



MAIDA VALE SCHOOL



Educating Character and Intellect

Innovative teaching with state-of-the-art facilities
alongside a warm and supportive community
enables children to reach their potential -
personally and academically.



WELCOME

We are a vibrant, energetic and exciting school. We teach our students to be creative, think critically and challenge opinions while learning to respect the opinions of others, to become people who are intellectually curious and socially conscious.

Since opening in 2020, we have steadily managed our growth aiming to reach capacity at 600 boys and girls aged 11-18. Small class sizes and Personal Tutors ensure our students receive individual attention and are encouraged to make the most of the opportunities we have on offer.

As part of the successful, family-owned, Gardener Schools Group, independent educators since 1991, who own and manage five schools across west London, we have extended access to knowledge, insights, learning and facilities throughout the group.

We believe a child's education is a shared responsibility, one that works best when all parties are engaged - school, parents and the students themselves. Therefore, we operate an open-door culture. Parents can drop into our Parent Café at any time and for any reason - be it a cup of coffee with friends or catching up with a teacher to talk about a child's progress.

Why not visit us and see for yourself, we look forward to welcoming you at one of next Open Mornings.

Magnus Bashaarat
Headmaster



OUR VALUES

INNOVATION

State-of-the-art facilities and the latest in educational thinking gives more time and space for individual development.

CREATIVITY

Challenging ideas, critical thinking and cultivating imagination to build resilience and confidence.

OPPORTUNITY

Inspiring events, experiences and trips to deepen subject understanding and develop character.

COMMUNITY

Valuing respect, compassion, tolerance, and responsibility to create a community where everyone feels included.



A science classroom with teal walls and large windows. Several students in white lab coats are working at lab benches. Two boys are on the left, looking at a laptop. In the center, two girls are sitting at a bench, working on laptops. On the right, a teacher and two more students are working. The benches have red cabinets underneath and black countertops. The floor is red.

A CHILD GIVEN
TIME

BECOMES A PERSON
WHO IS SKILLED

Y7&8

In Years 7 & 8, our students explore a variety of subjects, including French, Spanish, Latin, Design and Technology, Music, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Art, as well as Geography, History, Maths, English, and Science. The selection of GCSE subjects occurs toward the end of Year 8. This is coordinated as part of a comprehensive careers guidance program, helping students make informed choices.

Y9,10&11

In Years 9, 10 & 11, the core curriculum remains in place. Students will study nine or ten GCSEs, with the intent of developing their knowledge and skills in a broad range of subjects before refining their Sixth Form choices.

SIXTH FORM

In the Sixth Form students choose 3 or 4 subjects from our wide range of A Levels and selected BTEC options. They are also expected to undertake a Extended Project Qualification known as an EPQ in Year 12.

TEACHING & LEARNING

At Maida Vale School, we get the best out of all our students, adding value to their education. We have designed a teaching system that seeks to optimise our students' learning and get the most out of their time in the classroom. Our lessons are 90 minutes long, facilitating time for absorbing information, reflecting, and consolidating. Our GCSEs are taught over three, not two, years to engender a deeper understanding, experience, and exploration of the subject. Every child is given their own Personal Tutor for the duration of their time at the school, someone who takes time to get to know and understand their interests, someone who can suggest new directions and academic challenges.

Education is a shared responsibility at Maida Vale School between the teacher, Personal Tutor, student and parent - with the child at the centre. We encourage students, as they grow, to take on more of this responsibility themselves whilst we only nudge them gently towards new interests, talents and passions.

A Maida Vale education achieves the best results for each child, encouraging students to think independently, creatively and critically. We want them to challenge and question as they learn, to know their subject content and be confident in order to perform their best in exams and in the classroom.

CURRICULUM OFFERING

To support the broad interests of young minds, we offer a genuinely wide range of academic subjects in Year 7 to Year 13. In Sixth Form, wherever possible, we encourage our pupils to study subject combinations as unique as their interests.



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The Maida Vale School GCSE curriculum offers a comprehensive range of options and we encourage the selection GCSE subjects students will enjoy and that will provide them with a variety of skills and outcomes.

