

**Head, Devonshire House
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Candidate Information Pack

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The Opportunity

Devonshire House prep school, set in Hampstead's elegant villas and leafy gardens, seeks an exceptional **Head** to lead the school **from September 2026**. As a co-educational independent day school for **450 children aged 2 to 13**, Devonshire House combines genuine academic ambition with a deeply held commitment to nurturing individual flourishing, creativity and wellbeing. At the heart of our ethos is the conviction that children excel here because they are known, challenged and cherished as individuals.

Part of the **Dukes Education** family and one of the country's leading prep schools, Devonshire House benefits from being in a collaborative and supportive network while preserving its distinctive identity. Dukes offers seamless transitions to a wide range of outstanding senior schools, with tailored support for exam preparation and pastoral guidance.

This is a rare opportunity to guide a confident, ambitious school into its next chapter. Devonshire House thrives on core values of **Growth, Wonder, Courage and Belonging**, with academic excellence and pastoral care held in equal esteem. We are looking for a Head who is both strategic and empathetic – someone who leads by example, listens attentively and communicates with clarity and integrity. You will deepen collaborative ties within Dukes Education while ensuring Devonshire House's spirit and values remain central to its identity.

A highly competitive package will accompany the role, with excellent support from Dukes Education.



Unrivalled Support

Being part of Dukes gives Devonshire House access to sector-leading expertise **without diluting what makes the school unique**. Our Group Education Team partners with Heads to share best practice, strengthen quality and foster evidence-informed innovation, while collaborative communities (subject champions, TeachMeets and forums) let staff learn with peers across phases and contexts. Training and resources are designed to be **relevant to each setting**, so schools benefit from the network and still keep their own character.

Learning & Development

Dukes offers a **comprehensive, year-round CPD programme** with 150+ courses, 54 e-learning modules and consistently high feedback. Learning spans six strands – Leadership & Management; Teaching & Learning; Pastoral, Wellbeing & Safeguarding; Little Dukes; Operations; On-Demand – delivered through workshops, development days, conferences and a rich on-demand library on the **Dukes Learning Hub**. Regular Wednesday Webinars and recorded speaker sessions make high-quality CPD accessible to all staff.



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Leadership with Vision

At Devonshire House, leadership sets the tone. Our team combines deep expertise, a love of teaching, and a simple aim: for every child to flourish – academically and personally – with happiness at the heart of school life.

David Goodhew, Managing Director at Dukes Education will be your mentor and point of contact. David brings a wealth of experience and a national reputation for academic excellence. Formerly Head of Latymer Upper School, David is known for uniting intellectual ambition with a warm, human approach to education.

Further Information

Potential applicants who would like to find out more about this opportunity are invited to contact one of the **RSAcademics team** working on this project for an initial, confidential conversation:

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Dukes Education is a carefully curated collection of schools and organisations, combining an exceptional track record in education and a focus on best practice sharing and collaboration.

Across the UK, our market-leading nurseries, schools and colleges are complemented by services that guide each learner from early years to 18 and beyond. Our family includes **Little Dukes** (nurseries), **schools and colleges** (preparatory schools, senior schools and sixth form colleges) and **Dukes Plus**, which brings together summer schools and day camps, university application expertise, career preparation, tutoring and exam preparation. As a values-led organisation, we are guided by: **We love learning, We lead with heart, We're a team, We do it well.**



Quick Facts:

- **Headquarters in London, UK**
- 52 schools and nurseries brands across 81 settings and 55 summer locations
- 23,500 pupils and 5,000 staff
- Backed by USS & KKR Infrastructure
- £370m revenues in 2024

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