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Recruitment Information Pack



ALPHA PLUS GROUP - THE LEADING PREMIUM PRIVATE EDUCATION PLATFORM

Alpha Plus Group, owned by Delancey, creates centres of educational excellence in our schools and colleges. They strive to establish a climate of high expectations and there is a genuine and visible commitment to setting challenging targets, exceeding expectations and maximising individual achievement. A key feature in our success is the appointment and retention of high quality school/college leaders, teachers and support staff.

Our establishments benefit from cutting edge technology and modern learning environments. The school and college curricula are regularly reviewed to ensure their relevance and their potential to enable all our pupils to obtain first choice placements into destination schools and Higher Education institutions.

We are committed to maintaining and improving this level of quality and whilst each school/college is encouraged to retain its own individual ethos and identity, all Alpha schools and colleges have a number of common characteristics that enable them to maintain and enhance the Gold Standard.

These include:

- High aspirations and expectations for all pupils and staff.
- Outstanding leadership at all levels and effective resource management.
- Working in partnership with parents.
- A focus upon and a passion for high quality teaching and learning.
- A commitment to self-review and continuous improvement that is underpinned by the celebration of success

Additionally, the Group has invested in maintaining and extending individual schools to ensure that these “local” brands are reinforced in their local communities. Several of these brands, such as Wetherby, Pembridge Hall, The Falcons, The Minors Nursery School and DLD, are well established in their own right after decades of premium education provision.

ALPHA PLUS GROUP SCHOOLS

The Group operates 12 pre-preparatory and preparatory schools which provide full structured education for children of the following age ranges:

4 – 8yrs (Boys Pre-preparatory)

8 – 13yrs (Boys Preparatory)

4 – 11yrs (Girls Preparatory)

6wks – 18yrs (Co-ed Preparatory & Secondary)

The selection, recruitment and retention of high quality Head Teachers, Principals, Senior Management and other staff is critical in ensuring each school maintains its reputation in its locality. Alpha Plus’s focus on providing a premium education service, the high level of autonomy given to individual schools and the educational background of the central management team are key differentiators for staff when comparing Alpha Plus Group to competitors. Head Teachers & Principals are given autonomy over day to day operations, including the application and selection policy, while the Group directs overall strategy including finance in conjunction with the Head Teacher or Principal.

■ **TABLE 1: OVERVIEW OF ALPHA PLUS SCHOOLS**

4 – 8 YRS (BOYS PRE-PREPARATORY)

Wetherby School



Wetherby School is located in the Notting Hill area and is heavily oversubscribed. The school was founded in 1951 and is extremely successful in securing pupils’ entry into the Preparatory school of their choice, which in many cases is Wetherby Prep. Wetherby has a long standing and continuing relationship with the Royal Family. A number of children join having attended the Minors or Rolfe’s nursery, both of which are also located in the area.

The Falcons School for Boys



The Falcons was established in 1956, is a highly successful, and one of the only single sex private schools in West London. As with Wetherby, pupils typically leave to join top London preparatory schools. There is also strong demand for pupils to continue their education with the Group after 8 years of age.

8 – 13 YRS (BOYS PREPARATORY)

Wetherby Preparatory School



Wetherby Preparatory School was opened in 2004 to meet the demand from pupils leaving Wetherby Pre-preparatory. Demand has been very high and the school relocated to a larger site at Bryanston Square, Marylebone to increase capacity from 110 to 300.

The Falcons Preparatory School for Boys



Falcons Preparatory opened in September 2008 and will have capacity for 250 pupils as the school grows. The school will capitalise on the success of the Falcons School for Boys and will enable pupils to continue their education with the Group until 13 years.

St Anthony’s School for Boys



St Anthony’s has been established in Hampstead since the 1950s, and is a Catholic day school for boys aged 5-13 years. It provides an excellent blend of traditional values and a forward-thinking holistic education, and enjoys success in music and sport as well as academic endeavours, with for example a wide range of languages being offered at the school, including French, Latin, Greek and Mandarin.

4 – 11 YRS (GIRLS PREPARATORY)

Pembridge Hall School



Pembridge Hall School is located in Notting Hill and was significantly expanded in 2004 to allow for a three class a year entry instead of two class a year entry to help cater for the strong demand in the area. As with Wetherby Pre-preparatory, a number of children join having previously attended Group nurseries in the area.

The Falcons School for Girls



As with the school for boys, Falcons School for Girls has strong demand being the only single sex school in the area. In 2005 the school opened a nursery so as to provide education from ages 3 to 11.

6 WKS – 18 YRS (CO-EDUCATIONAL)

Davenport Lodge School



Davenport Lodge School is located in Coventry and operates a nursery for ages 6 weeks to 3 years and the majority of pupils then continue in the pre-preparatory school until age 8.