GCSE OPTIONS

Core English Language, English Literature, Maths, Triple/Double Science,

Optional Art, Chemistry, Computer Science, Dance, Design & Technology, Drama, Food Preparation & Nutrition, French, Geography, History, Latin, Music, Physical Education, Spanish.

A LEVEL/BTEC OPTIONS

Art & Design, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classics (Classical Civilisation), Computer Science, Creative Digital Media Production, Design & Technology, Drama & Theatre, Economics, English Literature, French, Geography, Government & Politics, History, Hospitality BTEC, Latin, Maths & Further Maths, Music, Music Technology, Performing Arts BTEC, Philosophy of Religion & Ethics, Photography, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Spanish.



SIXTH FORM

Our Sixth Formers are given responsibility, treated as young adults and are expected to be an example to younger students. Our Head Students lead the Sixth Form Prefects who liaise with the School Councils in Years 7 to 11. They direct charitable activities and volunteering through links with local state schools and charities. They learn how to make a difference and that with privilege comes responsibility.

PASTORAL CARE

Sixth Formers have specific pastoral needs and we provide comprehensive, realistic, practical and in-depth support that enables students to navigate the potential pressures of their later teenage years. The Personal Tutor's role is also crucial at this stage. The school is a community where each

individual is encouraged to take responsibility for the well-being of the whole.

UNIVERSITY ADVISORY

Admission to the best universities and the most demanding courses in the country requires more than high grades alone. From Year 11 each pupil is assigned a dedicated University Advisor, a specialist in either: a particular subject field, certain type of UK universities or for overseas applications. We guide our students throughout the UCAS process. As a part of the Gardener Schools Group, we can draw on the resources and knowledge of other schools in the group, should we be unable to provide something ourselves.

CAREERS ADVISORY

We provide students with maximum exposure to careers related experiences in Year 12. Maida Vale School, again via the Gardener Schools Group, has access to London based organisations including businesses, community groups, arts foundations, scientific institutes and museums. A two week work experience placement in Year 12, helps our Sixth Form students make informed decisions about their future. We give careers advice and guidance in our one-to-one tutorials and invite external speakers from universities, businesses and industry to offer more specific knowledge and insight.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE

The Maida Vale Sixth Form have their own personal space, the Independent Learning Centre (ILC). This is a first step towards approaching adulthood as they begin to take control and ownership of their education. It is an attractive environment with its own Sixth Form Café, a well stocked library, social break-out spaces and quiet study areas. A rooftop deck for social and academic purposes is planned.

THE EXTENDED STUDY PROJECT (EPQ)

All students are encouraged to complete an extended study project. Here they learn to apply the independent learning skills they are being taught to an area of research and investigation of their own choice. The EPQ can be used towards university admissions, counting as half an A-Level.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our enrichment program is designed so that our students will be successful applicants who can stand out in a crowd. Our 'Individuals in Society' course produces engaged young adults, preparing them for the real world with seminars on body language, emotional intelligence, nutrition and personal finance. The Duke of Edinburgh Award offers valuable life experiences benefiting our students now and as future undergraduates or employees.





A CHILD WHO IS
CHALLENGED

BECOMES
A PERSON
WHO IS RESILIENT

FACILITIES

62,000 SQUARE FEET
OVER FOUR FLOORS:
32 SUBJECT SPECIALIST
CLASSROOMS,
2 LIBRARIES,
BASKETBALL COURT,
MULTI USE
SPORTS PITCH,
2 ART CLASSROOMS,
DANCE STUDIO,
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY
WORKSHOP, 3-D
PRINTER. THEATRE,
DINING ROOM
ON SITE CATERING,
11 FOOD & NUTRITION
STATIONS,
3 MUSIC REHEARSAL
ROOMS,
2 GRAND PIANOS,
MAC SUITE, SEPARATE
CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY
AND PHYSICS
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FACILITIES & RESOURCES

At Maida Vale School, we believe that a truly modern, enriching and holistic education is the product of innovative teaching and state-of-the-art facilities. As a result, all 62,000 square feet of Maida Vale School underwent a complete refurbishment in 2019. From the bottom to the top, Maida Vale School is new, up-to-date and prepared to deliver. The humanities are equipped with the latest technology: projectors, magic white boards, smart screens. Likewise, our Computer Science lab is fully furnished with computers, smart screens and the latest coding software. Each of the STEM labs is tailored for the teaching of a particular science: Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Our Food Tech Kitchen, with 11 fully stocked kitchen workspaces, is an ideal learning environment for students of Food Tech/Hospitality.

