

Year 6 at Old Palace
The 10+ experience





“My daughter is particularly fond of her teachers and believes that they are very approachable and nurturing”

Parental Survey

Welcome



Mrs Carol Jewell
Head of Old Palace

First and foremost Old Palace is a place of learning, but for each girl who comes here, Old Palace will also be a key contributor in her development as a compassionate, capable and confident individual, prepared to address the challenges presented to her as she makes her own contribution to society.

In addition to a first class academic education we also promote leadership, independence, integrity and an ambition to achieve. Old Palace has something to inspire every young woman ranging from Dance to Law.

Old Palace is a unique school in an exceptional and inspiring setting steeped in history as recorded from 896 AD. It is this which enables us to identify, encourage and nurture the special qualities of each and every individual entrusted to us. Our surroundings also stimulate girls to develop and flourish in ways beyond the reach of a conventional education. For example, not every girls' school in the country can boast the opportunity to sing cathedral repertoire every week in Croydon Minster, our next door neighbour at Old Palace.

Old Palace is blessed with magnificent buildings, enthusiastic, highly motivated staff and a sound ethos of social awareness. For all who embrace the many opportunities presented, Old Palace will reward them with a happy, memorable and empowering education.

"I love my school"

Year 9 student

Year 6

“The School cares about their students and wants them to have a great education and future”

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Adventures at Isle of Wight

We are justly proud of the unique educational experience delivered to our girls in Year 6. An extended curriculum, taught by subject specialists within a senior school environment provides additional learning opportunities for our students.

Whilst we maintain the close-knit community within Year 6 by teaching them in dedicated classrooms, we challenge and stimulate our students by using the specialised areas such as Science and Language Laboratories.

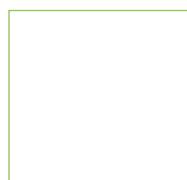
This provides a valuable transition year, partly organised as at Preparatory, partly organised in the Seniors.

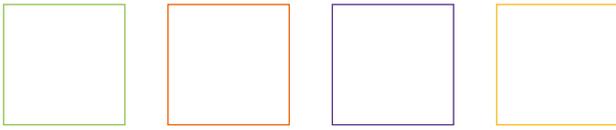
“The curriculum provides a good range of opportunities for all abilities with an imaginative Year 6 course of study helping to smooth the transition from primary to secondary education”

Independent Schools' Inspectorate

The curriculum is overseen by senior school Subject Leaders who extend and enhance the Preparatory curriculum. The girls study Learning for Life, Mathematics, English, Science, Latin, French, ICT, Music, PE, Swimming, Logic and Reasoning, Creative Design (an amalgamation of D&T and Art & Design), Expressive Movement (an amalgamation of Dance and Drama) and Expanding Horizons. Expanding Horizons combines the three Humanities. Each term a topic is studied which brings together an area of study from Geography, History and Religious Studies.

Year 6 is a crucial year for ensuring students are well prepared for the increased independence they will experience in future years.





Throughout the year students focus on developing five competencies which will prepare them for life at Seniors.

These include:

- **Learning** – understanding how to learn and to enjoy a love of learning for its own sake and as part of understanding themselves
- **Managing information** - developing a range of techniques for accessing, evaluating and appreciating information and the importance of reflecting and applying critical judgement
- **Managing situations** - understanding the importance of, and developing techniques for, managing their own time
- **Relating to people** – understanding how to relate to other people in various contexts, including those where they manage, or are managed by, others in group work, and how to work efficiently
- **Citizenship** – students will explore cultural and social diversity, in both national and global contexts, and why these should be respected and valued
- This competence based approach enables students not just to acquire subject knowledge but to understand, use and apply information within the context



“Old Palace provides a wide-range of extra-curricular activities for the girls thanks to excellent and hardworking staff members, including well-managed residential trips to interesting places”

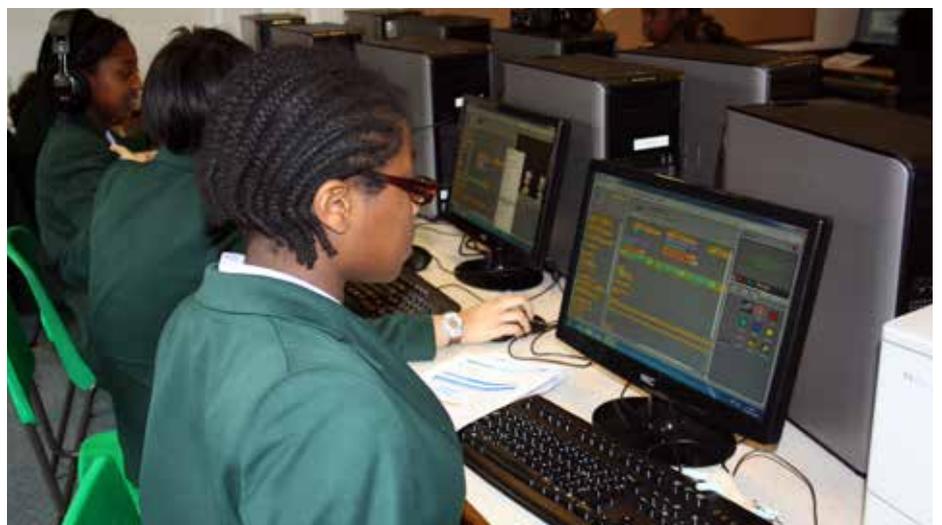
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of their wider learning and lives. It also offers students a more holistic and coherent way of learning which allows them to make connections and apply knowledge across different subject areas.

Throughout the Preparatory years students are being prepared for the 11+ examinations, this continues into Year 6 through Mathematics, English and Logic & Reasoning lessons.

