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A message from the Head

A very warm welcome to London Park School Clapham.

Set in the heart of South West London, overlooking Clapham Common, our school offers something rather special, the warmth and individuality of a close-knit community combined with the opportunities and energy of one of the world's greatest cities. From our beautifully renovated Grade II listed buildings, students are perfectly placed to make the most of everything London has to offer, both inside and beyond the classroom.

What makes London Park School Clapham truly distinctive, however, is not our location but our people. We are a school where every student is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. We take the time to understand each young person as an individual, recognising their strengths, nurturing their talents and helping them discover what they are capable of achieving.

We are ambitious for every student. Academic success matters because it creates opportunities and opens doors, and we are proud of the outcomes our students achieve. Equally important, however, is ensuring that our students leave us as confident, thoughtful and resilient young people, ready to embrace the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead.

As a smaller school, we can offer an environment in which students feel supported to be themselves, challenged to think deeply, and encouraged to contribute with confidence. Our classrooms are characterised by curiosity, lively discussion and strong relationships between students and staff. Learning is personal, engaging and enriched by the extraordinary resources of London itself, which we see as an extension of the classroom.

There is a genuine sense of belonging at London Park School Clapham. You see it in the friendships our students form, in the kindness and respect they show one another, and in their willingness to embrace new experiences. Ours is a community that celebrates individuality, encourages aspiration and helps every student find their place and their voice.

I hope you will visit us and experience the school for yourself. Meeting our students is the best way to understand what makes London Park School Clapham such a special place, and I would be delighted to welcome you to our community.

Susan Brooks
Head, LPS Clapham

Learn like a Londoner at LPS Clapham

LPS Clapham offers a distinctive approach to secondary education for students aged 11-16; dynamic, forward-thinking and deliberately designed around a close-knit school community. By ensuring every child is deeply known, fully supported and consistently stretched, we unlock new levels of confidence and capability. Through our experiential approach to learning, students develop not only strong academic foundations, but also the skills, self-belief and adaptability they need to thrive in the future.

Our location overlooking Clapham Common places students at the heart of one of the world's great cities, and we make full use of everything on our doorstep. London becomes an extension of the classroom, opening access to its museums, galleries, universities, businesses, cultural institutions and green spaces, and creating opportunities to connect learning with the world beyond school.

When students aren't out learning across London, they enjoy the uplifting setting of LPS Clapham; two handsome Victorian mansions, purposefully restored to create a bustling, modern school. Tucked away from the street behind grand, mature trees, the school offers bright, well-equipped teaching rooms, modern science labs, a computer lab, a design technology workshop, studios for art, music and drama, a library, a dining hall, dedicated learning and enrichment spaces and ample outdoor space for catching up with friends at break time, playing basketball or simply enjoying some fresh air and sunshine.

Visitors are always surprised by just how much lies behind the LPS Clapham gates on Nightingale Lane.











The LPS Clapham Values: Our Four 'Cs' of Success

Our Four Cs are at the heart of all that we do. These values empower each student to think independently, engage actively, develop the important problem-solving skills necessary for future success, and learn to lead with integrity.

Creativity: With a strong focus on the arts and innovation, we nurture the problem-solving skills that students can apply to all areas of their lives.

Compassion: Kindness and empathy are central to LPS Clapham, ensuring all students feel valued and supported and apply the same values to each other.

Courage: By instilling confidence and resilience, we prepare our students to face challenges head-on.

Collaboration: Students learn the important skills of teamwork and emotional intelligence, equipping them for the interconnected world and the roles of the future.





The Dukes difference

LPS Clapham is part of Dukes Education, a family of leading schools, colleges, and nurseries, united by a shared commitment to quality, care and curiosity.

