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About the College

Mander Portman Woodward (MPW) was founded in 1973 and is London's best known independent college. Situated in South Kensington, the college is fully co-educational and accepts about 600 students each year. Students are prepared for GCSE, A level, Medical and Oxbridge Entrance.

We provide two-year, eighteen-month and one-year courses over a broad range of subjects and, with the exception of students aged under 16 at the beginning of the school year, there are no restrictions on subject combinations. For those retaking, we provide short courses starting in January or one-year courses starting in September.

No student is accepted without attending an interview, the initial purpose of which is to provide parents and students with the best educational advice. If we feel that it is appropriate to offer a place at MPW, every effort is made during the interview to identify the right programme and options, often by means of detailed discussion with individual subject tutors or Heads of Department.

Once a student has been accepted at MPW, our aim is to provide the most effective possible preparation for the specific examinations that he or she will be taking. Our method is based on intensive tuition in small groups, close personal monitoring of academic progress and regular exam practice. We insist on strict punctuality in the attendance of lessons and the submission of homework and expect high standards of personal behaviour.

Our reputation is based on having created a college in which students can enjoy working hard. The environment is friendly, the tutors experienced and enthusiastic and the atmosphere positive and conducive to success.

“Relaxed, collegiate atmosphere combined with a strict attitude to attendance and work. Small classes, great flexibility, plenty of communication with parents and a strong emphasis on what it takes to pass exams and get into university.”

The Good Schools Guide



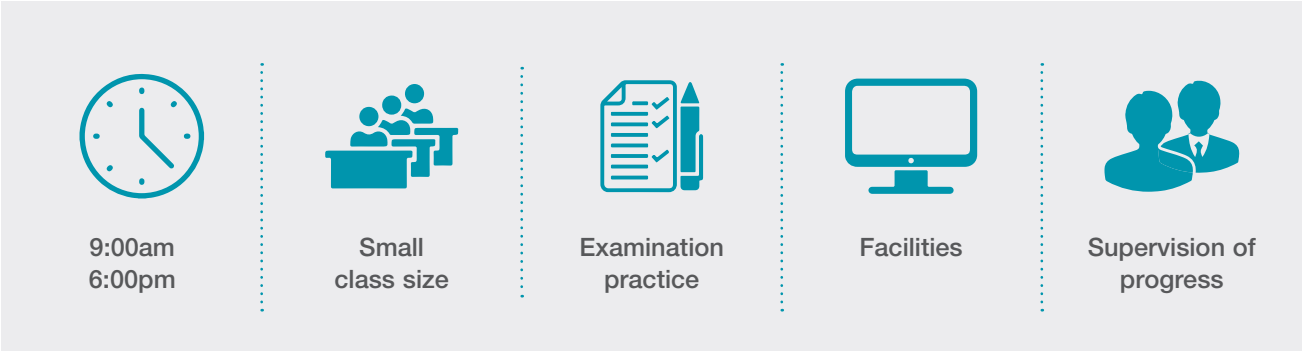
College Inspections

The college is a member of the Independent Schools Council (ISC) and, in common with most leading independent schools, is subject to regular inspections by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI). The full report arising from our most recent inspection is available on our website.



Our Method

We have a staff of highly qualified tutors, the majority of whom have several years' teaching experience at MPW. Many are examiners for the subjects that they teach. There are 14 Heads of Department, each running a department of between three and 10 tutors.



Tuition

Tuition takes place between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on weekdays. One-year A level courses are based on six hours of tuition per subject per week. Two-year courses are based on five hours in Year 12, increasing to six hours in Year 13. On our short A level retake courses, we offer eight hours for full courses in all subjects. Individual subjects at GCSE are offered at three or four hours per subject per week except in the case of the integrated two-year course, where total teaching hours, including enrichment subjects, are not less than 24 per week.

It is a fundamental principle at MPW that all students in a given group are studying for the same examination on the same board on the same date. Of equal importance is our commitment to 10 or fewer students in any one class. With these group sizes it is possible to combine a lively and stimulating classroom atmosphere with the close individual attention that each student requires. Teaching never loses sight of the precise demands of the final examination and particular emphasis is placed on exam technique.

