



Why Choose HTL for Your Child?

On behalf of the whole school community, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to HTL and thank you for considering us for the education of your child. At HTL we understand that choosing a school for your child is a very important and potentially very difficult decision. We firmly believe that HTL is the number one choice of nursery and primary school in Sidcup and consider it a privilege and profound responsibility to educate each of our approximately 400 children.

A Vision for Education

At HTL great results are important but they are by no means enough for our pupils. At HTL we are driven by our school's ambitious vision 'Transforming Lives, Building Futures'. As a Church of England Primary School we believe in the transformative power of education to shape and build the futures of our pupils. This vision is manifested in school life through our three core virtues; love, courage and wisdom, which underpin everything we do at HTL. Please visit our website for more information on the school's vision.

Excellence in Achievement

To say that academic achievement is not enough on its own is not to say that it isn't important. We consider it our first duty to ensure that every child fulfils their potential. Our excellent results are testament to the incredible hard work, tenacity and diligence the staff at HTL have for every pupil in our care. Hidden within the headline numbers are countless stories of individual children who the staff of this school have nurtured, inspired and enabled to achieve what once might have seemed impossible.

We have implemented new and modern approaches to teaching and learning over the last two years and our 2018 results should be considered as the best the school has ever had. Visit our website to see our results in full and read a summary of our key achievements. In addition to this, around 30% of entered HTL pupils pass the 11+ selection test for Grammar School. We are typically in the top 10 - 15% of the most successful schools in the London Borough of Bexley, including the independent preparatory schools. In most academic years we also typically send a small number of children on to the highly prestigious St. Olaves and Newstead Woods Grammar schools.

An Ofsted 'Good' School

Our school was inspected by Ofsted in 2018 who confirmed it remained Good despite very significant changes to the educational landscape since our last inspection in 2012. To remain Good in these challenging times requires a significant shift forward year on year. Since our last inspection there has been a new national curriculum, new national tests for 5 year olds, 6 year olds, 7 year olds and 11 year olds, rising expectations in safeguarding policy and a radically different inspection methodology. HTL has taken all of this on and been enormously successful. Ofsted said that this is a school "determined to do its best for its pupils" and we proudly agree.

Transforming lives. Building futures.



Academy Principal: Mr O Winstone NPQH
Executive Lead: Mrs S Young NPQEL

A Vibrant and Ambitious Curriculum

At HTL we have a curriculum which makes children “ready to solve the problems we can’t yet imagine”. Our world is changing rapidly and exponentially. It is obvious that our job as educators is to prepare children for the future but how can we achieve this when no one can imagine what the future will hold?

The time between the first flight of the Wright brothers and Neil Armstrong landing on the moon was just 66 years, less than a human lifespan. Google accepted its first search request in 1998, just 20 years ago. Facebook became available to the public in 2004 and the first iPhone was sold in 2007; just 11 years ago. All these technologies have changed our world rapidly, completely and beyond imagination. The world our children will inherit will look nothing like it does today. At HTL, we believe that what they will need to be successful will be core skills. Problem solving, team working, resilience and creativity. At HTL we are convinced that this generation, that we are educating today, will be the one that solves the challenge of climate change; this generation will be the one that solves the challenges presented by inequality in our world, takes on interplanetary exploration and colonisation, cures cancer, make the world more peaceful and invents enriching technology that our minds cannot yet begin to conceive. Our curriculum is designed to prepare our pupils to be the leaders, innovators, explorers and designers of the future.

At HTL we also know that Internet and social media addiction is rising and that it actually alters the structure of children's brains. We know that most children now spend more time on screen than outside. We know that cyberbullying is rising, anxiety and mental health challenges are rising and that computerisation is changing what it means to be employed. We owe it to our children too, to educate them to be healthy, to be part of something bigger than themselves and to be active citizens. This is something weaved into our life at HTL.

An education at HTL is like nothing else. We would be very proud and privileged to educate your child and hope to welcome you to our school very soon. If you have any questions about admissions or life at HTL, please contact the office at contact@htl.bexley.sch.uk with any queries or questions.

Thank you for your interest in a school place at HTL; please see our school website for more information as well as Admission FAQs and Church School FAQs.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr O Winstone
Principal

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