



*The true mark
of a school
is what lies within*



**Independent Preparatory School
for Boys aged 2–11**

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Welcome from the Headmaster

A Cumnor House day for all boys is one of purposeful industry, and lots of fun and laughter.

First and foremost, we subscribe to those timeless values that embrace good manners, courtesy, self-respect, respect for others and a sense of duty and responsibility.

We then challenge our boys to move away from their comfort zone and to take risks in order to discover that the seemingly impossible can in fact be achieved.

And yet, underpinning all this we believe that children should be allowed to enjoy their childhood away from the pressures they may encounter later at senior school and beyond, in an environment that is safe, vibrant and inspiring. Importantly, we focus on all-round education that also promotes and celebrates achievement in Sport, Music and the Arts at all levels. Opportunities for achievement are provided for all children, with a curriculum that is both broad and balanced. Prep School days really are the best of all!


That said, we make no apology for aspiring to high academic standards, nor should we, and we are unashamedly proud of our record of scholarship and examination success to leading schools, the Whitgift Foundation and local Grammar Schools.

If you are considering Cumnor House for your son, this prospectus should serve to provide you with a brief insight of what we offer but do come along and meet the boys, and their teachers, to discover more: you will be most welcome.

Mr. Daniel Cummings

Headmaster



A young boy with dark, curly hair is smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a grey V-neck sweater over a white collared shirt and a red tie. He is seated at a red table, and his hands are resting on a white activity book with colorful dots. Other educational materials, including a blue and white grid paper and a yellow paper, are visible on the table in front of him. The background is softly blurred, showing hints of a classroom or nursery setting.

‘My son is happy at nursery and we are happy with the variety of skills he is learning...’

Start Your Cumnor House Journey at Nursery


The formative years of a child’s education are filled with excitement, exploration and discovery.

Our nursery offers a warm and caring environment to our pupils, each child is treated as an individual and learning is tailored to their needs and progress. As the years progress, focus shifts from learning through play to a more formal learning of reading, writing and early mathematics preparing the children for their transition from nursery to Reception.

Our approach to teaching and learning will give your child an excellent start to their education at a crucial stage. Our aim is to ensure that a firm foundation is laid to each child’s development and future learning; each child partakes in a curriculum of not only literacy and numeracy, but also specialist subjects such as music and sport.

Our nursery is available for children from the age of 2 until they enter Reception in the September following their 4th birthday.

We offer two types of nursery provision to suit all parents considering Cumnor House as the school of choice:



He is developing relationships with his peers which is important and most importantly he is having fun and he feels like he is at school.'

(Nursery School Parent)

Term-time provision

Our Purley nursery is set in a quiet, private, leafy road and has a naturally homely feel. The nursery follows the school terms and is open from 8am - 3pm Monday to Friday.

Year-round provision

Our South Croydon nursery provides year-round care and is open from 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday. The newly refurbished nursery is based within the Boys' school playing fields and provides children with a state of the art environment in which to learn and play.



‘I like that my son’s teachers know him, his strengths and weaknesses and they communicate with me so we can work as a team to help him learn and grow.’

(Pre-Prep School Parent)

Reception and Pre-Prep

Starting school represents a significant milestone in every child’s life.

The Reception classes at Cumnor House have their own dedicated team of teaching and support staff to ensure a nurturing and secure start to their education.

In addition to ensure a smooth transition from Nursery to school, there are a number of events in the year prior to joining, so that your son is familiar with the school environment and has the opportunity to meet peers and teachers prior to their first day.

Throughout the Pre-Prep years, the dedicated team of teachers focus on the core skills of reading, writing and mathematics, as well as identify talents and interests in other areas of learning; including french, music, games and swimming.

With an onsite swimming pool, large playing fields, dedicated music house and an enriching events and school trips programme, the children have many opportunities to enhance their learning, express themselves with confidence and create special memories for the boys.

'We have had 9 wonderful years with our son in the school. He has made good progress and developed some amazing skills and friends that will last a lifetime.'

(Prep School Parent)

Prep School

At this stage in your son's school career, there will be many opportunities to discover where his own natural talents and abilities lie.