Exam Practice

There are regular tests for each class at all levels, ensuring that revision is a continuous and cumulative process throughout the course. There are also additional exam practice sessions in each subject during the final examination year.

Full mock exams are held in the Spring or Summer terms depending on the course start date. All exam practice sessions, class tests and mocks take place under supervised timed conditions. We attach particular importance to regular testing, which we find plays a major part in building students' confidence and motivation.

Facilities

Study facilities include two main libraries and an internet library. The majority of classrooms are equipped for screen-based learning and all subjects have access to audio-visual facilities and interactive whiteboards.

Specialist facilities include six science laboratories, two ICT laboratories and a computer-based language laboratory. The Visual Arts department has separate studios for Fine Art, Photography, Textiles and Ceramics. The college has a state of the art VLE that enriches the learning experience for students and gives parents continuous feedback on the progress that their children are making.

Student facilities include common rooms, an internet cafeteria and a college restaurant that serves hot and cold food throughout the day.

Supervision of Progress

Each student is assigned to a Director of Studies whose role is to supervise students' academic progress, university applications and general welfare. Directors of Studies have light teaching loads, enabling them to be freely available to students, parents and subject tutors. Regular one-to-one meetings are held to discuss test results, progress in class, homework, UCAS applications and reports.

Parents are encouraged to communicate with Directors of Studies on a regular basis and informal meetings between parents, students and tutors provide a constructive forum for assessing progress. Written reports from the subject tutors and a covering report from the Director of Studies are sent to parents twice in the Autumn and Spring terms and once in the Summer term.

“Support for students is ‘tailored not uniform’. Teachers make the most of the very small class sizes to provide individual feedback.”

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University Guidance

The clear aim of the majority of our students is to proceed to a university degree course after leaving MPW. A key part of the Director of Studies’ role is to provide the help and guidance necessary to make the most appropriate choices of course and institution.

Degree Applications

We have considerable experience of the challenges faced by students who are applying for some of the more competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Law. We liaise with admissions tutors both before and after the publication of examination results and we have developed strong links with many of the university departments attended by MPW students in the past.

We hold a preliminary open meeting for Year 12 students and their parents in the Summer term and for Year 13 and one-year A level students in the Autumn term. For those joining the sixth form or retaking A levels, discussions about university entrance and application

procedures begin in earnest during the initial student interview. Students are encouraged to make full use of the opportunities for interview practice provided at MPW, including the use of video facilities where appropriate.

As part of the application process, our students attend a series of seminars, each targeted at a particular degree course and led by admissions tutors and other professionals in the field. Students who are aiming for Art School follow a portfolio preparation programme.

The college offers specialist preparation for UCAT, LNAT and other university entrance tests.



“An atmosphere characterised by mutual respect, happiness and trust.”

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MPW Guides

Our experience of university admissions has led to the publication of a series of MPW Guides to Higher Education. These guides cover general entrance procedures, admission to Oxford and Cambridge and admission to degree courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Pharmacology, Veterinary Science, Engineering, Physiotherapy, Business and Economics, Psychology, Law and Art School.

MPW Guides, our university seminars and our mock interview service are used not only by our own students but also by pupils from a wide variety of other schools.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Each year MPW awards a number of scholarships and bursaries to help fund the fees of gifted and talented students who are likely to gain particular benefit from our academic provision and from the more general opportunities that the college has to offer. Scholarships are awarded entirely on academic merit, whereas bursaries also take account of financial status and are therefore means-tested in accordance with guidelines issued by the Independent Schools’ Bursars’ Association. For further details about how to apply for an award, parents should contact the Admissions Officer.

Activities Programme

For many of our students, sporting and other extra-curricular activities play a vital role in promoting a balanced lifestyle. The activities that we organise are designed to be constantly adapting to new student input, UCAS-friendly and fun. Their purpose is to stimulate new interests, to prepare students for the role that extra-curricular activities play at university and to be sufficiently flexible not to interfere with academic priorities.

