



Bancroft's

Independent Co-educational Day School 7–18

About Bancroft's

Founded in 1737, Bancroft's is a fully co-educational independent day school of just over 1100 pupils aged between 7 and 18.

We are proud of our heritage and our links to the Drapers' Company and we aspire to educate bright, curious children regardless of their social, cultural or financial backgrounds.

The main points of entry are at 7+ into the Prep School, at 11+ into the Senior School and at 16+ into our Sixth Form.

Bancroft's is situated in Woodford Green, on the borders of north-east London and Epping Forest. We enjoy equally easy access to the rural calm of the forest and to the cultural life of one of the world's great cities. We are only a short journey from central London by tube or train.

We provide a great environment for learning: well-equipped, spacious libraries and study areas; a large multi-purpose sports hall; an adaptable performing arts space; light and airy art studios; an indoor swimming pool and seventeen acres of playing fields.

Bancroft's is an exciting, diverse and adventurous community, rooted in north-east London, but connected to the world.

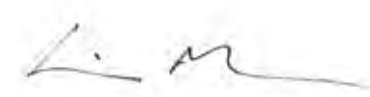


Head's Welcome

Welcome to Bancroft's. We are an unashamedly aspirational co-educational school, devoted to scholarship, intellectual inquiry and learning of all kinds.

We aim to provide a transformative experience for every child. Central to everything we do is the wellbeing of each pupil and our education here is grounded on our core values: curiosity, integrity, kindness, courage, balance and excellence. By encouraging our pupils to develop these qualities and to take advantage of the full range of opportunities we offer, we hope to enable them to become the best possible versions of themselves.

I very much hope you will come and meet us and find out more about our school.



Simon Marshall, MA, MA, MPhil
Head of Bancroft's

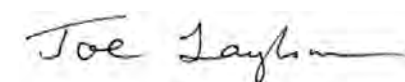


Head of Prep's Welcome

'Everyone has the right to be happy'. We take happiness so seriously we made it the first of our Bancroft's Prep rules! For us it's crucial and we believe good things flow from it.

We are a truly academic school but our vision of education is about much more than academic results. It's about character development, about the life of our school outside the classroom as well as in it. We believe our pupils can 'have it all': outstanding academic qualifications which will enable them to pursue their enthusiasms; rich and formative experiences from our co-curricular programme which will help to develop them as people; and an active, reflective approach to learning which will set them up for life.

Ultimately, we believe it is our role to bring out the very best in our children. We want to help prepare them for the world beyond school where the ability to lead a happy life is as important as the ability to read or reckon. We want our children to have fun while they learn and to derive a lifelong love of learning.



Joe Layburn, MA
Head of Bancroft's Prep





Curiosity

We want our pupils to take delight in the possibilities that the world has to offer and to develop an abiding curiosity about the world; to explore their imaginative and creative potential and to take pleasure in self-expression.

Curiosity is the vital spark of all learning and inquiry. We are born with a sense of curiosity about the world around us.

At Bancroft's we seek to nurture each child's natural curiosity and develop it further. We want our pupils to discover more about themselves and the world in which they live and to find where their real passions and interests lie.

We aim to challenge and support pupils as they learn, both inside the classroom and elsewhere. Our enthusiastic teaching staff encourage pupils of all ages to develop their curiosity with a sense of adventure. We provide opportunities which allow our pupils to develop the essential skills of independent learning, collaborating on projects and using technology effectively . Such opportunities are central to both curriculum and co-curriculum.

Bancroft's is situated a short journey away from central London making visits to museums, galleries and theatres easy. A variety of other trips takes place further afield in the UK and abroad. We want all our pupils to acquire deep knowledge and understanding as well as to have broad horizons.





Bancroft's is the 'full package'; you are encouraged to give everything a go and to learn more and excel in the areas in which you are most interested. As my time at the school comes to an end, I will remember fantastic school trips, inspiring lessons, but above all, the people. The support system that your House provides is unmatched, with your tutors carefully guiding you through each year, building your self-confidence and worth.



EMILIA, L6 (YEAR 12)





Courage

We want our pupils to show courage and a spirit of adventure in all aspects of their learning; to confront challenges and try to overcome them.

Learning new things and new skills requires courage, and it takes courage to make mistakes, to adapt and to be flexible.

By challenging our pupils, we encourage them to develop the ability to persevere, to trust in themselves and others and so develop the self-confidence to succeed, even when things are tough.

Our wide range of outdoor pursuits at Bancroft's, such as Outward Bound, Sea Scouts, the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh Award, helps develop a sense of adventure in our pupils. Such activities provide obvious ways to encourage children to discover and overcome their limits. Adventurousness and courage of different kinds are needed when helping out at a local children's hospice, working on a community programme or when collaborating with friends to finish a project.

