



FARRINGTONS
SCHOOL

PREP SCHOOL REGISTRAR (ADMISSIONS MANAGER)
CANDIDATE BRIEFING PACK



Hundreds of **individuals.**
One **community.**

WELCOME TO FARRINGTONS





Welcome from the Head

Farringtons is a truly remarkable school with both a rich history and an excellent grasp on the various demands of modern day teaching. Our dedicated and inspirational teachers are wholly committed to helping every pupil achieve their full academic potential, encouraging them to be independent, curious and creative. The school's

enhanced National Curriculum provides a great deal of breadth and it is a fantastic reflection on our pupils that the extra freedom they are given to undertake specialist subjects yields such commendable results year on year.

Equally, however, we believe strongly that learning should not be limited to the classroom nor measured solely by performance in exams. We place great emphasis on providing opportunities for pupils to pursue a wide range of extra-curricular interests, on developing the art of leadership, teamwork and those all-important soft skills. This is seen not only in sport but also in Music, Drama and the Arts as well as through our vibrant activities programme.

Underpinned by the school's strong Christian ethos, we also take great pride in the quality of our pastoral care and the excellent relationships which exist between staff and pupils. Being a co-educational school, with both day pupils and boarders who choose to come to us from all over the world, we are blessed with a very diverse and cosmopolitan community, something we consider to be a real strength.

Besides the beautiful buildings, outstanding facilities and expansive school grounds, which are an amazing asset given our proximity to central London, what invariably strikes visitors to Farringtons is the friendliness of everyone they meet and the sense of family. I hope that this Briefing Pack, as well as our website, gives you a flavour of what a special place this is and I very much look forward to receiving your application.

David Jackson
Head



ADMISSIONS/REGISTRY DEPARTMENT

The admissions for all new pupils joining the school, from Pre-Prep and Early Years, through to Sixth Form, is managed by a team of two, Prep School Registrar and Senior School Registrar

We receive a high volume of web and telephone enquiries all of which need to be handled efficiently and sensitively as parents consider Farringtons for their child's education. Excellent customer service is at the heart of the process, ensuring that all visitors and enquirers are left with the right impression of what makes Farringtons different to other schools.

Our main entry points are at Pre-Reception and Reception, and then for Year 7 and Year 12, and we work very closely with the Marketing Department to ensure that all of our events and arranged taster sessions are well-run and managed. Once a new pupil is enrolled and ready to start at the school the Admissions Team are responsible for all of their onboarding requirements to ensure a seamless start at Farringtons.

The Admissions Team use the iSAMS admissions module to run the process, and the successful candidate must be experienced and skilled at manipulating data via Excel, and a proficient user of MS Office. Ideally they will be skilled in using other digital products such as MS Forms, online registration forms, and ticketing platforms (such as Eventbrite). Experience of using iSAMS, Parent Portal and School Post would be advantageous.

The team work to a schedule of key dates and events, throughout the year, and the Prep School Registrar must plan and execute a very busy programme of entrance examinations, taster days, parent tours, scholarship examinations, open day events and induction events (in very close liaison with the Marketing Team who manage all external events). Prep School

admissions are managed on a daily basis by the Prep School Registrar (one of the team of two), offering all year round support in this area, as well as compliance oversight of the Early Years Funding programme, which Farringtons offers to all 3 - 4 year olds.

This is a busy and challenging role, with many competing priorities at certain times of the year. The ability to liaise and work closely with other departments is important, including the Head, Senior Academic staff, Heads of Department, the Bursary and Accounts Team, as well as Marketing.



THE ROLE

Thank you for your interest in working at Farringtons School.

The post we are recruiting to is for a full time Prep School Registrar (Admissions Manager).

We are seeking to appoint someone who is effective, highly organised and has the ability to work well as part of the wider bursary team. The capacity to keep calm under pressure is a priority, as is the drive and determination to support families from their first contact with the school to becoming new members of the Farringtons community.

The successful candidate will be an excellent communicator with good listening skills. They will have an understanding nature and be empathetic to the needs of the students and parents. They will have a flexible, can-do approach to all aspects of the role and an understanding of the Independent schools market.

We look forward to receiving your application.

In your supporting statement please include the following points:

- Your experience to date
- What you can offer Farringtons School, specifically relating to one or more of the areas of the job description

Farringtons School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and we will check the suitability of staff to work with children.

