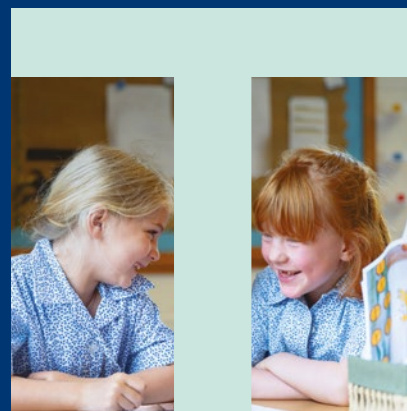
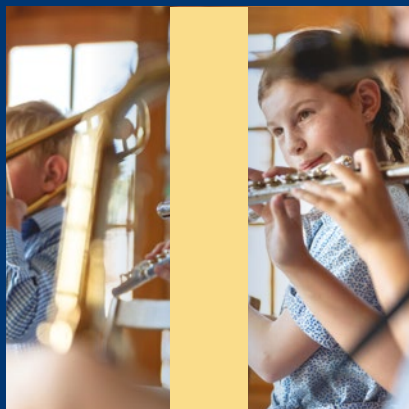




Walhampton



Project 26 Update
Summer 2025

Intro from the Head



“As I sit down to write this year’s introduction, I do so during an extraordinary period of success for Walhampton. While we never want to be judged solely by the headline achievements of our most talented boys and girls, it is a joy to celebrate success at the highest level. The impressive number of scholarships demonstrate the integrity of our approach. They also reflect the exceptional dedication of Walhampton’s teachers to nurturing the intellectual, social, and personal development of every child.

Project 26, developed in the wake of Covid, has been our guiding framework for navigating a rapidly changing world. This year has presented new challenges, from increased taxation on educational provision under a Labour government to geopolitical uncertainties, the digital revolution, and evolving perceptions of education. We must remain nimble and innovative to ensure our children are fully prepared for life beyond Walhampton.

Thank you, as ever, to our entire school community for their unwavering support. It is a privilege to lead a school so rooted in its values yet forward-thinking in its ambition.

Jonny Timms

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Head



“We are proud to share with the Walhampton Community some of our highlights and successes from this academic year, alongside progress made against our P26 strategy. We are immensely proud of all our children who continue to thrive and excel in their chosen fields – whether it is in the classroom, on the sports fields or in the performing arts. Most importantly, alongside our value of achievement, our children embody our other values of kindness and curiosity in the way that they interact and support each other on a daily basis.

Despite the challenges that the independent school sector faces under the current Government, we have adapted and taken advantage of our 100 acre estate to generate commercial income so that we can shield our parents from the full impact of 20% VAT.

I am enormously grateful to all our staff for everything they do for our children, school and community as well as to you, our parents, for all the support you give to Walhampton.

Victoria Speers

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Chair of Governors



Our Aims

To be a radical educator that honours traditional values and the individual child



Deliver a distinctive and outstanding education



Prioritise community wellbeing



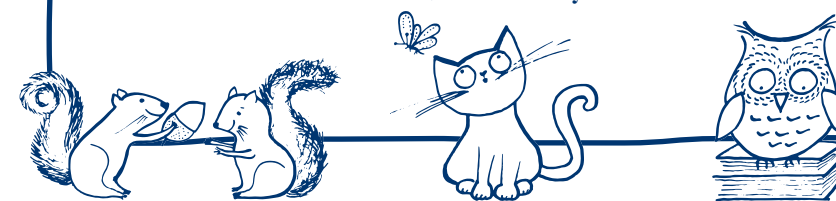
Lead our market



Nurture global contributors

INNOVATION

Our Values: Kindness, Curiosity and Achievement



Pillar I — Deliver a distinctive and outstanding education

Significant progress has been made in ensuring Walhampton remains at the forefront of innovative, high-quality teaching and learning. Academic ambitions have never been higher, yet Walhampton teaching staff continue to develop the whole child. Our leadership approach to the PSB continues to evolve, strengthening our position as a provider of a distinctive and outstanding education.