The spacious Art classrooms are bathed in natural light, thanks to their high Victorian windows, making them an inspiring space. The DT studio, in a separate building, similarly profits from large windows, cutting-edge equipment and the latest design software. As for the performing arts, we have a Drama and Dance studio providing ample space for rehearsals while the MVS Theatre houses a large stage supported by professional audio-visual equipment used for school productions, guest speakers and concerts. Our Maida Vale musicians enjoy access to two larger rehearsal rooms/classrooms, for ensemble pieces, and two more personal spaces, for individual practice. One music classroom, used predominantly for teaching, houses a grand piano and various other stringed and woodwind instruments, free for pupil use. The other, equipped with Macs and professional music production software, serves as a music production suite.



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SOLVES PROBLEMS

PASTORAL CARE & WELL-BEING

We are ambitious for our students, offering them many opportunities to be challenged and succeed, but we do this within a supportive environment; we are a greenhouse, not a hothouse.

Adolescence brings fresh challenges both socially and emotionally. We encourage our students to help create a community that is warm and welcoming. We encourage them to treat one another with respect and kindness. To support this, we hold regular assemblies focused on our school values – respect, compassion, tolerance, community, and responsibility. These sessions help to remind our students of our school's culture and how we expect everyone to participate in creating a positive working environment.

Our collaborative approach, where parents, staff and pupils work together, has the child at its heart. Our smaller class sizes and unique pastoral care system makes sure that every child is known to us individually. Pupils are given a Personal Tutor upon arrival who remains their mentor, sounding board, and guide throughout their time with us, forming the backbone of support for both learning and personal development. Meanwhile, the wider school community is also trained and expected to take responsibility for child welfare.

Our Pastoral Team identify needs at an early stage to provide support required to enable each pupil to thrive and our Learning Support Department works closely with them.

A combination of knowledge and understanding, partnered with a supportive community, ensures that issues and concerns can be spotted early and hopefully be resolved more quickly. The school has an in house counsellor available and a Peer Mentoring Programme; where older children help and advise younger students.

The school places a big emphasis on its pastoral care and the well-being of pupils because we know that when a pupil is safe, supported, and most importantly happy, they are much more likely to reach their potential academically and in all areas of their school life.





A CHILD WHO IS
SUPPORTED

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PERFORMING ARTS

Taking the stage can be a small step for some and a massive leap for others. At Maida Vale School, we encourage every student to experience a live performance from the stage. It is a challenge but when it is overcome, it pays dividends through building confidence, a sense of accomplishment, and personal fulfilment.

The opportunities to perform come frequently throughout the year from the Music and the Drama departments. They put on a regular program of plays, readings, live recitals and music festivals where jazz and rock bands take the stage alongside soloists and ensembles.

For those with a passion for the arts, there is also the option to delve deeper into the subject academically as both Music and Drama are offered at GCSE and A level.

A highlight of our performing arts calendar has to be the whole school play. Pupils with even a passing interest are involved both on and off stage as sound engineers, set crew, make up artists or part of the lighting team. Through this type of collaborative work we showcase individual talent and teamwork.

We welcome the opportunity to accommodate unique interests. Should your child have a passion for a particular instrument not currently taught, we will always try and meet their needs.

