is one games afternoon each week. Extra curricular activities run twice weekly. Pupils meet with their Tutors for tutorials and Life Skills every Wednesday afternoon in Martineau's and alternate Wednesdays in Years 9-13.

The School day finishes at 5.30pm every day except Friday when there is an early finish at 4.40pm.

Homework (Preparation)

'Prep' at Aldenham follows the best of modern practice: staff set tasks that test understanding and provide more evidence of progress. It should be assumed that some 'prep tasks' will require the use of a computer and the internet. Pupils in Martineau's are asked to complete work in three subjects each evening. The amount and length of 'Prep' is gradually increased as pupils move up through the School. GCSE students do three subjects each evening and Sixth Formers are encouraged to work independently in addition to their set tasks.

In every case, 'Prep' is a key part of learning at Aldenham.

Monitoring Pupils' Progress

Aldenham has created a culture of learning and improvement for all. Our excellent pupil/teacher ratio and small size allows us to monitor progress and provide individual care so that everyone reaches his or her full potential. Pupils are given close guidance by their tutor and housemaster and all pupils are constantly challenged by enthusiastic and effective teachers. We aim to maximise the opportunities for all to flourish so pupils and parents can value the achievements of every pupil at the School.

Medical Facilities

The School has a well equipped Health Centre staffed by a team of highly qualified nurses to deal with minor ailments and injuries. Health education, as well as support and advice, is available to all students and is an important part of the medical service.

The School Doctor holds a daily surgery for boarders at the School and is available for advice in between visits. Medical screening on entry to the School is available along with the option to take part in the School's immunisation programme which includes all relevant vaccinations for each year group. Appointments with an osteopath - www.premierosteopathy.co.uk can be arranged when required. An Independent Counsellor will see pupils wishing to discuss issues in confidence.



Catering

Holroyd Howe are the School caterers with full time management on site with responsibility for all catering and domestic services within the School. A wide selection of food is available from the dining room at breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a salad bar always available as an option at lunch time. Hot and cold vegetarian options are available at all meals. Special requirements for medical reasons can be discussed with the Catering Management. Holroyd Howe also operate the Tuck Shop which is open at break Monday-Friday.

The School Shop

The on site School Shop is operated by Stevensons and is open Monday-Friday from 1.00-4.00pm during term time and on an appointment basis in the summer holiday. Telephone 01727 814368.

Parents

Good liaison between home and school is an essential part of life at Aldenham. We value our relationship with parents who can contact the School at anytime. Close communication between school and home, whether boarding or day pupils is one of the foundations of a successful career at the School. An enewsletter is sent by email to parents each Friday giving updates on events and school news.

The Aldenham School Parents' Association (ASPA)

Our community extends to parents, many of whom are involved in ASPA. The association is open to all parents with children at the School and is structured to promote social occasions and encourage exchange of information. The committee of parents is elected each year and ASPA actively supports School events and runs various fund raising activities during the year, the profits of which help to fund items for the School.

The Old Aldenhamian [OA] Society

All pupils have the opportunity to join the OA Society at the time of leaving the School.

The OA Society and the School work together to provide opportunities for social occasions and the continuation of sports and other interests developed at school. It also offers valuable business networking and career development opportunities.

Members of the OA Society have access to a secure, online, database which enables them to update their own personal information, search for friends, view photographs of events and download publications. They will also receive an annual magazine and invitations to a variety of events.

OAs are part of a worldwide, extended family and the OA Society offers members of all ages the opportunity to keep in touch wherever their lives may take them. The aim of the Society is to help the School and its former pupils to prosper and retain links with each other well into the future.

Charities

Pupils are encouraged to develop an awareness of sociological and environmental problems and exercise care, concern and respect for others. To co-ordinate this programme there is a School Charity Committee which works to support a number of charities by raising money through a range of events. The committee is run by the School Chaplain and aims to offer practical and financial support to charities at home and abroad.

