



CHINTHURST SCHOOL

TRADITIONAL VALUES | MODERN TEACHING

PROSPECTUS

Growing with Chinthurst...



Introduction

Chinthurst School is a co-educational Preparatory School which provides continuity of education from age 2 to 13.

The School was established in 1908, and is set in a three-acre, tree-lined campus in Tadworth, Surrey near Epsom, just minutes from the A217.

Visitors regularly comment on the atmosphere, saying how warm and friendly they find it and it is felt that this positive environment can be attributed directly to the 'family' ethos and traditional principles of the School.

The School is renowned for focusing on individual development. Small classes, excellent learning facilities, an indoor heated swimming pool, floodlit netball/tennis astro-court with playing fields at its heart, all help to nurture each child's strengths and talents. Chinthurst is small enough to allow everyone to know one another and to feel valued. It also allows everyone to get fully involved in the life of the School. However, it is large enough to have an extremely strong community, vibrant and exciting creative arts, impressive academic results and great sports results across all ages.





A Message from the Headmaster



I am both delighted and honoured to be only the fifth Headmaster of Chinthurst School in its life of over 100 years.

I have the privilege of leading a wonderful, well qualified, dedicated and caring team of people. Chinthurst is, quite rightly, renowned for its high educational standards and exemplary pastoral care.

Chinthurst is a very special place where everyone matters; the continued nurture of each and every child in accordance with their individual need is central to our ethos and philosophy. It is a school where pupils have a love of learning and look after each other in a genuinely friendly, family atmosphere.

Children clearly enjoy coming to school at Chinthurst and one cannot but be affected by their enthusiasm and joy in learning.

These ingredients enable us to bring out the best in every child so that they can achieve their full potential.

Why not come and see for yourself what we have to offer? If you would like Chinthurst to be a part of your family history, do come and visit – you are assured of a very warm welcome!

David Williams
Headmaster

“The pastoral care has been very strong. It is very important to us and they have excelled themselves”

Year 6 Parent

*Discovery,
learning and
playing together,
teamwork*

Aims & Ethos

Chinthurst School seeks to treat every member of its family as unique and equally valuable.

OUR ETHOS CHALLENGES SELFISHNESS AND TEACHES:

1. consideration for others
2. traditional values
3. respect for the Community

OUR AIMS ARE:

- To enhance our reputation as a school with traditional values with a modern approach to teaching.
- To keep class sizes small which allow for individual teaching and facilitate differentiation thus maximising academic development and standards.
- To encourage sporting and co-curricular activities which will develop and enhance team spirit and self-confidence.
- To review and update the curriculum and resources frequently.
- To provide staff with appropriate professional development and training.
- To involve staff in matters relating to the management of the School.
- To produce well-rounded individuals who are appropriately equipped for the next stage of their lives.
- To prepare pupils to transfer to their Senior Schools at 13. However, we do have a small amount of leavers at 11+, and pupils are prepared for entrance examinations at this time.
- To ensure that the governance structure maintains Chinthurst's financial well-being and keeping in compliance with its charitable status.

*The outstanding
relationships
between staff
and pupils are
a strength of
the school.*

Pastoral Care

The safety, happiness and welfare of all children are paramount and these are approached in a proactive way. Staff reinforce family values in a caring community, working together with pupils to guide them through any challenges they may face. Designated staff members are trained to ensure safeguarding and child protection procedures are followed throughout the School.

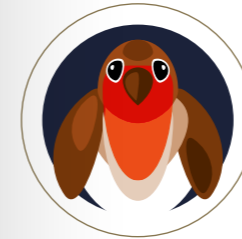
A healthy lifestyle is encouraged with a daily choice of home cooked, nutritionally balanced meals and the huge array of activities and sports on offer. All staff are first-aid trained providing medical attention when needed and offering support for children and their families.

PSHE & Citizenship

Personal, social & health education (PSHE) and citizenship help to give children the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy and independent lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. Children are encouraged to take part in activities and experiences across and beyond the curriculum, contributing fully to the life of our school and the wider community.