The post will be offered subject to all the necessary safer recruitment pre-employment checks, including a medical questionnaire and an enhanced DBS check.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact Karen White, Head of HR. You may like to look at our website www.farringtons.org.uk as a further source of information.

Completed applications can be returned by e-mail to:

recruitment@farringtons.kent.sch.uk

The closing date for applications is **Sunday 19 May 2024** but early applications are recommended as we reserve the right to appoint before the closing date.



THE JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Prep School Registrar (Admissions Manager)

Line Manager: The Bursar

Hours of Work: Monday to Friday, 35 hours per week, all year round

Salary Scale: Salary commensurate with experience

The core purpose of this post is to provide a comprehensive, professional admissions service for the whole School. The Prep School Registrar is responsible for the admissions process and the recruitment of Prep School pupils.

The Prep School Registrar takes leadership of various key events and works closely with the Head, Marketing Manager, Senior School Registrar and senior staff.

Constant liaison across the school community is required, with regard to entrance examinations, scholarship assessments, new pupil inductions and events, and open events.

The Prep School Registrar will be expected to manage and play a fully active role in the delivery of the whole school admissions process in order to meet required deadlines and to provide cover for this role during the school holidays.

The Prep School Registrar must be able to work calmly under pressure, to have the stamina to work long hours and the resilience to deal with setbacks.

The Prep School Registrar will play a full part in the life of the school community in implementing its vision, mission and ethos and support staff and students to do likewise.

It is an expectation that the Prep School Registrar will be required to attend

functions such as Open Mornings and Open Evenings held outside of normal working hours and at relevant evening parent information events.

Specific Responsibilities of This Post

- Oversee and manage the admissions and registration process from initial enquiry to pupil acceptance and entrance to the Prep School
- Establish and develop strong links with feeder schools
- Liaise with the Head and advise on the awarding of scholarship awards and bursaries

Main Duties will include:

- To be the first point of contact with the School for all people enquiring about Prep School places at Farringtons and to ensure that all contact is friendly, welcoming and efficient
- Appropriate communication with prospective parents according to their specific requirements
- Organise prospective parents' tours and subsequent meetings with the Head
- Organise and manage all entrance examinations
- Organise and manage scholarship assessments and other entrance activities
- Maintain records of prospective pupils on an Admissions Register using the school database, ensuring all admission records are accurate and up to date
- Awareness of UK Border Agency requirements
- Liaise with Heads of Departments and the Senior Leadership team regarding entrance examinations and taster days
- To ensure that the Early Years Funding scheme is run efficiently and accurately
- To ensure close liaison between the Prep School Registrar and the Accounts team to ensure that Early Years Funding submissions are accurate and timely
- To oversee liaison between Farringtons and Bromley Early Years department, with specific focus on the contract and our compliance

Generic Responsibilities for All Farringtons Staff

- To actively promote the aims and ethos of Farringtons
- To work within the Farringtons framework with regard to Health and Safety
- To be committed to child safety and undergo child protection screening (DBS check) and training
- To promote equal opportunities at Farringtons
- To support Farringtons commitment to the continued professional development of all staff
- All staff are expected to be willing to contribute to the Farringtons School co-curricular Floreat Program
- To undertake any additional duties as may reasonably be requested by the Head or members of SMT.

Safeguarding

- To promote and maintain the standards of the school's commitment to safeguarding children
- The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment
- The school follows safer recruitment checks which includes obtaining references, right to work checks and as this role will involve direct contact with children, all staff are required to undertake an enhanced DBS check through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Prevent Duty

- To promote and maintain the standards of the school's commitment to ensure all staff understand the risks of radicalisation within our school and how this risk may change from time to time.
- To ensure that staff are aware of the Prevent Strategy and are able to protect children and young people who are vulnerable or may be at risk of being radicalised.
- The school is committed to placing a strong emphasis on the common values that all communities share such as self-respect, understanding, tolerance and the sanctity of life. Pupils are taught to respect and value diversity as well as understanding how to make safe, well-considered decisions.

Health and Safety

- All employees have a legal duty to ensure the safety of themselves and all the pupils and staff within the school as detailed in the Health and

Safety at Work Act 1974.

Data Protection / GDPR

- All employees should familiarise themselves with and follow the Data Protection and GDPR guidelines and practices.