At Maida Vale School, the stage is set for every student to discover, and explore the performing arts.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE GROUPS

CHOIR
BIG BAND
ORCHESTRA
ROCK & POP BAND

DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

‘ALMOST, MAINE’
‘LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS’
‘NOUGHTS AND CROSSES’
‘OKLAHOMA’
‘THE CRUCIBLE’
‘WIZARD OF OZ’

RECENT THEATRE TRIPS

HAMILTON
MACBETH
THE WITCHES





ART, DT & PHOTOGRAPHY

The Creative Arts are something we treasure at Maida Vale. Before it was Maida Vale School, the building's top floor housed multiple art studios designed for professional use in the 20th century. These studios were a scenic space for artistic expression, with large Victorian windows, high ceilings and a tranquil view across the rooftops. When the building was renovated in 2019, we wanted to honour its history as a creative space, turning these art studios into art classrooms, photography studios and drama & dance studios. We hope the creative spirit of the building's past still lurks in these classroom's today, inspiring our students.

Everybody has the capacity for interesting, creative self-expression, whether or not you can paint or draw perfectly. We take great pleasure in developing the artistic ideas of all our students and giving them the opportunity to work in as many media as possible to find their style, whether it is Textiles, Print Making, Ceramics, Water Colours or SFX prosthetics. And If a student has a knack for something more hands on and practical, their creativity can find an output in our Design & Technology department - which is fitted with the latest equipment and software to facilitate the productive interests of all our students.

Learning to embrace and express one's creative instincts yields benefits beyond the classroom, whether it is in the simple pleasure of sitting down to sketch or having the capacity to think and see things differently.



TEAM SPORTS

FOOTBALL
BADMINTON
BASKETBALL
CRICKET
DANCE
GAELIC FOOTBALL
HANDBALL
HOCKEY
HURLING
LACROSSE
NETBALL
ROWING
RUGBY UNION / LEAGUE
SQUASH
TABLE TENNIS
TENNIS
VOLLEYBALL

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

BOXING
ATHLETICS
BADMINTON
CANOEING/KAYAKING
SLALOM OR SPRINT
CYCLING
DANCE
DIVING
GOLF
GYMNASTICS
EQUESTRIAN
ROCK CLIMBING
SCULLING
SKIING
SNOWBOARDING
SQUASH
SWIMMING
TABLE TENNIS
TENNIS
TRAMPOLINING

SPORT, PE & GAMES

We encourage students not only to play competitively and acquire new skills but also to view exercise as an integral part of a healthy lifestyle. In addition to our regular sports programme, we are always looking out for new and interesting activities for our pupils, helping them give many sports a go, to discover the ones that resonate with their interests and preferences.

Sport is played every day and coaching covers competitive team sports including athletics, football, hockey, netball, and rugby. Teams participate in regular matches against local schools and clubs, providing valuable opportunities for teamwork, skill refinement under pressure and a bit of healthy competition.

Our location means we have convenient access to excellent sports facilities, reachable via a short bus ride or walk. The Paddington Recreation Ground, just a five-minute walk away, serves as the primary venue for hockey matches. The Willesden Leisure Centre offers ideal indoor facilities for netball, badminton, and basketball, while Regent’s Park provides outstanding pitches for rugby matches.

Further afield, the Wood Lane Sports Ground, accessible with a 15-minute bus journey, serves as the battleground for numerous netball and football matches.

Strategic use of our local and diverse sports facilities allows us to deliver a comprehensive and engaging sports programme, ensuring that our students have access to a variety of sporting experiences.



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
ART ENRICHMENT
BIG BAND
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE
CHESS CLUB
CLASSICS CLUB
DEBATING SOCIETY
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
EXPERIMENT CLUB
FENCING
FINANCE MARKETS
JEWISH SOCIETY
MATHS CHALLENGE
NEWSPAPER CLUB
ORCHESTRA
OVERSEAS SPORT TOURS
PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY
PGL DORSET
PARENT PERSPECTIVES
ROBOTICS & CODING
ROCK & POP
TABLE TENNIS
THEATRE PRACTICES
WRITING FOR FILM

EXTRA CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT

Our holistic education seeks to unlock students' potential both intellectually and personally. Our students are encouraged to get involved in all sorts of events, trips, workshops, both on and off-site. Activities are deliberately chosen to develop both mind and character.

We invite public figures from all walks of life to share their insights and experiences. Recent speakers have included the renowned designer Anya Hindmarch and The Poet Laureate Simon Armitage.