Hordle House scholarship programme open to pupils in Years 6 – 8 as well as external applicants, enriching the children's experience and breadth.

19  scholarship or exhibition awards to 15 of our Year 8 leavers at 13+ (2025 leavers)

PSB

Watch our new PSB video:



PSB audit by the Learning Skills Trust identified we have “developed many opportunities for PSB Core Skills to flourish” and that our “PSPQ project is innovative in its delivery, providing a significant learning opportunity for pupils”.

46% of Year 8 pupils actively participate in our scholarship programme.

‘Looking for Learning’ is an established monitoring and development tool for teaching staff with learning walks used to provide feedback.



Personalised tutor check-ins offered to parents during the Autumn term.



‘Next steps’ are included in all parent appointments and in English, maths and science reports.



Year 6 pupil, Bella, won the Royal Geographical Society’s ‘Young Geographer of the Year’ competition.

Year 8 leavers typically move to 10-15 different senior schools each year.

Top 10 destination schools for 2022-2025 13+ leavers:



Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2024

Finalist - Independent Pre-Prep of the Year

Shortlisted - Independent Prep School of the Year



Tes Schools Awards 2025
Shortlisted

Independent Prep School of the Year

#TesAwards



“Walhampton really does create a happy and welcoming environment which immediately made us all feel at home. The PSB sets it apart from other schools and really benefits the pupils.”

Parent feedback



Three Year 8's finish in the top 7% of over 1200 entries to the Townsend-Warner History Prize with our top finisher placed 9th.



Four pupils awarded Gold in the Primary Mathematics Challenge with one bronze award in the bonus round.

Pillar 2

Prioritise community wellbeing



Walhampton prioritises wellbeing within our School community. Pastoral care for pupils has been strengthened and staff wellness is at the forefront of our minds. A Walhampton education fosters and nurtures a sense of self-awareness, confidence, resilience and agility as our pupils take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

A team of Wellbeing Champions advocate for staff wellbeing and have delivered 'cuppa and connect' informal gatherings bridging connections across our staff body.



Whole School Pastoral Day 'Wired4Wellness' themed around our use of technology and promoting independent play hosted in November, involving pupils, parents and staff alongside visiting speakers to nurture a sense of self-awareness and responsibility for our own wellbeing.



Watch our Pastoral Day video here



Human Kind
Staff Wellbeing Award
2025 - 2026

Human Kind accreditation awarded May 2025 in recognition of our supportive environment where staff can thrive.



School Council meet half termly allowing pupil voice to be shared and actioned.



WPA family events for both enjoyment and fundraising.



Premium pass: Skip the lunch queue
Date: Week of the 10th March
Signed: *Mary Norris*

Reason:
Awarded for receiving the most stags today!

Premium Pass lunch queue reward introduced for most stags each day per section.

New Assistant Head Pastoral appointed and Mary Norris is enhancing our provision in this area whilst Heads of Section promote open communication with parents.



Termly Head's Supper introduced for parents to promote parental engagement and build belonging amongst our community.



Trackitlights adopted and embedded in school culture and behaviour policy. 90% of staff felt behaviour had noticeably improved in our November staff survey and 88% of trackitlights awarded are stags.

Muddy's BEST SCHOOLS AWARDS 2024

WINNER

MOST INCLUSIVE SCHOOL

PREP SCHOOL

In association with DEBRETT'S EDUCATION

EDUCATION CHOICES AWARDS



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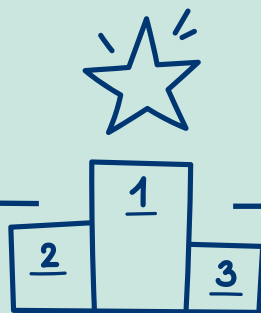
IMPROVEMENTS IN EDIB 2024

Our Inclusion Diversity Equity and Accessibility group has become 'Belonging' and is continuing the work achieved to date with the key theme around thoughtful and strategic transitions based on pupil feedback.



Pillar 3 Lead our market

Walhampton is making strong progress in leading the market through strategic growth initiatives and operational efficiency whilst building financial resilience in what has been a challenging market for independent schools. We strive to be the school of choice in the local market and to attract those from further afield with our flexible boarding proposition.