Code of Conduct

- All Employees are expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct.
- All Employees must maintain high standards of the aims and ethos of the School both within and outside school, by:
 - treating pupils, staff and parents with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to the employee's professional position
 - having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
 - showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
 - not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
 - ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
 - having proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they work, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.

This job description will be reviewed on an annual basis and following consultation with you may be changed to reflect the changes in the job requirements and reflect the true nature of the role which are commensurate with your job title.

THE PERSON

Qualifications

- To be educated to at least GCSE level

Professional Development

- Evidence of continuing professional development

Experience

- Experience and understanding of the Independent School market
- Experience in the provision of a comprehensive, professional admissions process including appropriately responding to all email, telephone and in person enquiries
- Evidence of dealing with all stakeholders involved in the admissions process

Knowledge and Skills

- Strives for excellence in all aspects of work
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Sound IT skills including knowledge of Microsoft Office,, and knowledge of iSAMS would be desirable
- Effective time management and organisational skills

Personal Qualities

- A 'can do' person who works positively and collaboratively with colleagues
- Evidence of being able to build and sustain effective working relationships with students, staff and parents
- Play a full and active role in the wider development of the school

- A strong and supportive team player
- Flexible, well-organised, energetic and self-directed
- An effective, multi-task administrator with attention to detail and accuracy



HOW TO APPLY

Please send in your completed application form, and supporting statement to

recruitment@farringtons.kent.sch.uk

The closing date for applications:
Sunday 19 May 2024

Early applications are recommended as we reserve the right to appoint before the closing date.

Interviews: **Interviews will be held on Friday 24 May 2024**

Further information can be obtained by looking at the school website: www.farringtons.org.uk

Farringtons School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we will check the suitability of staff to work with children. Applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and police checks (where applicable).



BACKGROUND

Farringtons School is a leading, co-educational, independent day and boarding school in Chislehurst, Kent, for pupils aged between 3 and 18 years. Founded in 1911, the School has a rich history and thrives today providing a balanced academic, sporting, musical and social curriculum that enables each pupil to fulfil their potential. This is delivered by a team of passionate teachers, who support pupils to achieve their best academically and in whatever they put their minds to.

The School's site and warm, nurturing Christian environment encourages all pupils to pursue activities and develop new skills. Farringtons offers an eclectic range of sports and activities which are made possible through a range of first-class facilities. The sports hall, swimming pool and 25 acres of school grounds provide superb facilities for many sports whilst the teaching and learning facilities, including the recently completed science and maths building, and the music Mac suite, provide excellent learning spaces and support a broad and balanced curriculum.

Aims, Values & Objectives

Farringtons Aim

To be recognised as one of the leading independent, co-educational day and boarding schools in Kent, providing education for children aged 3-18. To be the first choice school in the local area.

Farringtons Values

The School motto, Posside Sapientiam, (Growing in Wisdom) influences much of what the School does.

Underpinned by Christian values, Farringtons School aspires to be a place of trust and respect where teachers take an active interest in the intellectual, physical, moral and spiritual development of every student. The School believes co-education to be the right platform for developing the interpersonal skills necessary to succeed in the modern world. The importance Farringtons places on nurturing individuality and the manageable size of the School ensures that students do not get lost, but rather thrive in their own way – they are encouraged to 'Develop and Shine'

Farringtons Core Objectives

- To inspire each individual to achieve success through excellent teaching, go to university, college or an occupation and have a desire for lifelong learning.
- To create a community that promotes Christian values, gives students the confidence to live their unique lives to the full and have the capacity to think of others.
- To be known as a school where every child matters, has outstanding pastoral care and communicates successfully in and out of school.
- To provide a safe and fit for purpose environment that encourages children to achieve their best.
- To build strong partnerships and networks locally, nationally and internationally to raise the profile of the School and consequently benefit all parts of the School and local community.
- To create an environment that prepares students for their life after school, gives them real confidence and humanity and ensures that they always feel part of the Farringtons family.





Exploration * Engagement * Nurture

EYFS AND PREP SCHOOL

Early Years and the Pre –Prep School

Farringtons prides itself on having an integrated community and maintaining continuity of learning from Early Years through to the Senior School. Children start the School in the Early Years department at 3, where the curriculum is structured around fun, relevant and motivating activities.

The purpose-built Pre-Prep School is light, secure and spacious with an outdoor play area. The transition from Early Years into Reception is seamless, as the classrooms are adjacent to each other and staff and children come together for regular playtime and other activities.