We have a supportive parent community who, alongside running social events, give talks called 'Parent Perspectives', about their careers in medicine, theatre, banking, architecture to mention a few.

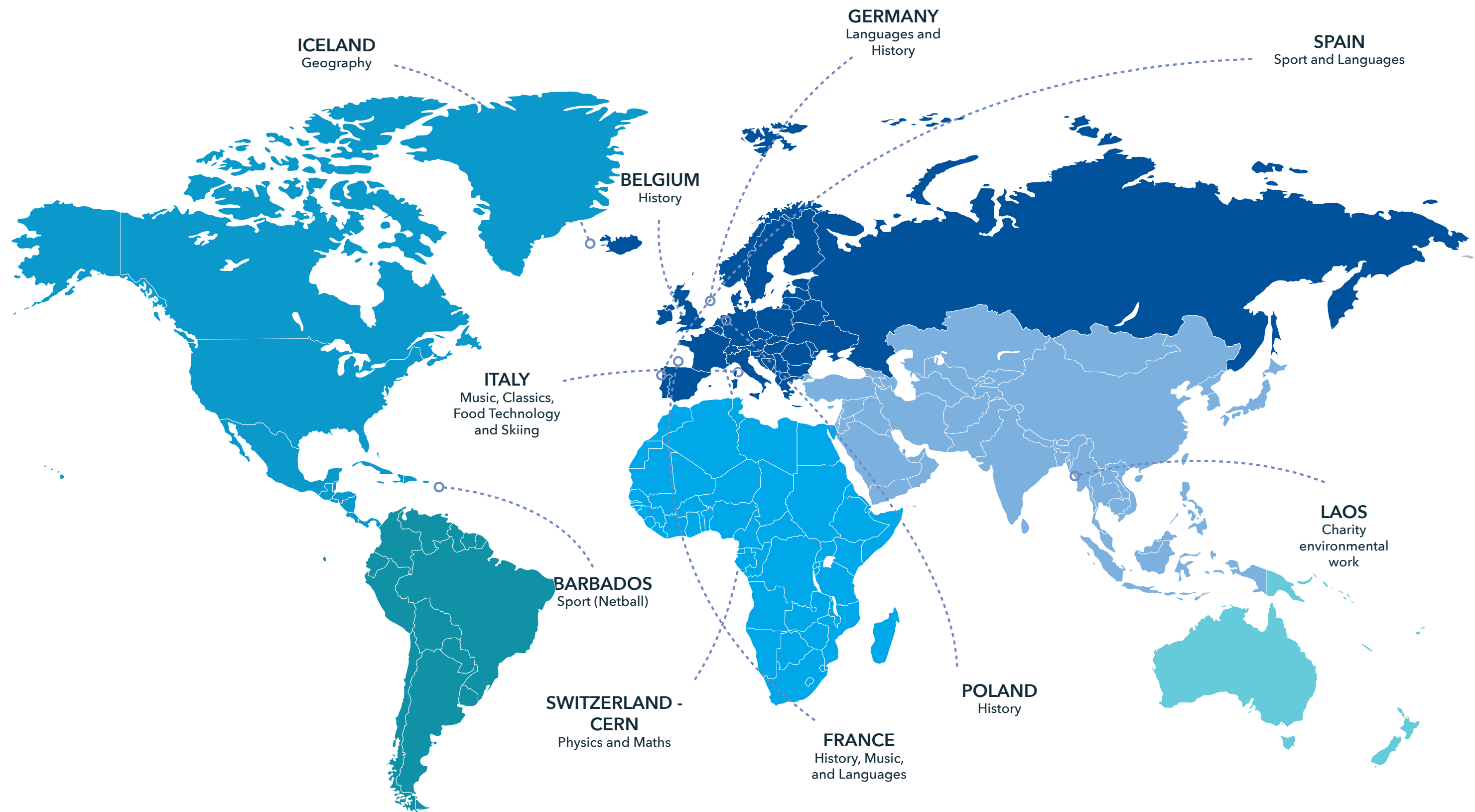
Our central London location gives us access to some of the world's leading educational institutions. Visits to The Tate Modern, National Gallery, V&A and West End theaters are integral to our teaching and enrichment.