Being part of Dukes opens wider networks and benefits, including access to:

- Dukes Club – an extraordinary community of parents, pupils, staff and alumni connecting families across all the Dukes Education nurseries, schools and colleges. It is a space to learn, network, take advantage of exciting opportunities and amazing rewards, and make new friends. Find out more: www.dukeseducation.com/dukes-club

- Dukes Plus – A comprehensive suite of industry-leading services from university application support, life-changing career and university experiences, day camps, tuition, and summer schools, including Investin, The A-List, Oxbridge Applications, the Lawyer and Medic Portals. Find out more: www.dukesplus.com

- Joint Dukes Education conferences, competitions, summer schools and experiences

Through Dukes, LPS students take advantage of the benefits of big school life; an exciting variety of trips, clubs, societies and co-curricular programmes, world-class learning and development for teachers and staff as well as stability and investment.





A school that feels like family

Students describe LPS Clapham as feeling like a family. This close-knit community is underpinned by our pastoral care, the golden thread running through everything we do. At LPS Clapham, every student is known, and every voice is heard. Central to this sense of belonging are our vertical tutoring and House systems.

Every student also belongs to a **House**, providing another important sense of community and belonging. Through our pastoral curriculum, students explore topics that support their personal development and wellbeing, while House activities bring students together through healthy competition and shared experiences. Weekly and termly merit competitions, inter-house matches and challenges build camaraderie and encourage students to contribute to the wider life of the school.

Vertical tutoring brings together students from Years 7 to 11 in small tutor groups, each led by a dedicated form tutor. Blending ages in this way helps students develop a greater sense of belonging and connection, while building stronger relationships across year groups, breaking down social silos and reducing year-group pressures. Vertical tutor groups also create opportunities for peer mentoring and leadership; older students can support and inspire, while younger students benefit from the guidance, encouragement and positive role modelling of their older peers. The result is students who feel more confident, connected and settled within the school community.

Each student has a **dedicated tutor** who takes responsibility for their pastoral care and acts as a consistent point of support throughout school life. Tutors support wellbeing, monitor academic progress, maintain safeguarding oversight and encourage active participation in the co-curricular programme, ensuring that each student is known, supported and challenged to thrive both in and beyond the classroom.

All students also have access to **on-site counsellors**, who provide additional support for specific concerns while helping students develop the emotional awareness, resilience and life skills that support their wellbeing both now and in the future.

A connected curriculum

High Performance Learning

At LPS Clapham, we believe every child has the potential to achieve highly. Through our High Performance Learning (HPL) approach, we nurture the attitudes, skills and behaviours that enable pupils to thrive academically and personally, both now and in the future. Founded on the belief that high achievement is not reserved for a select few, HPL recognises that, with the right teaching, opportunities and mindset, all children can develop the characteristics required for success. This philosophy underpins our curriculum, teaching and wider school culture.

Our teachers deliberately develop the cognitive skills that support deep learning, including critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and reflection. Alongside this, we place significant emphasis on the values, attitudes and personal qualities that help children become resilient, confident and independent learners. These attributes are embedded throughout the school day, from classroom learning and enrichment activities to leadership opportunities and community engagement.

Students are encouraged to think ambitiously, embrace challenge and view mistakes as valuable learning opportunities. Teachers use questioning, dialogue and carefully designed learning experiences to stretch and support every child, fostering curiosity and a love of learning.

The language of HPL is visible throughout the school, helping pupils understand how they learn as well as what they learn. By explicitly teaching learning behaviours and cognitive strategies, children become increasingly self-aware and able to take ownership of their progress.

Key to HPL is integrated, interdisciplinary and experiential approaches to learning which are foundational to the teaching and learning philosophy at LPS Clapham.



Interdisciplinary learning

Rather than teaching subjects in isolation, we encourage students to understand how knowledge, skills and ideas connect across disciplines and relate to the real world. Interdisciplinary learning is a key feature of education at LPS Clapham, helping students make meaningful links between subjects, think critically, solve problems creatively and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

This approach extends across the curriculum, with staff collaborating to highlight connections between different areas of learning. Students might apply mathematical concepts to engineering challenges, explore scientific principles through design technology, or examine contemporary issues through multiple academic lenses. By making these connections explicit, students develop curiosity, independence and the ability to transfer knowledge and skills between contexts.