There are many popular sports on offer at MPW including football, golf, tennis, badminton and boot camp. The college also has membership of a local gym which is available for students to use.

There are numerous opportunities for involvement in enrichment activities other than physical recreation, including the student council, a debating society, Model UN, creative writing workshops, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme, and drama and music productions.



A level at MPW

MPW has over 500 students in the sixth form, most of whom are studying over two years. All major departments employ their own course notes and organise seminars and extra surgeries designed to supplement timetabled lessons.

Two-Year A level Courses

These courses are designed for students who are continuing at MPW after GCSE or for students from other schools who are seeking a change of environment after Year 11.

In common with most schools in the independent sector, the majority of students joining us in Year 12 study three subjects at A level and some undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) in Year 13. This programme enables students to follow a broad and balanced academic curriculum combined with the opportunity of developing in-depth study and research skills.

An increasing number of students also join MPW at the end of Year 12 either to complete the studies that they have started at their previous schools or to change direction with a new approach or a new set of subjects.

One-Year A level Courses

These self-contained courses cover the complete specification in one year and are run entirely separately from the second year of our two-year programme. One-year courses are designed for students with previous experience of A level work and include the option of taking up a new subject that may not have been available at school, often allowing students to rethink their UCAS options in a fresh and constructive manner.



“My experience at MPW has been transformative. The work ethic culture helped me do my best from Day One.”

Year 12 Student

Retake A level Courses

At MPW there are two main course duration and start date options for retake students at A level. The choice between these options often depends on previous grades, university aspirations and gap year plans.

Our September to June course suits those students who require thorough revision of all papers, often over more than one subject. Under the current curriculum it is no longer possible merely to retake a subset of the papers that contribute to the overall grade and the full-year course is usually the safest and most effective means of securing a significant improvement.

The other main option is the January to June short retake course which may suit those who have narrowly missed their target grade, who perhaps have gap-year activities such as work experience or travel plans during the Autumn term and whose new UCAS application does not need to reference the academic progress made during a retake course. It is essential to discuss the various short retake options carefully at interview.

Oxbridge Entrance

Each year we prepare about 30 students for application to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, either pre- or post-A level.

Suitable applicants are identified in the Summer term of Year 12. For each applicant we produce a detailed report outlining the reading and other tasks that need to be undertaken over the Summer break. In the Autumn term additional tuition for the Oxbridge entrance tests is provided by relevant subject specialists.

Interview practice is an integral part of our programme and final mock interviews are conducted by visiting experts, including past and present admissions tutors.



“A school culture that respects individuality and celebrates differences.”

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GCSE at MPW

GCSE students at MPW may, depending upon their age and circumstances, choose two-year courses, one-year courses or a combination of the two.

Two-Year GCSE Courses

In the first year (Year 10) students explore a broad range of subjects across the National Curriculum and continue to examination in the second year (Year 11) in Mathematics, English Language and Literature, one science, a modern language and one humanities subject. Their remaining examinable subjects are chosen from a wide selection which includes a choice of seven modern foreign languages and all the sciences as separate subjects.

One-Year GCSE Courses

Many students transfer to MPW having finished Year 10 at a previous school. There are also a number of retake students who need to resit over the full year either because of their previous grades or because of the lack of availability of Winter exams in certain subjects.

Our one-year courses are entirely self-contained and there is therefore no need for students to be concerned about any board or specification changes. There is no fixed limit to the number of subjects but in our experience the intensive nature of one-year courses means that few students are advised to attempt more than eight subjects simultaneously at this pace.

Short Retake GCSE Courses

We offer short retake courses in English Language and Mathematics for examination in October and January respectively. A much fuller range of subjects is available from January to June or, of course, from September to June.

It is possible for older students to retake one or two GCSE subjects during the first year of their two-year A level courses.

Monitoring and Supervision

At GCSE the relationship between students and the Director of Studies is a particularly important one. Students need access to a teacher with a detailed overview of their strengths and weaknesses and the demands placed upon them by their various subjects. Progress meetings take place fortnightly and the Director of Studies is the chief point of contact for parents. They are always available to discuss any concerns.

