

# Hallfield Prep

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# A Very Warm Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Hallfield School. I am very fortunate to be the Head Master of this remarkable school. This booklet serves as only the briefest of introductions to Hallfield, providing a glimpse of the opportunities and excitement that lie ahead for your child.

Our traditions lay in our over 140-year history as the leading prep school in Birmingham, but our continued success is in our ability to adapt and evolve to the ever-changing world we live in. Our aim is simple: to equip our pupils with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to thrive as global citizens in a rapidly changing world.

At Hallfield we strike the perfect balance of focusing on both academia and the well-being of your child, ensuring their personal development is at the heart of everything we do. We offer a pathway to 11+ that supports pupils in going on to attend local independent and state grammar schools. Others continue their journey with Hallfield Seniors where they can expect a unique and tailor-made start to their senior education, preparing them for some of the most distinguished local and national independent schools.

We are the only prep school in Birmingham to cater for children aged 3 months to 13 years. Nestled in a 22-acre oasis with extensive grounds and first-class facilities, we are just over a mile from Birmingham city centre.

Our diverse community is founded on our Christian principles. Tolerance, respect, humility and generosity of spirit are interwoven into the curriculum and every aspect of our school.

Our children are bright, engaged and proud to be Hallfieldians. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit and feel the "buzz of Hallfield" for yourself.

Mr K B Morrow



Head Master



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Video: Meet Mr Morrow



# An Introduction to Hallfield Prep

At the age of 7, children join Hallfield Prep where the school is made up of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Prep is an exciting time to join the school as the learning opportunities expand with the introduction of new subjects such as Design Technology and Spanish, and an increased range of extracurricular opportunities like Food Technology, Squash and Mindfulness.

Prep is a crucial stage in your child's development and we support them every step of the way. The move from Pre-Prep to Prep should be seamless: ensuring any changes which reflect the growing maturity of the children are done gradually and sensitively.

The Hallfield Prep day starts at 8:30 and commences with an assembly before lessons begin at 9:05. The school day is longer than for Pre-Prep, with lessons finishing at 16:00. An optional, after school, supervised homework session is available until 17:00 and is included within the fees.

Everyday children enjoy a healthy, mid-morning snack at break time, followed by a hot lunch in the Bistro situated at the heart of campus.

## HOURS AT A GLANCE

Core hours: **8:30 – 16:00**

Wraparound care: **7:30 – 18:00**

**7:45 – 17:00** included within the fees

Optional supervised homework session: **16:15 – 17:00**

Most after school clubs: **16:00 – 17:00**



Scan for even more information on Prep

# Intro



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exciting time to  
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Education

**Children  
are taught  
by specialist  
teachers**



# The Prep Curriculum

Our rich and varied curriculum promotes a love of learning whilst remaining challenging. When joining Hallfield Prep every child, from Year 3, is allocated an iPad and keyboard to support their learning. In Year 3 & 4 children are taught Maths, English, Humanities and PSHE by their form tutor alongside specialist teachers for other subjects. From Year 5, children are taught by specialist teachers for every subject to deepen their knowledge and reflect a senior school model where pupils are responsible for following a timetable and moving around the school.

From Year 3 all pupils have Hallfield Enrichment for 90 minutes per week. Here they undertake learning in a diverse and stimulating range of areas outside of the National Curriculum to broaden and enrich their learning.

We provide opportunities to extend our pupils' learning, particularly where they show a developing strength. Opportunities to participate in quizzes and national competitions are regularly taken, and our exceptional STEM curriculum has our pupils engaging in ways usually not seen until senior school. In addition, regular trips out of school and workshops from visiting specialists are an essential way in which we broaden the children's learning further. We run a well-established series of residential trips which begin in Year 3 and



mirror the children's growing independence, offering outstanding opportunities to build their self-confidence, teamwork skills, resilience, and – in Year 6 and Seniors – their cultural appreciation.

In music, children can take part in one of the many ensembles, choirs, bands and orchestras we have at Hallfield. Our annual theatre productions, under the direction of our Head of Drama, provide further confidence-building performance opportunities.