Curriculum

The Sixth Form

Aldenham offers a wide variety of choice in the Sixth Form. Most students will take 3 A Levels over the two years of the Sixth Form, although the possibility exists for the best students to take 4 A Levels. Those taking 3 A Levels have the opportunity to study a subsidiary subject including the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) alongside their 3 main subjects. In combination with our extensive extra-curricular programme, work experience and UCAS advice, the curriculum in the Sixth Form continues to give pupils their best opportunities and prepares them for university entry.

Sixth Form Leavers 2015

The majority of this year's leavers gained places at their chosen universities including Warwick, Loughborough, Birmingham, Southampton, Bath, Nottingham, Kings College, LSE, Imperial and Selwyn College Cambridge.

The GCSE Programme

Pupils follow an extensive 'core' programme of study, which involves work in both English Language and Literature, Science (taught as three separate sciences, leading to a double or triple GCSE award), Mathematics, Religious Studies and Physical Education. In addition, pupils choose from a wide choice, including a Modern Foreign Language, History, Geography, Music, Art, Design Technology, PE, Computer Science and Drama. Pupils are set in subjects where appropriate. Coursework is carefully guided and all pupils have access to the Computer Science Centre to support their GCSE studies.

Course details for GCSE, AS and A2 are detailed in the separate 'Guide to Courses' available on request.

The Lower School

Pupils in Martineau's follow an extended curriculum in 15 subjects, including Latin. All pupils have an introduction to playing a musical instrument. Emphasis is placed on English and Mathematics, as literacy and numeracy provide the foundation for success in other areas. Pupils are also introduced to Drama. The curriculum equips pupils with the knowledge, skills and understanding for them to make a reasoned choice of subjects for GCSE.

Sport and Games

Specialist Games teachers, assisted by many members of the Common Room, coach Games to individual year groups within the school timetable. Each year group has one regular slot allocated within the timetable for the coaching of Games and in addition Tuesday afternoon is also set aside for School matches and House Games. The emphasis during Games sessions for Martineau's pupils is on the major team sports (football, hockey and cricket for boys, and hockey, netball, and rounders for the girls), although greater choice and variety are introduced as pupils progress upwards through the school. School fixtures against neighbouring schools take place on Tuesdays and Saturdays for year 9 pupils and above, while Martineau's fixtures are normally on Wednesday afternoons.

Inter House and Inter School Sports and Activities

Autumn Term

Major game (Boys) Football – 10 School teams play block fixtures against Brentwood, Charterhouse, Chigwell, Eton, Forest, Highgate, John Lyon, Westminster, Winchester, 1st XI v Corinthian Casuals and OAs.

Major game (Girls) – Hockey – fixtures against Mill Hill, Haileybury, Beechwood Park, King Alfred, Belmont, Queenswood, Dame Alice Owen, Edge Grove, St Margaret's Bushey, St Helen's and St Edmund's Ware.

Additional School Matches in Fives

Additional School Activity – Dance

House Competitions in Football, Football Leagues, Girls' Hockey and Music.

Spring Term

Major game (Boys) Hockey – 10 School teams play block fixtures against Berkhamsted, Bishop's Stortford, Haberdashers', Haileybury, Merchant Taylors', Mill Hill, St Albans, UCS and Watford GS.

Major game (Girls) – Netball – fixtures against Mill Hill, Belmont, Bishop Stortford College, Edge Grove, Haileybury, King Alfred, Queenswood, St Augustus, St Margaret's Bushey and St Edmund's Ware.

Additional School Matches in Fives, Football, Chess and Sailing.

Additional School Activity – Dance and Dance Production.

House Competitions in Hockey, Football Leagues, Fives, Dance, Netball, Public Speaking, Drama and Cross Country.

Summer Term

Major game (Boys) Cricket – 9 School teams play block fixtures against Berkhamsted, Haberdashers', Highgate, John Lyon, Mill Hill, QE Barnet, St Benedict's, UCS and Westminster.