The main timetable for full-time GCSE students runs from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. There are supervised homework sessions in the library both in timetabled breaks and, where appropriate, after school. Students are strongly encouraged to complete as much homework as possible during these sessions and have access to the library computers to help them to do so. The librarian checks the attendance of students and ensures that this study time is used as effectively as possible.

Wider Studies and Activities

Students who are under 16 at the beginning of the school year follow a general programme that covers study skills, revision techniques and PSHE.

There is one compulsory sports session per week for under 16s. Sports activities available for GCSE students include badminton, basketball, dance, football, golf and tennis.

MPW Prize Winners

*MPW awards a number of prizes in recognition of academic achievement.
The prize winners for our 2025 leavers were as follows:*

ALEXANDER GOLDMAN won The MPW Outstanding Achievement Prize. Alexander joined MPW from Wellington College for our two-year A level course in Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Further Mathematics. He achieved grades A*A*A*A and won a place to read Computing at Imperial College London.

ELOISE TURNER won The Principal's Award for overall contribution to college life. Eloise joined MPW from Cheltenham Ladies' College for our two-year A level course in Biology, Business and Geography. She achieved grades A*A*A* and won a place to read International Management at the University of Manchester.

CHRISTINA UVA won The MPW Prize for best performance by a two-year A level student. Christina joined MPW from Francis Holland School for our two-year A level course in Biology, Photography and Psychology. She achieved grades A*A*A* and won a place to read Psychology at King's College London.

LIEL HOCHBERG and **ISABEL MEDINA** shared The Winifred Durnford Prize for best performance in A level Social Science subjects. Liel joined MPW from More House School for our two-year A level course in Law, Sociology, and Business. She achieved grades A*A*A and won a place to read International Management at the University of Liverpool. Isabel joined MPW from Putney High School for our two-year A level course in Mathematics, Business and Economics. She achieved grades A*AA and won a place to read Economics at King's College London.

SERAPHINA WESTERN and **JENNA-LILY MORGAN MILLER** shared The Huw Thomas Prize for the best performance in A level Humanities subjects. Seraphina joined MPW from Sevenoaks School for our two-year A level course in Economics, English Literature and History. She achieved grades A*A*A and is taking a gap year. Jenna-Lily joined MPW from Bromley High School for our two-year A level course in Law, History and Psychology. She achieved grades A*AA and won a place to read Criminology at the University of Bristol.

HAZEL LAI won The Martin Dyson Prize for the best performance in A level Science subjects. Hazel joined MPW from Queen Anne's School for our two-year A level course in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. She achieved grades A*A A and won a place to read Pharmacology at University College London.

EMILIE TORFS won The John McSkimming Medical Sciences Prize. Emilie joined MPW from Belgium for our two-year A level course in Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, and Sociology. She achieved grades AAAB and won a place to read Dentistry at the University of Amsterdam.

ILIA MOUZAKI and **HANNAH ZHENG** shared The Denise Callaghan Prize for the best performance in A level Arts subjects. Ilia joined MPW from St Catherine's British School for our one-year A level course in Art & Design, Photography and Modern Greek. She achieved grades A*A*A and won a place to study Architectural and Interdisciplinary Studies at University College London. Hannah joined MPW from China for our two-year A level course in Art & Design, Textiles and Chinese. She achieved grades A*A*A and won a place to study Fashion Textiles and Embroidery at the London College of Fashion, UAL.

BELLA PLATTS-MARTIN and **VENUS RAMAN** shared The MPW Prize for the best performance by a one-year A level student. Bella joined MPW from Notting Hill and Ealing High School for our one-year A level course in Geography, Psychology and Sociology. She achieved grades A*A*A and has won a place to read Liberal Arts at the University of Exeter. Venus joined MPW from Notting Hill and Ealing High School for our one-year A level course in Art and Design and Mathematics. She achieved grades A*A* and won a place to read Land Economy at the University of Cambridge.

ABIGAIL NUTLAND won The Martin Lailey Geography Prize for the best performance in A level Geography. Abigail joined MPW from Box Hill School for our two-year A level course in Geography, Economics and English Literature. She achieved grades A*AB alongside an A for her EPQ on: How the Chinese trade with the West influenced past and current societies and economies and contributed to the opium wars. Abigail won a place to read Geography at University College London.