Our excellent facilities and extensive grounds support the education on offer at Hallfield. By the time children leave Hallfield, Prep pupils are ready for life at senior school both academically and socially, whether they leave at 11+, or continue to Hallfield Seniors and leave at 13+.

# Year 3 & 4

Children have approximately 25 lessons per week. Hallfield Enrichment is 90 minutes per week and continues through to Year 8.

At Year 3 Spanish is added to the MFL curriculum. For half a year, pupils are taught French and the other half Spanish to ensure they retain what they are learning through large blocks of continuity. This pattern continues through to Year 8.

Sport is an important part of Hallfield life with fixtures introduced at Year 3. All pupils are encouraged to be part of a sports team.

Hallfield sponsors each pupil for the last term of Year 2 and the first two terms of Year 3 to have music lessons free of charge with a specialist teacher for an orchestral instrument.



## Subjects

Art  
Computing  
Design Technology  
Drama  
English  
French  
Games  
Humanities  
Library  
Maths  
Music  
PE  
PSHE  
RE  
Spanish  
STEM

Enrichment activities vary each year, but might include some of those listed in the table below.

## Enrichment

Forest School  
First Aid  
Food Technology  
Mindfulness  
Music Technology  
Photography  
Research Skills  
School Radio & Podcasting  
Squash at The Priory Club  
Stop Motion  
Study Skills (NVR & VR)  
Touch Typing

Almost **50%**

of the cohort was offered one or more scholarships in academia, music, sport, art and drama



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A strong focus on leadership, team-building and growing pupils' confidence

# Year 5 & 6

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In Year 5 and 6, the timetable structure remains the same.

In Year 5, Hallfield Enrichment focuses on preparation for entrance assessments which includes non-verbal and verbal reasoning and maths exam practice. We recognise that preparation at this important time must be holistic and specifically timetable mental wellbeing and self-care teaching for Year 5. We also ensure that their week-long residential to the beautiful Lake District in the Summer Term has a strong focus on leadership, team-building and growing pupils' confidence ahead of Year 6. In Year 6, Hallfield Enrichment focuses on six core modules: First Aid, Squash, Food Technology, Swimming, School Radio & Podcasting and Presentation Skills. Then pupils have optional modules which include: Food Technology, Latin, Politics, School Radio & Podcasting, Photography, Music Technology, Squash, Journalism and Team Building.



Year 6 pupils have the opportunity to go on two exciting residential trips: a cultural enrichment trip to London and a French trip to practise their language skills and experience the culture.

Along with Hallfield Seniors, Year 6 children are invited to a programme of career talks where they get to hear from professionals at the top of their field in a variety of sectors including law, medicine, finance, the arts and media.

Philosophy, Futures and Ethics is taught in Year 6 and promotes higher order thinking skills, and how to apply that to opportunities and challenges in the future.

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Design Technology
Drama
English
French
Games
Geography
History
Library
Maths
Music
PE
Philosophy, Futures & Ethics
PHSE
RE
Spanish
STEM

Hallfield Enrichment Core Modules
Food Technology
First Aid
Presentation Skills
School Radio & Podcasting
Squash
Swimming

Hallfield Enrichment Optional Modules
Food Technology
Journalism
Latin
Music Technology
Photography
School Radio & Podcasting
Squash
Team Building

# Putting Your Child's Needs First

We believe Hallfield Prep strikes the perfect balance between academia, an excellent all-round education and pastoral care, developing well-rounded individuals who thrive both at Hallfield and beyond.

## Pastoral first

Our pastoral provision begins with the form tutor and extends to include a qualified medical officer and wellbeing mentor to support our pupils. Led by the Deputy Head: Head of Prep, the whole team is dedicated to the process of nurturing the emotional development of each child, whose wellbeing is foremost.



