



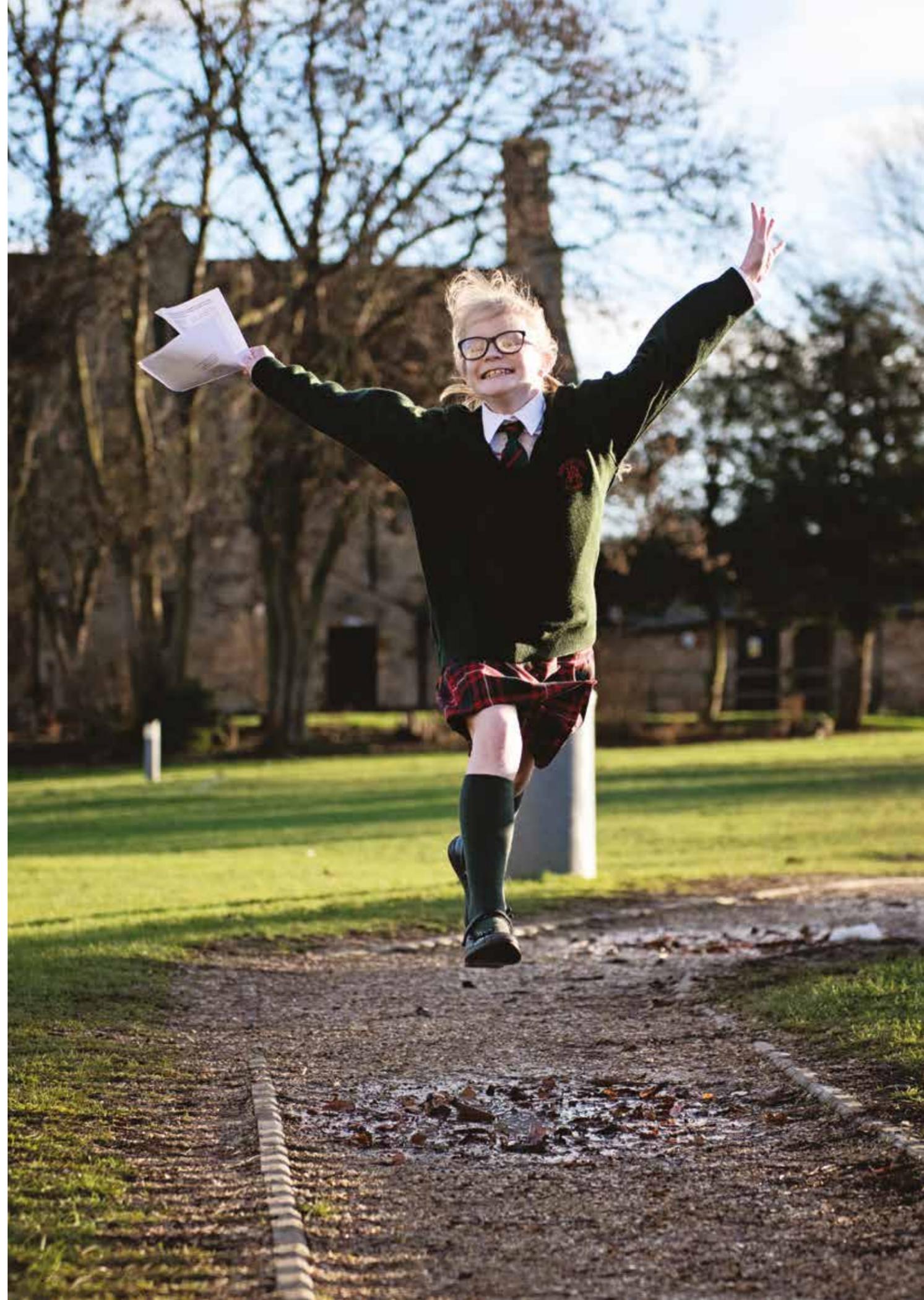
Thank you for your interest in Akeley Wood School.  
At our Wicken Park Campus we welcome children from  
Nursery to Year 6, aged 1 to 11 years.

This is a vibrant school with happy children and dedicated  
staff. The curriculum has been carefully developed to  
provide an environment where all are eager to learn and  
excited about coming to school.

We firmly believe that every child in our care has  
exceptional potential - it is our job to discover and nurture  
your child's talents whether they be in Mathematics,  
Drama, on the sports field or in the Food Technology  
Room. Developing confidence, self-esteem and resilience  
as well as academic knowledge is important to us. It is  
the life-skills; the grit, determination and willingness to  
succeed that sets the Akeley child apart and prepares  
them for life beyond school.