Additional School Matches in Tennis and Sailing.

House Competitions in Cricket, Rounders, Athletics, Tennis, Tug of War, Softball and Sailing.

Major game (Girls) - Rounders - fixtures against Mill Hill, Beechwood Park, Belmont, Edge Grove, Haileybury and Highgate, Kingshott, Royal Masonic and Heathmount.

Tours

2004 – Barbados Cricket Tour

2005 – Barbados Cricket Tour

2006 – St Lucia 1st XI Cricket Tour

2006 – Valencia 1st XI Football Tour

2007 – Villarreal 1st XI Football Tour

2008 – Barbados Cricket Tour

2008 – Deportivo La Coruna Football Tour

2009 – 1st XI pre season to Chelsea and Fulham

2010 – Real Madrid Football Tour

2012 – Real Madrid Football Tour

2013 – Malta Netball Tour

2013 – Isle of Wight Cricket 1st XI

2014 – Real Madrid Football Tour

2015 – Suffolk Netball Tour

2016 – Suffolk Netball Tour

2016 – Marbella Netball Tour

2016 – St George's Park - Football



Exam Results

GCSE/iGCSE Results 2013-2016

Grade comparison versus National average

	%A*	%A	%B	%C
2013				
Aldenham	14.0	19.6	24.2	21.1
National results	6.8	14.5	21.5	25.3
2014				
Aldenham	10.8	21.2	29.3	24.0
National results	6.7	14.6	21.9	25.6
2015				
Aldenham	11.7	23.2	32.2	21.5
National results	6.6	14.6	22.1	25.7
2016				
Aldenham	12.6	24.8	30.6	20.3
National results	6.8	14.9	22.6	25.2

A Level Results 2013-2016

	Number of candidates	%A*/A grades	%A*-C grades	%A*-E grades
2013	75	24	70	98
2014	79	20	72	97
2015	74	22	70	97
2016	81	20	69	96

Boarding and Activities

BOARDING

Aldenham has always been a Boarding School with a boarding school ethos based on a strong House system. The School offers the full range of boarding options to pupils from 11-18 years of age. The aim is to offer a number of opportunities for families within a traditional framework of Day and Boarding thus allowing children to move from Day to Boarding status to reflect family circumstances even if only on a temporary basis.

Boarding Houses

There are 4 Senior Boarding Houses, Beevor's (Boys), Kennedy's (Boys), McGill's (Boys) and Paull's (Girls). Each is run by a Housemaster or Housemistress, helped by spouses, a matron and resident tutor. There are around 70 pupils children in each House of whom around 40 will be boarders.

There is also a Junior Boarding House, Martineau's, where space is available for 16 boys and 9 girls to board on a weekly basis.

Flexi Boarding

For some pupils the need exists to board on a variable or limited basis and the School is pleased to be able to accommodate these requirements recognising the needs of the modern day requirements of working families, subject to the availability of space in a Boarding House. Pupils have their own regularly allocated bed and facilities in the House.

Flexible dayboarding offers the advantages of an evening meal, supervision and other facilities in the Boarding House without staying overnight. Pupils will have a regularly allocated study space within each House.

Occasional Boarding or Dayboarding enables a pupil's needs to be accommodated within the House on an infrequent basis. Places are by necessity limited and will depend upon availability, but every attempt will be made to meet parents' requests. A charge per night is levied for this service and added to the end of term bill.