## Community at the heart

Community and togetherness is celebrated and promoted at every opportunity and is elevated with our House system. From Reception, each pupil becomes a member of a House – Nowers, Pughe, Ridgway and Stork – and this membership is linked to our merit

system to promote teamwork and community through academic and creative tasks, sporting events and competitions. Houses are made up of children across all the year groups and encourages them to establish relationships beyond their immediate peers.

Leadership opportunities such as Head Boy and Head Girl and various House Captains are introduced, as well as a variety of committees and councils. These initiatives encourage the pupils' sense of responsibility and prepare them for life beyond Hallfield. Freedoms, such as use of the library and a wider choice of grounds and facilities such as table tennis at break times are given to Prep pupils.

In 2016, we introduced a Children's Charter, which expresses, through the pupils' own ideas, what it means to be a good, proud and participating member of our learning community, from Foundation through to Year 8. The Charter promotes each child's voice in how we are as a school and is promoted regularly with the pupils to ensure the principles of being good friends, good citizens, good learners and good individuals still hold true. Children have the chance to recognise each other's positive behaviour and actions in light of the Charter by using nominations for Children's Charter certificates.





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and beyond**

# Beyond the Classroom

At Hallfield we provide exceptional wraparound care and holiday provision to let the learning and fun continue and make childcare as convenient as possible for our parents.

## Wraparound Care

Wraparound care is available from 7:30 – 18:00. Children can attend Breakfast Club from 7:30 at an additional cost. Standard morning drop off is available from 7:45 and included within the fees. There are a wealth of clubs that run after school from 16:00. Children who do not attend clubs can attend supervised homework club and aftercare until 17:00 within the fees. From 17:00 – 18:00 children can attend further wraparound care at an additional cost that includes a hot meal.

## Holiday Club

Hallfield staff run the Holiday Club so your child is welcomed by familiar faces. The programme is varied and planned around themed weeks/days, with activities taking place indoors and outdoors. Children attend in home clothes and can bring with them their bikes, scooters and helmets.



## Examples of after school clubs

Airfix Modelling

Art-based: e.g. Comics, Weaving, Puppet Theatre, Glassmaking

Aston Villa FC

Chess  
(run by a World Chess Federation Master)

Complete Cricket

Debating

Drama

Eco Club

Fencing

Golf (run by professionals)

Health & Fitness Club

LAMDA

Lego

Martial Arts

MFL Club

M:tech (Music Technology and composition based on iPads)

Music: a full range of instrumental ensembles and choirs

Quiz Club

Ready, Steady, Cook!

Sports: e.g. Hockey, Netball, Rugby,

Strictly Ballroom

Tennis (run by professionals)

Ultimate Frisbee

U-talk





**We provide exceptional wraparound care and holiday club provision**







# Looking to the Next Steps

Hallfield Prep is an exciting time of continuous development for your child. We have high expectations of all the children at Hallfield, both inside and outside the classroom. We do everything we can to ensure that they feel supported and nurtured in reaching their full potential. In Prep, the opportunities for them to engage and take part are extensive and our aim is that your child leaves us ready to meet and embrace positively all that lies ahead.



# 88%

of children who sat the  
LA Grammar Schools  
examinations were  
offered places

# 30

children were offered  
places at either  
KES or KEHS

# 50%

almost 50% of the cohort  
were offered one or more  
scholarships

# The Admissions Process

For external pupils, the admissions process involves:

- Registration
- Taster Day to get a feel for the school
- As part of the Taster Day your child is assessed in Maths and English
- Scholarship assessment (if applied for)
- Offer of a place
- Acceptance of a place and payment of deposit

The following Scholarships are available for entrance at Year 3:  
Academic, Sport, Art, Music and Chess.

For more information on the admissions process, scholarships and bursaries, please contact our Admissions Team:  
[admissions@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@hallfieldschool.co.uk) or **0121 454 1496**.

For specific questions, you can contact our key members of staff in the Prep department:

Mr Morrow, Head Master: [headmaster@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:headmaster@hallfieldschool.co.uk)

Mrs Florida James, Deputy Head: Head of Prep:  
[cfjames@hallfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:cfjames@hallfieldschool.co.uk)

## For further information:





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