



Pupils leave More House as young men, with confidence, self-belief and a sense of their own worth.

# Transform

More House stands its pupils in good stead for the rest of their lives, wherever their aspirations take them.

**Jonathan Hetherington - Headmaster**







# WELCOME

For more than 80 years, More House has transformed the futures of bright boys who might struggle in mainstream schools, empowering them to realise their true potential. Nationally celebrated, and the largest school of its kind in Britain, More House offers a full range of specialist support, particularly for boys with specific learning and language-based difficulties, including Dyslexia.

We are a unique independent boarding and day school with a Catholic ethos, open to boys aged eight to 18 of any faith, or none.

Providing a rich, mainstream curriculum and wealth of extra-curricular opportunities, our approach is to recognise each pupil's strengths as a means to building his self-esteem, as well as supporting him to develop strategies that enable him to overcome his difficulties. By giving every boy his own personal timetable, we can provide the precise support and challenge he needs in order to excel. And while our pupils' academic results are impressive (well above national averages), we make sure our boys develop the self-confidence and skills necessary to be truly independent members of society.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'J.C. Hetherington'.

**Jonathan Hetherington** BA (Hons) MSc (Ed) QTS **Headmaster**

# support

**“meeting pupils’ needs is at the heart  
of everyone’s work at the school”**

Ofsted, March 2019



## A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE, IN BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS

Recognised as a national centre for excellence, we provide a transformative educational experience for intelligent boys aged 8 to 18 so that they achieve extraordinary academic and social outcomes, overcoming the barriers posed by specific learning and language-based difficulties, including Dyslexia.

Set in nearly 30 acres of beautiful grounds in the Surrey Hills, there is a focus on building the confidence and aspiration of the 480 pupils, so that each becomes proud of himself and develops the skills for fulfilling careers and social independence. Experienced, committed teachers and highly qualified therapists work together to support each pupil on his path to success, supported by a programme of one-to-one mentoring.

Academic results are significantly above the national averages and many boys progress to university study. We teach understanding and tolerance of all alongside Christian principles within the Roman Catholic tradition. We welcome boys of any faith, and none.

Judged to be Outstanding by Ofsted (March 2019) in every category, More House is listed as a Specialist Provision School by the Council for the Registration of Schools Teaching Dyslexic Pupils (CReSTeD). We're also members of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) and the Boarding Schools' Association (BSA).

## A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE

Our approach is based on identifying and playing to each individual's strengths, as well as supporting him in overcoming his weaknesses. Above all, we prepare him to take his place in society, able to make a real contribution through doing something he loves. We do this by:

### **Building self-belief**

### **Building academic success**

### **Building social confidence**

### **Building self-esteem**

### **Building independence and self-sufficiency**

#### **Building self-belief**

We help every boy to be aspirational, learning that academic and social success is achievable, often far beyond what he or others ever thought possible. Fantastic academic and extra-curricular opportunities inspire and engage pupils.

#### **Building academic success**

With small class-sizes and a very broad curriculum, our boys achieve a breadth of GCSE and equivalent level 2 BTEC qualifications, before pursuing A Level and equivalent level 3 BTEC courses in the Sixth Form. Our boys achieve results well above national averages, and a majority progress to university.

#### **Building social confidence**

Specialist teaching and support guides the development of higher-level language and social skills necessary to enjoy long-term mental wellbeing, and become confident and powerful members of society.

#### **Building self-esteem**

It is vital that our pupils' experience is that of a highly successful mainstream school environment, but one in which their particular strengths and needs are recognised and supported. By helping boys to understand and recognise their own strengths and skills, we enable them to discover their own true worth, building long-term self-esteem and success

#### **Building independence**

We take a unique approach to specialist support, working with boys in small groups, rather than one-to-one. This allows them to prove to themselves that they can manage by themselves, boosting their resilience and determination, and growing their independent living skills.

