



# Salterford House School

Preparatory School Prospectus 2010



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# welcome...

**Welcome to Salterford House School, where we believe that children thrive on an all round education within a caring and supportive environment.**

We are an independent preparatory school on the outskirts of Nottingham, with a family feel and passion for enabling children to do their best. Our pupils learn in a safe, rural environment where they are able to enjoy our beautiful surroundings and develop through learning, discovery and guided curiosity. We strive to develop their talents and personalities in a positive and productive way throughout the school, giving them a superb grounding for the years ahead.

We are a thriving school with over 130 pupils aged 3 to 11. Since opening our doors in 1981, we have continued the belief that every child matters, having small class sizes to encourage and nurture in addition to teaching music, sport and drama as well as the curriculum subjects to ensure a wide range of experiences. Our main site is set in over four acres and surrounded by woodland, and our Pre-prep department is nearby in the Margaret Sherbrooke Building, situated in the centre of Oxton village.

Many of our current pupils have joined the school on the recommendation of others, or following one of our regular open days. Whilst we hope you gain a flavour of the school from our website, you are invited to arrange a visit to Salterford House to see our unique setting for yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you,

Mrs Marla Venables



**Head Teacher**



## Music, Drama and Sport

**At Salterford House School, we have a strong tradition of music, drama and sport encouraging even our youngest children to take part.**

**Music** All the children from kindergarten to year 6 receive weekly music lessons and from year 1 everyone receives recorder lessons too. We have a wide range of specialist music teachers and our children can choose to play a wide range of instruments, including piano, violin, flute, saxophone, clarinet, drums and guitar. We have a thriving school band that meets weekly to enjoy playing music as well as practising for the concerts, recitals and performances held throughout the year.

**Speech and Drama** Our speech and drama lessons are a firm favourite with many of our pupils and all the children enjoy performing the Christmas play for their families and staff. Pupils at Salterford House are also able to take part in our drama club, putting on a full scale, musical production

each Easter as well as opting to enter LAMDA examinations that are held twice a year. Another highlight for the children is taking part in the annual ISA drama festival, in which we have won many trophies over recent years, including prizes for the best musical eight years running.

**Sport** Our beautiful grounds are the perfect setting for playing outside and we encourage the children to take part in as many sports as possible. Both Pre-Prep and main school pupils enjoy taking part in PE as well as swimming. They also receive specialist coaching from year 1 in football, rugby, cricket, netball, rounders, tennis and cross-country running. Our teams have regular fixtures against other schools and take part in both local and national competitions.



## Pre-Prep

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At this young age, we believe it is important for them to love being at school; creating long-lasting memories and finding confidence in their abilities. We are very proud of their achievements and encourage them in all aspects of the curriculum as well as developing their social skills.

Fun and enjoyment is at the heart of the younger children's learning with our teachers and nursery staff working hard to create a positive, exciting and stimulating learning environment.

We appreciate that every child is different, so our lessons and activities are tailored around the children helping them to develop their skills and early learning goals as well as their interests in sports, music and drama.

Parents are also an important part of our school, being invited to attend school events where possible. In addition to our regular parents' evenings, they are welcome to speak to our staff or headmistress should they have any questions or concerns.

## Education

**At Salterford House pupils work hard in a warm and supportive environment.**

Emphasis is placed on the development of literacy and numeracy skills from an early age, so children from Pre-Prep upwards can also explore other subjects such as Science, Geography, History and French.

We follow the National Curriculum as this enables children to maintain continuity in their education as they move on to senior schools. It also allows us to keep pace with modern developments in education as well as giving us a system to keep parents informed of their children's progress and a comparison with national achievement.

A high proportion of children at Salterford House achieve examination success for selective schools as well as in their SATS.

We are committed to helping children to learn and we combine traditional methods such as learning tables and spellings with more modern trends in IT, History and Geography work. As well as the National Curriculum subjects, we also provide lessons in Music, Art, Design Technology, Information Technology, Physical Education, Games and Swimming.



