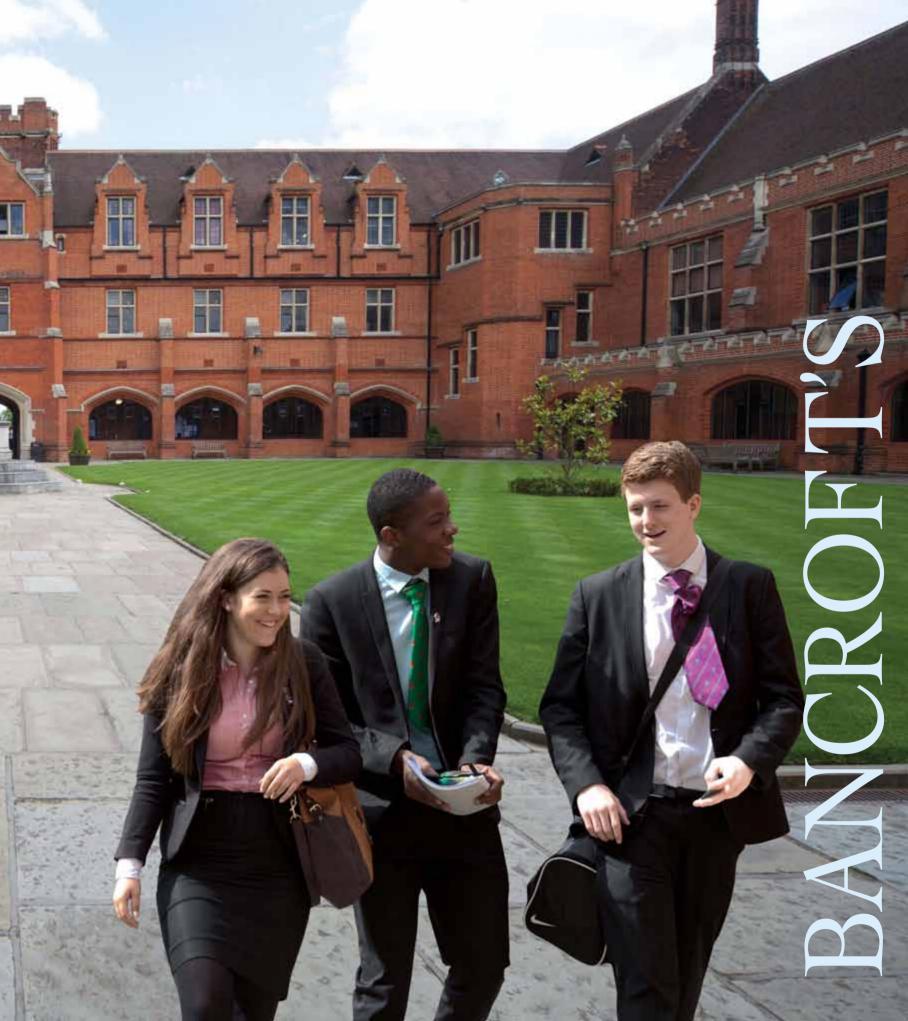
Bancroft's School











THEY'RE AN AMBITIOUS, INDUSTRIOUS LOT AT THIS COSMOPOLITAN, MULTI-FAITH SCHOOL. TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE

Bancroft's is a place where the individual is allowed to develop socially, academically and emotionally.

Simon, Upper Sixth



"A centre of excellence for the twenty-first century"

Bancroft's School is a fully co-educational, independent, day school of around one thousand pupils from age 7 to 18. It is situated on the edge of Epping Forest, just thirty minutes from central London. The main points of entry are at age 7 into the Prep School, 11 to the Senior School and at 16 into our Sixth Form.







THE HAPPY, FRIENDLY SCHOOL ATMOSPHERE RESULTS FROM EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS AND MUTUAL RESPECT SHOWN BETWEEN STAFF AND PUPILS AND AMONGST PUPILS THEMSELVES. INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE



"The happiness of our pupils is all important"

The youngest Bancroftians join us at age 7. The Prep School is a purpose built, light filled building with fantastic specialist facilities. Our science lab is designed for experiments and exploration, an art room encourages creativity, and the performing arts centre provides space for music and drama. Outside, Prep pupils have lots of room to play. The Prep School also benefits from access to facilities which are shared with the Senior School.

The happiness of our pupils is all important. Happy children are confident children, ready to tackle the most challenging of tasks with enthusiasm. The Prep School is characterised by the friendship and respect shown by pupils towards each other and the warmth of relationships with the teachers.









CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES COVER AN EXCELLENT VARIETY OF SPORTS, MUSIC, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL INTERESTS. THEY ENHANCE PUPILS' EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IMMENSELY AND ARE SPOKEN OF WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

One of the best things about Bancroft's Prep is that there is a sport for everyone.

Miffy, Prep 2



"Bancroft's Prep provides a strong foundation..."

We offer a guaranteed transfer from Prep to Senior School at age 11 (the end of year 6), so children are freed from the pressures of 11+ exams to enjoy being children and to discover the joys of learning. Our curriculum is exciting and wide ranging to stimulate and challenge young minds, fuelling their

intellectual curiosity.

Prep pupils have very busy lives and are offered an incredible array of co-curricular activities. Sport plays an important part in Prep life and all children are encouraged to perform to the very best of their abilities.

Bancroft's Prep provides a strong foundation, enabling the children to move onto the next stage of their Bancroft's careers with confidence.





PREPARATORY

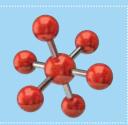




ACADEMIC RESULTS ARE STUPENDOUS ACROSS THE BOARD. MORE MEANS-TESTED SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE UNDER THE BANCROFT'S FOUNDATION TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE

Every pupil has a tutor they will get to know over the year, who can help them with any concerns they may have.

James, Lower Sixth



All **pupils** are encouraged to **fulfil** their **potential**

Most pupils join Bancroft's at age 11. They come from a range of primary and prep schools, as well as from a huge variety of backgrounds, to make up a cosmopolitan and diverse student body. Within this environment our pupils learn to work and play together with understanding and respect.

One of our undoubted strengths is pastoral care, which is underpinned by a well-developed, traditional house system. Subject teachers, form tutors and House Masters and Mistresses support and encourage all pupils to fulfil their potential and develop a sense of respect for others. Pastoral care upholds our aim of preparing pupils to make a real difference in the twenty-first century world and in the communities in which they live.









IN A HAPPY, VIBRANT, MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY, PUPILS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IS OUTSTANDING. THEY ARE CONFIDENT AND DEMONSTRATE MUTUAL RESPECT AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SCHOOL AND WIDER COMMUNITY.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

SENIOR

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When I first came to Bancroft's I was overwhelmed by the number of activities, clubs and sports there were. I wanted to join them all!

Nivethan, Year 8

"An exciting programme of co-curricular opportunities contributes to the Bancroft's vibrancy"

Bancroft's is renowned for its academic excellence; our pupils achieve consistently high standards in public examinations.

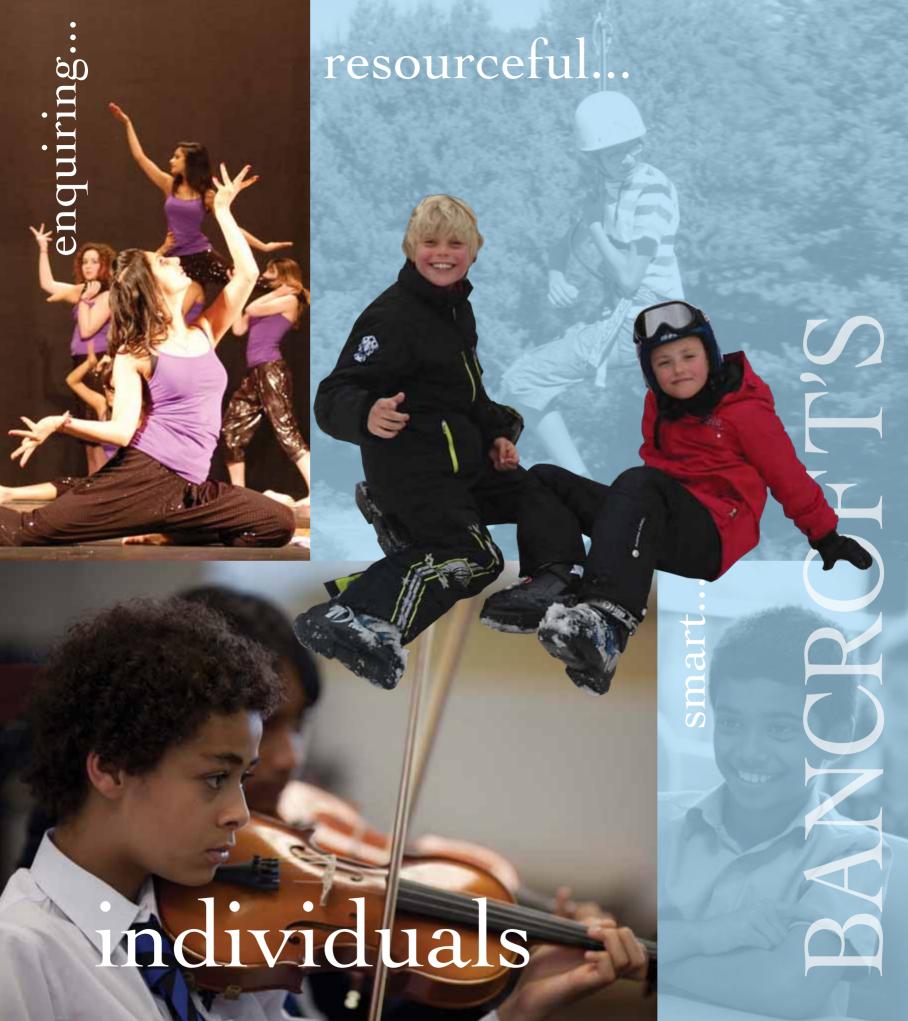
Bancroftians are eager to learn and to be successful; they do so alongside other like minded, bright children. Our enthusiastic and committed teachers display not only a passion for their subjects but also a passion for inspiring pupils to do their best.