Making connections across subjects helps learning become more meaningful, memorable and easier to apply. These are valuable skills as students progress towards GCSEs and beyond, where they are increasingly expected to draw on prior knowledge, interpret information critically and think independently.

Importantly, interdisciplinary learning makes education engaging and purposeful. Through discussion, collaboration, enquiry and project-based learning, students develop the communication, problem-solving and interpersonal skills that will serve them well at school, in future careers and throughout life.

Integrated learning

One example of our interdisciplinary approach is the Integrated Learning programme in Years 7, 8 and 9. In this unique curriculum model, English, History, Geography and Theology, Philosophy and Religion are taught through shared themes, enabling students to explore concepts from a range of perspectives and build a richer understanding of the topics they study.

Students investigate thematic units such as London, Family and Relationships, Propaganda and Persuasion and Revolution, drawing upon the knowledge and skills of multiple disciplines within a coherent learning experience. This approach enables students to see connections between subjects, strengthen key literacy and analytical skills, and develop a more joined-up understanding of both the curriculum and the wider world.

The Integrated Learning programme reflects how people learn, work and solve problems beyond school, creating a curriculum that values collaboration, connection and intellectual curiosity while providing a strong foundation for future academic success.

Experiential learning

Learning sticks best when doing rather than just listening. We emphasise practical experiments and hands-on exercises, allowing students to learn from mistakes and successes. Nearby galleries, museums, theatres, universities, laboratories, professional workplaces, and cultural institutions provide opportunities for students to observe, question, investigate and apply what they have learned in a real-world context. Beyond the immediate neighbourhood, carefully coordinated trips take students further across London and beyond, bringing curriculum content to life and challenging them to think in real world contexts. These experiences allow students to encounter experts, explore new environments and see how their subjects operate in practice.

At LPS Clapham we have created a learning experience that is ambitious, connected and purposeful. Students are challenged not simply to acquire knowledge, but to question, connect, apply and build upon it, developing the confidence and intellectual curiosity to become increasingly independent learners. We equip our students with the knowledge, skills and mindset to achieve highly at school, embrace future opportunities and thrive in a world beyond the classroom.

Our 2026 GCSE cohort achieved 38% of grades at 9–7 and 95% at 9–4, showing that a curriculum built on curiosity and real-world experiences sits comfortably alongside strong academic outcomes.

All year 7 to 9 students study the following subjects:

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- English
- Geography
- History
- How Science Works* *Year 7 and 8 only*
- Maths
- Modern Foreign Languages (French & Spanish) * *Year 9 students choose one*
- Music
- Physical Education and Sport
- Physics
- Theology, Philosophy and Religion



GCSE options

Students study for eight to ten GCSEs, five or six of which are compulsory. Students choose an additional three or four subjects on top of these. Depending on the subject and the student, some subjects may be taken earlier than others.

Compulsory GCSE subjects:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Maths
- Science (Physics, Chemistry and Biology). All students study all three sciences but are entered for either:

    1. **Triple Award** – three separate GCSE qualifications in Physics, Chemistry and Biology
    2. **Combined Award** – a combined qualification from papers in all three sciences, resulting in two GCSEs

Students then choose two or three subjects from the following options:

- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Drama
- French
- Further Maths (by invitation)
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education
- Psychology
- Spanish

If there is demand, we will consider adding additional subjects and can act as an exam centre for students wishing to take a GCSE in a subject not taught at school, for example native language GCSE.



Creative arts

Inspired by the energy and creativity of its Clapham surroundings, LPS Clapham has a vibrant and flourishing creative arts programme.

Music

We offer group and individual tuition, taught by working musicians, who alongside their work at LPS Clapham are performing at the highest level, touring with household name artists or playing in leading orchestras. Students choose from a broad range of instruments, from piano and vocals to drums, brass and guitar, while bands, choirs and regular concerts ensure there are ample opportunities to perform. In addition to instruments, students bring their creativity to composition and music production. Lessons frequently take students to the best that London has to offer to learn the industry first-hand; professional recording studios, west end theatres and renowned music venues, such as the Royal Festival Hall.

