

**Be Valiant
Aim High
Achieve More**



Highfields

Independent School & Day Nursery





"I hope you will visit us so that you can feel what makes Highfields so very special"



A Message From Our Headteacher

Mrs Sarah Lyons

As your child takes their first steps of his or her education, you will have many aspirations for them. At Highfields I believe your child will not only fulfil those expectations, but exceed them. At Highfields we pride ourselves on providing an exceptional, and 'REALL' curriculum, which is Relevant, Experiential, Aspirational, Lasting and full of Laughter along the way. Our academic record is well established, with our results tracking in the top bracket globally. We provide a tailor-made, carefully monitored pathway for ALL children, so regardless of their ability, they will achieve the very best they can in the classroom. However, I believe the real magic in Highfields is what your child will also gain above and beyond that. We understand how children learn; and have developed an enhanced curriculum that is fun and exciting. We inspire not only a love

for learning, but also encourage self-esteem and the confidence to explore and experience new challenges. At Highfields, your child will embark on very special journey of discovery. With a strong emphasis on traditional values and pastoral care, we work in partnership with each child's family. We are proud of the many things we do to help your child flourish and feel welcome, valued and encouraged as an individual. It would be my pleasure to welcome you and your family to Highfields so you can see for yourself the unique and caring environment that makes Highfields so extremely special.

Sarah Lyons
BEd (Hons) Primary (Early Years)
HEADTEACHER

Our guiding principles at Highfields



Not for profit

Our school is managed by Trustees, who are committed to providing first class education to the children of Newark and surrounding areas.



Academic excellence

We remain in the top bracket GLOBALLY for our results and standards achieved within the Cambridge Curriculum.



Creating independent thinkers

Highfields aims to develop children into young people who want to make a difference in this world.



Traditional with a twist

We pride ourselves on our well embedded values and traditions, and combine these with a modern approach to learning.



Nurturing young people

With a strong focus on child well-being and happiness.



Unearthing new passions

With a diverse range of opportunities to excite and inspire in Sports, Music, The Arts, Computing and more.



Explore Our Green Spaces

Highfields Independent School & Day Nursery is a thriving and supportive environment enveloped in wonderful green spaces and woodland. Set in fourteen acres of mature parkland, including fantastic sports fields, the grounds provide a beautiful setting for children to explore, whilst enjoying their education.

The Highfields school building is steeped in history, with an exquisite entrance hall, and stain glass windows, with a warm and welcoming feel.



14 acres of green space and woodland

Promoting child wellbeing, exploration and sense of being close to nature.



Mature trees and established plants

Encouraging wildlife and serving as a habitat for our animal friends.



MUGA pitch

Play tennis, netball, hockey, or football in all weathers.



Trim trail

To develop balance & gross motor skills whilst climbing.



Athletics facilities

Long jump sand pit, area for shot put and ball throw, 400m athletic track.



Forest school

Dedicated and purpose-built woodland space with a tree house, mud kitchen, camp fire and more.



Academic Excellence

Our team have a deep-rooted belief that every child is unique, and it is our job to unlock the child's potential with a diverse range of contextualised learning experiences, creating meaningful connections and skills that will stay with them for life.

Highfieldians are able to assess their own learning styles and discern what they need to be able to retain information and fully understand the knowledge presented to them. These skills stay with our pupils and are very useful when it comes to studying for GCSE's, A Levels and even beyond to Degrees, Masters and PHDs.

By installing confidence in children to assess their own study using metacognition,



Creative thinkers

Who effectively evaluate information that is presented to them.



Independent learners

Using metacognition to become confident and passionate about finding out answers for themselves.



High achievers

Achieving their own personal best.



Global citizens

Believing that they can make a difference to our world.



Happy children

Excited to come to school and learn.



Excellent Academic Outcomes

With our results continually tracking in the upper bracket globally.

"We just wanted to express our thanks to the team for their hard work. Our daughter started school a long way behind her peers and we had significant concerns about her ability to catch up. The fact that she is doing so is testament to the Highfields staff."



"Leader's successfully fulfil the school's aim to prepare pupils for their future lives, so that they are resourceful and independent learners, ready to make a contribution to their community."

