

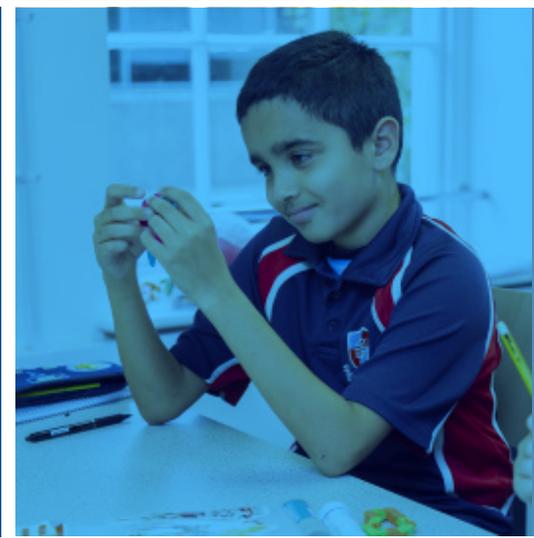


Fairley House




And all of a sudden....

....nothing is impossible





Welcome to Fairley House

School should be a special place in every child's life. At its best it is an environment that will equip them with lifelong skills and knowledge, enable great friendships, and offer them the brightest of futures ahead. It is our firm belief that Fairley House will both inspire your child to realise their full potential and empower them to follow their dreams and aspirations.

We are proud of our history and the enormous success we have had in fulfilling this mission. We were founded in 1982 as the first specialist school in the country to support children with dyslexia. From humble beginnings in our founder Daphne Hamilton-Fairley's front room, we have expanded our offering to now cater for 6 – 16 year olds encompassing Key Stage 1 provision all the way up to a bespoke GCSE curriculum in Year 11.

The effectiveness of our approach means many students may only stay one or two years at Fairley House before having the ability, and the confidence, to re-enter mainstream education. Nothing makes us prouder than seeing the incredible progress of our students and achieving things they, and their families, may have never thought possible.

We are aware boys and girls coming to Fairley House may have had difficult recent experiences in their previous educational settings. We are highly experienced and considered in our approach in helping them settle in. Only if your child is happy can they attain the confidence and positive attitude required to succeed in their learning in, and out, of the classroom.

Our school is a diverse and vibrant community and we learn hugely from the different backgrounds, nationalities and perspectives of our students and staff. It is one of our greatest strengths that not everyone looks the same, nor thinks the same, but we are united by a shared purpose of overcoming any challenges and supporting one another's success.

“Pupils, of all abilities, many of whom have had limited success in other educational settings, make excellent progress”
ISI ‘Excellent’ Report 2021

We hope this prospectus offers helpful insight into what makes Fairley House so special, and we look forward to playing our part on your child's journey to successful and fulfilling learning.

FAIRLEY HOUSE AT A GLANCE

Some numbers behind the magic:

<p>300+</p> <p>SpLD professionals trained</p>	<p></p> <p>Central London location</p>	<p>40+</p> <p>Years in existence</p>
<p></p> <p>A centre of SpLD knowledge</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Maximum class size</p>	<p></p> <p>In-house Assessment Centre</p>
<p>250</p> <p>Student capacity</p>	<p></p> <p>Incredible success at Key Stages 1 – 3</p>	<p>14+</p> <p>GCSE courses offered</p>

Fairley House Formula

Our success is built on our Magic Formula, perfected over time, but continually evolving

For over forty years Fairley House has been a place of deep expertise and pioneering thinking. This has allowed us to develop a formula for success we know works, time after time after time after time.

Confidence and happiness

Your child needs to feel happy at school and willing to learn, before our specialist teaching can work its magic. Children feel at home at Fairley House and immediately feel a sense of kinship by being with like-minded children in a positive, supportive environment. This level playing field enables them to regain their confidence and progress quickly.

Focus on the individual

Small class sizes of no more than twelve enables each student to receive excellent support from teachers and therapists. The neural pathways of every child are understood so the learning experience can be sufficiently tailored. When one approach isn't working we adapt our methods until all barriers to learning are removed and every student can reach their potential.

Transdisciplinary and multisensory

Students benefit hugely from on-site Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) and Occupational Therapy (OT) teams, as well as our in-house Educational Psychologist (EP). This truly transdisciplinary approach differentiates our educational experience from that of mainstream schools.

Deep knowledge

Our specialist teachers work together with subject teachers to implement multisensory teaching to

embed learning in fun and effective ways. Our passionate and motivated staff have decades of specialist SpLD expertise and are highly adept at applying the most effective teaching methods, many of which have been pioneered here at Fairley House, to achieve success.

First-class resources and facilities

We are privileged to deploy best-in-class resources to boost learning outcomes, from technological aids like laptops and SMARTboards to multisensory teaching tools that enhance understanding and knowledge recall.

Both our Junior and Senior Department sites feature a dedicated Occupational Therapy (OT) studio fitted with bespoke equipment to improve students' co-ordination, focus and key motor skills. Access arrangements for public exams are organised in-house with private rooms, software programmes and scribes available as required.

Extra-curricular / co-curricular opportunities

Students at Fairley House also flourish outside the classroom, and are given regular opportunities to shine on the stage and sports field. We offer a plethora of lunchtime and after-school clubs, residential school trips and organise external speakers and workshops to enthuse and inspire the children. Popular recent initiatives include the Duke of Edinburgh award and LAMDA programmes.

We are continually looking at how we augment our offering to help broaden the horizons, and unlock the talents, of every Fairley House student.



