



# QUINTON HOUSE SCHOOL

Independent day school for children aged 2-18 years





# Welcome to Quinton House

## A lifelong friendship with learning

Quinton House is a school of traditional values and modern facilities, set in 31 acres of historic character and natural beauty.

We are large enough to offer a broad curriculum and an extensive range of extra-curricular enrichment, but also small enough to know every child and to

offer an individualised approach to their learning. Quinton's high standards, ethos, friendly family atmosphere and small class sizes provide an ideal, nurturing environment which allows every pupil to thrive. We create tailored learning goals for every child, balancing challenge and support, to educate the 'whole child'.



**THE RESULTS:** polite, fulfilled, happy children and consistently excellent examination results year on year.

We hope the following pages will give you a sense of what makes our school so special, and inspire you to visit.

Please come and see for yourself how your child could flourish as part of the Quinton House family.



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# A natural environment for learning

## We don't make children learn, we teach them to want to learn

Pupils have their imaginations fired at Quinton House; they excel in their studies and embrace the huge volume and variety of extra-curricular activities. We understand that children succeed best when they feel happy, secure and supported, and throughout their time at Quinton pupils receive an education that provides opportunity to develop self-confidence, integrity and responsibility.

Quinton House was built as a home, and still has a family atmosphere – only nowadays the family are the pupils and staff. Our schoolhouse Upton Hall is an impressive Grade I listed building. The 31 acres of beautiful mature grounds provide ample secure space for recreation, while modern facilities include well-equipped science laboratories, an ICT suite, music, dance and drama studios, and a purpose-built sports complex with indoor pitches and a climbing wall.

We cater for children at every stage of development, from age two through to 18, from when they start nursery until they set forth into the wide world of higher education or the workplace.

We understand that children realise their potential at different speeds, which is why our admissions procedure doesn't rely on gruelling exams but will ascertain whether specific requirements can be met. Classes are streamed to meet the needs of the more academically gifted and also those we feel will benefit from a different approach. Success is measured, monitored and adjusted accordingly on a regular basis.

From Year 1 a child's progress and attainment is assessed and reported in detail, using National Curriculum Levels in core subjects. The high quality of teaching and our excellent learning support team ensure that the vast majority of children achieve above national expectations and make better than expected progress.



# Early Years & Junior

Beautiful landscaped grounds are the setting for the lovingly restored Lindens building, the former coach house and stable block which today is home to our Nursery, Reception and Junior School.



## Nursery

We make the transition from home to nursery as easy and seamless as possible for both you and your child. The Nursery has a separate entrance and cloakroom, bright, cheerful rooms inside, and its own exciting woodland 'classroom' outside, complete with our very own qualified Forest School teacher.

All Nursery children benefit from the skills and guidance of our qualified and extremely experienced Early Years staff. Emphasis is placed on social skills, emotional development and acquisition of

self-discipline. Letter sounds are introduced for literacy and children have an early introduction to mathematics to prepare them for more formal schooling.

In addition to core Early Years subjects such as music and movement, constructive play, singing, gym activities and story time, your child can also enjoy extra-curricular yoga, Tai Kwan Do and ballet. We believe it is never too early to start opening the mind to new experiences.



# Reception

Reception introduces children gradually to a more structured day. They continue to develop their creative and cognitive abilities through both indoor and outdoor learning, whilst building on emerging numeracy and literacy skills, and preparing for their next big step: Key Stage One.

Specialist PE and Games classes are introduced and pupils continue to have access to a wide range of additional activities through a variety of extra-curricular clubs, offering opportunities to explore more of the world around them.



# The Junior School

As your child moves to the Junior School, the opportunities broaden further, with a curriculum based on, but not bound by, the National Curriculum. Throughout, children are taught in small classes.

Year 5 pupils are taught by specialist teachers for English, maths, history, geography, music, ICT and French. In Year 6 pupils have specialist teaching in English, maths, science, French, geography, history, music and ICT.

They also start a new subject – food technology – using the Senior School facilities. These teachers are drawn from the Senior School staff, and this begins the process of transitioning children from the Junior to the Senior School.