House System

All children from Reception upwards are allocated to one of our three houses: Nelson (yellow), Raleigh (blue) and Wellington (red). There is a weekly House Assembly for Main School children in which children have opportunities to deliver a particular talent in public, discuss school issues and collate House points and badges. Each year House members take part in numerous activities aimed at fostering friendly but lively competition. House points are awarded collectively in these competitions but also individually for all aspects of school life including acts of kindness, good deeds and thoughtfulness. The House points all go towards winning the coveted House Cup! The House system also offers leadership opportunities for our seniors, who lead as House Captains, Sports Captains and Prefects.



*Educating our
Robins to become
Owls and our
Owls to be fully
prepared for
Reception*



Chinthurst Nursery (2 – 4 years)

Our Nursery is a happy, bright and spacious environment, with separate areas for play, art, and more formal activities. Our dedicated and highly qualified staff foster a warm atmosphere that encourages an enquiring mind. The Nursery is contained within the Pre-Preparatory building as a self-contained facility, complete with two fenced in playgrounds, state of the art equipment and multi-sensory furnishings.

Our youngest children aged 2+ to 4 years start their educational journey at Chinthurst Nursery where they can attend either mornings (with or without lunch) or stay all day with lunch provided. (There is an expectation that children will stay for more sessions the older they get in preparation for full-time schooling in Reception).

The children learn through well-planned, purposeful activities, meeting the needs of the individual as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Our children love learning and developing their knowledge through exciting activities and play, whether in their bespoke outside play areas, (one of which the children can have constant access to, in accordance with Early Years requirements), dressing up, painting, cooking or listening to a story on the cushions, whilst building key literacy, numeracy and writing skills.

The Nursery has excellent links with the Pre-Preparatory department, sharing lunchtimes and often taking an active part in assemblies and special events such as the Nativity at Christmas.

As an integral part of Chinthurst School, we are fortunate enough to be able to use the School's extensive facilities and grounds; Chinthurst Nursery football takes place in the School Hall and Nursery use the swimming pool weekly. With our Forest Schools initiative, Nursery children access the wonderful local woodlands on a weekly basis giving them a rich resource of outdoor learning.

This all helps to ensure the Nursery children feel part of the School and ensures a seamless transition into Pre-Preparatory.

A happy and successful start to school life at Chinthurst!



“It is the best choice we have made. We are absolutely delighted with the School”

Year 2 parent



Chinthurst Pre-Preparatory

Our Pre-Prep Department is all about providing your child with a safe, happy and productive start to their school days. Set in a self-contained building, the Pre-Prep has classrooms, a Hall, two fenced in playgrounds, state of the art equipment and resources.

The dedicated and highly experienced staff aim to provide a broad and exciting, child-centred curriculum which will stimulate young minds and ignite a love of learning, enabling children to develop and flourish. Progress is encouraged through immediate positive praise and reward badges celebrating achievements, whether for academic or personal skills.

Young learners develop their sense of discovery where reading and writing skills and numerical understanding go hand in hand with Art, ICT, Music, P.E. and Games lessons. Specialist teachers take the children for French, Spanish, Music, ICT, PE and Games. Pre-Prep children enjoy the use of Main School facilities including the Sports Hall, Astro court, ICT suite and swimming pool which enables them to get to know both Main School staff and 'big school'.

Trips and visits support and extend our academic curriculum with trips to working farms, zoos and museums. We also invite visitors such as authors, musicians and explorers to bring their love of their subject into the classroom to further extend the boundaries of the children's learning. Children in Pre-Prep join one of the 'Houses'; the Pre-Prep hold their own assemblies but also join in with Main School ones including the weekly service in the local parish church.

The 'family ethos' is at the heart of Chinthurst School and we encourage our parents to be involved in their child's education and good communication between parents and staff is vital.