364 Pupils
140 Pre-Prep
224 Prep
55% boys
45% girls

253 Families



28 schools attended our Autumn Senior Schools Fair as we enable current families to review their 13+ schooling options and for senior schools to showcase their offerings.



Investment into Bradfield House with two refurbished bathrooms, twenty new mattresses and a programme of decoration.



17 full boarders
5 weekly boarders
60 regular flexi boarders



Pupils represent
11 nationalities

25 families attend Autumn and Spring Open Mornings with enquiries across all year groups.

Funseekers holiday camps managed in-house and include provision for children age 2-13 as we improve our support for working parents and the local community.

New Commercial Co-ordinator in post maximising use of our estate to diversify our income stream.

New navy jumper for our Year 8 pupils and additional leadership roles to showcase our Senior years. Senior boarding immersion held in March to encourage independence and help prepare those pupils moving onto board at 13+.



Biennial Arts Festival showcased the 'Walhampton magic' with our approach to performing arts.

New Stepping Stones expansion for our Nursery to ensure age-appropriate care to our rising 3 year olds and pre-kindergarten children. This enables us to offer additional sessions to existing children whilst also welcoming new families.



New Director of Sport supporting personal growth, resilience and excellence with additional co-curricular clubs as well as strength and conditioning for scholars.

Continual review of growth and efficiency aims to ensure financial resilience in the new VAT climate.

Revised fees were issued in December 2024 to take account of VAT with the burden shared between parents and school. Further adjustments made to music and LAMDA lessons to ensure minimal impact to parents.

New regular-flexi boarding fees to encourage regular use of our boarding facilities and to help with operational efficiencies.

Newly extended and refurbished Technology classroom was opened in September 2024 as part of our STEAM hub.



Pillar 4 — Nurture global contributors

We are making significant strides in nurturing global contributors through a focus on a stronger sense of community and belonging, not just internally but externally within the wider community and the world that our pupils move on to. Social responsibility is hugely important and we look for both our current pupils, staff and alumni to engage positively within the communities that they encounter.



Two visiting groups from Shanghai were immersed in a cultural exchange at Walhampton to engage in our academic education and to build friendships.



Walhampton sponsorship of Royal Lymington Yacht Club Youth Week and supporting families to start sailing at Salterns Sailing Club.



Fundraising continues for the Walhampton School Foundation Trust (WSFT) with two new major donors both supporting transformational bursaries.



Watch our WSFT video here



Walhampton grounds open annually via the National Gardens Scheme.



People of Power Group unveiled their new mural at our July 2024 Founders' Day

65 guests attend London Alumni drinks in November at RORC. Their fondness for Walhampton was remarkable and we will look to continue our work with the Alumni community to foster connections and support.



WPA fundraising events for Naomi House & Jacksplace in addition to the WSFT and the Walhampton Wishlist.

A Belonging Strategy has been established to ensure the school environment supports a sense of belonging and inclusion.



20 community groups are using our facilities as we look to make these available whilst giving first priority to the school.

Whole school Eco-Day held in October 2024 with the theme 'Food Glorious Food'.

Watch our video here



Three local primary schools joined us for our STEAM Fair and Monochrome workshop as well as for our World Book Day mountain biking event.



Royal SpringBoard partnership continues and we support two current SpringBoard pupils.



Inaugural Walhampton Triathlon held in September 2024 with over 100 participants raising funds for the WSFT.

12 visiting schools participated in our 45th Perry Dalziell Cross Country race.



Finalist in the Tatler 2024 School Awards 'Best Eco-Warrior' category.



Eco-points awarded to pupils for recycling, eco-thoughtfulness and implementation of eco-initiatives.

“

Walhampton is a truly special place and offers a unique and diverse education to both my children. They are well supported on their learning journey and encouraged and supported as they grow and develop, along a self discovery pathway. We are very grateful for all the time and effort the Walhampton teachers put into them.

Parent feedback

“

Walhampton certainly has the wow factor.”

Tatler Schools Guide 2025



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