Number of nights	Junior Provision fee	Pro-rata fee	Total junior flexiboarding fee per term	Senior provision fee	Pro-rata fee	Total senior flexiboarding fee per term
1 night	£416	£304	£720	£548	£393	£941
2 nights	£416	£608	£1,024	£548	£786	£1,334
3 nights	£416	£912	£1,328	£548	£1,179	£1,727
4 nights	£416	£1,216	£1,632	£548	£1,572	£2,120
5 nights	£416	£1,520	£1,936	£548	£1,965	£2,513

ACTIVITIES

We offer all pupils from Year 7 – 13 the opportunity to participate in over sixty recreational, artistic, community or sporting activities. All activities take place during periods 8 and 9 every Tuesday and Thursday. Pupils opt for activities on a termly basis. We encourage the development of skills over a longer period of time as well as giving students the chance to experience a variety of new pursuits and challenges. Some pupils might stay with one activity, such as sailing or CCF, throughout most of their school career, while others might participate in new activities every term. Some of the activities we offer at Aldenham include fives, Young Enterprise, cookery, street dancing, photography, climbing, golf, archery, horse riding and squash. There is the chance to participate in a school play or one of the many music groups such as the Choir or Orchestra. We run a Duke of Edinburgh scheme and also offer a number of community service activities. There is an EAL programme for overseas students.

Sixth Form

Year 12 & 13 pupils have the option of private study. Alternatively they may choose from options which have a theme of service to the community, including visiting local elderly residents, entertaining a group of visitors to the School or doing voluntary work on site. The Young Enterprise business scheme, the Duke of Edinburgh scheme (Gold Award) and the CCF are all popular choices for pupils wishing to gain leadership experience. The aim is to accustom pupils to take on responsibility for other people or the community's welfare as well as for themselves.

Years 9, 10 and 11

For these year groups, the activities

afternoons are designed to allow pupils to pursue a sporting or other activity which may be new to them or which is not available at other times in the School programme. Many of the options can be used as components towards pupils' bronze or silver Duke of Edinburgh award. Pupils tend to pursue a different activity each term but can choose to remain with one for longer. The CCF (Army & RAF sections) is available to all students in Year 9 and above.

Years 7 and 8

The emphasis at this age is to introduce the pupils to new activities in a fun environment or to accelerate their learning of new sporting and non-sporting interests. In one of the three terms Year 7 students will participate in a carousel of activities - adventure, first aid and cookery. This is organised by House with 2/3 Houses allocated to the carousel each term.

Music Awards

The Music Dept offers a wide range of individual lessons on instruments ranging from Guitar and Drums to Orchestral instruments and Voice. The School Choir, Concert Band, Strings Group, Brass Group and Bell Ringers all take an active part in the major school events throughout the year. Competitions, Lunchtime Recitals and Tours all ensure that students are given plenty of opportunity to perform within a safe and appreciative environment. All Year 7 students receive half a term of free tuition on an orchestral instrument, culminating in a Concert for parents in December.

Duke of Edinburgh

48 pupils are currently following the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. 35 pupils were awarded the Bronze Award, 7 others completed their Silver and 6 their Gold. Expeditions for Bronze are operated in the Chiltern Hills whilst for Silver and Gold these are organised in mid Wales and Shropshire.





Governors and Staff

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr JT Barton [OA] (Chairman)
Mr MD Thomas (Deputy Chairman)
Mr AJ Bingham [OA]
Mrs C Clapper
Mr AJS Cox [OA]
Mr A Day [OA]
Mr IA Dewar
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Mrs D Nicholes
Mr S Nokes
Col M O'Dwyer OBE
Mrs V Shah
Mr TCffB Sligo-Young
The Ven J Smith
Mr DT Tidmarsh
Mr TF Wells
Mr S Yeo

GOVERNOR EMERITUS

Field Marshal, The Lord Vincent of Coleshill
GBE, KCB, DSO [OA]

Upper Warden of the Brewers' Company
Mr P Wells

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Headmaster

Mr JC Fowler MA (Oxon)

Senior School Principal

Mr AM Williams BSc (Loughborough) MAEd
(Chichester)

Assistant Head (Academic)

Dr PJ Reid (Nottingham)

Assistant Head (Pastoral)

Mrs SH Wilson BSc (Imperial) ARCS

Assistant Head (Co-curricular & External Affairs)