An exciting programme of co-curricular opportunities contributes to the Bancroft's vibrancy and encourages our pupils to discover new talents and passions beyond the classroom. This varied and stimulating choice of activities, everything from chess and craft to the CCF, means that there really is something to suit everyone.

The curriculum and co-curricular activities are supported by a huge variety of visits and trips, both locally and further afield.











THE EXCELLENT CURRICULUM AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROVISION RESONATE WITH THE AIMS OF THE SCHOOL AND MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALITY OF PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENT AND THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

"Musical ensembles embrace all styles of music"

Art, music and drama all play important roles in the cultural life of the School. They enrich our pupils' experiences and add to the range of opportunities available.

The relaxed atmosphere of our new art centre encourages pupils to drop in to perfect their techniques or simply draw for pleasure. The majority of our pupils play musical instruments; a regular programme of concerts gives them opportunities to perform. Concerts range from the informal to the annual event held in the magnificent Drapers' Hall in the City. Musical ensembles embrace all styles of music from soul and jazz through to the classics. We take drama seriously with consistently ambitious productions. House drama and lower school productions mean that everyone gets a chance to perform







ALL MY ATHLETICS SUCCESS HAS STEMMED FROM MY TIME AT BANCROFT'S. THE OPPORTUNITIES I
HAD TO COMPETE FOR THE SCHOOL TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT I RECEIVED,
ENABLED ME TO PURSUE MY AMBITIONS WHILST MAINTAINING A GOOD ACADEMIC BALANCE.

TARA BIRD, BRITISH INTERNATIONAL 800M ATHLETE

We are privileged to have an excellent sporting staff, dedicated coaches and an incredible team atmosphere in all sports.

Rhys, Lower Sixth



"Coaches...
provide
inspiration and
guidance
to everyone"

All pupils are encouraged to perform to the very best of their abilities in sport whatever their level: House, county or even national. First class coaches, many of whom are ex-international players, provide inspiration and guidance to everyone. We want Bancroftians to enjoy sport for their whole lives and we give them the tools to have healthy lifestyles.

Bancroft's has excellent sports facilities: a huge multi-purpose sports hall, a state of the art fitness suite and an indoor swimming pool. We also have 17 acres of playing fields at West Grove, about a mile away from the School, and access to Olympic standard hockey pitches at the Old Loughtonians Club.

Our teams have a fantastic record of success in their fixtures against local schools as well as in regional and national competitions.

SENIOR





THE SIXTH FORM REALLY PREPARED ME FOR THE FUTURE: I LEARNT VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS AND THE TEACHERS GAVE ME SO MUCH CONFIDENCE WHICH WILL HELP ME AT MEDICAL SCHOOL.

GHEED, UPPER SIXTH

Joining the Sixth Form from a local state school, coming to Bancroft's was initially a daunting prospect. It was not long, however, before I was fully integrated not only within my year group, but within my House and the School as a whole.

Ryan, Lower Sixth

"Sixth Formers are given greater independence, but also greater responsibilities"

Sixth Form is the all important bridge between school and university. Sixth Formers face fresh challenges: they learn new ways to learn and also to take increased risks.

