



MOUNT HOUSE SCHOOL

Further Information 2018/19



A co-educational school for 11 to 18 year olds
where academic success is achieved along with excellent pastoral care

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Welcome

Mount House School (formerly St Martha's) has been based in Barnet since 1903. In the years since then we have remained passionate about providing an educational experience which ensures our pupils secure the best qualifications, have an understanding of their place in the world and know how to make a positive contribution in whatever field they choose to work.

Our aim is very simple - to ensure that every member of our community performs to the best of their ability, whatever that may be. We are a school where an individual's differences are celebrated. This is a school where success is built upon strong relationships between staff, pupils and parents.

We look forward to welcoming you to Mount House School to see if this is where you and your family belong.



The School Curriculum 2018/19

Mount House School aims to provide a broad, balanced curriculum and develop each child to his or her full potential by valuing individual talents and responding to specific needs.

All children looking to join us in Year 7 take an entrance test, which, along with a school reference, provides the School with 'baseline' information needed for accurate setting.

All children also have an interview with the Principal. Periodic assessments are made throughout a pupil's time at Mount House, using national testing systems:

MidYIS (Year 7), Yellis (Year 10) and ALIS (Lower 6th).



Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9)

Years 7 and 8

All pupils study the same subjects: Art, Classics, Drama, English, French, Geography, History, Food and Nutrition, Computer Technology, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), Spanish and Textiles. Mandarin is also an option.

Latin is also available as a co-curricular subject. Pupils may be asked to make some subject choices before they start Year 7.

Year 9

All pupils study a core curriculum of Maths, English, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), a Language (Spanish or French), History and Geography. Pupils will also have Physical Education lessons and will be asked to choose a number of options from Art, Classics, Computer Technology, Food and Nutrition, Mandarin, Music, Religious Education, and Textiles.

In addition, pupils also take part in a Key Skills programme in Year 9, which includes units on ethics and decision making, debating, leadership, global issues and global risks, current affairs and cultural awareness. Pupils choose their GCSE option subjects in the Spring term ready to start the courses in Year 10.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11)

Most pupils study 10 GCSE subjects. In Year 10 and Year 11 there is a core curriculum of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, French or Spanish, and Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics - Extended or Core).

Pupils are set according to ability in the core subjects and also choose from the following options: Art, Business, Classical Civilisation, Drama, Geography, History, Computer Science, Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies, and Textiles.

Key Stage 5 (6th Form)

Lower 6th

Students choose four subjects from a number of option blocks. These include Art, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, Drama, English Literature, English Language, Food and Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Philosophy and Ethics, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, and Textiles. Most students also complete an extended project (EPQ) as part of their 6th Form portfolio, and take part in our innovative strategic thinking 'Mind of a Fox' programme.

Upper 6th

Students study three or four subjects to A level. Students also complete further education applications with the guidance of their personal tutors, the Careers & Universities Coordinator, and the Head of 6th Form. As well as the academic curriculum pupils undertake the EPQ and Physical Education. They can also choose activities from our excellent enrichment programme, which includes the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Educational Visits and In-School Events

Each year group has the opportunity to go on educational outings or attend in-house events several times a year.

In recent years these trips have included:

Year 7

Team-building day; History trip to Tower of London; Science trip to RAF Hendon; French trip to Boulogne; trip to the Shaolin Temple; Watford Geography trip; RSC and Birthplace Trust workshop; visit to Black Park.

Year 8

Art trip to National Portrait Gallery; Dance trip to Pineapple Studios; Ecology day; Take Your Daughter to Work Day; visits to Hampton Court, The Jewish Museum, and the Science Museum; UK Indoor Ski Day trip.

Year 9

Careers trip to Balliol College Oxford; Science trip to Kew Gardens; Journalism workshop; Careers workshop; visits to the Science Museum, British Museum, and the Victoria & Albert Museum; a trip to the Globe Theatre; a Geography/Biology trip to the New Forest; Classics trip to Fishbourne Villa; trip to Harry Potter World.

Year 10

Business Studies/HE/Geography trip to Cadbury World; Textiles trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum; Geography trip to Epping Forest; Study Skills Day; Careers Fair; OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activity day); visits to The Shard, Bank of England, Oxford University Debating Chamber, The Jewish Museum and Jaguar Car Plant.

Year 11

Examinations Practice Workshop; Enrichment trip to London; PE trip to an outdoor adventure centre; visit to Jane Austen House Museum.

Lower 6th

Study Skills Day; Team building day; Etiquette workshop; EPQ trip to Cambridge University; UCAS Convention; visits to The Shard and Bank of England.

Upper 6th

Study Skills Day; Team-Building day; EPQ Presentation Day; Enrichment trips; Women of The Future; Holocaust Memorial Day.



Tower of London

Shard



National Portrait Gallery

Residential Trips

A variety of residential trips are offered throughout the academic year to all year groups. In recent years these have included trips to India, Turkey, Italy, France and Spain as well as our annual Ski Trip. These trips are advertised a year in advance with letters and information circulated to parents and pupils.