Inspiring children to learn is the key to our achievement. It is our heartfelt belief supported by many years of accomplishment that the more experiences and opportunities a child is given, the richer their minds will become.

# The Senior School

The Senior School is located in the former family house Upton Hall, now home to a full range of specialist classrooms, science labs and art rooms as well as the library and dining room. The ballroom is used for music lessons, House meetings, assemblies, parent evenings and concerts.

The approach in the Senior School is the same as that throughout the rest of the school which is to treat every child as an individual, to tailor all teaching to the needs of the child, to monitor, feedback and work with parents to ensure each and every student is the very best they can be in all subject areas. Discipline is firm but fair - with the emphasis on self-discipline.

The school offers a learning environment in which challenges are set, support given, confidence nurtured and success recognised and celebrated. It is an environment where children flourish and their true potential is realised, as our consistently excellent examination results each and every year demonstrate.



# The Quinton House family

## A partnership with parents and pupils

Quinton House provides a happy, caring and supportive family atmosphere, which upholds high moral values and promotes good manners. The school family includes the students, the staff and of course the parents. You know your child better than anyone, so our partnership with you is critical.

Your child's form tutor will become a key person in day to day life at school. The House system plays a role too, promoting friendship, belonging, competition and pride – as well as providing an additional friendly 'ear'. Throughout the school, students are taught to look out for and help one another.

Support is available to all students on any aspect of school life, from help with homework and accessing specialist resources, to speaking to one of our specialist support staff about personal issues. In our small and caring school, every child is valued.

Because we understand the demands of home and work commitments, we offer free pre-and after-school care, including breakfast club, after school tea and extra-curricular clubs. Our extensive school bus service provides safe and secure transport for families in Northampton, Rugby and beyond.





# The Sixth Form

At the head of our student body is our thriving Sixth Form. These two years mark the transition between school and higher education or other vocational choices. At this stage of the Quinton House journey, the structure of learning is less formal but the work is more demanding.

With greater emphasis on self-motivated study, students are expected to take increased responsibility for organising their time. The student's uniform is now replaced by appropriate business attire of their choice. There is a strong focus on the development of the individual. Sixth Form classes are exceptionally small in size, allowing us to optimise 1:1 support.

The Sixth Form is situated at the heart of the Senior School and benefits from study rooms, a resource centre, kitchen facilities and a modern common room. It enjoys an independent atmosphere, whilst still retaining close contact with teaching staff and peers, and receiving the highest standards of pastoral care, advice and guidance.