## Extra Curricular Activities

**At Salterford House we appreciate that not everyone is academically-minded; and even if they are, that time out broadening horizons beyond the classroom really helps to give pupils an all-round education.**

Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of school life here. By doing them, children build the skills to feel confident to tackle new and challenging situations in life and develop high self-esteem.

We also organise several school trips each year, to places such as The White Post Farm, Brackenhurst College, Nottingham Castle, Belton House, York, Stratford Upon Avon or Cadbury World plus an optional skiing holiday and trip to Normandy.

Year 6 also spend a week during their final term taking part in field work activities and team building skills in North Yorkshire.

### Activities available include:

- tennis coaching
- golf lessons
- cross country running
- skiing
- climbing
- ballet
- band
- choir
- drama club
- cricket nets

## Pastoral Care

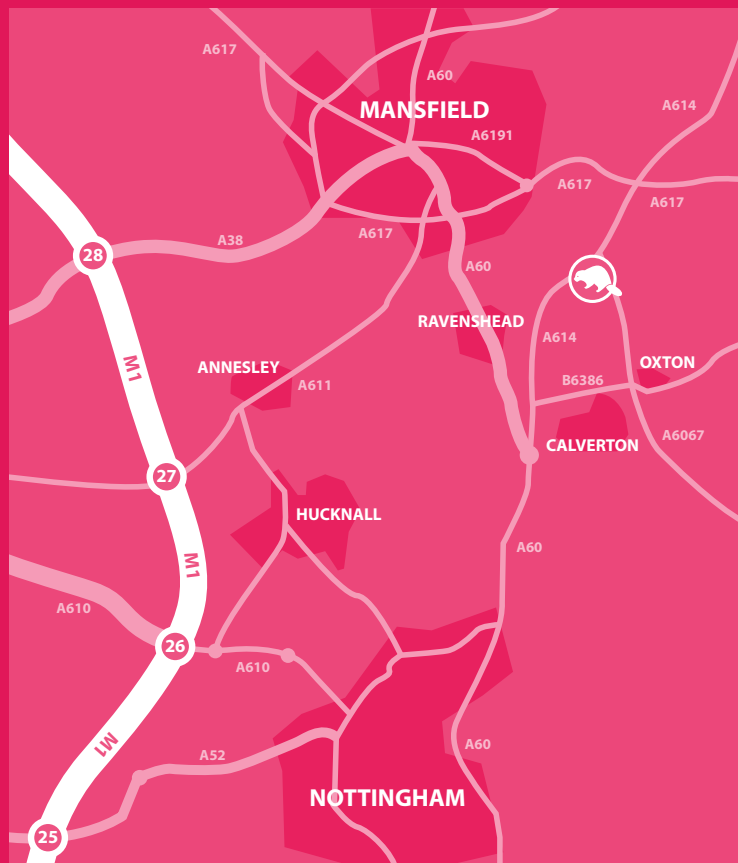
**Salterford House School is founded on the belief that children thrive socially and academically by being given an all round education within a caring, supportive and structured environment.**

We are committed to enabling pupils to do their best and treating them as individuals. Our expectations about behaviour and respect for others are shared through assemblies and PSHE classes and our code of conduct displayed around the school as a visual reminder.

Parents are welcome to discuss their child's progress with staff and our head teacher at any time in addition to our regular parents' evenings.

Security is a high priority. The main school gates remain locked throughout the day, with CCTV cameras monitoring the driveway and all outside areas at all times. Entry to the school drop off and pick up is via buzzer and intercom. At the Margaret Sherbrooke building, doors have number lock systems on the outside.

## Find Us



## Open Days

Salterford House School holds regular open days throughout the year. An open day is an excellent way to meet staff, see the facilities and stunning grounds, whilst also gauging the atmosphere and professionalism of our school.

To book an open day visit, please call us on **0115 965 2127** or fill in an open day form on our website at [www.salterfordhouseschool/openday](http://www.salterfordhouseschool/openday). We look forward to seeing you.

## Find Us

A downloadable PDF for directions is also available from Salterford House School website at [www.salterfordhouseschool/map](http://www.salterfordhouseschool/map)

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