



Charlotte House
Preparatory School for Girls
A PNEU INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Frequently Asked Questions

Is a copy of the ISI inspection report available?

The most recent Regulatory Compliance Inspection was carried out in October 2021 and is available to view on our website.

What is the average class size?

The average class size at Charlotte House is 16. This gives a high staff to student ratio, which means each girl gets individual attention and a tailored plan to help develop her potential to the maximum.

What are the computer and internet facilities like? Are they monitored?

At Charlotte House we believe that IT skills are crucial to learning in the 21st century and we have a program to continually review and upgrade the IT resources. There are large interactive screens in every classroom, a high speed broadband connection to the internet with both wired and wireless connections. We have over 40 iPads and a computer suite for our computing lessons. We also use Parentmail, a system for communicating via email and text with parents. The girls' use of IT is monitored to prevent any unauthorised internet access. On-line safety is taught and we have a comprehensive firewall throughout the school.

How involved are parents with the school?

We have a thriving parents' association which holds social and fundraising events throughout the year, contributing a great deal to the Charlotte House community. There are also regular parent meetings where individual progress is discussed and reports are written for every pupil for each subject they are studying twice a year. Teachers are also happy to discuss any individual questions that parents may have.

Where do pupils go on to?

Charlotte House has an excellent reputation for securing our Form VI girls with their first choice of school at 11+. This is achieved in many ways.

Firstly, the girls themselves work hard in all aspects of their school life to prepare themselves fully for entrance exams, interviews or scholarships. Secondly, the support from the girls' parents ensures that the school and home are collaborating together for the best interests of the girls. Thirdly, the advice, support and dedication from the teaching staff ensures that the girls are prepared and are advised appropriately on school choices at 11+. Finally, it is the schools themselves who welcome Charlotte House girls, knowing that after their primary years in the Charlotte House environment, our girls have those qualities of purpose, success, determination and achievement that the secondary schools so welcome.

What is the pastoral care like and are problems spotted early?

Pastoral care is a strength of Charlotte House. We have a carefully monitored system so that girls always know where to go with any issue and we can identify potential problems before they arise. An experienced team of form tutors underpins the pastoral care structure, which was highly praised during our inspection. The pastoral system is effective and provides a caring and nurturing environment for all pupils.

We have a pupil concerns meeting once a fortnight to ensure all staff are aware of any academic or pastoral issues.

Are lunches provided and cooked on the premises?

Yes. We have a team of caterers who prepare every day a delicious and varied range of meal options for the girls to choose from. There is a choice of hot meals and a well-stocked salad bar, Vegetarians are well catered for. School lunches are healthy, nutritious and popular with pupils and staff. Packed lunches are not allowed. Lunches are included in the fees. We are a nut free school.

What are the staff like at Charlotte House Prep School?

Charlotte House staff are inspiring and enthusiastic teachers who are committed to providing the best education possible for the girls, and who treat each student as an individual. School inspections have commented on the excellent relationships and respect between teachers and pupils. The girls know they can always approach any staff member with a query.

How are children expected to behave?

Girls are expected to be well-behaved at all times. We place particular emphasis on self-discipline, respect and consideration for others. We have high expectations and high standards of behaviour for everyone connected to Charlotte House. Visitors frequently comment on how well-behaved and happy the girls are and on how well they conduct themselves.

What co-curricular activities are available?

We have a wide and varied range of co-curricular activities at Charlotte House so that there is something for everyone, no matter where her interests may lie. Many sporting clubs exist together with a diverse array of other activities from yoga and Spanish to dodgeball and mental maths. Drama and Music are popular and many girls have individual instrument tuition.

What arrangements are there for looking after children before and after school?

We have arrangements in place before and after school so girls can be supervised and cared for between 7.35am and 6.00pm. There is a breakfast club from 7.35am in the dining room for girls from Nursery upwards. The after-school club is a time for completing homework and for taking part in a range of activities.

What is the Head like?

The Head is vital to the character and success of any school. At Charlotte House we have a Head, Deputy Head and Leadership Team, who all play key roles in the running and development of the school. They are a very experienced and dedicated team, committed to the well-being of every girl at Charlotte House. The best way to get to know them is to visit the school and meet them face to face. We would be happy to arrange a tour of the school at a time convenient for you.

How can I contact the Chair of Governors?

The Chair of Governors can be contacted via the school office at Charlotte House Prep School, 88 The Drive, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 4DU.