

The Mountbatten School

We Care *We Respect* We Achieve

WELCOME FROM THE CEO AND HEADTEACHER



Heather McIlroy
CEO

A MODERN SCHOOL ROOTED IN TRADITIONAL VALUES

Welcome to our vibrant learning community – a traditional school where every student matters and every voice is heard; a place where success is built on the enduring values of honesty, respect, duty, service and hard work.

"The first-class leadership of pastoral care and wellbeing underpins the exceptionally safe and inclusive learning environment."
(Ofsted, 2024)



Christopher Cox
Headteacher

As a truly comprehensive school, we celebrate the rich diversity of our student body. Whether your child is academically gifted, practically minded, creatively talented or still discovering their strengths, they will find their place in our school family.

We believe that when students of all abilities and backgrounds learn together, everyone benefits and grows.





AN EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL WITH A UNIQUE HISTORY



THE LEGACY OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN LIVES ON

Our Founder, Lord Louis Mountbatten was a distinguished military leader and Royal Naval officer. Our school houses, Daring, Illustrious, Kelly, Lion, and Wishart are named after ships on which he served. He was a second cousin to Queen Elizabeth II and was described by King Charles III as, 'the grandfather I never had'.

Our school opened in 1969. Lord Mountbatten gave permission for us be 'The Mountbatten School'. Our school badge, proudly worn by our students, was his personal cypher and today can still be seen on the entrance gates to Broadlands. Our very extensive grounds were once part of his estate.

On August 27th, 1979, at the age of 79, he was killed by a bomb on his fishing boat off the coast of County Sligo, Ireland. It was a violent end to a remarkable life. He was afforded a state funeral in Westminster Abbey but is buried in Romsey Abbey where our annual Founder's Service takes places every June.

Margaret Thatcher, the prime minister at the time of his death, said that, 'His life ran like a golden thread of inspiration and service through the history of our country.' In particular, she said, 'He was dedicated to building a better world for and through the young people of all nations.' This has been a guiding principle for our school. We want our children to be interesting and interested in the world around them. We have a strong international outlook and seek to bring the world into the classroom at every opportunity.

'The Mountbatten School is a special place to be'

(Ofsted, 2024)



As the last Viceroy of India, Mountbatten worked closely with Gandhi to bring independence to India. He was the first British statesman to treat Gandhi and other Indian leaders as equals; he would banish any British staff with prejudicial attitudes from the Viceregal Palace. He would be delighted with Ofsted's description that, 'The values of Earl Mountbatten permeate the school so that students develop a strong sense of what it means to be British in the twenty-first century.'


















Be Amazed
YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE IT

AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR ALL



The Mountbatten School's long-standing reputation as one of the finest schools in Hampshire is no accident. We provide a learning environment where our students thrive and excel.

The vast proportion of our students in Years 7 to 9 follow a curriculum of English, mathematics, science, French or Spanish, history, geography, religious studies, technology, computing, art, music and drama.
A few students will follow a carefully tailored programme of literacy and/or numeracy support to ensure they are ready for the challenges of GCSE. All students have 100 minutes per week of high quality PE.

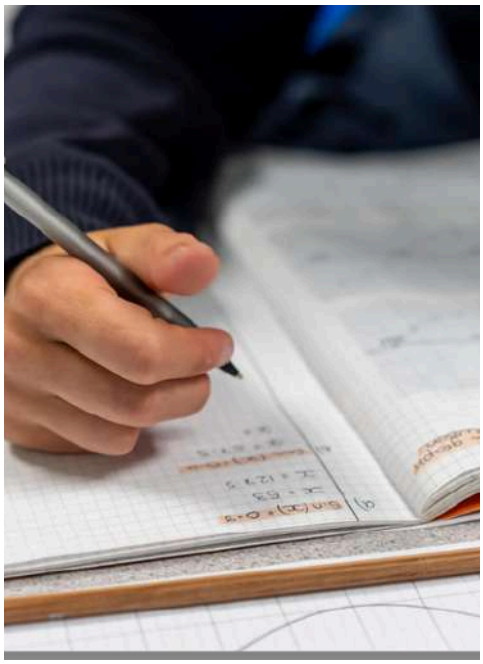




During Years 10 and 11 there is an impressive range of academic opportunities. All students must study English language, English literature, mathematics and science to GCSE. A large number will follow the three separate sciences of biology, chemistry and physics to GCSE.