Art

Students explore a range of mediums and techniques in our light filled art studio. To offer students every opportunity to tap into their creativity, students enjoy internal and external workshops hosted by experts in that craft. From architectural drawing to stained glass creation, upcycled couture fashion. To learn from the greats, and foster inspiration and imagination, students venture beyond our doors to the finest galleries and studios – big and small.

Drama

Whole-school productions, seasonal showcases and GCSE performances mean it's an exciting calendar of performance at LPS Clapham. Whether on stage or behind the scenes students are exposed to the range of opportunities in performance and hopefully finding a craft where their creativity can flourish. Major productions take place at Omnibus Theatre, a local working theatre, allowing students to work under professional lights and with expert technicians. Key to our drama offering is group and individual tuition in LAMDA, a world-leading drama school, training and inspiring exceptional artists for over 160 years.











Sport for all

Sport plays an important role in developing healthy, confident and engaged young people, building resilience, teamwork and a strong sense of wellbeing that extends into the classroom. That's why we offer a diverse range of sports alongside a strong foundation in physiology, empowering students to take ownership of their wellbeing beyond the classroom. Our highly sought-after GCSE PE programme reflects this commitment.

The Spencer Club, one of London's leading sporting facilities, provides the setting for most of our lessons and fixtures, with excellent playing fields and courts. Throughout the year, students can also broaden their sporting experience through extracurricular clubs, competitive fixtures, residentials and day trips.

Our partnership with LPS Mayfair expands these opportunities even further, giving students access to a sporting programme that goes far beyond the traditional. Alongside games afternoons with greater resources, stronger teams and more fixtures, partnerships with specialist facilities across London allow students to experience sports including padel, boxing, Muay Thai, gymnastics, velodrome cycling, bouldering and CrossFit, supported by expert coaching. Opportunities extend beyond London too, with specialist experiences such as our Porto football tour, where students play local schools, train at professional facilities and experience games at famous stadiums. It is another way we combine the benefits of a smaller school with the breadth of opportunity available to a much larger one.

Importantly, we appreciate that competitive sport isn't for everyone. Our PE and sport curriculum is designed to expose students to a wide range of team and individual activities, with varying skill and fitness requirements, so that everyone has the opportunity to discover something they genuinely enjoy and might continue into adult life. During our LPS Games Afternoons, students can choose an option that best suits their interests, whether that's competitive sport for those who want to challenge themselves and compete at a high level, or recreational sport, where the emphasis is on participation, enjoyment and teamwork without the pressure of formal competition.

The result is a diverse and ambitious sporting programme that encourages every student to get involved, try something new and discover where their sporting interests lie.

Students at LPS Clapham can take part in an exceptional range of sports, including:

- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Bouldering
- Boxing
- Muay Thai fitness
- Cricket
- CrossFit
- Dance
- Flag football
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Health-related fitness
- Hockey
- Kwik Cricket
- Lacrosse
- Netball
- Padel
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Softball
- Table tennis
- Ultimate frisbee
- Velodrome cycling
- Volleyball





After school clubs

Running until 5pm, after-school clubs at LPS Clapham are driven by student demand. The result is a mind-boggling variety of music, creative, sporting and academic clubs, from skateboarding, to photography, to Investment Club. Many make the most of our central London location, where learning from specialist instructors and accessing world-class facilities is all part of a normal day at LPS Clapham.

We're confident there is a club for every student to fall in love with – and if there isn't we can add it to the mix thanks to our demand-based approach to clubs. In addition to specialist clubs a homework club runs Monday to Thursday for students who prefer to do their homework at school, with the support of a teacher.

Majority of clubs are free, occasionally a club will incur a charge which will be communicated at the start of term.

Trips

Every week our students are out exploring the best that London, the UK and Europe have to offer. Thanks to our location students visit world-class galleries, museums, theatres, universities, and exhibitions like Saatchi Gallery, UK Parliament and London Archives as part of their normal school day, without the waste of lengthy travel in the school day.