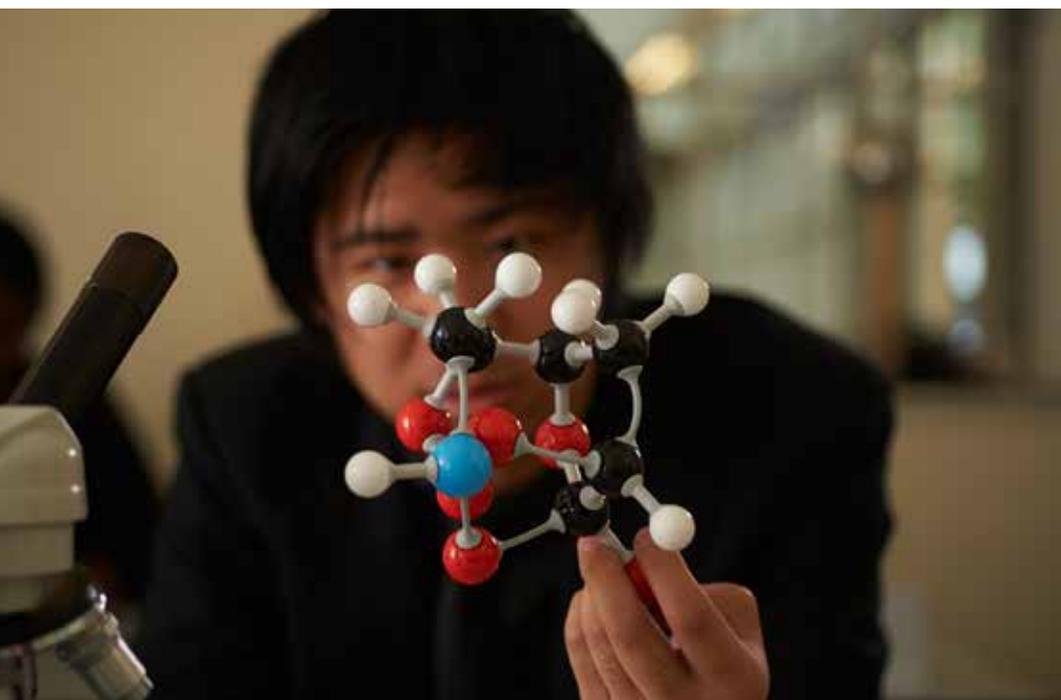


## Careers Learning for success

We are committed to providing a broad programme of careers education and guidance to encourage pupils to identify, develop and utilise their talents. A series of talks from a wide range of professionals is held throughout each school year for students in Years 9 to 13. Our aim is to expose each student to as many different career possibilities as possible. We have excellent links with a number of businesses and professions, as well as robust links with universities for next steps.

Informed choices between employment, vocational training and higher academic qualifications are explored and discussed, in groups and individually. This way we can ensure that each pupil has the tools and information to make the right choice.

Students are supported in their researching of higher education and preparation of a UCAS application, with particular focus on completing a personal statement in preparation for the application process for leading universities.



# Extra-curricular activities

## Learning from opportunity

Life is full of opportunities and we like to encourage each and every student to try something new – to give things a go, or to excel in something they already love to do. We encourage every pupil to find his or her passion, to pursue it and to achieve.

Extra-curricular activities are a major strength at Quinton House. We offer well over 100 different activities and clubs each week, before and after school and at lunchtimes, for Junior and Senior School pupils alike. The vast majority of these are free, because we consider this aspect of school life extremely important to the holistic education we provide. As well as music, sport, drama, dance and numerous recreational activities, there are also opportunities to strengthen core learning skills including handwriting and computing.



# Trips and visits

## Growing from experience

Trips and visits are a very popular part of life at Quinton House School, and every year group is offered at least one trip each year, with most participating in far more!

Whether it's a weekend away to walk Hadrian's Wall, discovering survival tips in Bushcraft or joining in the bi-annual ski trip, there is something for everyone to enjoy and take part in.

These trips are both educational and character building, where friendships are made and strengthened.

Students can also take part in our thriving programme of Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme activities, including expeditions.



# Admissions

If you are considering Quinton House School, we encourage you to contact our Admissions Manager on 01604 684828 to make an appointment to visit, tour the facilities and see the School in action.

We will ask you to complete a registration form. To help you to decide that Quinton House is the right school for your child, we will invite your son or daughter to attend a taster day to spend time with current pupils, meet staff and get a feel for life at the school. The day also provides an opportunity for your child to complete age-appropriate assessments and have a meeting with the Head Teacher.

# Scholarships

We recognise and reward outstanding talent across the curriculum, and we offer evidence-based scholarships in art, music, the performing arts and sport as well as academia. We also offer an all rounder award for those children who are able to contribute significantly to the Quinton House School community in a number of different fields. Scholarship applications for entry in the September must be submitted in January of that year and the Scholarship examination takes place in February of that year.





# COGNITA

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Quinton House School is proud to be part of Cognita, a world leading international schools group. Cognita's commitment to all aspects of teaching, care and school management is reflected in the consistently high ratings in independent inspection and accreditation, and high levels of attainment in public examinations such as GCSE, A Level, the International Baccalaureate and ATAR achieved by Cognita schools.

Cognita's support enables Quinton House to retain its own unique ethos and offer a curriculum and range of services tailored to meet the needs of parents.

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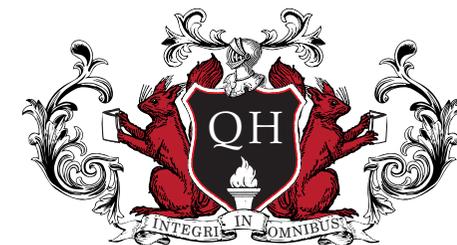
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