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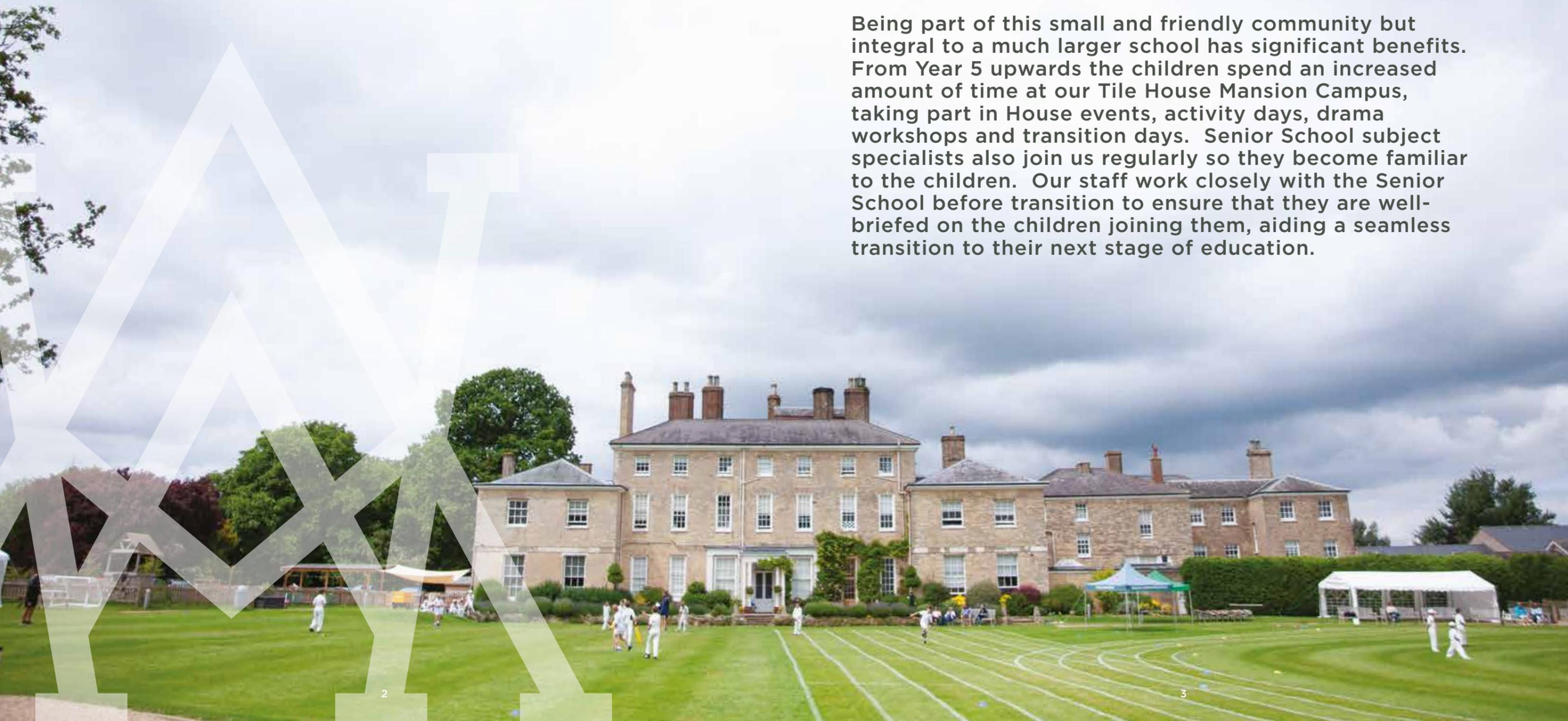
I've been very impressed with the small class sizes and the nurturing family feel of the school.”

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Set within ten acres of parkland with its own wood, playing and sports fields, our wonderful school environment is an idyllic place to learn and grow.

The main house, a Georgian mansion, was a family home until 1945 when it was let to a girls' preparatory school. This was the start of its life as an independent school. In 1989 the building was occupied by Akeley Wood School, providing a devoted Junior School campus to meet with expanding numbers. Tudor House, a dedicated building for our Year 5 and 6 children, forms part of the original Wicken Park estate and dates back to 1571.

Being part of this small and friendly community but integral to a much larger school has significant benefits. From Year 5 upwards the children spend an increased amount of time at our Tile House Mansion Campus, taking part in House events, activity days, drama workshops and transition days. Senior School subject specialists also join us regularly so they become familiar to the children. Our staff work closely with the Senior School before transition to ensure that they are well-briefed on the children joining them, aiding a seamless transition to their next stage of education.







Our Nursery children learn through a combination of adult initiated and child-led play. Our emphasis on developing early literacy and numeracy is woven into day-to-day activities in such a way that skills and knowledge are developed through fun and interactive methods. We want the children to feel safe and settled and for our Nursery environment to be a home from home.

Our beautiful Nursery environment includes dedicated outside play areas in addition to the acres of grounds. We encourage the children to play outside throughout the seasons, learning from the nature around them. Playtime is important to us throughout the Junior School. It is time for the children to develop their social skills, play games, dance around, climb on a huge range of play equipment and enjoy the fresh air.

As they move from Ladybirds through to Caterpillars and Butterflies, they gain experience of more specialist subjects including Computing, Music, French, PE and Forest School. In Butterflies the preparation for their move into Reception commences. There are increased visits to the Reception classrooms for activities, attendance at school assemblies and drama productions and more structured learning.

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Akeley has a strong reputation for building capable young adults who have a positive experience of school life.”

