



# Fit for life

**ENRICHMENT** activities are extremely important to us at Noadswood and are part of everyday life at school. Our aim is to guide pupils through their school career and allow them to learn vital life-skills along the way. They will be encouraged to explore new and exciting activities and to identify for themselves where their individual talents and passions lie. Your child will be given endless opportunities to develop new skills and it is a true strength of Noadswood that we have a body of staff who value extra-curricular activities and support pupils in participating fully in school-life.

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**CITIZENSHIP** education runs through all five years of school. Our ultimate goal is to see each and every pupil graduate as a fully rounded individual, ready to face the challenges that lie ahead. We give pupils the skills to make their own decisions and take responsibility for their own lives and communities. Pupils explore questions about democracy, justice and inequality and they learn to work together to create solutions that try to address challenges facing neighbourhoods and wider communities as well as developing political literacy to make a positive contribution to society.

*"The positive attitude in the school promotes a supportive and stimulating environment."*

*Ofsted 2013*



**LEADERSHIP** skills are developed from a young age. We appoint pupil leaders who not only take responsibility for helping with resources but also work as coaches and mentors to younger pupils. These pupils often visit our feeder schools to deliver lessons such as French and History to primary school pupils. Within each House pupils are elected as House Captains and as representatives for elements such as media and sport. The House Captains run a student council called 'Student Voice' which comprises pupil representatives from every tutor group. Opinions and comments are welcomed from this group and it is a forum to take ideas from pupils in all school matters from the canteen food to the school uniform policy.

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** are a real strength of Noadswood School. In addition to our popular and extremely successful sports clubs we have everything from a model aeroplane club to rock bands to a creative writing group and even a juggling club. Our Duke of Edinburgh scheme is particularly popular with the older pupils and the Christmas Revue is a popular showcase of the talents of pupils. We also have an annual production of a play or musical and the annual Sports day is a highlight with activities such as a slip and slide, space-hopper racing and 'dunk the teacher'. On a weekly basis there is something exciting happening in school such as a County cooking competition, a visit from a class of French students, a charity bake-sale or a poetry workshop.

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*"Noadswood is a vibrant and thriving school that plays a positive role in the local community."*

*Ofsted 2013*

*"Teaching makes a very good contribution to students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development."*

*Ofsted 2013*

**TRIPS** offered to pupils range from bowling with their tutor group to residential visits in Europe. Some pupils this year have had the chance to visit New York or to travel to our partner school in Limpopo, South Africa. Recently we have run trips to a disability sport weekend in Loughborough, a day trip to Portsmouth's historic dockyard and weekend residential to France. In Year 7 we encourage all pupils to go on the Summer trip to Bude which is an action-packed, character-building week away. Pupils who do not go to Bude have the opportunity for day trips instead. Last year pupils went to London, to Longleat and to the local ice-cream parlour. There is something for everyone.