- ISI Inspection Report



A photograph of two young students in a classroom. The student in the foreground is a girl with blonde hair, wearing a grey sweater over a white collared shirt and a red tie. She is looking upwards and to the right with a focused expression. Behind her, a boy with dark hair is also looking in the same direction. The background is blurred, showing other students and what appears to be an American flag. The overall lighting is soft and natural.

R - RELEVANT

E - EXPERIENTIAL

A - ASPIRATIONAL

L - LASTING

L - LAUGHTER

A REALL Education

“Teaching is characterised by positive relationships and close attention to pupils’ individual needs, so that pupils make progress and enjoy their learning”

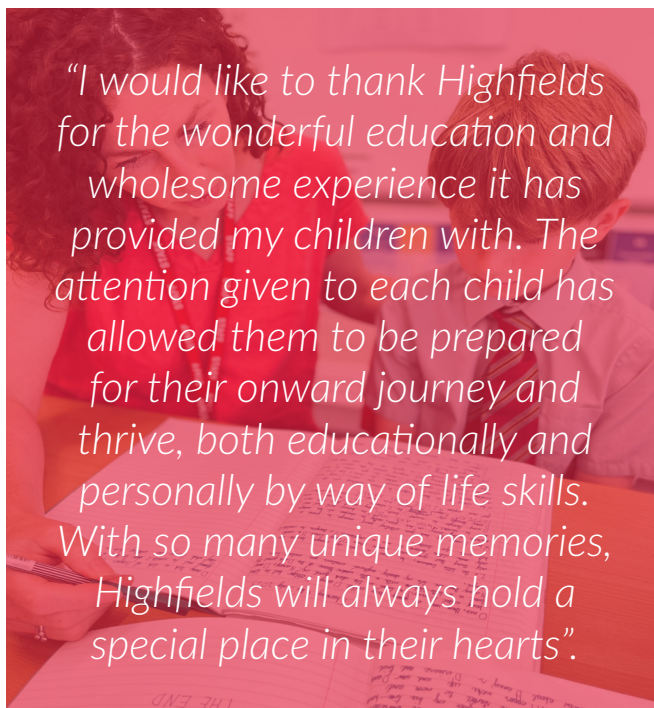
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We are a non-selective, vibrant and nurturing preparatory school and we harness every child’s potential, with an aspirational curriculum. We provide a supportive environment and a wealth of learning experiences to enable our pupils’ potential to be fulfilled and to allow the discovery of new talents.

Encouraging children’s interests and enthusiasm is routine here, and is brought to life through the delivery of a thought provoking, broad and specialist curriculum developed by the University of Cambridge and the Cambridge Curriculum.

Following the Cambridge Curriculum allows more flexibility in our lessons, as well as the chance to track our results, not just nationally, but globally – with us continuously tracking in the upper bracket of attainment around the world.

Our small class sizes allow for one-to-one time with our dedicated and inspirational teachers, as well as ‘live marking’ during lessons, to ensure every child’s ability and needs are met.



“I would like to thank Highfields for the wonderful education and wholesome experience it has provided my children with. The attention given to each child has allowed them to be prepared for their onward journey and thrive, both educationally and personally by way of life skills. With so many unique memories, Highfields will always hold a special place in their hearts”.





Art, Music, Drama

Building confidence and inspiring the creatives of the future

At Highfields we believe that developing self-esteem and confidence will enable your child to express themselves, discover their talents and release the power of their imagination.

Art, Music and Speech & Drama form a very important part of our curriculum with learning enhanced by guidance from specialist teachers. All children are given opportunities for individual and group instrumental tuition as well as a group singing lesson with our very talented Head of Music. Children are encouraged to sing, play, perform and compose.

With a dedicated and captivating Speech and Drama Facilitator, Highfields pupils are encouraged to take exams from LAMDA, with incredible results. Drama at Highfields gives your child the chance to be creative and identify imaginatively with other people and different situations beyond the classroom.

There are a myriad of performing opportunities for children here, with regular LAMDA assemblies and productions throughout the year for each class, as well as regular performances from the choir, advanced choir and orchestra. So the arts at Highfields are always busy, but most of all The Arts at Highfields are always fun!!