As children progress through the Pre-Prep School they benefit from an increased emphasis on specialist teaching delivered by practitioners who share their enthusiasm and deep knowledge with the pupils. The School encourages all pupils to discuss and discover in order to develop enquiring minds, self-assurance and positive work habits, ready for the next stage of their education.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

EYFS is based on the recognition that children learn best through play and active learning. The provision of the curriculum ensures that children experience a full range of learning opportunities including child initiated, teacher directed and group learning.

Reading and writing are taught through guided sessions, alongside daily phonics and are supported by a structured reading scheme (Oxford Reading Tree). Phonics is taught formally using the 'Letters and Sounds' initiative.

Children are assessed through observations, conversations and photographs. Parents, staff and the children themselves all contribute to the assessment process. In the Pre-Reception class, the developmental phases are used for assessment purposes and the

foundation stage profile in Reception.

Key Stage One (KS1)

The children in KS1 follow the National Curriculum subjects as well as personal, social, health education with citizenship. The transition from Reception to Year 1 is dealt with sensitively, especially in the first term where Year 1 children learn through play, which continues to use the principles of EYFS to develop the child's learning and social development.

Year 1 teachers use the foundation stage profiles to build an accurate picture of children's learning and progress and then move onto the School's assessment levels. All learning and teaching in KS1 is based on an enhanced Primary Curriculum with children exploring subject knowledge through a linking topic. Mathematics and English are taught daily, there are two hours per week of Science and PE. Children have a weekly guided reading session with their teacher and also receive bi-lingual teaching every week in French.

Reading, writing, speaking and listening continues to be taught through the use of synthetic phonics and are supported by a structured reading scheme (Oxford Reading Tree). We teach structured and creative English lessons supported by the Primary Literacy Framework and all children are taught spelling. Guided writing is a precision intervention tool that is taught as part of an agreed approach through English, in order to target specific learning skills.

Luceat

The Luceat programme aims to develop 5 key cornerstone skills for pupils as they progress through the Prep School.

These are: Intellectual curiosity, independence, creativity, citizenship and communication.

Pupils will be able to participate in activities each academic year, to enhance and improve these skill sets.





Preparation ❁ Participation ❁ Encouragement

PREP SCHOOL

Children who are more able and those with additional educational needs are identified and interventions are put in place to help address their needs. Children needing further encouragement and support may also work in small groups with our team of support staff, including the KS1 learning support teacher and qualified High Level Teaching Assistants (HLTAs).

Key Stage Two (KS2)

In KS2, all children continue to be taught the enhanced National Curriculum subjects as well as personal, social, health education with citizenship. Some lessons in KS2 are taught by specialist teachers from the secondary phase. Mathematics and English are taught daily, there are two hours and forty minutes per week of Science and four hours of PE. In English, key texts or excerpts are taught throughout each year to ensure coverage of the full range of genre and skills. We teach discreet grammar, creative writing and comprehension lessons.

Pastoral Care

Farringtons is renowned for its pastoral care. The School's ethos, size and determination to treat every member of the Farringtons family as an individual and as a member of the community makes for a supportive environment for the pupils to thrive and staff to develop. The School works in partnership with parents to ensure that all of the pupils feel that they are cared for and valued. The SMT, SLT, Chaplain, School Counsellor and Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead are all involved closely in the pastoral life of the School through assemblies, Chapel worship and our Wellbeing Programme. Farringtons also organises regular Year Group meetings so parents are able to discuss their child's progress with staff. The *Flourish* at

Farringtons programme is a dedicated series of evening on-line seminars to help parents better understand important pastoral matters of the day; topics have included: teenage resilience, on-line safety, food & nutrition, on-line gambling and entrepreneurship.

Beyond the Classroom

Farringtons' co-curricular programme and competitive House system gives pupils the opportunity for fun and fellowship whilst developing leadership skills by offering experiences and activities in a safe but challenging environment. As a result, pupils become more adventurous, confident and develop those soft skills which will enable them to flourish in later life. Whenever possible, teachers bring learning to life through a programme of outings, residential trips and workshops led by visiting specialists.

Forest School

Our Forest School encourages and inspires all our pupils to enjoy a positive outdoor experience.

Children have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment and learn how to use their initiative, solve problems, cooperate with others and manage risk.

Getting muddy, building shelters, using tools and toasting marshmallows are just some of the experiences our pupils enjoy at Forest School.





