# How we successfully prepare our boys for Senior Schools

At Homefield, we fully support parents who are considering entry to schools for Year 7 or Year 9, whether it is for local grammar schools or preparation for the ISEB pre-tests for independent schools such as Westminster and St Paul's.

### **1. Core subject delivery**

The syllabus in English and maths goes above and beyond National Curriculum expectations and is well supported by high-quality teaching staff, helping our boys excel in other areas such as sport, music and languages. Over half of our boys have secured at least one offer from selective grammar schools.

### 2. Examination preparation sessions (Verbal and Non-verbal Reasoning)

All boys in Years 4 and 5 have timetabled lessons where they are supported in honing their verbal and non-verbal reasoning skills and work on answering maths and English questions accurately and within a specific time limit. Boys have access to the Atom Learning platform, where additional practice can be set, outside the school day for those interested families.

### **3. Subscription to 11+ online prep**

We provide all of our boys, from the Spring half term of Year 4 with a log-in to the Atom Learning platform. This is chosen as it supports those considering 11+ and/or ISEB pre-tests for Independent entry. The site offers online English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning practice and also gives targeted feedback to teachers.

#### 4. Interview preparation

All Independent senior schools invite students to an interview as part of the admissions process. In order to ensure our boys are prepared, we offer excellent seminar sessions with senior staff.

## 5. Parent consultation meeting

Parents are offered the opportunity to meet with the Head or Deputy Head to discuss their son's learning journey. All data is considered, and future options are discussed together. If you would like to book a meeting please contact the Head's PA, Mrs Harmes. In addition, we host an annual virtual senior school information evening for parents, along with a Senior Schools' Information Fair.

## 6. Scholarship preparation

Many of our boys are awarded scholarships by senior Independent schools in Sport, Art, Drama, Music, Academics or as an All-rounder. Our teaching staff work with parents to prepare their sons for these scholarships; advising, guiding and supporting them through the process.

Inspiring Boys Heads, Hearts, Hands