"I am really proud of our music offering at Highfields and the staff here are so supportive of music making; they are constantly encouraging all of our musicians, and championing their successes. music is such a big part of life at Highfields, and I cannot wait to grow this further over the coming years."

- Head of Music





Sports

To compete and enjoy

Physical Education is greatly valued as part of the school curriculum. As well as promoting a healthy lifestyle, the children develop confidence, self-esteem and social skills. All pupils gain an understanding of what is

involved in team membership and learn to appreciate fair play and sportsmanship, as well as an opportunity to begin to realise their sporting potential.

"We pride ourselves on developing skilled, motivated and respectful sportspeople who have a great sense of team spirit and encourage one another to be their very best. A "have a go" attitude is encouraged, so that by the time they leave us, they have the confidence to try any opportunity that is presented to them at Senior School and beyond."



Living well

Developing a healthy attitude towards exercise.



Inclusive

Our Head of PE is passionate about making sports accessible to all, no matter of their level.



Be inspired

By our Head of PE who competed as an Elite Triathlete and was a guide for a Visually Impaired Elite Triathlete.



Co-ed games

All sports are available to all children regardless of their gender.



Compete

With a variety of opportunities to compete against other school as well as each other, children learn to be gracious both in victory and defeat athletic track.



Team spirit

The school House system encourages Team Spirit, respect for others and pride in themselves.



Creating joy

Ensuring sports are enjoyed by everyone.



Sports Professionals

Highfields Sporting Alumni include Professional Footballer Patrick Bamford, and Professional Rugby stars Jordan and Ryan Olowofela.





Swimming



Squash



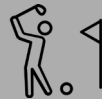
Water Polo



Sailing



Life-saving skills



Golf



Junior Fitness



Climbing



Archery



Cycling



Gymnastics & Dance



Tennis

Active **Enrichment** & Beyond the Classroom

We believe at Highfields that learning beyond the classroom is all about children building self-esteem and independence. This is achieved through tailored and well-planned education trips, that are designed to inspire and motivate your child. Residential Trips in forms 4, 5 & 6 also provide your child with exciting opportunities for exploration away from the school environment, fostering teamwork and strengthening friendships.

Our excellent Active Enrichment Programme is a stunning curriculum in the very broadest

sense of the word. It has been designed to excite, inspire and extend pupils' skills, expertise and self-esteem to optimise their personal, life and leadership skills.

It has also been designed to allow children to embark on a journey of discovery to unearth talent, discover new interests and optimise their capabilities and confidence. Our enrichment activities complement our wider academic curriculum and ensure our pupils have a healthy balance of learning experiences, supporting well-being and mental health.





Forest School

Based on Scandinavian principles our exciting Forest Schools programme allows your child time and space to explore the natural world through hands on experiences. Benefiting mental health, and teaching lifelong skills, Forest School is extremely popular amongst our Highfields community.

All children aged 2-11 have a weekly Forest School session with our fantastic Forest School Leader, in our dedicated woodland space within school grounds. During their session, children are encouraged to build, using natural materials and tools – because of this our Forest School area is ever growing, as our students with the guidance of their leader are always building new treehouses or extending the current ones!

"I have seen many forest school provisions in my time, and the Highfields Forest School woodland is one of the best. Highfields children are very lucky!"



Highfields Nursery and Pre-School

Highfields Day Nursery provides a welcoming home from home family experience, individually tailored for your child. Our nurturing environment enables young children to have fun and flourish meaning they gain the best possible start to their formative education.

We have a dedicated team of highly committed and experienced early years practitioners who understand what little people need to thrive.

They can expertly guide families through the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS) and you can be assured that in our Nursery your child will have the very best early years experiences as well as the highest standards of early years care to support their personal, social, creative and academic development.

We ensure the environment in which your child will be cared for has not only been designed to meet the standards and goals of

the EYFS, but is also carefully differentiated to extend and enrich children at every developmental stage. By keeping our groups small our practitioners are able to ensure that your child is individually supported with a bespoke learning journey whilst in our care.