We believe that leadership skills are best developed by working with others and by taking on roles of responsibility within our wider community - volunteering with initiatives such as the Sustainability Group, or being part of our School Congress. By making a difference for others, our pupils become better versions of themselves.





Bancroft's provides a creative and supportive environment which focusses on encouraging personal growth; whether it be through music, theatre, sports or academia, all students leave Bancroft's feeling more confident, more empowered and more ready for adult life.





Balance

We want our pupils to learn how to live balanced, healthy, productive and well-regulated lives and to learn to understand the different aspects that combine to create a secure framework for flourishing.

At Bancroft's, we want our pupils to learn how to live healthy, balanced and fulfilling lives.

Although important, examination success does not define a person and we aim to develop fully-rounded individuals. We encourage each pupil to learn how to balance the different demands of life.

We take the well-being of our pupils very seriously and understand the increasing pressures on young people. Our pastoral care prioritises each child's well-being. We believe pastoral care is best done as a partnership with parents, so we provide regular opportunities for parents to come together with our pastoral staff to discuss the challenges facing young people today.

Being involved in the Bancroft's community is central to well-being. All pupils are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous clubs, sports, music, drama and service-learning opportunities offered. What constitutes good balance for each child will differ and staff provide guidance, support and encouragement for our pupils as they learn to make good decisions for themselves.





Bancroft's is a fantastic school, with superb facilities. Most of all the quality of the staff and their genuine care and concern for the pupils are what make it stand apart. We are delighted that our son has been able to spend his formative years here.



FATHER OF U6 (YEAR 13) LEAVER



Space for Opportunities

At Bancroft's we want each pupil to get the most out of their time here and central to this is helping the whole child to become a fully-rounded adult. We offer a very wide range of different sports and activities, clubs and societies which enrich and challenge the mind, body and soul; these are an intrinsic part of the Bancroft's experience.





Kindness

We want Bancroft's pupils to be kind,
to have integrity and the courage
to pursue and protect what is good;
to make wise decisions, based on
compassion and empathy.

At Bancroft's we value kindness, compassion and the ability to empathise with others.

The close but outward-looking Bancroft's community allows pupils to learn how to conduct themselves in positive and effective ways and to learn how their behaviour impacts on others. Our House system provides a secure foundation for all our pupils to discover more about the world as well as a source of friendship across year groups. We encourage pupils to take on mentoring roles in their Houses and to embrace responsibilities that promote understanding and kindness in our community.

Bancroft's is a diverse community which welcomes and encourages each person for their own gifts, culture, and self-expression. We see these as vital for developing a common and generous sense of shared humanity. Likewise, we encourage our pupils to realise the importance of biodiversity and to understand the interrelationships between all living systems.



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As an Anti-Bullying Ambassador, I find it inspiring to see a student-led organisation achieve so much in the school. Every member from the Thirds right up to the Upper Sixth contributes massively to the events and projects we work on to create a kind and respectful school environment.

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JAMIL, U6 (YEAR 13)





Excellence

We want our pupils to aspire to be the best they might be and to make the most of their talents and abilities; we want our pupils to form realistic and ambitious ideals for the future.

We want every pupil at Bancroft's to recognise their individual talents and to aspire to achieve excellence in their own fields.

All children should have the opportunity to develop into the best version of themselves, and everything we do gives our pupils ample opportunities to discover what excellence means to them.

Everything worthwhile is achieved through hard work and determination and excellence is only achieved through working effectively.

Excellence comes in many forms. Whether it is exceeding expectations in a test, being part of a winning team or performing in a House play, Bancroft's offers every child the chance to make the most of their interests and abilities. We prepare our pupils for a successful lifetime of learning and aspiration by providing them with multiple ways of achieving successes as well as multiple ways of recognising and valuing success.