Familiarisation ❁ Organisation ❁ Enjoyment

SENIOR SCHOOL

Years 7 - 11

Farringtons has a long commitment to excellence and opportunity in education. The curriculum in the Senior School reflects this, providing a wide range of modern and traditional subjects from which to make final examination choices.

Small class sizes, dedicated staff and supportive teaching ensure that we are able to nurture individual needs. Pupils in the Senior School range in age from 11 – 19 years old. During the first three years, the emphasis is placed on sound preparation in basic academic skills and, during Year 9, thorough advice on appropriate GCSE options.

In Years 7 – 9, the curriculum comprises of English, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and one compulsory Modern Foreign Language; currently French. In addition, pupils choose a second Modern Foreign Language, either Spanish or German. They will also study the subjects that they may choose to continue to GCSE; these include, Art & Design, Business, Computer Science, Creative iMedia, Dance, Drama, English as a Second Language, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Geography, Graphic Communication, History, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Music Technology, Physical Education, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics and Textiles.

From Year 9, pupils are supported in making their GCSE option choices as part of our careers programme. Careful planning ensures that each pupil follows a balanced timetable of lessons, giving the right foundation for his or her future A Level, Higher Education or career choices. New subjects are introduced into the curriculum at various stages.

Throughout the School, pupils from overseas receive additional English tuition, leading to internationally recognized qualifications.

Form Tutors and visiting speakers provide a structured Wellbeing course that introduces and discusses key moral, ethical and social issues at appropriate times in the pupils' lives. It aims to foster a greater understanding of today's society and to assist them in taking responsibilities for their own and their fellows' well-being.

Pastoral Care

Farringtons is renowned for its pastoral care. The School's ethos, size and determination to treat each person both as an individual and as a member of the community makes for a supportive environment for the pupils to grow. The School works in partnership with parents to ensure that all of the pupils feel that they are cared for and valued.

The Head and Deputy Head are involved closely in the pastoral life of the School through assemblies, Chapel worship and meeting with pupils on a regular basis.

Farringtons also organises regular Year Group meetings so parents are able to discuss their child's progress with staff and at which individual appointments to see a member of staff or the Head can be readily made.





Knowledge * Opportunity * Challenge

SENIOR SCHOOL

Years 12 - 13

Our Sixth Form programme ensures that students acquire the academic qualifications and develop the personal qualities they need to meet the challenges of Higher Education and the world of work.

Small class sizes enable our experienced teachers to nurture the talent of every Sixth Form student as an individual. This, in turn, ensures that our students have the best possible guidance during the university application process.

Farringtons offers a wide choice of subjects and EPQ, timetabled so that university or career choices are not restricted to inflexible subject options. Increasingly, universities want to know about students' interests and activities as well as their academic achievements. Outstanding higher education support is given to every student.

We encourage our Sixth Formers to broaden their horizons and develop leadership skills through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, public speaking, the School House system and many other opportunities. Sixth Formers have their own study areas and common rooms where they can engage in private study, relax, socialise and make drinks and snacks.

Beyond the Classroom

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Farringtons offers a successful sports programme, particularly in boys and girls football, which comprises both elite competition and joyful participation.

This is all alongside an enviable range of activities via our Floreat programme which currently includes: rock climbing, Farringtons' Radio Station, skiing, scuba diving, podcasting, Japanese and bee keeping!

The School's sector-leading Careers provision – Farringtons Futures – also arranges work experience and internships for Senior School pupils. The School fosters an appreciation of, and an involvement in, the local community and pupils are encouraged to learn about, and take part in, fundraising activities for local, national and international charities.

The wonderful grounds and London location allow pupils to develop a love of the outdoors. We believe class work and relationships are enriched by these experiences and that they provide invaluable opportunities for children, staff and parents to learn together. Pupils enjoy exciting excursions, expeditions and sports fixtures locally,





Responsibility ❁ Independence ❁ Innovation

SCHOOL LIFE

The School believes that class work is enriched by these experiences and that they provide invaluable opportunities for children, staff and parents to learn together. Pupils enjoy exciting excursions to the British Film Institute, Port Lympne, Science museum, Horniman museum, British museum as well as walking in the local area.

The School fosters an appreciation of, and an involvement in, the local community and pupils are encouraged to learn about, and take part in, fundraising activities for local, national and international charities. In addition, Farringtons offers a huge range of activities, including arts and crafts, football, dance, choir, orchestra, and taekwondo.