Our Nursery comprises of two groups “Explorers” from age 2 onwards, and “Adventurers” (pre-school) for your child’s final academic year before they start school. Both groups take part in Forest School on

a Thursday – allowing them to explore the great outdoors and have fun in our wonderful treehouses. In addition, our Adventurers class also take part in a Music and Singing Lesson once a week with Highfields Head of Music, as well as a weekly PE Session with our Head of PE. As well as being a lot of fun - this further prepares children for school life.





Wraparound Care & After School Clubs

Offering an extended day with wraparound care from 7.30am until 6.00pm, Highfields offers flexibility and peace of mind for working parents.

We aim to provide high quality childcare before and after school, offering highly positive, memorable experiences with rich opportunities for high quality play and well-being. We aim to work in partnership with families in order to create the best possible wraparound care for each and every one of our children.

Treetops, our breakfast and after school club, offers a calm and welcoming space for children before and after their school day. TreeTops offers children an opportunity to complete their homework, participate in fun and relaxing activities, have a good amount of fresh air and physical activity and generally feel very much at home.

In addition to Treetops, we offer a huge variety of clubs – with up to 4 clubs on offer per evening.

These are very diverse and add a further chance to gain new experiences for our pupils, whilst offering an extension onto the school day for the busy parent. Our clubs range from French Club to Archery, Bushcraft to Cross Stitch and Tennis to Ballroom dance – just to name a few. There is something for every child to enjoy!

Treetops and After school clubs can be used in conjunction with one another, and all children staying after school either in Treetops or at a Club, will be provided with a light tea.

“Our afterschool clubs are chosen to excite and inspire our pupils, whilst giving parents flexibility as well as peace of mind that their child is being well cared for, and enjoying themselves once the school day has finished.”

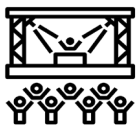


Community

A warm welcome awaits every family here at Highfields.

We are very proud of our family feel and ethos here, as well as our relationships with past and present pupils' families. We are very lucky to have an incredibly dedicated PTA - 'The Friends & Family of Highfields' an association which goes above and beyond, organising some incredible events for our children and families!

There are many ways to get involved in our PTA. The FFH are always looking for new members who can volunteer their time to create the most magical memories for our children. It is a great way to really immerse yourself in the Highfields community and strengthen relationships with other parents.



Summer Music Festival



Christmas Experience Day



Film Night



Bacon Roll Fridays



Highfire Bonfire Night Celebrations



Second Hand Uniform Shop





"Highfields is so special to us as a family, I will always be grateful for what the school has given our three children."

Life After Highfields

We develop 'Highfeldians' who are prepared for life beyond school. Flexible, independent thinkers and learners with a love of adventure and a strong sense of identity, Highfields pupils are spirited, resourceful and self-motivated with respect for both themselves and others. Able to identify and appreciate opposing opinions and beliefs, Highfields build proactive, tolerant and considered global citizens of the future with a well-developed sense of responsibility, and a desire to make a difference to our world.

All children leave Highfields fully prepared and confident for the move up to their senior school. Through our close relationships

with children, parents and a wide range of senior schools, we are able to provide expert guidance to ensure your child progresses to a school of your choice, and one which is right for them where they will be happy and continue to flourish.

Our specialist teaching ensures that we provide outstanding preparation for the 11+ with an incredible pass rate and senior school common entrance exams.

Many of our students also gain scholarships from their chosen Senior Schools.

Highfields School & Day Nursery

In our Nursery we have a dedicated team of highly committed and experienced early years practitioners who understand what little people need to thrive. Many of them have been with us for much of their careers and can contribute years of experience. Our team ensure that each child is fully prepared to take the next step in their education

meaning the move to school goes smoothly. They can expertly guide families through the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum (EYFS) and you can be assured that in our Nursery your child will have the very best early years experiences and the very highest standards of early years care to support their personal, social, creative and academic development.

Visit www.highfieldsschool.co.uk for more info

"I wanted to let you know that my daughter's new teachers at senior school have commented on how well she was prepared by Highfields, in both her subject knowledge and her independent learning skills. It has been a seamless transition for her – thank you!"





Highfields

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Highfields School was founded in 1945 by a group of forward thinking parents, determined to ensure that every child who attended the school would have the opportunity to develop their potential to the maximum, both educationally, socially and personally in a nurturing environment.

This philosophy became the beacon for the school and it has continued to shine as part of our ethos today.

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