Off site trips both overseas and in the UK include sports tours and for our Year 7, a 4 day PGL course in Dorset to give our new intake time outside school to bond as a group, have fun and learn new skills. A timetabled Enrichment Program also runs daily, offering a choice of over 36 clubs, societies, and sports, both paid and unpaid. This diverse array of opportunities ensures that our students have an enriching educational experience during their time with us.



WORLD WIDE OPPORTUNITIES

As part of the Gardener Schools Group we have access to an established set of overseas experiences for education and cultural enrichment.



A CHILD WHO CAN
EXPERIMENT

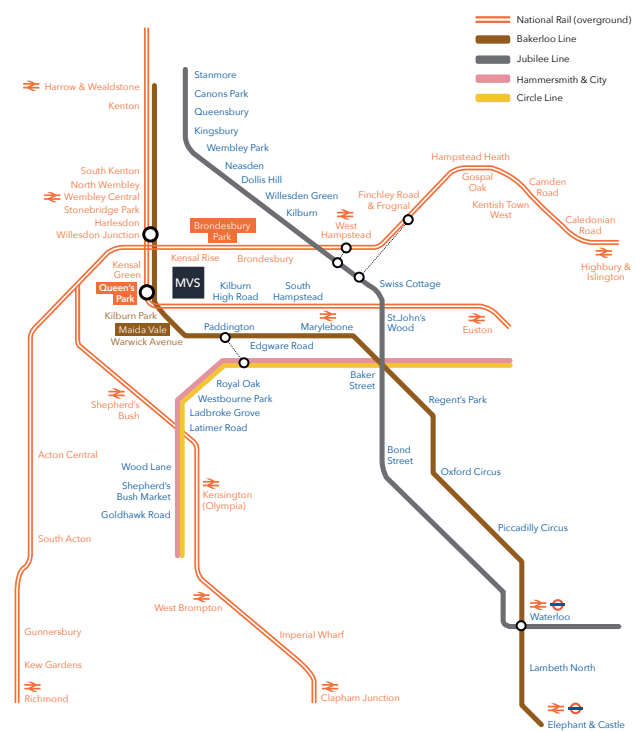
BECOMES
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OUR LOCATION

We are located at the North West end of the London Borough of Westminster. Queen’s Park, Maida Vale and Westbourne Park provide both Underground and Overground train links and are a short walk to the school. We are also served by local bus routes including the 6, 31 and 28.

The school is situated in its own secure grounds in a residential area. Nearby is Queen’s Park where there are independent shops, cafés, restaurants a library and M&S supermarket. The park itself has a café, tennis courts and playground and is host to Queen’s Park Day, a fête-like event, taking place in September which we are proud to sponsor.



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OPEN MORNING VISIT

Open Mornings are
4-5 times a term
including Saturdays.

2

REGISTRATION

Provide child's
details & expected
year of entry - a fee
is charged.

3

AUTUMN INTERVIEWS

Interviews with
Head are held in
the autumn term, a
year before entry.



REGISTRATION & ADMISSIONS

OVERVIEW

Intelligence tests are not the only measure of potential. We do use them, but greater emphasis is placed on interview, samples of work and the pupil's feeder school report. We are looking for independent thinkers with interests and passions that we can nurture and develop.

REGISTRATION

All Year 7 candidates need to have registered and paid a deposit by the autumn term of the preceding year. Registration can be done online using the QR code or by emailing our registrar:
regsitrar@maidavaleschool.com

INTERVIEWS

The interview, often held in groups of two or three, is a chance for pupils to talk on a subject they are passionate about. They should prepare for a presentation with the Headmaster or senior staff member in advance.

SELECTION

Each year group is selected as a cohort in which we strive to identify a balanced mix of boys and girls with different strengths and personal qualities who will support, motivate and inspire one another. We welcome children from all educational backgrounds and hope to see students and parents throughout the course of the year prior to entry.

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