IBRAHEEM AL-SARAF and **EVAN KESKINEL** shared The MPW Prize for Mathematics. Ibraheem joined MPW from Kingston Grammar School for our two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. He achieved grades A*A*AB and won a place to read Mathematics at the University of Bristol. Evan joined MPW from Albemarle Independent College for our two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science. He achieved grades A*A*AA and has won a place to read Mathematics at King's College London.

CAROLINA EICHACKER won The Sylvia Trott Prize for Languages. Carolina joined MPW from Ibstock Place School for our two-year A level course in French, Mathematics and Physics. She achieved grades AAA and won a place to read French and German at the University of Edinburgh.

ORSON SAVAGE won The MPW Prize for English Literature. Orson joined MPW from The King Edward's School, Bath for our one-year A level course in English Literature, Mathematics and Spanish. He achieved grades A*AA and won a place to read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Durham University.



LUCAS KANE won The MPW Prize for best performance by an A level retake student. Lucas joined MPW from Albemarle Independent College where he had achieved grades DE in A level Business and Economics. He retook both subjects as well as A level Mathematics from scratch over one year, achieving grades ABB. Lucas won a place to read Economics with Innovation at the University of Bristol.

JAMES DODD won The MPW Prize for best performance by a lower-sixth student. James joined MPW from Bandon Grammar School for our two-year A level course in Mathematics, Physics and Politics and has achieved top grades in his end-of-year exams.

MINSEO KIM and **ZIYU LIU** shared The Laura Freeman Prize for the best performance at GCSE. Minseo joined MPW from Australia and took nine GCSE subjects over one year. She achieved grades 9,9,9,9,9,8,8,8. She has now progressed into the sixth form at MPW to study A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Ziyu joined MPW from Gordonstoun School and took nine GCSE subjects over one year. She achieved grades 9,9,9,9,9,9,8,8. Ziyu has now progressed into the sixth form at MPW to study A level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

ALYA MUSALLAM won The MPW Prize for best performance by a NCUK student. Alya joined MPW from Cheltenham Ladies' College for our one-year NCUK course in English, Mathematics (Engineering), Physics and Business Studies. She achieved grades A*A*AB and won a place to read Engineering at King's College London.

MARVA GOJAYEVA won The MPW Prize for best performance by a University Foundation Programme student. Marva joined MPW from Azerbaijan for our UFP course She achieved a Distinction and won a place to read International Relations at Queen Mary University London.

YELYZAVETA VINOHRADOVA won The MPW Prize for best performance by a UAL Foundation student. Yelyzaveta joined MPW from Ukraine for our one-year UAL Foundation Programme. She achieved a Distinction and won a place to read Fashion Design at ESMOD Paris.

CAMERON FREESTONE won The MPW Endeavour prize. He joined MPW from Bahrain for our two-year A level course in Business Studies, Geography and Ceramics. He achieved grades AAB and won a place to read Product and Industrial Design at the University of the Arts London.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENDATIONS
CHARLES VIZZONE joined MPW from Uppingham School for our one-year A level course year in Politics, History and Economics. He achieved grades A*AA and won a place to read International Relations at Middlebury College, USA.

NESSA HU joined MPW from Culford School for our two-year A level course in Textiles, Chinese and Art & Design. She achieved grades A*AA and won a place at the Pratt Institute, New York, to study Art.

LARA CREWDSON joined MPW from Downe House School for our two-year A level course in Textiles, Psychology, English Literature and an EPQ which explored the extent to which music affects the brain. She achieved grades A*AAA and won a place to read Psychology at the University of Bristol.

TARA SCULLY joined MPW from Truro School for our one-year A level course in Geography. She achieved grade A* and won a place to read Law at the University of Oxford.

RAFFERTY LEE joined MPW from Ibstock Place School for our one-year A level course in Economics, Mathematics and Physics. He achieved grades A*AB and won a place to read Economics and Finance at the University of Bristol.