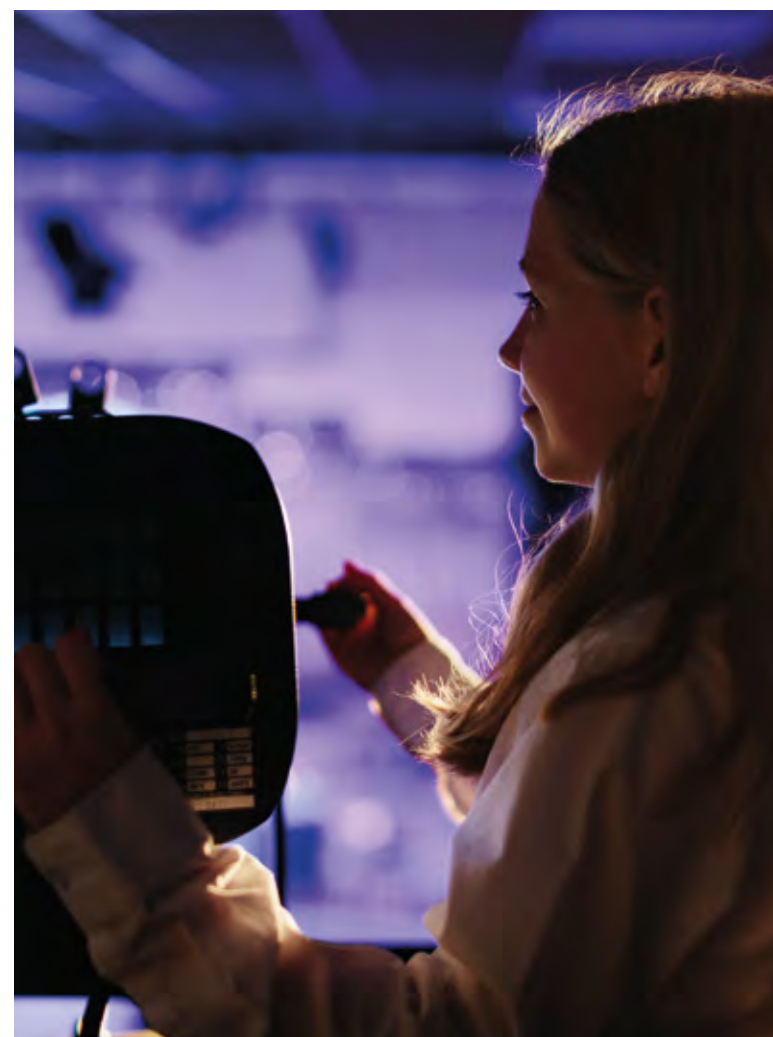


Bancroft's offers an amazing number of sporting opportunities across all year groups, swimming, cricket, rugby, hockey, rounders to name a few. I enjoy the teamwork and collaboration involved in taking part in matches. We don't always win every match, but everyone learns so much and we have great fun. Taking part in sport at school makes me take risks as I wouldn't normally get the opportunity to play them.

The teachers are experts at teaching us new skills and building our confidence by encouraging us to learn from our mistakes.



TOM, PREP I (YEAR 5)





Integrity

We want our pupils to learn to understand themselves and others and develop a clear moral grounding for their lives.

In many ways, integrity is the culmination of our values. It suggests a wholeness which embraces the other values we promote.

Through their time at Bancroft's, whether they join us at 7, 11 or 16, we encourage and support pupils in developing their own identities with a clear moral grounding for their lives. We want our pupils to leave us with the confidence and skills to make the best of what life might offer, and to pursue and protect what is good.

We believe that Bancroft's is a school at which any bright child might aspire to win a place, regardless of parental income. We continue to do all we can to make Bancroft's an even more open and inclusive community.

We are very proud of the young people who leave Bancroft's prepared to take their place in a fast-moving world and embrace the challenges life has to offer. We believe that a Bancroft's education equips them to face their futures as world citizens with confidence.





Receiving a Bancroft's education gave me the opportunity to thrive educationally and personally in my time at the school. Without financial support from Bancroft's, I could not have imagined attending and would have missed out on being stretched and challenged academically in an environment that instilled the highest possible standards. I would also have missed out on the wide range of cultural activities that defined my time at school.



DANIEL, OLD BANCROFTIAN



The Bancroft's Community

Life at Bancroft's does not start and end with school days. Being part of Bancroft's is being part of a much wider community for life for our pupils, our parents and our staff.

We organise a variety of events, activities and sporting fixtures to encourage participation from parents, alumni and friends of the school. We have our own on-line engagement platform to provide a mentoring network for members. Our alumni (Old Bancroftians), current and past parents are frequently to be found back at school sharing their experience at careers events.

Our work with charities, both fundraising and volunteering, nurtures a culture of giving. All pupils from the Prep School upwards are encouraged to take part in fundraising - every year we raise upwards of £50,000 for charities.

Pupils are encouraged to engage with the local community through a range of service schemes too: those working toward their Duke of Edinburgh Awards give more than 3,000 hours a year in volunteering, for nursing homes, schools, youth groups, local charities, children's services, and non-uniformed organisations. Our pupils are encouraged to fundraise and become involved in charities on their own initiative too.

Bancroft's enjoys a partnership with local charity ELHAP (Every Life Has A Purpose) and has collaborated with Haven House Children's Hospice on several initiatives. Our pupils have also formed close links with charities in Peru and Costa Rica, where they work on projects with impoverished communities.



We look forward to welcoming you to one of our Open Events when you will have the opportunity to meet pupils and staff and learn more about us.

Details about Open Days are on our website www.bancrofts.org which contains much more information.





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