Entry into Pre-Preparatory is in the September following your child's fourth birthday. In their final year of the Pre-Prep, children from Year 2 regularly visit the Year 3 staff and join Year 3 for a number of activities. In this way we ensure a seamless transition for Pre-Prep children into Main School.



*Enthusiasm,
curiosity, achieving*

Main School

As the children move into Main School, they develop the range of skills, both inside and outside of the classroom, which will prepare them for the next stage of their schooling. The small classes and excellent facilities of Main School ensure strong academic results whilst a strong tradition of sport, music, art and drama and a wide spectrum of co-curricular activities make it possible for every child to become rounded citizens ready and prepared for their senior school education.

Main School welcomes children into Years 3 and 4 with form based teaching by their dedicated Form Tutor, together with an increasing number of subjects taught by specialist teachers and a wider range of learning. The Main School provides a broad and balanced curriculum of Core and Foundation subjects including English, Maths, Science, French, Spanish, History, Geography, R.E., ICT, Music, Art, Design & Technology, P.E., Games and Swimming.

Children are encouraged to become independent thinkers, by stimulating their curiosity and imagination, thereby creating a lifelong thirst for learning. Visits to the theatre, art galleries and museums as well as to places of historical and geographical interest take place for children of all ages each term. Pupils also enjoy regular visits by speakers and performers who bring their enthusiasms, passions, adventures, achievements and experiences into the classroom.

As children move up Main School, specialist teachers take on more of the subjects in preparation for senior school. This next stage of their learning journey is mapped out over the following pages.

There is much to learn, but what you will notice above all else are happy, motivated and successful children.



Academics

The School is non-selective, with mixed ability classes and yet constantly outperform national standards for both state and independent schools. Traditional values and respect and endeavour are mixed with the latest teaching approaches and technology to create an atmosphere of high expectations.

Chinthurst provides a broad and balanced curriculum covering all major subjects. Our programme is based on National Curriculum guidelines, appropriately extended to meet the rigorous requirements of senior school entrance exams either via Common Entrance or Scholarship.

From the class-based teaching in Year 3, more and more subject specialists are introduced throughout the ensuing years. In Years 6 to 8, children's study is tailored to their academic ability in order to give them the very best preparation for entrance into the senior school of their choice. We have a proud tradition of gaining a wide range of scholarships and awards to the very best public schools including Epsom College, St. John's, Leatherhead, Charterhouse, Wellington College and Woldingham.

The Chinthurst Scholarship is offered to children aged 7+ and 11+ from Year 2 and Year 6 respectively. Candidates will have to display an excellent specific and/or all-round talent including evidence of genuine commitment, service and ability at an assessment day in the January of each year.



Exceptional academic achievements

All enter Senior Schools of choice



Sports

Chinthurst has a proud sporting heritage and continues to take on far larger schools on the fixtures list. Physical Education, swimming and games play a significant part in school life and the excellent facilities give children the opportunity to all find an activity or discipline they enjoy. Coaching standards are exceptional and help maintain the illustrious standards year on year.

There is a rich provision of individual and team sports including rugby, football and cricket for the boys and netball, hockey and rounders for the girls. Much mixed sports also takes place including athletics, tennis, tag-rugby and cross-country.



PE lessons enhance the range of opportunities. Children concentrate on building up co-ordination, movement and ball skills, and follow a dedicated programme which includes swimming, gymnastics, dance, ball skills and athletic activity. Again, children are taught by the School's specialist PE staff supplemented by many specialist external coaches.

Skills learned in the sporting arena reflect the School's ethos including determination, humility and respect for others. All children are offered the opportunity to represent the School, and many have gone to receive representation honours at District, County and even National levels.



Music

There is a strong tradition of music in both Pre-Prep and Main School. The School receives accolades not only for individual success but for the concerts, recitals, services and productions put on during the year. The Choir is often asked to attend outside events such as Carol Singing.