LEA WONG joined MPW from Godolphin & Latymer and has achieved GCSE grades A*,9,9,9,9,8,8,8,8. She has now progressed to the sixth form at MPW to study A levels in Economics, Mathematics and History.



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Subjects Taught at MPW

Subjects	A level	GCSE
Ancient History	●	
Art	●	●
Biology	●	●
Business Studies	●	●
Ceramics	●	●
Chemistry	●	●
Classical Civilisation	●	●
Computer Science	●	●
Drama		●
Economics	●	●
English Language	●	●
English Language & Literature	●	
English Literature	●	●
Film Studies	●	
French	●	●
Further Mathematics	●	
Geography	●	●
German	●	●



Subjects	A level	GCSE
Graphic Communication	●	
Greek	●	●
History	●	●
History of Art	●	
Information Technology	●	
Italian	●	●
Latin	●	●
Law	●	
Mandarin	●	●
Mathematics	●	●
Media Studies	●	
Modern Greek	●	●
Music	●	●
Philosophy	●	
Photography	●	●
Physics	●	●
Politics	●	
Psychology	●	
Religious Studies	●	●
Russian	●	●
Sociology	●	●
Spanish	●	●
Statistics	●	
Textiles	●	●
Theatre Studies	●	

Other subjects may be available from time to time.



“Calm, focused and purposeful...a cohesive, happy and accepting school.”

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Boarding

Boarding at MPW offers our students a unique opportunity to pursue a personalised academic programme, whilst enjoying the parks, galleries, shops, theatres and other cultural features that only London can provide. We aim to help boarders acquire personal independence and life skills which are excellent preparation for university and beyond.

Students join a small and caring boarding house of 72 students, designed to give them a sense of community, security and well-being. The boarding house is co-educational and accommodates students from a wide range of countries. The experience of living and working together in an international community fosters respect for different cultures and students join a friendly and inclusive extended family where they have positive life-changing experiences and form life-long friendships.

Boarders enjoy high-quality, fully furnished individual rooms, all of which have en-suite bathrooms and Wi-Fi access. Students are encouraged to personalise their rooms upon arrival with posters, photos and other memorabilia to make it feel like home. The boarding house includes laundry facilities, a stunning outdoor terrace, indoor recreational space and facilities for art and music. At MPW, boarding goes beyond simply

providing a place to live, it offers a structured, caring environment where students grow into confident, independent young adults. Through shared routines, boarders develop resilience, maturity and respect. Strong pastoral support and a focus on personal responsibility help students build self-discipline and the skills to succeed.

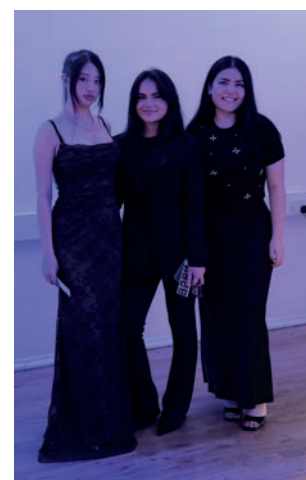
“The boarding accommodation provides a welcoming and comfortable environment, which contributes positively to boarders’ wellbeing.”

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Living in the heart of London means boarders have access to a diverse range of co-curricular activities. The Natural History Museum, the Science Museum, and the Victoria and Albert Museum are all within close proximity to the boarding house. In addition to exploring the many cultural sights of the city, boarders take part in a wide variety of activities such as go karting, trampolining, pottery painting, puppy visits and more. Our events at the end of each term, the Christmas Formal, Oscar's Ceremony and Summer Celebration, are an opportunity for boarders to come together to celebrate achievements, a key part of boarding life. The combination of engaging activities and a warm, welcoming environment ensures every boarder feels part of a supportive and inclusive community from the moment they arrive.



All boarders have the opportunity to be involved in offering their views via the Student Council and the Boarding Committee. This means students have a meaningful voice in how boarding operates at MPW. Open dialogue and the strong pastoral care system at MPW mean that each boarder is known and valued.