Farringtons Interactive Zone (FIZ) is an essential aspect of the Junior School, providing 'wrap around care' for pupils from Pre-Reception to Year 7. FIZ Club has been designed to help parents and guardians balance work and family commitments, while giving children a broad range of experiences, as well as supporting them with their school work.

Academics

In 2023, at GCSE all subject areas achieved a series of excellent results, 10 subjects achieved 100% pass rate with 92% of students achieving five good passes including English and Mathematics. In English and Mathematics just shy of 60% of grades were awarded at 6-9. In this year group, value-added scores for students were impressive, with students going on to achieve marks higher than predicted when those students joined the School in 2018.

In 2023, at A-Level, the successes of our students were

equally well deserved. 33% of students achieved at least one A* and 22% achieved at least two A*. The vast majority of students have gone on to secure places at their first-choice universities, including a good number at Redbrick institutions.

At Farringtons, all pupils are helped to achieve the best academic results they can. This is especially true in the Prep School where year on year our pupils surpass themselves by achieving results significantly higher than the national average. This is accomplished by dedicated teachers with supportive parents encouraging every pupil to be the best they can be.

Boarding

Boarders at Farringtons live in one of two boarding houses. There is South House for boys in Year 7 to 13 and West House for girls in Years 7 to 13. Each house is led by a team of House Parents and supported by the School Healthcare team.

Christian life at Farringtons

Chapel is an integral aspect of life at Farringtons, and a place where both Junior and Senior School pupils worship regularly.

All Chapel worship is inclusive and welcoming for those of different faiths, and also none at all. During worship, the School covers a range of topics which ensure that pupils are aware of local, national and worldwide issues. Pupils are encouraged to tolerate, understand and respect each other.





Community ✿ Global ✿ Integration

HISTORY OF FARRINGTONS

Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST)

Farringtons School is part of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST). MIST has overarching responsibility for 12 independent school across England and works closely with other independent schools of Methodist foundation elsewhere in the UK and overseas.

MIST provides opportunities for its member schools to work closely together. What is characteristic of all MIST schools is the shared Christian/Methodist ethos. Methodist Schools are inclusive and welcoming communities where individuals are valued, good order is respected, relationships cherished, and where excellence in its widest sense (academic, extra-curricular and lifestyle) is pursued.

Methodist Schools encourage a sense of belonging, seek to improve lives and boldly expect the impossible; in Methodist Schools, educational experiences and activities bring mind and heart, intellect and passion together; and Methodist Schools work in mutually beneficial partnerships with each other and the wider Methodist Church.

History

The story of Farringtons School begins in 1908. At that time, there was already a very successful Methodist boys' school in Cambridge, The Leys School, but no equivalent Methodist school for girls – an earlier establishment having closed some years before. A committee was formed to create a school to educate girls in the Methodist tradition, and Farringtons was born as a 'sister school' of The Leys.

After looking at several sites, they settled on buying the land which the School now occupies in Chislehurst. This

land had formerly been the site of a small mansion dating back to the 17th Century. Before it fell into disrepair, the house had been home to several families, including three generations of the Farrington family who lived there during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, and it is from this connection that the school took its original name – Farringtons.

The first school building, originally known as 'School House' but now called 'East House', was constructed and Miss Alice Hollingdrake Davies was appointed as the first Headmistress. She opened her school on Thursday 21 September 1911 with fourteen pupils. Over the next 90 years the School grew and came through the challenges of the World Wars.

In 1994, Farringtons merged with Stratford House – a local girls' school that had opened in Bickley in 1912. Stratford House had a similar ethos to Farringtons and similar traditions, and so the name 'Farringtons and Stratford House' was born.

The merged School was soon operating happily as a single unit, colloquially known as FASH, and the pupils continue to proudly wear the Coat of Arms that was granted to Farringtons back in 1928. In September 2004, the School reverted to its original name, Farringtons School.

The Millennium saw further exciting developments. In September 2006, Farringtons became the location for a new nursery development – Busy Bees at Farringtons – providing day care for children aged three months to four years. In 2010 the school accepted boys into Year 7 for the first time. Today Farringtons is fully co-educational and thriving. Over 100 years since it was founded, it still flourishes as a School proud of its rich history and excited about the future.

Further information on Farringtons School can be found [here](#).





Experience ❁ Improvement ❁ Inspiration



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