

Hallfield Seniors

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Welcome to Hallfield Seniors

In September 2020, Hallfield Seniors launched to educate pupils 11-13 years of age in preparation for entry into some of the most prestigious and renowned local and national independent and boarding schools.

Hallfield School has a rich history of educating pupils for entry at 13+ and as one of Birmingham's most distinguished Prep Schools we are the only Prep School in the area offering co-educational education to 13 years.

With excellent facilities, extensive grounds and specialist teachers, Hallfield Seniors delivers a unique Prep School education within Birmingham.

This booklet provides a small snapshot of what you can expect from Hallfield Seniors. I invite you to get in touch and have a further conversation if there is anything you would like more information on regarding our seniors provision.

Mr K B Morrow

Keith Morrow

Head Master



Scan for even more information on Seniors



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**Our children are
bright, engaged
and proud to be
Hallfieldians**

An Exceptional Start to Senior School

Traditionally, pupils entered independent schools as boarders or day pupils in Year 9, at the age of 13 years. We continue to offer a pathway at 11+ to independent and state grammar schools. However, we recognise that starting a new senior school at the end of Year 6 is not the right choice for every pupil and is why we introduced Hallfield Seniors.

For some children commencing their senior school journey in a preparatory school setting has many benefits. At Hallfield Seniors pupils can take advantage of smaller class sizes, specialist teachers experienced in teaching at senior school level; and an education that is tailored to their personal needs. Hallfield Seniors allows your child the time to mature in a less daunting environment, but one where they are a big fish in a small pond. Being the most senior pupils in the school promotes their confidence, encourages accountability and positive leadership. We challenge and nurture our Seniors to flourish and go on to become confident



young individuals, who are ready for the academic and social pressures of senior school life at 13+.

Destination school events and form teacher consultations support you and your child in identifying the most appropriate senior school at 13+. Dynamic and inspiring career talks given by highly regarded professionals from a broad range of sectors including, medicine, media, law, arts and finance encourage Seniors to think about their long-term career prospects.

Uniform distinguishes Hallfield Seniors from the rest of the school with a green blazer and Seniors tie. Freedoms that mirror other senior school settings, like choosing when to have lunch, free use of the Prep library, quadrant and courtyard at break times and having a common room is introduced to foster their independence and sense of responsibility. To develop their social, physical and creative skills, activities such as golf and ice-skating, cookery school and running an enterprise are available and unique to the Hallfield Seniors offer.

We believe Hallfield Seniors delivers an exceptional start to your child's senior school journey.

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Hallfield Seniors strikes the right balance between academic rigour and pastoral care. Their pastoral care is spot on for children who are not yet ready for senior school at 11+. The school is very inclusive and attentive to each child's needs. I'm so pleased an offering like Hallfield Seniors came to Birmingham as it will give many children the additional time they need before they enter the big pond of senior school.

Dr Baldrighi, Year 8 Parent

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Hallfield Seniors Awards



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The Senior Curriculum

Hallfield's excellent academic standard continues into Hallfield Seniors where pupils can expect a high-quality education based on a broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum. Dynamic and challenging teaching encourages a sense of enquiry and love of learning, enabling pupils to reach their potential.

Setting your child up for success

Our Senior pupils come from a diverse range of backgrounds – educational, cultural, and social. This diversity is reflected in the design of the Seniors curriculum. Our differentiated curriculum recognises that each child has differing needs and relative areas of strength and weakness. This approach gives each pupil the best opportunity to succeed.

Hallfield Seniors is committed to mixed ability teaching. Pupils are profiled on arrival in accordance with their entrance exam, information from previous school reports and performance in national assessments.

Profiling and tracking of pupils' achievements allows all information to be shared by class teachers so that pupils are challenged and supported according to their needs. The pupils may be set across the Seniors for Maths and English and according to their aspirations at 13+.

We expect pupils to commit to 60 minutes of homework a night (two subjects at 30 minutes) and an additional 20 minutes' reading. Academic Planners support pupils in managing their homework schedule and act as a regular point of contact between home and school.