**“Parents describe their sons’  
progress as exceptional”**

Ofsted, March 2019

# independence





# confidence



# LEARNING DEVELOPMENT

## ALL THE SPECIALIST SUPPORT HE NEEDS

Our Learning Development Centre (LDC) is at the heart of our school, and your son's time here. The LDC team includes 11 Speech & Language Therapists, and five Occupational Therapists, as well as specialist Literacy and Numeracy tutors.

Many boys come to us from mainstream schools with negative experiences of being taken out of classes. Here all pupils benefit from the specialist input of the LDC, so it's simply part of daily life for everyone. Boys' LDC sessions are part of their timetable so they don't miss other lessons. They work in small groups rather than experiencing potentially socially-isolating one-to-one therapy. This fosters a sense of inclusion and normality, which in turn helps develop the boys' confidence and self-esteem.

**“An outstanding multi-therapeutic approach is central to the education pupils receive”**

Ofsted, March 2019





## A WEALTH OF OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Our approach is based on identifying and playing to every pupil's strengths, as well as supporting him to overcome his difficulties. Through our very broad curriculum boys engage in their learning, discover their strengths, and are able to pursue their aspirations.

All pupils study English, Mathematics and Science at GCSE level. The rest of your son's timetable will be individually created for him from a choice of more than 20 other options

subjects, based on his individual interests, strengths and talents. There are a similar number of subjects from which to choose his Sixth Form courses.

Developing his skills as an independent learner is a continued focus throughout his education at More House, so that he leaves with the confidence to continue his education at a higher level and become not only self-sufficient, but aspirational in his endeavours.

**“The curriculum is extremely rich and inspires pupils to learn”** Ofsted, March 2019

# EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME



## A FULL LIFE

We offer more than 40 different lunchtime and after-school activities. Your son can take part in music, drama, art, photography and sport, whether his ambitions are to perform, compete against other schools, win prizes or just have fun with his friends. He can also work towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, or join overseas adventures, such as our World Challenge expeditions to Africa, Nepal and South America.

The school is set in magnificent grounds, with superb facilities for team sports and athletics, plus a heated swimming pool. Boys have opportunities to represent the school in Rugby, Football, Cricket and Hockey. We also offer a range of individual sports such as Rock-climbing, Judo and Golf.

**“The school is exceptionally well resourced and offers extensive extra-curricular activities”**

Ofsted, March 2019



# BOARDING



## A SAFE, SECURE, SUPPORTIVE PLACE TO LIVE AND STUDY

A quarter of More House pupils are boarders, living in attractive, modern accommodation, under the watchful care of our exceptionally skilled and committed residential staff team.

Boarding is a stimulating and rewarding experience for many boys. As a boarder, your son will be part of a strong community, with fantastic opportunities for social interaction and activities. He'll develop his social confidence, as well as building the skills he'll need for independent living.

Boys can board weekly, returning home at weekends, or full-time. Your son will become a strong part of the community in one of our two boarding houses, where his housemaster or housemistress will maintain a close, personal watch on his academic and personal development.

We believe strongly in creating a stable and caring, family-style atmosphere for our boarders. Although we're very much in loco parentis, maintaining close contact with home is extremely important, and boys welcome opportunities to travel home or host family visits in school at any time.

**“Boys receive excellent support from boarding staff and make remarkable progress in many aspects of their lives”**

Ofsted, March 2019

**“Pupils are looked after exceptionally well”**

Ofsted, March 2019

# SIXTH FORM



**“a highly effective sixth form where students thrive”**

Ofsted, March 2019

## ASPIRATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

In our Sixth Form, your son has a wide choice of subjects at A-Level or BTEC Level 3, offering progression to higher education at university, or more advanced vocational study and training. Our dedicated Sixth Form facilities include bespoke teaching, independent study and communal recreation areas, and afford access to specialist facilities for visual

and performing arts, computing, design, engineering, media, and sport, while through our Renaissance Programme, he'll acquire learning and skills beyond the purely academic. Bespoke specialist support continues the development of individual students' social and academic skills, preparing them for an independent future.

