



The Mall School

Why choose The Mall?

Choosing the right school for your son is an extremely important decision and one which can often seem very stressful. In order to help you with this process we have put together the following guide which we hope you will find useful.

How should I go about choosing a school for my son?

Firstly, find out as much as you can about the school before you visit. Request a prospectus, look at the website, read the most recent inspection report and check out the entry in the 'Good Schools' Guide'. Secondly, visit the school. Open Days are good for having an opportunity to talk to the teachers and to see what the boys are like when they are on the best behaviour but it is important that you also get to see the school on a normal working day. This is when you get to see the school 'warts and all'.

What should I look out for when visiting a school?

How are you greeted when you arrive? Do the boys appear friendly and welcoming? What is the atmosphere like in the classrooms as you are shown around? Does the Headmaster take the time to answer all your questions? Are you given the opportunity to revisit the school more than once?

Why choose a boys' school?

Boys are different and boys' schools are used to that difference. Boys mature physically and emotionally later than girls. Boys on average are developmentally behind girls in a number of areas when they start school: vocabulary, hearing, fine motor control, concentration. In a boys' school boys can gain confidence in their ability to learn without being compared to girls who mature more quickly and tend to enjoy more success in school. A boys' school also actively encourages participation in all areas of the curriculum – music, drama, art and reading – which in co-educational schools can be seen as being 'subjects for girls'. For more information read these [articles](#).

Why choose a 13+ school?

Boys at The Mall move on to their senior schools at the age of thirteen. As a preparatory school, we are preparing boys ready for the next stage in their education. From the age of eight the boys are not only learning about the subjects they will need when they leave The Mall but also the practical skills which will enable them to thrive in their next schools. In a small, friendly and supportive environment the boys are learning to manage with the challenges of organising themselves, moving from classroom to classroom, keeping on top of their homework, meeting new teachers and so on. By the time they leave us they are well prepared for life in a senior school.

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In addition to the advantages listed above The Mall has excellent facilities which mean we are able to offer the boys a wide range of additional activities to enjoy: sport, art, design technology, drama, music and more. But more importantly we aim to develop well rounded individuals. Boys who are confident, well-mannered and proud of what they have achieved without being arrogant.