Realising your child's potential

Every student has the capacity to succeed in learning, and in life

We commit to every child and their learning differences however they may present or occur. We dream big and never put a ceiling on their ambitions. We want to build their confidence, ignite their love of learning and help them achieve their full potential.

We know there are always challenges along the way which is why a key part of our strategy is building every student's resilience so they don't become frustrated and afraid to get things wrong.

Our full-time Emotional and Support Learning Assistant (ELSA) is key to this task, and works across all year groups in supporting our students' emotional wellbeing. Our responsibility, and privilege, is to understand and develop the whole child so they will be happy and engaged young people ready for the brightest of futures.



"We will always be grateful to Fairley House for the life-changing and life-enhancing experience you provided"

Lena | Former Parent



Tailored learning for every child

Our transdisciplinary approach with therapy integrated within our teaching practices meets the specific learning needs of every student

Fairley House specialises in the teaching of children with diagnosed needs in dyslexia, dyspraxia or dyscalculia. Subjects are taught in small classes of no more than twelve and therapeutic methods are integrated within regular teaching so lessons are taught in an optimal learning environment, in the most effective way. OT and SLT sessions take place in smaller groups, in pairs, or 1:1, and are delivered by specialists in a tailored way to maximise success.

We recognise that many children with SpLD experience processing and memory challenges, so our teaching takes that into consideration. There are many opportunities for re-learning with repetition integrated into the learning experience to ensure that knowledge and understanding is consolidated before we move forward.

Any homework is adjusted for learning reinforcement rather than given as an additional compulsory chore. Maths and English are taught in sets based on assessed ability so we go at the optimal pace for all students according to their learner profile.

From visual and auditory to tactile learning, we know there is no one-size-fits-all approach to learning. There are regular reviews and meetings across disciplines to monitor, discuss and support the children on an individual basis.

We are committed to helping every student succeed. Significant time is dedicated to the Assess-Plan-Do-Review format as our teachers and therapists work hand-in-hand to steer your child's development and boost their learning outcomes.

Broadening horizons, unlocking talents

Our comprehensive offering can rebuild confidence, develop new skills and inspire new beginnings

At Fairley House we want to develop the whole child and instil important values and attributes which will serve them well for their entire school career, as well as in later life. Our co-curricular and extra-curricular programmes are at the heart of this holistic approach.

Creative and expressive arts

We have dedicated Art and Design Technology (DT) studios where students can fully apply their creativity. The Art Department aims to stimulate and foster individual development through a wide range of activities including painting, textiles, printmaking, 3D modelling (using our very own 3D printer) and construction. DT has a similarly creative ethos, with dynamic and transformative teaching, supplemented by educational visits and external workshops.

Drama and Music are highly popular pursuits at Fairley House with weekly lessons taught by specialist staff. Students develop a practical understanding of the creative fields, and explore the skills required to produce a compelling musical or dramatic performance. Solo and ensemble performances are regularly delivered and rapturously received during school productions and termly prizegivings, showcasing the confidence and talent of our students.

Sport

Each week students engage in three hours of sport and physical exercise including traditional sports like football and netball, extending to softball,



bouldering and boxing, among others. Our comprehensive offering equips our students with vital skills to encourage a healthy, active lifestyle.

We strive to accommodate various skill levels with our inclusive ethos ensuring the vast majority of students participate in competitive fixtures in at least one sport. For exceptionally talented individuals we tailor the challenges and development pathways accordingly.

Clubs and trips

Our clubs feature a range of sport-based, arts-based and skill-based activities, and are run by Fairley House staff and external experts at no extra charge. Clubs are run daily during morning and lunch breaks, with after-school clubs on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon until 4:30pm.

“The excellent progress that pupils make in gaining confidence in social settings enables them to extend their reinvigorated sense of purpose into activities which allow them to contribute positively” ISI ‘Excellent’ Report 2021

Our list of clubs is regularly refreshed so children have the opportunity to try their hand at different things and find new passions and interests. Popular recent clubs across Fairley House include coding, calligraphy, gardening, wood craft and film & media club.

Residential trips are always a highlight on the school calendar and are fantastic opportunities for the children to gain independence and boost important practical skills like resilience, collaboration and problem-solving.

PSHEE and soft skills

PSHEE stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economics Education and is taught across all year groups to help students lead informed, responsible lives – ready to be healthy, productive members of a tolerant, pluralist society.

PSHEE has links with all areas of the curriculum and is embedded within the pastoral care and mentoring program across Fairley House. It is also taught in a dedicated one hour weekly lesson covering themes including health and wellbeing, living in the wider world and social awareness.

PSHEE is a core component in developing the knowledge and soft skills needed to navigate later life including relationships, career, money management and physical and mental health.

CO-CURRICULAR SNAPSHOT

Just a few of the opportunities at Fairley House across the academic year:



12

Sports



3

Productions



30

Clubs



Residential trip to Tolmers, Hertfordshire

BRIGHT FUTURES BECKON

We are proud of our track record in helping our students fulfil their future ambitions, whether that be re-entering mainstream school, college education or embarking on a career of their choice.

We work closely with all our Fairley families to guide them on potential next steps, offer school and career talks, prepare students with exam and interview practice (where required), and arrange educational reports for departing students so both parents and future schools have an updated assessment on their learning profile.

Every student departs Fairley House with our best wishes, a bespoke luggage label to remind them of their time at the school and to symbolise the fact they will always remain a part of our Fairley House community.

“Fairley House is a truly brilliant school. I am hugely grateful to the amazing staff who gave me the skills and confidence I needed to succeed”

Harry Warren
Parliamentary Researcher
and Fairley House Alumnus