“The last few months have been an incredible journey, both academically and personally. The switch from living with my family to boarding life was a big change but I am grateful for the warm welcome and support I received from the staff and all of the students here. What I’ve enjoyed most is the sense of community within boarding. London as a city is an exciting place to explore during weekends and the boarding activities enhanced the experience. It felt like a family. Thank you for making my time at MPW so special.”

Year 12 Student

Staff at MPW

Principal

SALLY POWELL read English, Drama and Theatre Studies at Royal Holloway University of London. Having taken a PGCE at University College, Oxford, she then completed an MPhil and DPhil in Victorian Literature at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. Prior to joining MPW she was the Principal of Collingham College and is a former Chair of the Council for Independent Further Education (CIFE).

Vice Principals

SEÁN BUCKLEY read English at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and subsequently completed his PhD in 19th Century Irish Literature at Birkbeck College, London. Before joining MPW he was Principal of LSI Independent College and Regent College, London.

SIMON HORNER read Biology at the University of North London. He subsequently held a number of senior science teaching and lecturing positions in schools and universities and became Head of Faculty for Sciences and Mathematics at MPW in 2010. He co-ordinates the college’s preparation programme for prospective medical, dental and veterinary students.

RACHEL SHERMAN read Geography at the University College London and obtained her PGCE at the Institute of Education, where she also completed an MA in Geography. She is an Advanced Skills Teacher and before joining MPW held a number of school leadership positions, including the Vice Principalship of David Game College.

Heads of Faculty

MATTHEW CARMODY read Philosophy at Queens’ College, Cambridge and has an MPhil and a PhD in Philosophy of Language from King’s College London. He became Head of Faculty for Social Sciences at MPW in 2018. He is MPW’s co-ordinator for Oxbridge and the author of *Getting into Oxford and Cambridge*.

DUNCAN CHAMBERLAIN read Geography and Political Science at the University of Birmingham. He has run his own business, served as a school governor and, prior to joining MPW, was Head of Sixth form at Trent College, Birmingham. He is Head of Faculty for Humanities and the Head of Professional Development.

Directors of Studies

CHARLOTTE BLACKMAN read Business Studies with Marketing at Bournemouth University and has an MA in Psychology from The Open University. Before joining MPW, Charlotte worked as a disability support worker for Dimensions UK, where she gained valuable experience supporting young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

SOPHIA BONGIOVANNI read Classics at Birkbeck, University of London and completed her Masters degree at University College London. Prior to joining MPW she worked for UCL as a post-graduate teaching assistant for Advanced Latin and Greek.

PHILIP CARR read English Literature at Queens’ College, Cambridge and has an MA in Victorian Studies from the University of Leicester. He has held the position of Head of English at a number of other schools, most recently at Ealing Independent College.

KEVIN CESAR read Mathematics at City, University of London and subsequently gained an MSc in Mathematics at King’s College London. Before joining MPW, Kevin served as a student representative on the Board at King’s College and volunteered as a minister.

FREDDIE COLLINGS read Philosophy at Oxford Brookes University and subsequently gained an MA in Philosophy from King’s College London. Before joining MPW, Freddie gained experience tutoring and mentoring young people during their summer school experiences.

KELVIN CHUAH read Fine Art at RMIT University before completing an MA (Visual Art) at University of Malaya, a Master’s in Critical Writing in Art & Design at the Royal College of Art, and a PhD in Exhibition Studies at University College London. Prior to joining MPW, Kelvin worked at University College London as a senior postgraduate teaching assistant and at KBU International College as a lecturer.

NAEEM GOFUR read Physics at University College London. Prior to joining MPW in 2024 he was a physics lecturer at Uxbridge College.

SUSANNAH GORDON read English Literature at the University of Sussex, where she also completed a Masters degree. Prior to joining MPW she worked as a tennis coach before becoming a research assistant for a financial services company.

ETTIE NEIL GALLAGHER read Philosophy and Theology at the University of Oxford before completing an LLB at the Inns of Court School of Law. She also has PGCE and CELTA qualifications from South Thames College.