A wide variety of extra curricular activities are available to Year 6 students, many of which provide the opportunity to work with older students.

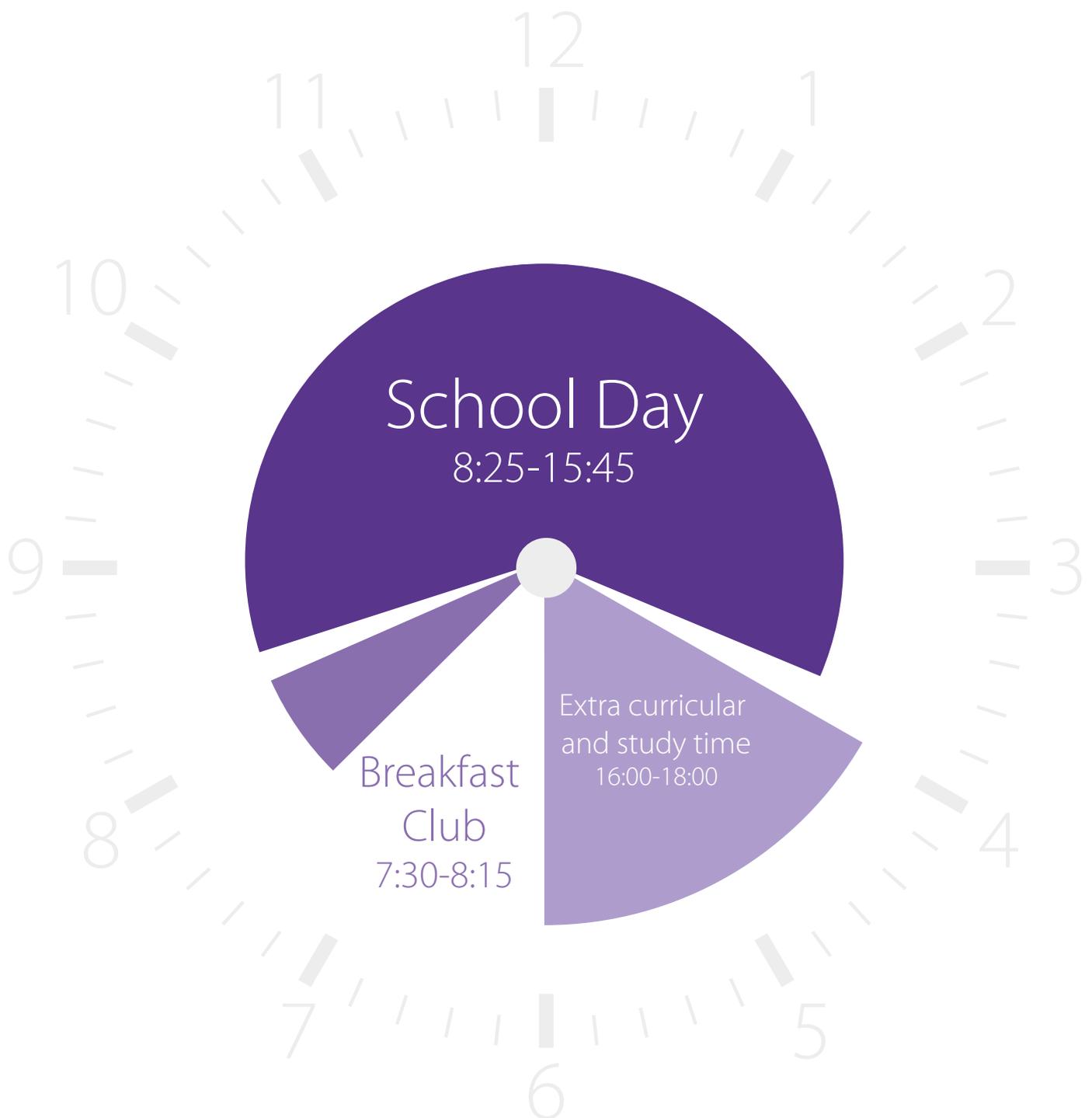
We recognise that the transition to any senior school can induce anxiety within students (and parents) and we are confident that the Year 6 programme and approach supports all parties through this process. Feedback from students and parents has been overwhelmingly positive and we are immensely proud of the achievements of our Year 6 girls.





The working day

Old Palace offers an extended day - allowing early drop off and later pick-up. This service is particularly helpful to working parents of girls from age 10-18.



11+ success

90% of the Year 6 cohort chose to remain with Old Palace for September 2013.

Of that number, 80% of internal candidates were successful at Scholarship, Head's Awards and Music Awards as compared to 41% of our external candidates.

On offer in Year 7 at Old Palace:

- The Whitgift Scholarship, the highest ranking Academic Scholarship, worth 50% of the school fees
- The Ayckbowm Scholarship, the second highest ranking Academic Scholarship, worth 50% of the school fees
- Academic Scholarships, worth 25% of the school fees for Year 7
- Music Scholarship, worth 25% of the school fees
- Mathematics Awards, worth 18.5% of the school fees
- English Awards, worth 18.5% of the school fees
- Reasoning Awards, worth 18.5% of the School fees
- Head's Awards, worth 12.5% of the school fees
- Music Awards, covers the cost of instrumental tuition on one instrument to the value of the cost of lessons taken in School





Key dates

Key dates for Year 6 admission in 2014

Interviews	Ongoing through Autumn term
Year 6 Information Event - new and existing parents	6 November 2013, 18.00
Closing date for the receipt of application forms	30 January 2014
Entrance assessments	13 February 2014
Offers of places posted	27 February 2014
Closing date for acceptance of places	14 March 2014
Year 6 Parents Induction in Guardroom	4 June 2014, 18.00
Induction Morning (for students)	30 June 2014



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