Lower School

One of the many benefits of Cumnor House School is the specialist subject teaching that the boys have access to and are taught from Year 3 onwards.

While boys still have their own form teacher for part of the curriculum, a range of subject specialists facilitate a more focused teaching on a range of subjects. The broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Science, Maths, History, Geography, French, Spanish, ICT, Music, Art and Design, Religious Studies, PE, Swimming and Games.

Upper School

Boys enter the Upper School in Year 6, aged 10. They stay there until Year 8, where they prepare for Common Entrance examinations.

The Years 6-8 curriculum is tailored to your son's academic ability in order to give him the very best preparation for entrance into the senior school of choice.

At 11+, those who choose to leave will go to local grammar schools, such as Wilson's and Wallington, or will transfer to the Whitgift Foundation Schools, Trinity or Whitgift. At 13+, other options become available such as leading public schools of Tonbridge, Harrow, Eton and Westminster, as well as Caterham, Dulwich, Epsom and Royal Russell.

Our 2017-18 Scholarship and offer results include 57 scholarship offers and over 120 offers from leading destination schools.





*'Highly academic, great drama,
sports and music departments.'*

(Prep-School Parent)

Sport Music and Drama

At Cumnor House we believe strongly in the lessons of teamwork and personal achievement that can be learned through participation in sport, music and drama.

Sport

Our team of dedicated sports staff, specialists in their chosen field, ensure the boys appreciate the healthy benefits of regular exercise too.

The school is fortunate to have a 10-acre playing field, with Pavilion and tennis courts, only a short walk away, as well as a superb indoor swimming pool on the main site.

We are proud of our sporting achievements in Rugby, Football and Cricket and have an ever-growing list of accolades from Regional and National Schools' sporting competitions. In swimming too, our boys perform particularly highly and regularly take part in local galas. The boys get opportunities to tour overseas to play sport in amazing locations. Recent destinations have included Dubai, South Africa, the West Indies and Europe.



Music

All boys are involved in music in some way. As well as curriculum lessons, there are choirs, instrumental ensembles, formal and informal concerts and musical clubs after school. We have around 20 visiting music staff who give tuition on an individual basis.

Our musicians and choristers have performed in Spain, Greece, Italy and most recently at the Menin Gate. Closer to home they have sung at The Royal Opera House, as well as taken part in many community performance opportunities. Many have proudly gone on to gain prizes, awards and scholarships in Music to leading schools.

Drama

Drama is taught as part of the English curriculum and the boys are given many opportunities to develop skills through empathy and improvisation tasks, as well as reading and performing scripts.

Annual drama productions are an important part of the school year, and your son will have the chance to take part in plays, shows and other performances throughout his years at Cumnor House.

Extra-Curricular and Wrap Around Care

At Cumnor House we offer a range of services to not only make parents' lives easier, but to widen the extracurricular experiences enjoyed by the pupils.

Minibus Routes

Cumnor House School currently operate minibuses to bring children to and from school on a daily basis. Our admissions team can advise you of the current route timetable.

Shuttle Minibus Services

Parents may drop off and pick up their children at either the Boys' or the Girls' School. The schools operate a shuttle bus service between them at the beginning and end of the school day. This is helpful to parents with children at both schools as they only need to stop at one location each day.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Boys can come in for Breakfast Club from 7.30am and stay at After School Club until 6.00pm. If more convenient, they can use the Girls' School After School Club too. There is an extra charge for this service.

Specialist Clubs

As well as the After School Club, which caters for all children, there is a wide range of specialist clubs which run after school, many free of charge. Generally, when a specialist Club leader is external, payment will be required for the Club. The schedule changes on a termly basis and usually includes STEAM, chess, gardening, sports, science, drama and junk modelling.







What
Next?

Meet our admissions team,
attend an Open Morning or book
a personal tour. We look forward
to welcoming you to our school.
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Where to Find Us

Cumnor House School is situated on a residential road close to South Croydon and is accessible by car or foot as well as public transport.

By Train:

Purley station has frequent trains from Victoria, East Croydon, Redhill and Caterham.

By Bus:

Bus routes which run close to the school includes:

Route 405 - West Croydon to Redhill

Route 455 - Wallington to Purley



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