SABINA JARDIM read History of Art at The Courtauld Institute of Art before going on to complete a PGCE in Secondary Art & Design, and an MEd in Researching Educational Practice at the University of Cambridge. Prior to joining MPW, Sabina was Head of Art at Kensington Park School and St Paul’s Girls’ School international (Chengdu) before becoming a boarding tutor at New Hall School.

HANNAH PETERS read Psychology at the University of Southampton. Prior to joining MPW, she developed specialist knowledge in neurodiversity and a strong interest in student support.

FREYA PINKERTON read Geography at University of Edinburgh and went on to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Law (PGDL) at BPP University. Before joining MPW, she worked extensively with the National Children’s Choir, supporting young people in both academic and pastoral contexts.

EGLE PLIOPLYTE read Linguistics and English Teaching at the University of Greenwich and subsequently gained an MA in Applied Linguistics from King’s College London. Prior to joining MPW she taught English at a number of schools and colleges.

JONATHAN PRATT read Combined Studies at Coventry University. Prior to joining MPW he taught English at Abbey College and DLD.

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MPW London – 2026/2027 Term Dates

Terms and Half Terms

Autumn Term	Tuesday 8 September* – Friday 11 December 2026 (Half term: 26 October – 30 October 2026)
Spring Term	Monday 4 January – Thursday 25 March 2027 (Half term: 15 February – 19 February 2027)
Summer Term	Monday 19 April – Friday 11 June 2027 ^o (Half term: Bank Holidays 3 May and 31 May 2027)
January-June Retake Courses	Monday 4 January – Thursday 25 March 2027 Monday 19 April – Friday 11 June 2027 ^o

Boarding

Arrivals Weekend: Saturday 5 (9am - 10pm) and Sunday 6 September (9am - 10pm) Closes Saturday 12 December at 11am
Arrivals Weekend: Saturday 2 January and Sunday 3 January (9am - 10pm) Closes Saturday 19 June at 11am

Easter Revision Courses 2027

Week 1	Monday 29 March – Friday 2 April
Week 2	Monday 5 April – Friday 9 April
Week 3	Monday 12 April – Friday 16 April (Easter Monday is 29 March 2027)

^{*}Student Induction – Monday 7 September.
^oWhere examinations fall after this date we continue, when appropriate, to teach students up to their last examination paper.

2026/2027 Fees

All listed tuition fees are exclusive of VAT at the standard rate of 20% which will be applied, where applicable, in accordance with government legislation.

A level Courses

Two-year courses	
First year of two-year courses	per term £12,325
Second year of two-year courses	per term £12,325
One-year courses	
For one subject	per term £5,438
For two subjects	per term £10,889
For three subjects	per term £13,250
January-June retake courses	per subject £9,297

GCSE Courses

Integrated two-year course	
Core curriculum	per term £12,325
One-year courses	
For up to four GCSE subjects	per subject per term £2,615
For five GCSE subjects	per term £12,283
For six or more GCSE subjects	per term £13,250
Short retake courses	
September-January	per subject £5,272
January-June	per subject £5,272

Other Fees *These fees include or are exempt from VAT.*

Individual tuition	per hour £96
English as an Additional Language (EAL)	per term £2,000
Registration fee	£400

There are no other fees except for the exam entry fees and, where appropriate, field trips.

Tailored, *not uniform*

**Our mission is to work with students to transform
academic aspirations into reality.**

Aims

Encourage students to have high academic aspirations

Work in partnership with parents to encourage a strong work ethic and the confidence and self-belief to achieve those aspirations

Provide a broad and flexible curriculum that allows bespoke programmes of study which reflect individual needs and allow students to cultivate their specific academic interests and aptitudes

Assist students in achieving high academic success through a combination of small class sizes, high quality teaching and a clear focus on learning outcomes

Provide an excellent system of pastoral support that is geared towards individual needs and recognises the personal and emotional challenges faced by 14 to 19 year olds

Enable students to make informed choices about educational progression in such a way as to maximise their chances of securing places on competitive and prestigious courses

Provide a friendly and informal environment in which students are encouraged to develop personal discipline and values, lead fulfilled lives and make a positive contribution to society

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