

HIGHGATE



Pre-Prep School

# Co-curricular Activities

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In our Pre-Prep School, we offer a range of co-curricular activities and clubs that will appeal to our youngest pupils and make their first experience of school not only fun and exciting, but one that helps them build friendships, confidence and a sense of independence.

Pre-Prep pupils can take part in clubs before and after school and during lunchtime. We review and evolve our offering to encourage pupils to explore as many different opportunities as possible, from chess to coding, football to gardening – there are activities to suit every child’s interest and help them to discover a new favourite hobby.

Some of the clubs on offer are run by external specialists, either before or after school and will include pre-payment for pupils to participate (see activities marked with \*). A list is provided by the school at the start of each term and aren’t compulsory.

Clubs and activities are themed into different groups.

“At Highgate, we constantly think of creative ways to make our whole learning experience inspiring. If we develop this pattern early on, we ignite a spark for the love of learning which can be taken through life.”

Sally Hancock, Pre-Prep Principal

## Sport & Exercise

Children can take part in popular sports such as football and tennis\* or they can try out yoga or martial arts like karate\*. We offer a child-centred physical education programme that is an inclusive way of engaging pupils in sport and physical activity from an early age. We believe that development, as an alternative to competition, is essential to ensuring that our pupils excel, and ultimately achieve their full potential.

The school’s extensive indoor and outdoor sports facilities are located on the same road as the Pre-Prep, with access to the Mallinson Sports Centre’s 25-metre swimming pool, gym, pitches, courts and dance studios. We are fortunate to be located near to Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood which offers an opportunity for pupils to go on supervised walks or outdoor activities.

Clubs include:

- Football coaching
- Karate\*
- Yoga
- Teddy Tennis\*



## Creativity

Creative clubs help pupils grow in confidence and explore different avenues of self-expression. From arts and crafts, through to drama and music, pupils can get a flavour of different cultural pursuits.

Debutots\* run a club with interactive storytelling and drama designed to develop communication skills; children can learn a love of singing or get hands on with making props and costumes for school performances, and budding artists can draw and paint.

Clubs include:

- Choir
- Lego
- Fashion Designing
- Art and Craft



“I really like how many different types of activities we get to do each week.”

Pre-Prep pupil



## Learning & Problem Solving



Our youngest pupils are introduced to subjects they'll be learning in class through clubs that use interactive activities and games to engage and inspire them.

Chess Club\* helps children develop focus and problem-solving skills, Science Club complements their lessons with fun activities and little linguists can start learning a language with beginners Spanish\*.

Clubs include:

- Chess Club\*
- Coding
- Science Club
- Spanish\*



*"In Science Club we do lots of different experiments to introduce scientific concepts to boost pupils' understanding."*

Pre-Prep Teacher

## Nature & Environment

Encouraging children to take part in clubs that connect them to nature helps them understand about science and introduces them to the importance of our environment. The pupil-led Eco Council meets regularly to discuss activities and actions that support Highgate's aim to be a more sustainable school. Pupils can volunteer to join the group and participate in environmental campaigns inside and outside school.

In Litter Picking Club, pupils learn how to respect their school grounds by keeping it clear of waste. Similarly, in Gardening Club, pupils take pleasure in learning how to grow plants, flowers and vegetables, to appreciate and understand how the seasons help things grow. Our Forest School, which is part of the curriculum, is built in a designated woodland area, where children can learn about nature through outdoor play.



## Wrap Around Care



*"I go to JAG with my classmates. I like playing tennis because the coach throws the ball and you hit it back so he can catch it."*

Pre-Prep pupil

We offer extended out of hours care for our pupils and run an in-house morning club from 7.45am, with a daily charge that parents/carers need to book in advance (food isn't provided).

After school care is provided by a third-party agency, Junior Adventures Group (JAG), where children can enjoy quiet time or outdoor fun as they wind down from their school day. There's an additional charge for these extra hours, with snacks and drinks provided - information is available from the school.

## Holiday Camps



Highgate's Mallinson Sports Centre run holiday camps for children in Year 1 and 2, with different group activities taking place in the school holidays from Monday to Friday. Highgate parents and carers get first notice when these open for bookings, the price of the camps varies depending on the theme and includes all activities, tuition, equipment and lunches.

Full details can be found here: [highgateschool.org.uk/mallinson](https://highgateschool.org.uk/mallinson)