As you would expect from a large school, we offer an exceptional range of GCSE option subjects.

SUPPORT TO THRIVE



SUPPORTING EVERY STUDENT'S JOURNEY

Being a young person in today's world brings unique challenges and opportunities.
Our exceptional pastoral care system ensures that every student receives the individual support they need to thrive both academically and personally.

Our pastoral team includes five Heads of Year who oversee tutor teams. Tutors provide consistent support, monitoring not just academic progress but also wellbeing, attendance, and personal development.
We also work with external agencies when students need additional specialised support.

We believe every child **deserves disruption-free learning** each and every lesson. We achieve this with the active support of parents and carers.





We want every student to be happy, curious, resilient, confident and respectful of others.

Our reputation in the teaching community is second to none. This enables us to recruit high quality specialist teachers who help our students thrive.

We want them to love learning, develop integrity, and become engaged citizens who contribute positively to society.

A CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY





Music, art, and drama are not extras at our school – they are essential parts of a comprehensive education that develops the whole person. Our Music Academy provides opportunities for every student to discover and develop their musical talents.

Our various ensembles regularly perform locally and nationally, including at prestigious venues like the Montreux Jazz Festival. Drama and art departments offer similar inclusive approaches, encouraging students of all abilities to explore their creativity through performance, technical theatre, visual arts and digital media.

"Pupils really appreciate the school's strong approach to promoting equality."
(Ofsted 2024)





"Pupils enthuse about the achievements of the school bands in national competition."
(Ofsted 2024)




BRIDGESTONE









SPORT AND WELLBEING FOR EVERYONE

Sport at our school is truly for all. While we celebrate our former students who have achieved sporting excellence at Olympic and professional levels, we recognise that sport's greatest value lies in the life skills it teaches and the wellbeing it promotes.

Every student, regardless of natural ability or previous experience, is encouraged to find physical activities they enjoy.

Our excellent facilities – including our all-weather 3G pitch, fitness suite, sports hall, dance studio and extensive playing fields support this inclusive approach.



"Pupils feel very well supported and secure. Provision for pupils' personal development is first class"
(Ofsted 2024)




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OUR VALUES IN ACTION: WE CARE, WE RESPECT, WE ACHIEVE

A SCHOOL FAMILY WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

These three simple words encapsulate everything we believe about education and young people. They are visible throughout our school and embedded in everything we do.

We Care because education is about the whole person, not just exam results. We care about every student's well being, happiness and sense of belonging.

We Respect ourselves, each other, our learning and our community. We respect the fact that students learn in different ways and have different strengths.

We Achieve not just in examinations, though our results reflect our high expectations for all students. We achieve in creating confident, compassionate young people ready to make their mark on the world.

Despite our size, we are fundamentally a family. Every student matters, every voice is heard, and every contribution is valued.



We are not just preparing students for exams, we are preparing them for a happy life. In our increasingly complex world, we want our young people to thoughtful, resilient and open-minded with strong values and the skills to navigate whatever challenges and opportunities lie ahead.

This is education in its truest sense: nurturing every student to become the very best they can be.



''My children are thriving here, taking part in everything on offer, and say they are progressing both academically and as people. Thank you Mountbatten''
(Ofsted 2024)

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES, LOCAL ROOTS



Following in Lord Mountbatten's footsteps as a global citizen and diplomat, we prepare our students for an interconnected world while remaining firmly rooted in our local community.

Our international programmes and partnerships expose students to different cultures and perspectives, building understanding and empathy.

"Learning is enriched through a huge number of clubs, experiences and trips."
(Ofsted 2024)



Strong links with partner schools in India, China, Italy and The Gambia provide authentic opportunities for cultural exchange and global learning.

Students can participate in educational visits with historical, cultural, geographical, or sporting themes, from battlefield tours to sports trips, from cultural exchanges to geography fieldwork.














COLLEY







“The school offers a warm, caring community in which pupils flourish.”
(Ofsted 2024)

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