At Bancroft's, Sixth Formers are given greater independence, but also greater responsibilities. Although they have their own areas within the School - the Sixth Form library, a comfortable common room and an ICT area - they are still very active in all areas of School life. Sixth Formers also take on a higher profile within the House system, co-curricular activities, particularly the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and the Combined Cadet Force, develop both leadership skills and independence, presenting pupils with a variety of challenges.







THEY GROW UP TO BE CONFIDENT, POISED AND ARTICULATE YOUNG ADULTS; THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSE SYSTEM AND TAKING ON POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY PUPILS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND THE ABILITY TO WORK IN A TEAM.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE

The confidence, belief and energy my daughter exudes are true reflections of the Bancroft's spirit.

Anne, mother of U6 pupil

"Sixth Formers leave Bancroft's as articulate, confident and tolerant young people"

Sixth Form is also a time for big decisions. At Bancroft's, Sixth Formers are supported by their subject teachers, house tutors and specialist careers staff. We are able to call upon the wider Bancroft's community, including the Old Bancroftian Association, to offer information and guidance on careers and university. Bancroftians have a brilliant record of success at A Level and every year almost all of our Upper Sixth progress to university, with large numbers going on to study at leading institutions, for example Oxford, Cambridge or Imperial College, London.





Andy Saull
OB 1996-2007
Rugby Union player for
Saracens FC, England
Under 20 and England

Saxons

"BANCROFT'S TAUGHT
ME THAT ACADEMIC
WORK AND FUN DON'T
HAVE TO BE MUTUALLY
EXCLUSIVE!"



Peter Erskine
OB 1963-1970
Non-executive
Chairman of
Ladbroke Betting
& Gaming Limited,
former CEO of 02

"AS WELL AS
DEVELOPING ME
ACADEMICALLY,
BANCROFT'S
EQUIPPED ME FOR
A WORLD WHERE
IT WAS NOT JUST
EXAM RESULTS
THAT MATTERED"



Samantha Spiro
OB 1979-1985
Actress - Double Olivier
Award winner and
British Comedy Award
winner

"MY TIME AT
BANCROFT'S WAS
EXTREMELY HAPPY; I
LOVE RETURNING TO
JUDGE THE VARIOUS
DRAMA COMPETITIONS.
THE STANDARD IS
INCREDIBLY HIGH
AND THE WORK IS
VERY DIVERSE AND
EXCITING."



Lord David Pannick QC OB 1967-1974

A practising barrister specialising in public law, including human rights and crossbencher in the House of Lords

"I HAVE VERY
HAPPY MEMORIES
OF MY TEACHERS AT
BANCROFT'S WHO
ENCOURAGED CRITICAL
AND INDEPENDENT
THOUGHT."

Life after Bancroft's





Tara Bird OB 1999-2005

British International 800m athlete - European Championships 800m semi finalist and consistently ranked inside the UK's top 10



YolanDa Brown OB 1994-1999

Saxophonist and composer - MOBO "Best Jazz Winner" for two consecutive years

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BUT ALSO FOR THE

WONDERFUL EXTRA

CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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FRIENDS FOR LIFE

AND DEVELOP LIFE

SKILLS THAT WILL BE

INVALUABLE LATER ON."



Miguel Head OB 1989-1996

Private Secretary to The Duke of Cambridge and former Press Secretary to TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry



Luke Savage OB 1972-1979

Financial Director, Lloyds of London

"BANCROFT'S WAS A STEPPING
STONE TO A GOOD UNIVERSITY
AND FROM THERE TO A LONG
AND, SO FAR, SUCCESSFUL CAREER.
WITHOUT THAT GROUNDING IT
IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT
I WOULD HAVE HAD SUCH
OPPORTUNITIES."

Simon Russell was a pupil at Bancroft's from the Prep School onwards.

On leaving the School he went on to read English at Exeter University



My time at Bancroft's

- a student's perspective

For eleven years I have lived and breathed Bancroft's School. Over this time I have changed significantly yet Bancroft's has remained a constant, a nurturing community in which I have had the privilege of growing up. I have benefitted hugely from the focused, competitive and exciting atmosphere that is unique to Bancroft's.

Bancroft's is a school full of interesting, engaging and committed students, surrounded by exceptional teachers who see the process of education as extending far beyond the classroom; they love their subjects and love helping us understand them

Throughout my time at Bancroft's, I have taken advantage of the great many opportunities on offer: the numerous extra-curricular activities, clubs, teams and societies.

Bancroft's has given me a huge number of fond memories, a rich variety of interests, friendships with pupils and staff alike and solid foundations from which I will continue to draw strength. I cannot wait to see what the future holds.







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