Our lively calendar of residential trips covers sports tours, an annual ski trip, subject residentials like geography and history, as well as specialist trips such as outward bound and Duke of Edinburgh's Award – all well attended and much anticipated, highlights of students' school experience.









A kinder admissions approach

Our admissions process is designed to be simple and stress free and focuses on getting to know the individual student. We know exam results don't tell a student's full story, so we don't select by entrance exam results. Instead, we use a combination of digital data, current school information and in-person meetings and visits to ensure we're a good match.

Our main intake is at Year 7 (11+) with a two-form entry. We have another entry point in Year 9 (13+). We can also offer occasional places if there is availability.

Our admissions process:

- Enquire to learn more about LPS Clapham online or over the phone
- Visit the school and meet the team at an open morning, Head's coffee morning or 1-2-1 tour
- Complete an application form online and pay the £180 registration fee
- Provide all the necessary documentation
    1. A recent report, digital data, and any supporting documentation to help us get to know the student. We can request the report and digital data (CAT 4 or MIDYIS) directly from your current school
    2. Confidential school reference from the student's current school
- For September entry at 11+ attend a discovery day at LPS Clapham – these are experiential days at our school, focused on problem solving, creative thinking, collaboration and fun! They are a chance to see our school in action and for us to get to know the student better
- For all other joiners, attend a taster day where you'll meet with our Head and attend a schedule of classes and activities
- Receive your offer, accept and pay your acceptance deposit to confirm your place and commence the onboarding process

Fees and scholarships

Visit **www.londonparkschools.com/clapham/admissions/fees** to learn more about our fees and scholarship offering.

Contact us

We look forward to meeting you soon. You can reach us by phone on **020 8161 0301** or on email **admissions.clapham@londonparkschools.com**.

FAQs

Leavers' destinations

Students' progress to ambitious independent and state sixth forms including Alleyn's, Bishop Thomas Grant, Cranleigh, Emanuel, Graveney, Hampstead Fine Arts College, Royal Russell, Dulwich College, Kingston College and others, including students with scholarships and multiple competitive offers.

All LPS Clapham students have a confirmed place at LPS Sixth, in the heart of Mayfair, which many students accept.

Learning enrichment

Through our personalised and supportive approach, students with additional needs attend school consistently, achieve academically, and fully engage in all aspects of school life. This includes students who are neurodivergent, including those with ADHD and autism, students with cognition and learning needs, including dyslexia, students with speech, language and communication needs, and students with social, emotional and mental health needs, including anxiety.

Mobile phones

LPS Clapham is proudly mobile phone free. Students hand their phones in at reception as they enter in the morning and collect them again before they leave for the day. Trips and residentials are also phone free. This non-negotiable rule allows students to fully engage in their school life, distraction free.

Laptops

A school laptop must be purchased through our approved supplier to ensure safeguarding requirements and essential software are in place. The cost is approximately £1,400, and the device is expected to last for the duration of a student's time at LPS Clapham.

Transport

Clapham South underground station is just two minutes' walk away, with Clapham Junction, Wandsworth Common and Balham train stations also within easy reach, making LPS Clapham incredibly accessible from across London and beyond.

For those seeking dedicated school buses, LPS Clapham shares private bus routes with local Dukes schools connecting Clapham with Fulham, Streatham, Tooting, Wandsworth, Putney, Wimbledon, Earlsfield, Belgravia, Pimlico and Battersea.

Uniform

We have a simple uniform supplied by School Blazer, which can be ordered online.

The school day

School begins at 8.25am and ends at 4pm with tutor time, six periods and two breaks. After school clubs run from 4.15pm to 5pm.

Food and nutrition

A nutritious and balanced diet is key to success at school, so we offer a comprehensive menu of hot lunches and break time snacks to suit all palates, served in our dedicated dining hall. Food is cooked on-site daily, by our catering team who ensure meals are nutritionally balanced and delicious and offer options for all diets including halal and vegetarians. Our menu changes with the seasons and captures key events throughout the year.

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