In preparation for senior school at 13+, traditional marking is used, where a number or grade is given to a pupil's work. Summative marking is used for the accurate assessment of pupils' progress and as a measure of the quality, and effectiveness, of our teaching and programmes of study. Pupils and parents are encouraged to look at the detail of marking, and comments made, rather than simply at the overall mark given.



Subject	Hours	Teacher
Art	1	Head of Art
Computing	1	Head of STEM and Computing
Design technology	1	Head of DT
Drama	1	Head of Drama
English (including a focused library session with the school Librarian)	4.5	Specialist English teachers including Head of English
Games	2.5	Head of Games
Geography	1	Head Master
Hallfield Enrichment	1.5	Specialist staff
History	1	Head of History
Maths	4	Head of Maths
Modern Languages	1.5	Head of MFL
Music and choir	1.5	Head of Music
Philosophy, Ethics and Futures	1	Head of Prep
Physical Education	1	Head of PE
PSHE	1	Head of Hallfield Seniors
Religious Studies	1	Head of RE
STEM	2	Head of STEM

The library is open all day and managed by an experienced Librarian. Self-directed study is encouraged and prepares children for their next senior school and university. Lessons on how to use the library and its resources optimises self-study time and their work.

Opportunities for Leadership

Numerous leadership opportunities are available at Hallfield Seniors, and helps pupils prepare for their next stage of education and life beyond. Roles include Head Boy and Head Girl, Captains and Pupil Librarians and the Eco Committee. Hallfield's Enrichment Programme runs in parallel to the curriculum and develops life-long skills to foster independence, resilience, teamwork, entrepreneurship, citizenship and social responsibility.

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Our son joined Hallfield at two and has gone through the entire Hallfield system. More than anything, throughout that time we have seen him grow and build his character. He has developed into a confident and positive leader. In Year 7 he became Head Boy which helped him manage his understanding of his own values and moral compass and what it means to be a Senior – taking more ownership and accountability.

As parents, we have seen him go from being a boy to a young man, particularly over these last few years in terms of his achievements and aims. He has gone from wanting to be a Premier League Footballer to thinking more broadly about his career prospects. He has moved around a lot in terms of his understanding of life and his future.

Mr Malik, Year 8 Parent

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Opportunities

Destination Schools

Hallfield Seniors has a comprehensive understanding of the senior school landscape at 13+. We have developed relationships with some of the most prestigious independent schools in the region and beyond. This enables us to support you and your child in considering a broad range of options to select the best senior school for your child at 13+.

We hold destination events and consultations with parents and pupils to help you gain a comprehensive understanding of what your destination school options are at 13+.

Our pupils have gone onto a wide range of renowned and sought after schools at the end of Year 8.



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Fees and Uniform

Pupils in Hallfield Seniors will continue to wear the traditional Hallfield uniform, but in addition to a Seniors tie, they will wear a distinctive bottle green blazer to mark them out as pupils in the senior school.

Included with fees:

- Core hours 8:30 – 16:00
- Arrival from 7:45
- Aftercare / supervised homework until 18:00 for all Senior pupils not in clubs. This includes a hot tea.
- School lunch, morning break snack
- One residential trip in either Year 7 or 8
- iPads for each pupil
- Music tuition in one orchestral instrument

For further information:



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



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The Admissions Process

Pupils attending Hallfield School will be guaranteed a place in Year 7 providing they register by January of the entry year.

For external pupils, the admissions process involves:

- Registration
- Entrance exam
- Interview with the Head Master
- Scholarship assessment (if applied for)
- Offer of a place
- Acceptance of a place and payment of deposit

The following scholarships are available: Academic, Art, Language, Music, Drama and Sport. An Old Hallfieldian Scholarship is also available and awarded at the discretion of the Head Master to a pupil that is a good all-rounder.

For up-to-date information regarding dates, fees, scholarships and bursaries, please visit our website: www.hallfieldschool.co.uk

If you feel your child would benefit from a Hallfield Seniors education, or want further information then please contact our Admissions Team at: admissions@hallfieldschool.co.uk or 0121 454 1496.



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