



Clifton Lodge

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New Developments at Clifton Lodge School

In response to the growing trend in our local area for 11+ entry to senior school, Clifton Lodge will become a Nursery-Year 6 school. At the same time, we have agreed a programme of significant investment to enhance the curriculum, IT and facilities in place at Clifton Lodge School. We are confident that these developments will provide the best means of meeting the needs of our pupils and parents, providing a fully rounded education.

Why is Clifton Lodge becoming an 11+ school?

Over recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of pupils securing acceptances and scholarships for 11+ entry in Year 7 to top-tier senior schools, including the following:

Merchant Taylors	St. Paul's
City of London	Westminster
Notting Hill and Ealing High School	Hampton
John Lyon	Radnor House
Herschel Grammar	Godolphin and Latymer
St James	Upton Grammar
St Helens	Whitgift
St Benedict's	St Augustine's Priory
Royal Masonic Girls School	Northwood College
Swakeley's Girls	Tiffin Grammar

By providing a sole exit point at 11+, we can better focus our resources and support for pupils in securing entry to the senior school that is right for them, rather than splitting efforts between two exit points.

How did the decision process take place?

This decision was not taken lightly; there were many different elements to consider;

- Senior school provision in our area is changing, with a much greater focus on 11+.
- A number of senior schools no longer offer a 13+ entry point.
- More of our parents are choosing to move their children to secondary school at 11+.

What does the change mean for pupils in Year 6, 7 and 8?

Our current Year 6, 7 and 8 pupils will not be affected. These year groups will continue through to the end of Year 8 as expected, fully supported in securing 13+ entry to their senior school of choice.

What does the change mean for pupils in Year 5?

Pupils in Year 5 will leave in July 2019, when they reach the end of Year 6. Mr. Steadman is available to discuss senior school choices if parents require support.

What is the timing for the change to 11+?

The current plan is for there to be no Year 7 in September 2019, with Year 8 to be phased out by September 2020.

Does this mean you will be academically selective at entry into Nursery or Reception?

No. We will remain non-selective into both Nursery and Reception. Entry into Key Stages 1 and 2 will continue to be made through a taster day and include Clifton Lodge's own internal assessments. These are used to inform us and parents of the children's progress. This will also help when we discuss with parents senior school options for their child.

Will the move to 11+ affect the site and facilities?

This is an exciting development in the history of Clifton Lodge. We see it as an opportunity to provide more focused provision and are planning significant enhancements to our facilities in support of this aim. The work will be carried out in two phases as we prepare for the move to 11+:

Phase 1 will be completed in August 2018 and comprises of the following;

- The block which houses Nursery, Reception and Y1 will be extended and enhanced.
- Revamp of the playground.
- Redesign the school office and reception area.

Phase 2 will be completed in August 2020, and includes the following;

- The ground floor will consist of Key Stage 1 classrooms and the school office.
- Key Stage 2 classrooms will be on the first floor.
- The top floor will have specialist rooms for Science, Art, SEND, EAL and a library/music room.

Future Schools

What senior school options will there be at the end of Year 6?

The move to 11+ will offer pupils a wide choice of possible senior schools. For most girls' schools, the only entry point is 11+.

Will you prepare pupils for entry into state schools at 11+?

Yes. We will continue to prepare pupils for grammar schools such as Tiffin and the Slough Consortium. Parents may also apply to non-selective state senior schools through the normal admissions process via their local authority.

Who should I speak to for more information?

Please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mr Steadman should you have any queries.