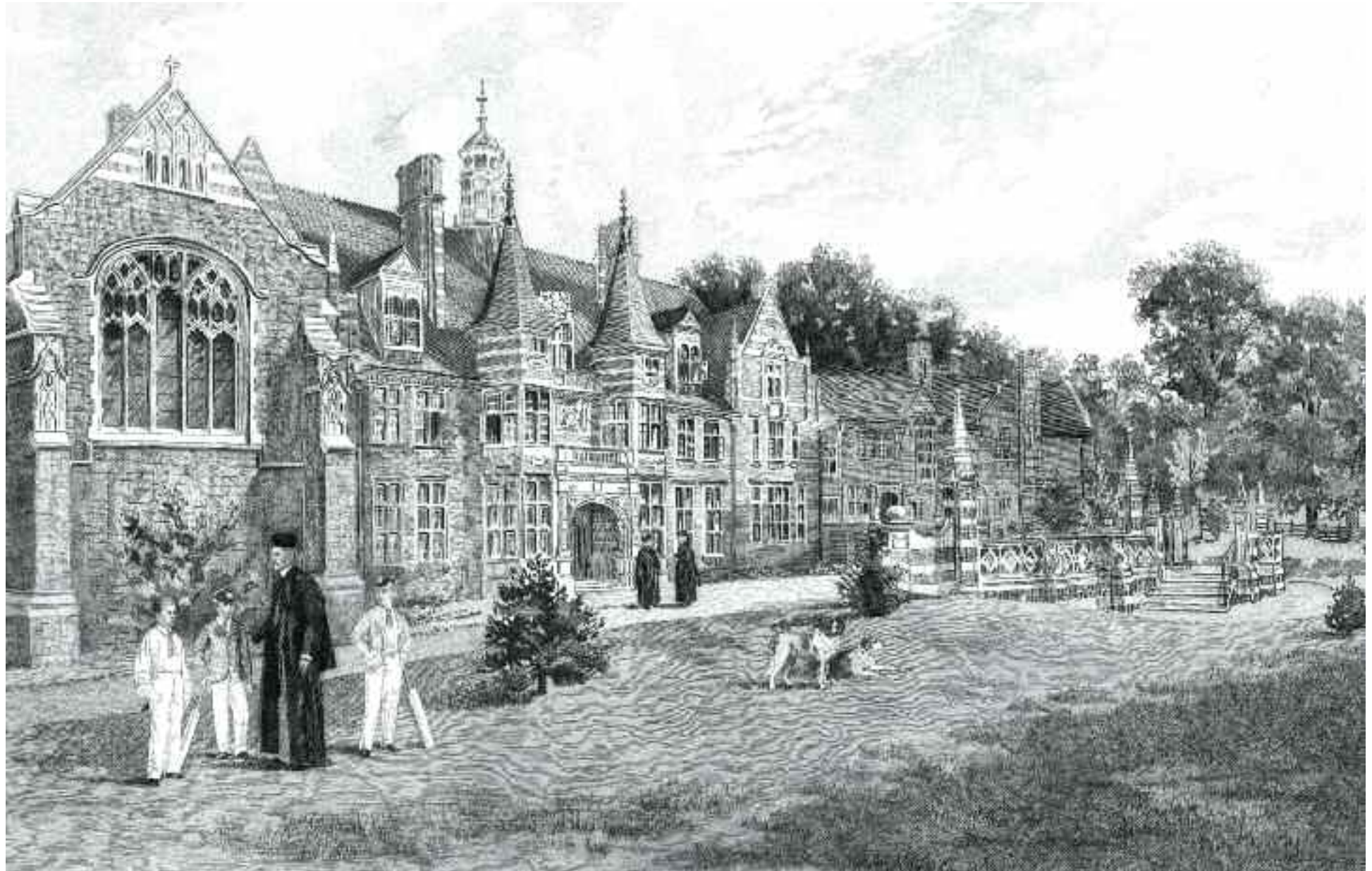




ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT



ST JOHN'S BEAUMONT IN 1888, THE FIRST PURPOSE-BUILT PREPARATORY SCHOOL IN ENGLAND





Headmaster's Welcome

May I welcome you to St John's Beaumont and thank you for the interest that you have shown in the School.

As you browse this prospectus I hope you will notice the variety of opportunities that our boys enjoy, which combine to make St John's the very special school it is. In a school that is committed to a non-selective entrance criteria we are proud of the successes of all of our pupils.

As a single-sex school we are able to offer a curriculum dedicated entirely to the needs of our boys, ensuring that their academic, pastoral, creative and sporting potential are realised to the full. Academic success is prized highly but is achieved alongside a genuine family environment, with outstanding opportunities and excellence in art, music, drama and sport. Many of our boys move on to the country's top public schools.



When it is time for your son to leave St John's, we hope that he will have instilled within himself the courage not just to succeed in those things that come naturally, but also those that challenge him. He will have had the opportunity to participate in the multitude of extra-curricular activities, trips and discussions that take place, and in doing so will have enjoyed an education in the truest sense of the word.

I very much hope to welcome you personally to St John's in the near future and show you what makes St John's so different.

GEF Delaney, Headmaster



Pre-Prep

The Nicholas Owen Block (Pre-Preparatory department) is housed in its own purpose-built facility. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are essential years where our boys build the foundations for what promises to be an exciting and challenging education as they move on through to the Senior School.

A strong focus is placed on literacy and numeracy alongside creative play and confident social interaction. Music, drama, art, swimming and PE are all part of their curriculum in these years. During this period, through an engaging programme of active participation, boys are also encouraged to learn a musical instrument.