Mr RP Collins BA, MSc (Lond)

Chief Operating Officer

Mr P Wright CEng, FIET, FloD, BA (OU)

Bursar & Clerk to the Governing Body

Mr AWC Fraser FCIS

Finance Manager

Mrs S Toye FCCA

STAFF

Housemasters / Mistresses

Senior Houses

McGill's – Mr MI Yeabsley BSc (Dunelm)

Beevor's – Mr S Pennycook BSc (Nottingham)

Paull's – Miss EC Gratton BA (Ontario)

Kennedy's – Mr RW Pineo BSc (Sheffield Hallam)

Leeman's – Mr GL Cornock BA (Southampton Solent)

Riding's – Mr AP Stephenson BA (Loughborough)

Junior House

Martineau's – Mrs LM Gall BEd (West London Inst)

ACADEMIC STAFF

Art

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Mr MI Yeabsley BSc (Dunelm)

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Mr LJ Kirsten BA (Stellenbosch)
Mr JSB Travers BA (Newcastle)

Life Matters

Miss GM Burn BA (Guildford School of Acting)
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Mrs LCR Hobart BA (Manchester Met)*
Miss CA Martin BA (Birmingham)

Modern Foreign Languages

Miss N El Akel LD Licence MA DEA (Lille)
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Mathematics

Mr DBG Boothby BSc (St Andrews)
Mr SG Dawe BA (Sheffield Hallam)
Mr CB Doidge BSc (UCL)
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Mr T Riley BSc (Bangor)
Mr PW Stanbury BEng (Imperial)
Dr PS Turner BSc (Hull)

Music

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Mr J Rayfield BMus (Birmingham)*

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Frequently Asked Questions

Do you run a coach service?

Yes, we currently run eight bus routes picking up across North London and surrounding areas from 7.25am. For further details see next page.

How far in advance do I need to register my son /daughter?

Ideally by the term before the entrance exam takes place. This enables us to obtain references and interview him/her before the exam. Late applications can be accepted but they may have to be placed on a Waiting List.

Do I need to come for interview if I have been to an Open Morning?

If Aldenham is your first choice school, the Headmaster likes to meet you and your son/daughter personally. This should be during the academic year preceding the date of entry.

Do I need to meet the Headmaster?

The Headmaster likes to see all prospective pupils and their parents if possible.

Why can't my son /daughter come at 11+ if he / she is at a 13+ Prep School?

Unless there is a specific reason, pupils should stay at their Prep School until they are 13. This gives them the responsibility and advantages of being a senior member of their school which is an important part of their development. Martineau's House was primarily opened for pupils from schools which finish at 11+.

When does the Entrance Exam take place?

11+ and 13+ – Entrance exams in early January.
16+ – Pupils are primarily taken on predicted results, report from current school and interview.

What does the Entrance Exam consist of?

13+ – English, Maths, A Modern Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish), Science and Verbal Reasoning.
11+ – English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning.

Can I have a copy of past Entrance papers?

Yes, these are available on the website.

Can we be offered a Reserved Place before the exam at 11+ / 13+?

Reserved places are only offered if you are willing to commit yourself to Aldenham and no other independent school, a School Report has been obtained and you have been interviewed by the Headmaster. He would then be in a position to offer a Reserved Place, if he felt Aldenham to be the right school for your son or daughter. It is a two way commitment. Your son or daughter would still sit the Entrance Exam in the normal way to confirm the place.

How do I apply for a scholarship?

You need to write in separately or put a note on the application form specifying the particular scholarship for which you wish your son/daughter to be considered.

We are seeking a bursary, how do we apply for this?

Please indicate in the space provided on the Registration Form if you are looking for a bursary. Bursaries are limited in number and are strictly means tested. An additional interview is given to bursary candidates.

Do you cater for pupils with learning difficulties?