# FACILITIES



## A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER

Set in nearly 30 acres of stunning Surrey countryside, More House is blessed with a fantastic teaching and learning environment. As you'd expect, we have spacious, well-equipped classrooms, Science laboratories, a state-of-the-art library, refectory and sports-hall, as well as a dedicated Sixth Form Centre, and our own private chapel. We also have specialist facilities including our Engineering School, Computer Aided Design studio and Media Studies department, together with the Simkins Performing Arts Centre and Bradbury Music School.

Many boys come to us feeling they have already failed in previous schools. That makes their achievements here all the more impressive. Our academic results are far above the national averages at GCSE and A-Level, despite every boy experiencing difficulties with his learning.

A high proportion go on to further and higher education, including at Britain's top universities, and enjoy great success in their subsequent careers. We celebrate our boys' achievements at our Founder's Day celebration, which is a high point of the year for pupils and their families, teachers, and special guests.



**“Top-quality facilities, a wide-range of musical instrument tuition and opportunity for public performance, including in other countries, add to a first-rate pupil experience”**

Ofsted, March 2019

# OUTCOMES



## EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE REMARKABLE RESULTS

More House empowers boys to transform their lives, leaving with the confidence, self-belief and sense of their own worth that will stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives, whatever they decide to do.

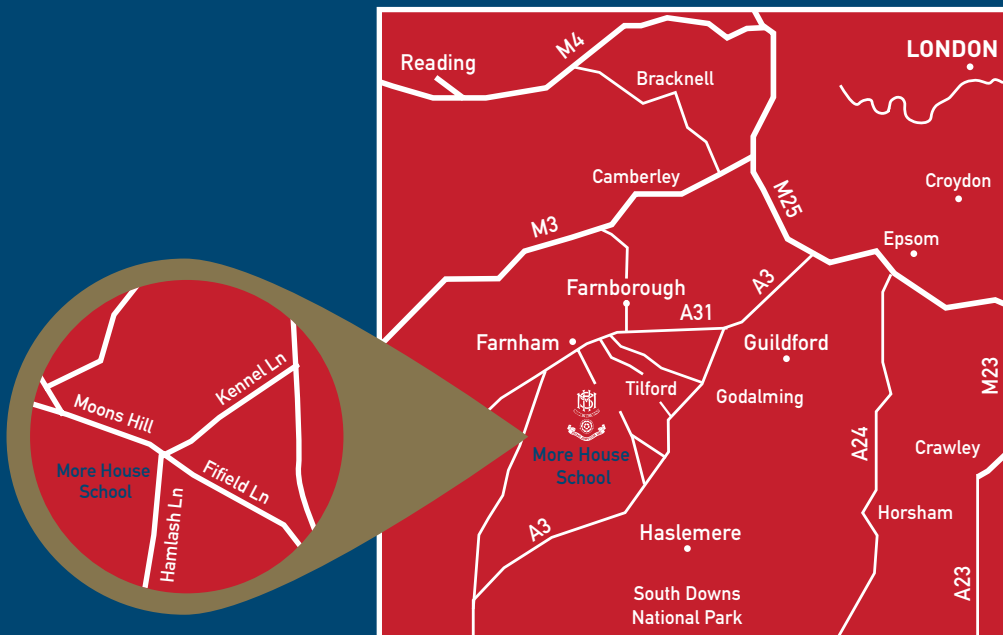
### **Discover More House for yourselves**

Choosing your son's school is a crucial decision. You can find further information about our teaching and learning, specialist support, boarding, extra-curricular activities, admissions and policies at [www.morehouseschool.co.uk](http://www.morehouseschool.co.uk).

If you'd like to talk to us, or arrange a visit, please call **01252 792303** or email [admissions@morehouseschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@morehouseschool.co.uk).

**“Students make exceptional progress and are prepared well for their next steps”**

Ofsted, March 2019



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