



Clifton Lodge

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 current pupils in Year 6?

Our current Year 6 pupils will be prepared for 11+ entrance examinations and will leave Clifton Lodge at the end of this academic year, in July 2020.

What is the timing for the change to 11+?

There will be no Year 7 or 8 in September 2020 when the school will become an 11+ prep school (Nursery to Year 6) with one exit point at the end of Year 6.

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.

In August 2020 changes will include the following;

- The block which currently houses Nursery, Reception and Y1 will change to Nursery and Reception only with additional Early Years toilets and enhanced facilities.
- 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, Executive Head or Mrs Friel, Head of School, should you have any queries.