We have an extremely good Learning Support Department. However, pupils do need to be able to cope in the normal classroom situation; they are not taught separately, but have extra tuition as and when necessary.

How co-educational is Aldenham now?

Around one third of the pupils are girls and two thirds are boys.

Transport

Aldenham School currently offers transport on the following routes. However, we do keep these under review and will try to accommodate parents' wishes wherever sufficient demand exists. The School reserves the right to modify the routes and the stops, dependent on demand.

Route 1

07.30 | Rickmansworth
Homestead Road – opposite the LT /BR station

07.38 | Croxley Green
Outside Croxley LT station

07.41 | Watford
Two Bridges bus stop on dual carriageway (Watford Rd) towards Watford (am only)
Watford (L) - Bus stop (lay-by) Watford Road opposite The Harvester (pm only)

07.48 | Watford (L)
Town Hall roundabout – next to the Library

Route 2

07.15 | Brookmans Park
Outside Brookmans Park Hotel

07.20 | Potters Bar
High Street – lay-by opposite Bus Garage

07.25 | Hadley Green
Great North Road – bus stop before the junction with Wagon Road

07.27 | Hadley Green
Great North Road – junction of Dury Road

07.30 | High Barnet
High Street – outside Superdrug

07.37 | Arkley
Barnet Road – outside The Arkley Public House

07.40 | Arkley
Barnet Road – bus stop outside The Gate Public House

07.43 | Stirling Corner
Furzehill Road – bus stop before Ashley Drive

07.55 | Borehamwood (L)
Shenley Road – outside Woods Restaurant

07.56 | Theobald Street
Bus stop after Anthony Road adjacent to Stevenage Crescent
Theobald Street - bus stop between Gateshead Road and Beech Drive (pm only)

08.05 | Radlett (L)
Bus stop in High Street opposite the Post Office (am only)
Radlett (L) - Bus stop opposite 2-3 Theobald Street ((pm only)

Route 3

07.15 | Cockfosters LT station

07.18 | Cockfosters
Cat Hill – bus stop near Mansfield Avenue

07.20 | East Barnet Village
Bus stop outside Budgens

07.23 | Lyonsdown Road
Opposite Hasluck Gardens

07.33 | Totteridge
Totteridge and Whetstone LT station

Route 4

07.25 | Harrow
Bus stop at The Green junction with Norval Road, Watford Road

07.30 | North Wembley
Forty Lane, bus stop outside East Lane Business Park, opposite Esso Garage

07.33 | Forty Lane
Bus stop at junction of Carlton Avenue East, just before Texaco Garage

07.35 | Wembley Park
Forty Avenue, just before The Avenue, outside disused garage

07.39 | Preston Road
Bus stop before roundabout at Woodcock Hill/Preston Hill

07.45 | Kingsbury
The Mall, outside Fire/Ambulance Station

07.50 | Queensbury
Honeypot Lane, opposite Morrisons

07.53 | Canons Park (L)
Honeypot Lane, bus stop opposite Bramble Close

08.00 | Stanmore (L)
London Road, lay-by opposite LT Station
Elstree (L) Bus stop outside Roberts Sweet Shop (pm only)

Route 5

- 07.27 | Harrow on the Hill
LT station – opposite 100 College Road
- 07.32 | North Harrow
Bus stop outside the Apollo Public House,
Pinner Road
- 07.35 | Pinner
Marsh Road – bus stop at the end of West End
Avenue
- 07.37 | Pinner
Elm Park Road – bus stop at the end of West
End Lane
- 07.40 | Pinner
Uxbridge Road – junction with Paines Lane
- 07.43 | Hatch End
Uxbridge Road – bus stop outside Sea Pebbles
Restaurant
- 07.49 | Harrow Weald
Uxbridge Road, bus stop near Belsize Road