Portland Place School



Portland Place School was founded in 1996 to cater for the growing demand for private mixed day schools in Central London for children aged between 10 to 18 years. The school prepares students for GCSE and A Levels and has developed an impressive track record of exam results.

Chepstow House School



Chepstow House School is a co-ed school for children aged between 4 to 7 years to be established in the Pembridge Villas site which was occupied by Wetherby Prep. It opened in January 2010 and there is strong demand from parents for a co-ed school in the area. The site has a capacity to cater for 120 pupils.

Hilden Grange School



Hilden Grange School started life as 'Ravenswood' in 1929 in a flat on London Road, Tonbridge, with just 17 pupils. The school grew quickly and moved to its present site in Dry Hill Park Road in 1942. Hilden Grange School is a co-educational preparatory day school for children aged 3 to 13 years and is situated in Kent. It has a thriving community and prides itself on its friendly atmosphere, outstanding teaching and impressive examination success.

ALPHA PLUS GROUP COLLEGES

Alpha Plus owns and operates 5 independent sixth form colleges located in Central London (2), Cambridge, Manchester and Birmingham. The colleges specialise in preparing both UK and International students for GCSEs (ages 14+) and A-levels and have built strong reputations based on their public examination results and placement of pupils at premier UK and international universities.

TABLE 2: OVERVIEW OF ALPHA PLUS' 5 COLLEGES

Abbey College Birmingham



Abbey College Birmingham (“ACB”) is situated close to Birmingham City Centre and provides education to students aged 15 years and above. The focus of the college is to help students achieve their full potential in GCSEs and A-Levels through the provision of high quality teachers, modern facilities and low student teacher ratios.

Abbey College Cambridge



Abbey College Cambridge (“ACC”) is a sixth form college located in the heart of Cambridge. Since opening in 1994 98.2% of students received A-C’s in their A-Levels. The college is focused on preparing students for vocational qualifications and professions such as Medicine and Law. ACC has been particularly successful in attracting students from China and Vietnam since specific marketing began in the region in 2002-3.

Abbey College London



Abbey College London (“ACL”), the first college of the Abbey Group, was founded in 1985 and is a specialist A-Level College for students of 15 years and above. ACL has frequently been placed amongst the top four independent sixth form colleges in the UK based on public examinations. In 2005 ACL it was relocated to larger premises in Grosvenor Gardens, Belgravia.

Abbey College Manchester



Abbey College Manchester (“ACM”) was originally established in 1990 as a dedicated facility for Science and Maths A-Levels. The college now offers a full range of courses and is the only independent sixth form college in Manchester. Due to its success the college moved to a new, larger, state-of-the-art building in the heart of Manchester in 2004.

ALPHA PLUS GROUP NURSERIES

The Group operates 2 standalone nurseries each with well established reputations in their local marketplace. Small nurseries also operate in 3 other Group schools (Falcons Boys, Falcons Girls and Davenport Lodge).



Rolfe's Nursery

Rolfe’s Nursery is based in Notting Hill and operates in school term periods to prepare children for the entry into premium London day schools. A number of pupils (c.24%) join other schools in the Group on leaving Rolfe’s (notably Wetherby School and Pembridge Hall School).

The Minors Nursery School



The Minors Nursery School was founded in 1975 and also operates in the Notting Hill area and is a feeder school for a number of premium London day schools. As with Rolfe’s, a number of pupils (c.80%) join Chepstow House School, Wetherby School or Pembridge Hall School on leaving.

ALPHA PLUS GROUP SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Alpha Plus Group is led by a highly experienced management team, who have extensive knowledge and experience of the private and public education sectors.

Further information can be found on the Alpha Plus Group website:

[Alpha Plus Group - The Gold Standard in Education - Home Page](#)

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, HAMPSTEAD

Background Information

The school was founded in the late nineteenth century and has been on its current Hampstead site since 1952.

Hampstead is a delightful part of London in which to be based. It has a 'village' atmosphere, a fascinating history and, in Hampstead Heath, London's largest 'open-space'. Kenwood House, with its famous art collection, adjoins the Heath. Both Central London and the M25/MI/A1M motorways are easily accessible.

The school admits pupils from age 4 to 13 and is characterised by high academic attainment within an atmosphere that is fairly informal. For example, we do not have lesson bells and staff, pupils and parents are on first name terms. The school's Catholic ethos guides its spiritual life and around 60% of pupils are Catholic.

A majority of our pupils move on as day pupils to well-known Independent schools in the capital - City of London, Highgate, Mill Hill, St. Paul's, University College, Westminster. A minority of our leavers become boarders at Independent schools across England, with Ampleforth and Harrow popular destinations.

For entry into their Independent schools pupils sit both the Common Entrance Examination and the entrance exams set by individual schools. Pupils often reach very high levels of academic attainment and are awarded scholarships.

General information about the school can be found on the school website at www.stanthonysprep.org.uk