The emphasis is on creating a fun and enjoyable atmosphere in which to explore as many aspects of music as possible. High standards are achieved and music scholarships to senior schools are often gained.

All pupils have a class music lesson once a week. Over 100 individual instrumental lessons take place each week with one of the seven Visiting Staff.

They can offer a range of instruments including, for example: Clarinet, Flute, Guitar (classical and electric), Percussion, Piano, Violin and Trumpet. We also offer singing lessons too.

Musical Activities are offered throughout the week; recorder groups in Pre-Prep, Main School Hymn Practice, Instrumental Ensembles, Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Orchestra with various outside groups offering further opportunities to make music.

The Senior Choir sing weekly at our Church Service Assembly at our local Church and a vibrant Staff/Parent Choir practice regularly and participate in events such as the annual Carol Service again at the local Church.



Drama

From solo poetry performances to nativity plays, large cast and crew productions, there is always drama at Chinthurst!



All children participate in drama lessons and plays are performed by all ages, be it a small class, a year group or a whole department of the School. Less enthusiastic thespians are given the chance to be part of the set-up and back stage crews for the annual end of year School productions. In recent years *Oliver!*, *West Side Story* and *Wind in the Willows* have been performed.

As well as class drama there is a weekly Drama Club, LAMDA classes, public speaking, House Drama Competition and opportunities in House meetings to tell a story or poem in front of other people. Form plays are often performed at the weekly Church Service thus giving our children a wide range of opportunities to be dramatic!

*Highest standards,
talent, creativity*



The Arts & Technology

These disciplines enrich a child's personal experience by encouraging flexible thought, open-mindedness and creativity. There is excellent provision at Chinthurst with dedicated Art, Design Technology (DT) and Information & Communication Technology (ICT) specialists on hand to either teach, assist or just support the children.



ART

The Art Block has a large open space with facilities for fine art, print, sculpture, textiles, pottery and Design Technology. Opportunities for all, from those learning art for the first time, to those who simply enjoy art, to the highly talented artist are available at Chinthurst. High standards are achieved and art scholarships to senior schools are often gained. Art is celebrated with works of art displayed proudly around the School. All children have art classes, there is a House Art Competition and there are art clubs in both Pre-Prep and Main School. Pottery, Textiles and Art Scholarship Clubs are also available. In DT work with a variety of resources including design planning with ICT to create 2D and 3D projects. Materials used include wood, plastic, cloth and metal. From Modelling Club in Pre-Prep, all children in Main School have DT lessons and children's work is displayed both in the room and around the School. There is a House DT competition and a number of clubs including woodwork.



INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

The School has a state-of-the-art ICT Suite with computers, laptops and tablets. The whole site has WIFI provision enabling these devices to be used in all classrooms. Teaching rooms have interactive whiteboards and senior pupils in Year 7 and 8 use tablets to assist them with their studies. There are strong links with art and DT and these are co-ordinated in class work and via the Clubs so children have the benefit of using all the resources available to be creative and innovative in their learning.

School Trips

Educational visits bring learning to life and we have developed a stimulating programme of trips across the curriculum range, incorporating residential opportunities where appropriate.

Such trips away from home may include teambuilding at an Outward Bound Centre, re-enacting a medieval banquet, exploring French galleries and markets or staying overnight aboard HMS Belfast, all of which are on offer from Year 2 upwards.

Closer to home, London and Surrey provide a rich pool of potential day-visits whilst visits to Chinthurst from authors, theatre workshops, historical groups and musicians reinforce and extend the curriculum.

Our touring programme is unique and offers opportunities to all in Main School. For example, Years 3 and 4 might go on an overnight trip to the Isle of Wight, Years 5 and 6 to go to Jersey (including a day-visit to France) for three nights, for the senior boys a rugby and cultural trip to South Africa (where we have supported and adopted a charity called 'The Kusasa Project' and, for the senior girls, a netball and cultural trip to a range of European countries.