Route 6

- 07.15 | St James Primary School
opposite St Lukes Hospital, Woodside Avenue
- 07.20 | A1000 (Grt North Rd)
Sussex Gardens (am only)
Woodside Avenue (Grt North Rd) entrance into
Woodside Avenue (pm only)
- 07.22 | Bishops Avenue
Bus Stop B just into Bishops Avenue
- 07.25 | Hampstead Garden Suburb Market
Place
Bus stop outside Medivet on Lyttleton Road
(am only)
Bus stop on Lyttleton Road outside Market
Place shops (pm only)
- 07.26 | Falloden Way
Lay-by near to Brookland Rise bus stop
- 07.31 | Fitzalan Road
Junction with Regents Park Road
- 07.40 | The Quadrant
Outside Hammonds Coach Works in
Parson Street
- 07.42 | Hendon Hall
Bus stop outside Hendon Hall Hotel,
Parson Street

Route 7

- 07.15 | Ruislip
Eastcote Road – outside St Martin’s Church
- 07.19 | Bury Street
Bus stop north of Ladygate Lane
- 07.24 | Ducks Hill Road
Junction of Jackets Lane
- 07.27 | Northwood
Rickmansworth Road – bus stop near Dene
Road
- 07.31 | Green Lane
Bus lay-by outside Grosvenor Gallery
- 07.32 | Watford Road
Bus stop where Sandy Lane joins Watford
Road, nearly opposite The Woods
- 07.35 | Sandy Lane
Bus lay-by near Westbury Road
- 07.45 | Oxhey (L)
Bus stop opposite Oxhey Road and in front of
Oxhey Park
- 07.49 | Oxhey (L)
Eastbury Road, bus stop opposite St
Matthew’s Church
- 07.50 | Aldenham Road (L)
Bus lay-by near junction with Aldenham Road
and The Avenue

Route 8

- 07.30 | Totteridge Village
The Orange Tree Public House
- 07.32 | Totteridge Common
St Edmunds College
- 07.40 | Mill Hill
The Broadway – beneath M1/BR bridge
- 07.50 | Edgware (L)
Library, Hale Lane
- 07.55 | Edgware (L)
Stonegrove – bus stop by War Memorial

(L) – Local Charge

How to Find Us

BY TRAIN

a) From London the easiest route is from St Pancras International Thameslink to Elstree & Borehamwood, taxi for the 5 minute drive to the School. Trains run every 20 minutes and the journey takes 20-25 minutes.

b) From the North West most InterCity trains stop at Watford Junction on the way into Euston. Aldenham School is a 10 minute taxi ride from Watford. It is important that the driver knows you are going to the School and not the village of Aldenham.

BY TUBE

Jubilee Line to Stanmore and taxi from the station.

BY ROAD

a) M25 Junction 19: Follow A41 South towards Watford. Continue following signs for Aldenham Country Park (approx 7 miles). Turn left towards Letchmore Heath and at the end of the road turn left and continue along this road for about 1 mile until you reach the School car park on the right, over the brow of a hill.

b) M25 Junction 23: Follow A1 to Stirling Corner. A411 to Elstree, across the traffic lights, then 1st right into Aldenham Road. Continue along this road for about 2 miles, the car park is on the right, over the brow of a hill.

c) From M1 Junction 5: Follow A41 South towards Watford, proceed as in a) above. **DO NOT FOLLOW ANY SIGNS TO ALDENHAM VILLAGE.**