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These are the most formative years of your child's life and we know that you want the very best educational experience for them - so do we! There is a clear emphasis on teaching skills and concepts that challenge children at all levels. Teachers craft lessons which they know will fire your child's imagination and curiosity. Small class sizes allow the teachers to quickly understand how best each child learns and which strategies to adopt to engage them and secure excellent progress. This personalised approach to teaching keeps children on track and ensures that each feels personal success - regularly.

Class teachers who are passionate about primary education deliver the curriculum for the core subjects of Mathematics, English and Science as well as RE, Topic (encompassing Geography and History) and PSHEE. Children are taught by subject specialists for Art, Computing, Cookery, Design Technology, Forest School, Modern Languages, Music and Sport. These specialist lessons take place in dedicated facilities where teachers inspire and excite the children about their areas of expertise. We achieve outstanding academic outcomes, far exceeding the national average, for the children we have the privilege of educating at Wicken Park.

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My daughter joined Akeley this year - mid year. We never expected the move to go so smoothly. She fitted in immediately and it is so refreshing to hear about what she gets up to on a daily basis.”

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My son has had a wonderful five years at Akeley. He enjoys school - academics are taken seriously but they still manage to squeeze in a lot of fun!”

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All pupils from our Caterpillars Class in Nursery to boys and girls in Year 6 have a Forest School lesson - every week. Children go out into our woodland in all weathers, all year round. We believe children thrive when their learning is fuelled by a spirit of adventure and this motivates them to become more independent learners back in the classroom. Our woodland environment is central in supporting this very dynamic approach to learning. They see and feel the change of seasons and the impact of this on the environment around them. Our Accredited Forest School site has two fully qualified and very enthusiastic and experienced leaders and what they provide for the children is exceptionally good. Our fabulous array of resources at Wicken Park include an outdoor classroom as well as a cabin with an indoor space, fire pit and a petting farm with chickens and rabbits. This commitment to learning through exploration and discovery continues when the children move up to Year 7 at our Tile House Mansion Campus within the Outdoor Learning curriculum and through the Enrichment Programme thereafter.



Every child has unique abilities, interests and aspirations, so our educational offer continuously develops to provide adventures and opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom that inspire and challenge each and every one.

We place the children at the centre of all we do at Akeley. Corridors are bright and colourful with displays proudly showing young pupils' work. Initiatives like our Happiness Ambassadors and Well-being Hub and the many leadership opportunities such as our Heads of School, House Captains, and Subject Ambassadors help the children to take ownership of the ethos and culture of Akeley and makes them feel involved in the success of their school.

Our extra-curricular programme is extraordinarily good! Every term a multitude of clubs are on offer from Streetdance and Zumba to STEM and Programming. The children are spoilt for choice. Our Performing Arts programme is excellent and there are numerous opportunities for the children to take to the stage, whether this be at one of our many concerts or drama productions or singing with a 7,000 strong choir at the O2 Arena. There is never a dull moment!

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**Akeley is a creative, forward thinking school which develops a child's talents rather than purely being based on academic requirements – that's not to say it isn't academic – my child is thriving.”**

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# 6 REASONS TO CHOOSE AKELEY...

**1** We offer children the perfect blend of academic rigour and challenge, support for their well-being and FUN! Happy children are successful and we want to keep them smiling!

**3** A school where academic progress, attainment and achievement is carefully and thoroughly monitored so that every child can meet and exceed expectations and ultimately reach for their dreams - whatever they may be.

**4** Development of character and the preparation for life beyond school is integral to day to day life at Akeley. Children who show true grit and determination when faced with a challenge develop an inner confidence that benefits them for a lifetime.

**5** We have a firm commitment to specialist teaching from Nursery upwards. From Year 1 the children have specialist teachers, who share a passion and enthusiasm for their subject.

**2** Akeley provides a learning environment where there is a belief that all children have oodles of potential. Talents, whether these lie in academia, sport, music or in the Food Technology Room are discovered, nurtured and celebrated. Ask us about Milkshake Mondays and our Rocket Recognition programme.

**6** Akeley has an unrivalled extra-curricular programme with a huge range of clubs and activities for every age group. From Golf before school to Drama at home time - there is something for everyone no matter what their interest.



Offering an education which builds a child's character as well as providing academic rigour and support for every child to achieve personal success is fundamental to an Akeley education.

The abundance of encounters and adventures outside of the classroom develop skills to last a lifetime - confidence, open-mindedness, resilience and teamwork. We offer a huge wealth of opportunity. Activities take the form of break, lunchtime and after school clubs, curriculum linked day trips, residentials, specialist visitors and dedicated weeks of activity. Each year is carefully planned for every year group so that all children have balanced experiences and opportunities which fill them with interest and enthusiasm.

At Akeley we recognise that Sport is more than simply fielding competitive teams, which we do for all abilities. It is about teamwork, encouragement and support for each other and learning how to make quality, timely decisions. Our specialist sports teachers develop a love of sport and teach the skills children can use to enjoy sport for the rest of their lives.

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Akeley restored my daughter's sense of self, giving her confidence to be proud of who she is and what she can achieve. I'm extremely thankful to all at Akeley for supporting and championing her.”

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