*Opportunities, travel,
culture, social*

Co-Curricular Activities

Chinthurst provides our children with a rich educational experience with over thirty opportunities to widen their horizons with our Co-curricular programme. Our facilities provide a place where our teachers and coaches are able to offer extra training sessions, activities outside the academic curriculum and enabling both boys and girls to 'have a go' at an activity which is new to them.

Here is a selection of them – some running before school, at lunchtimes, but mostly after-school:

Art	Cockerels	Cookery	Horse riding	Pottery	Spanish
Athletics	Parents cricket team	Cricket coaching	ICT Club	Recorder Club	Squash
Ballet	Chintlets (junior netball)	Dance	Instrumental ensemble	Rounders	Swimming
Board Games	Chintnets (netball)	Drama	Judo	Rugby	Table tennis
Chess	Chintmums (netball)	Fencing	Junior Choir	Senior Choir	Tag-Rugby
Chintdads (football)	Chinthurst	Football	Modelling	Staff/Parent Choir	Tennis
Chinthurst		Golf	Mountaineering	Shooting	Textiles
		Hockey			Woodwork

On Saturday mornings, the School again is opened up and children can enjoy sports coaching sessions, matches, swimming classes, Chintnets, Rugby Club, Cricket nets and Music Clubs during the morning.

Parents are welcome to attend and our Saturday café is a popular destination for all!



Chinthurst Wraparound care

BEFORE SCHOOL

The School is open from 8.00am daily providing before school care for Main School children (breakfast is also available). A Breakfast Club is provided from 7.30 a.m. including breakfast for both Pre-Prep and Main School children at a small extra charge. All can enjoy a wide range of activities led by caring staff or use the time to complete preps or read quietly before the School day starts.

AFTER SCHOOL

The School runs an After School Club for Pre-Prep children where they can stay until 6.00pm. Here, the children enjoy a wide range of activities led by caring staff and/or take advantage of the co-curricular clubs available to the specific age-group. It also provides opportunities for the children to play or relax with friends outside taking advantage of the School's facilities. A light tea is provided. This is a chargeable activity.

MINIBUS RUNS TO/ FROM SCHOOL

Three minibuses provide opportunities for Chinthurst children to be brought to School from home and/or taken home at the end of the School day. The minibuses are driven by Chinthurst drivers who know the children well. This is a chargeable activity.

HOLIDAY CLUB

During the half-terms and Christmas (1 week), Easter (2 weeks) and Summer (up to 6 weeks) holidays, Chinthurst offers activities and care to all School ages – 8.00am to 5.00pm. Details of the next Club are available soon after the previous one so parents can arrange their child-care well in advance.



The Secrets of our Success



“People always say they know when they have met a Chinthurst pupil – they are polite, well mannered, have an inner confidence and keen to succeed wherever they choose to go”

Warwick Davis
(ex Chinthurst pupil)
& Old Chintonians
Member (Alumni)

Here, you will meet the pupils and staff and see for yourself the vibrant and lively community that has been created, nurtured and developed over the last 100 years.

This special place has not happened by chance; there are specific ingredients which go into Chinthurst...

...we have a committed Governing Body, made up of men and women who share a deep passion for the School. Many have a direct connection either worked or having been taught, or a combination of both! They oversee the direction and policies of the School, securing its financial health and legal and Charitable status.

...we have a wonderful array of teaching and support staff, highly experienced and qualified for the jobs they deliver to outstanding standards. The care and support of the children is unsurpassed and goes a long way in creating the special atmosphere which resonates through Chinthurst.

...we have a very supportive and active parental body. From parents helping at match teas, to helping with swimming lessons or offering additional clubs, to sitting on the Class Reps Body or being involved with the thriving and industrious Chinthurst Parents Association, means they are fully involved, valued and connected into their child’s education.