Guest Speakers

We regularly invite speakers to present to all year groups on a variety of different topics. Past speakers have included visitors from various London universities, the Metropolitan Police, the Army, the RAF, CAFOD (Catholic Aid Agency), the NHS, the Automobile Association, barristers, Olympic competitors, parents and former students

Universities, Careers Education and Guidance

We are full members of Inspiring Futures, which provides career and higher education profiling and advice, as well as testing, follow-up interviews and online resources. Pupils join the Inspiring Futures scheme in Year 11 and benefit from its guidance until Upper 6th.

Study Skills Days take place during Year 10 – Upper 6th, and Year 10 pupils do a period of work experience at the end of the summer term, while Lower 6th students complete a work-shadowing placement.



Co-curricular Activities

Pupils participate in activities both during lunchtimes and after school. They are encouraged to take part in at least two activities each week, which include:

Art Club	Fashion Club	Netball	Athletics	Fencing	Orchestra
Business Studies Club	Film Club	Parlez-vous francais?	Chess Club	First Aid	Philosophy
Cheerleading	Football	Politics	Choir	Greek Dance	Pop Band Club
Club de Español	Gymnastics	Reading	Computer Science Club	Hockey Club	Sailing Club
Dance (including Tap, Irish and Bollywood)	Let's speak Italian	School Play	Debating	I love Mandarin Club	Student Council
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Faith in Action	Mystery People	Young Chef			

Co-curricular Activities - Costs

- **EAL** (*individual*) £30 per hour (group rates by arrangement)
- **IELTS** (*individual*) £30 per hour
- **Dance class** £50 per term
- **LAMDA class** £73 - £100 per term
- **Musical instrument/singing Tuition** £200 for 10 x 30 mins
- **Sailing** (*April to October*) £180
- **French/Spanish Conversation** £6 - £10 per hour
- **Cheerleading** £50 per term
- **Mandarin** £5 per 30 mins

Bus Service

Mount House School provides a bus service for pupils, with three routes; one from Enfield, via Winchmore Hill and Southgate; one from Goff's Oak via Potters Bar, and one from Edgware via Hendon and Friern Barnet.

We also run shuttle services between the School and the main local stations at Hadley Wood, High Barnet, and Cockfosters.

Timetables are subject to change so for full details of our current routes, please visit www.mounthouse.org.uk

Public Examination Results

Below are our latest GCSE and A-Level results.

*We are delighted to say our Value Added Score
(derived from nationally benchmarked MidYIS and ALIS data)
puts us in the top 5% of all schools in the UK.*

	GCSE			A Level		
	A*/A	A*/B	A*/C	A*/A	A*/B	A*/C
2018	42%**	70%**	83%**	45%	60%	83%
2017	32%	55%	77%	42%	58%	81%
2016	19%	53%	93%	13%	42%	82%

*** 2017 grading system equivalent*

Fees 2018/19 *(Reviewed Annually)*

- **Registration fee** (*non-refundable*): £75
- **Deposit:** £750, to be refunded less charges when pupil leaves school
- **Fee per term:** £ 5,010
- **Lunch:** £250 per term
- **School Bus:** £10 per day, £8 per day one way occasional use
- **Shuttle service:** £2 per day

Examination fees vary and are invoiced separately before public examinations

Other Costs

- **Year 7 - Teambuilding:** £50
- **Inspiring Futures** (ISCO membership until age 23): £252 (*invoiced £28 per term x 9 terms*)
- **Duke of Edinburgh Award Year 9** (*optional*): £275 - £350
- **Career and other workshops:** from £30
- **Past Pupils' Association** (*Life time membership*): £10

Fees for trips are notified as they arise and all fees are reviewed annually.

Leavers' Destinations

After leaving Mount House School some students take a gap year, others pursue employment or apprenticeships in specialist fields, and many continue in formal education. The following list shows some of the universities and courses our past pupils have chosen:

- **Aston University** Finance
- **Bart's and the London School of Medicine & Dentistry** Medicine
- **Birbeck College, London** Classics
- **Brunel University** History, Politics, Law, Anthropology
- **Central Saint Martin's College of Art & Design Art Foundation.** Costume Design
- **City University London** Law, Radiology, Sociology
- **Coventry University** Law
- **DeMontfort University** Psychology
- **Durham University** Anthropology, Human Science
- **Edinburgh University** English Literature
- **Greenwich University** Psychology
- **Keele University** Law, Accounting
- **Liverpool Hope University** Business Management & Marketing
- **London College of Fashion** Fashion
- **Loughborough University** Psychology
- **Nottingham Trent University** Film Production & Technology, Property Finance
- **Norwich College of the Arts** Fashion
- **RAC (Royal Agricultural College)** Equine Studies, Agricultural Management, Animal Management
- **Ravensbourne Institute** Photography
- **SOAS University of London** World Philosophies, Archaeology
- **University of the Arts, London** Art and Design, Fashion, Fashion Portfolio
- **University of Bedfordshire** Psychology and Criminal Behaviour
- **University of Birmingham** Dentistry, Classical Literature & Civilization
- **University of Bristol** Classics, Drama, Film Studies
- **University of Cambridge, Newham College** Law
- **University College London** Archaeology, Biochemistry
- **University of East Anglia** Interpreting & Translation
- **University of East London** Physiotherapy
- **University of Brighton** Primary Education
- **University of Hertfordshire** Business, Finance, Economics, Philosophy, Law
- **University of Kingston** Psychology and Criminology
- **University of Kent** American Studies, Social Sciences, Classical Studies
- **University of Law** Law
- **University of Leeds** Classical Civilization, Law, Cinema, Events Management
- **University of London, Royal Holloway** Classical Studies, Drama
- **University of London, St George's** Biomedical Informatics
- **University of Manchester** Ancient History
- **University of Nottingham** Mental Health, Sociology & Social Care
- **University of Pecs, Hungary** Medicine
- **University of Portsmouth** Spanish and Latin American Studies
- **University of Reading** Food Biosciences, Classics, Surveying
- **University of Southampton** Biology, Chemistry
- **University of Swansea** Classics
- **University of Wales, Trinity** Classical Studies
- **University of Warwick** Law
- **University of Westminster** Psychology, History
- **University of York** Computer Science, Mathematics
- **Westminster College, London** Professional Chef Diploma

Admissions Process 2018/19

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Admission to Year 7 - 11+ Entry

Below is an overview of our admissions procedure. If you have any queries, please contact our Admissions Department on admissions@mounthouse.org.uk or 020 8449 6889.

Registration

Please submit the application form no later than Friday 23rd November 2018, as we are often oversubscribed for Year 7 entry.

Experience Mornings

Registered Year 7 applicants are invited to experience a morning at the school on **Saturday 13th October 2018** between 10 am and 2pm. A similar experience will be provided for those who register later in the academic year.

Examination

The entrance tests for Year 7 entry will take place at 9.00am on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mount House School operates a siblings policy with regards to admissions.

Interview and references

Interviews take place between December and January. We invite one or both parents/guardians to accompany their child for interview with the Principal or member of the Senior Leadership team.

The interview schedule is arranged in school groups and can be quite complex, so we kindly request you make every effort to attend on the date and time allocated to you.

As well as the interview and the examination, a school reference is requested towards the end of the Autumn Term.

Results

1. We send out offers of places via first-class post week commencing 21st January 2019. Scholarships are awarded at the time of offer.

2. Parents/guardians must provide a definite decision by Monday 4th March 2019. Once a decision has been made, the place is then secured on payment of the deposit. We will not agree to 'provisional' acceptances.

3. Some candidates may be offered a place on our waiting list, which must be accepted by Monday 4th March 2019. If vacancies arise, we may offer a firm place at a later date, but such candidates remain free to accept a place elsewhere until a firm offer is made and accepted at this school.

Admission to Years 8,9 and 10

Admission to any other year group follows a similar procedure to the above, and anyone interested in an occasional place should contact the Admissions team.

Pupils may be required to sit a test and we will request references from the school currently attended.

Admission to 6th Form

- Admission to the 6th Form is based on a pupil achieving a minimum of 6 grade 6s in his or her GCSE examinations, with a minimum grade 6 in the subjects or related disciplines to be studied at A Level.
- A taster day will be arranged for all prospective applicants.
- The Principal interviews all prospective applicants for 6th Form before acceptance.

There is an Information Evening for parents in the winter term of Year 11 on Thursday, 4th October 2018. Another similar event will be organised for applicants who register later in the academic year.

Scholarships

Scholarship Awards at age 11 (Year 7 entry) – academic and music

Each year all applicants for Year 7 entry will sit the Mount House entrance tests and have an interview, which gives the School the necessary baseline information on pupil potential. Those who perform particularly well in the tests and at interview will be considered for an Entrance Academic Scholarship, which will be awarded at the Principal's discretion, in consultation with all those involved in the admissions process. Candidates are not required to apply for an academic scholarship.

Those awarded academic scholarships would be expected to have the academic potential to progress to the very best world class universities.

In addition, the School may award scholarships for exceptional ability and potential in music. Anyone interested in being considered for a music scholarship should contact the Admissions department for further details.

Scholarship offers will be sent out as part of the normal process following entrance testing.

Scholarship Awards at age 16 (6th Form entry) – academic, music and sport

These awards are available to current Year 11 pupils and external applicants.

6th Form scholarships may be awarded for academic, sport or musical ability. All scholarships will be offered at the discretion of the Principal and will be conditional on prior achievement and performance at interview.

Applicants for academic scholarships will be interviewed and, subject to interview performance and a school reference, be expected to achieve specified grades at GCSE or equivalent.

Anyone interested in being considered for a music or sports scholarship should contact the Admissions department for further details.



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