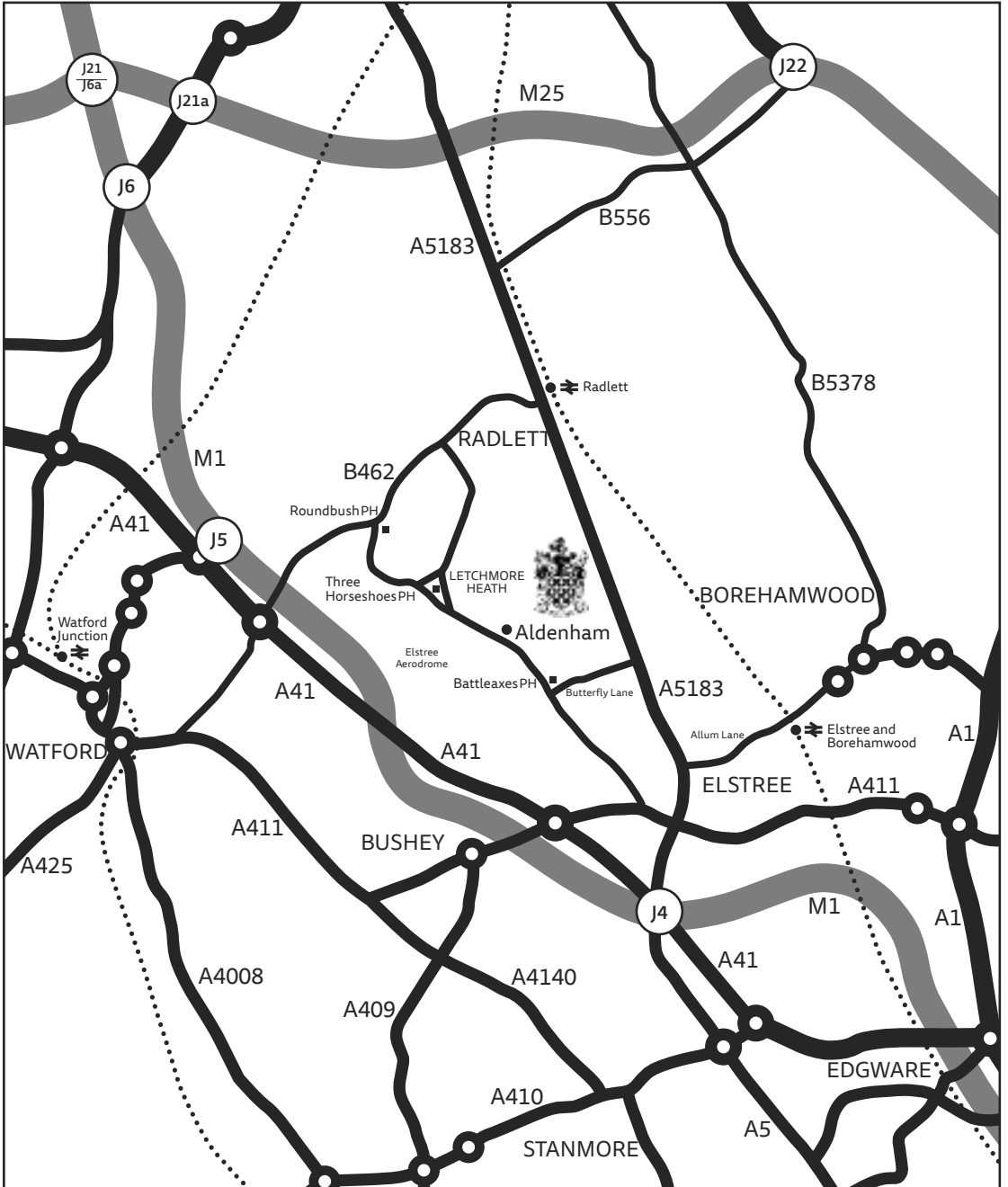
d) From London: Take M1 to Junction 5, proceed as in (a) above, OR from Apex Corner take the A41 North to the Elstree roundabout. Turn right uphill into Elstree and left at the traffic lights. Take the 1st right into Aldenham Road and proceed as in (b) left.

e) From Radlett: Take the A5183 going south towards Edgware. Proceed 1½ miles, turn right into Butterfly Lane, continue until you come to a T-junction, turn right and the School car park is on the right after ½ mile.

f) From Borehamwood: From Allum Lane take the A5183 towards Radlett for 1½ miles, turn left into Butterfly Lane and proceed as in (e) above.



Map



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