...which all go towards helping Chinthurst children be what they are – open, honest, hard-working, fun-loving, calm, caring, polite and genuine young people who will go on to be assets for their senior schools and becoming citizens of the 21st Century who have benefited from a Chinthurst education. Many former pupils regularly return to the fold, be it for the Carol Service, helping out at Open Days or attending a special event such as the Summer Ball. It’s no accident but confirmation that a Chinthurst education is one that stays with everyone for life.

To arrange a visit, please contact the Registrar on **01737 812011** extension 3.

Further information can be found on our website:
www.chinthurstschool.co.uk

Address & directions

Chinthurst School, Tadworth Street, Tadworth, Surrey, KT20 5QZ

BY CAR

From the South:

Leave the M25 at Junction 8, follow signs for London A217. Carry on over 2 roundabouts and take the second exit on the third (5 ways) roundabout. Following a set of traffic lights, Chinthurst is 100 yards on the right hand side.

From the North:

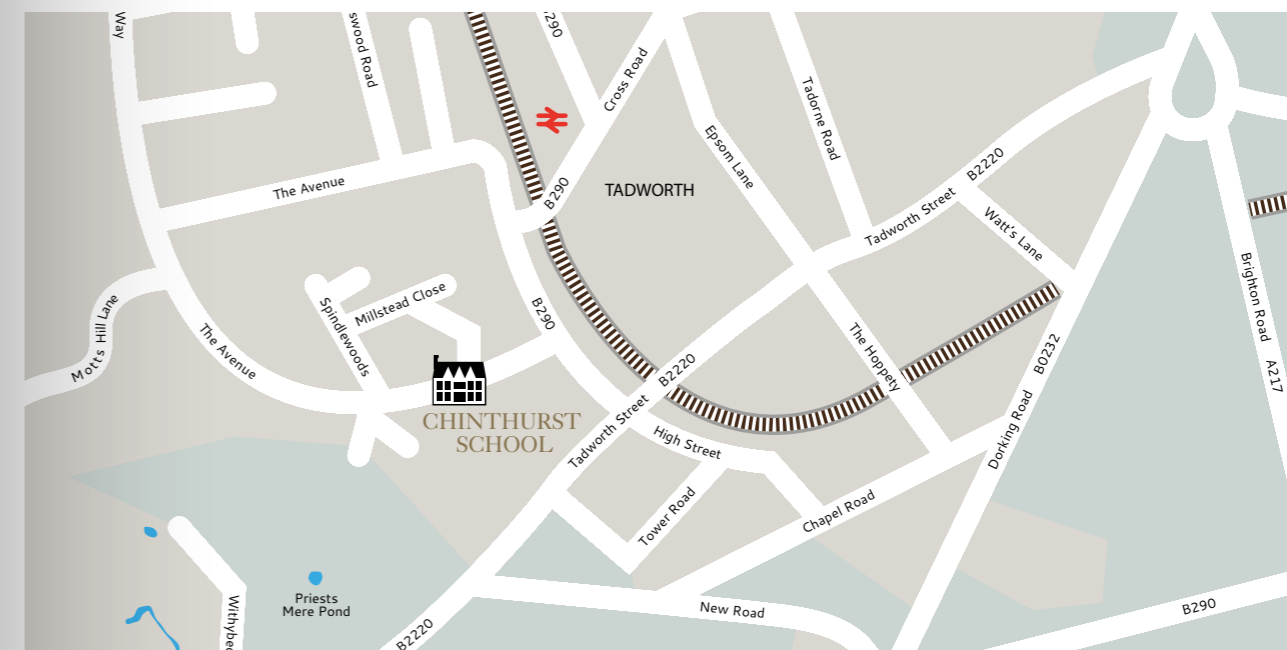
Heading South on the A217, take the fourth exit on the 5 ways roundabout. Following a set of traffic lights, Chinthurst is 100 yards on the right hand side.

BY RAIL

Chinthurst School is a 2 minute walk from Tadworth station.

SCHOOL MINI BUS

The school runs a mini bus service for Main School pupils from Dorking, Newdigate, Banstead, Chipstead and Kingswood.





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