Year 2 offers many opportunities to broaden the curriculum and in doing so to begins to focus on an individual boy's strengths. During this year he will be introduced to French, design technology, touch rugby, tennis and a number of extra-curricular activities.











Academic Study

St John's offers a modern approach to teaching, using the latest technology. Boys are monitored closely via a system of both teacher and external assessment, with clear targets set for each pupil. Boys are prepared for their final examinations to public schools largely via Common Entrance or scholarship. The most able are encouraged to study a wide range of academic disciplines including Ancient Greek. Academic success is achieved alongside a strong commitment to the all-round life of the School, where a passion for sport, the arts, or an extra-curricular activity will contribute towards academic progress. To that end, music, art, drama and design technology are all integral parts of a boy's curriculum.

The School operates a positive approach towards discipline, aiming to reward excellent conduct and commitment. Through their Animals, as our House system is known, boys compete in teams in a variety of disciplines from verse speaking to music composition, in an atmosphere of teamwork and mutual support for their peers.





In Years 7 and 8 boys use laptops as an integral part of their learning process and, like all boys in junior years, have access to a state-of-the-art intranet site which is constantly available for the storage of teaching and learning resources.

The curriculum is designed to focus not only on academic excellence but also on an intellectual awareness and interest in the world in general. Our own 'Magis' programme runs alongside the academic curriculum and offers a series of seminars and talks on a variety of subjects that stimulate debate and further individual thought and research.

A number of trips are organised throughout the year that encourage boys to recognise the relationship between different subjects and disciplines, again fostering a recognition of intelligent and independent learning.







The Arts

Music and art play an important role in the life of the school and are both housed in their own purpose built accommodation. Along with drama the School operates a formal scholarship programme that aims to prepare particularly talented pupils for future scholarships in each of these subjects.

Most boys learn at least one musical instrument and can perform in formal and informal concerts. There are various ensembles for every instrument, age and ability, and boys are offered tuition on an enviable choice of instruments. There are opportunities for choral singing, ranging from the Junior Choir all the way up to the well renowned Chapel Choir. Art, both as a curriculum and a non curricular subject, permeates throughout the School. There are a number of exhibitions throughout the year offering every boy the opportunity to present examples of his work. Emphasis is placed on drawing, painting and history of art, but other disciplines including sculpture and printing are also offered.

Drama is a formal part of a boy's curriculum from Nursery to Year 6. Outside the curriculum there are also opportunities to participate in drama projects and performances for boys of all ages, including the major annual School Musical.









Having the Time of Your Life

A successful boarding community aims to create an environment where boys feel comfortable and 'at home'. They develop a sense of confidence, independence, tolerance, friendship and respect for others.

Under the guidance of the Housemaster each dormitory has a full time dormitory master, house tutor and matron. They are supported by the school doctor and a team of nurses. Boarders have a busy evening and weekend schedule including academic study, music practice, competitions, tennis, swimming, letter writing, community activities, sports fixtures, a weekly Sunday outing and Mass. Boys grow up as a community and as individuals.











Sport

A great deal of sport is played at St John's. Games take place four times a week in Years 3-8 (rugby, cricket and athletics) with tennis and swimming also forming part of the curriculum. Other sports are enjoyed as part of our extra-curricular programme and include rowing, SCUBA diving, badminton, rock climbing, judo, archery, gymnastic dance and polo, biathlon, cross country and soccer.

It is an essential element of our sports programme that every boy is given the opportunity to represent the school at rugby and cricket. Extended opportunities for tennis and swimming are offered outside of the school day for boys of all abilities.









Spiritual

St John's positively welcomes families of all religious faiths into a warm Christian environment. We aim to help parents to nurture their sons in the Ignatian tradition of education, producing 'men for others'. Integrating spiritual maturity and academic excellence with a rounded social and physical development, we encourage our pupils to be young men of competence, conscience and compassion.

St John's remains true to its Jesuit ethos and the School Chapel is central to life here. Mass is held daily and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is offered to boys from Year 3. We seek to reach out to the wider community with regular family masses held in the Chapel and also at the Jesuit parish in Mayfair, London.





Boys from the Nicholas Owen Block perform their Nativity







Activities

A vast array of extra-curricular activities is available, representing a breadth of opportunity that we hope boys will investigate over their time at St John's. It is hoped that alongside those activities in which he excels or that he greatly enjoys, he will be encouraged to try at least one that might be new or better still, unknown! He may never have the same opportunity later in life.

Set in 70 acres of grounds, the School offers a remarkable array of sports and extra-curricular activities, including water polo, archery, rock climbing, polo, philosophy, mandarin, chess, fly fishing, model aircraft, real tennis, SCUBA diving and much more besides.

The extra-curricular programme is designed to complement the academic curriculum, and encourages boys to engage in as diverse a range of activities as they wish. In doing this they will be able to learn and appreciate different skills and develop a sense of exploration and tenacity in an open and exciting environment.













Trips

Of paramount importance for our boys is that they grasp as soon as possible an intrinsic love of learning. Opportunities that draw upon the relevance of their study offer them the chance to become independent learners and to explore the breadth of each topic and subject. Trips, presentations and visiting experts allow boys to see in each subject a wider context.

Curricular and extra-curricular trips are an enormously popular and successful addition to the curriculum at St John's. Whether national or international, academic or outward bound, there is no doubting their impact on a boy's education.



Historians in Flanders





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