

# ACHIEVEMENT



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# TRADITION

Skinner's School is a place of learning. The boys will earn not only qualifications, but a respect for scholarship and learning as things worthwhile in themselves. We intend that they will also develop an appreciation of human achievement in art, music, science and literature. They will develop the ability to think critically, to respect evidence, to distinguish between opinions and prejudices and to make balanced judgements of their own. Through involvement in our varied extra-curricular programme every boy should develop and grow intellectually, physically and spiritually.

Skinner's School is a caring school.

No young person will learn effectively unless he feels happy and secure. At Skinner's we will try to address the particular needs of every pupil through a comprehensive, supportive and flexible pastoral system. At Skinner's we value everyone as unique and special, capable of spiritual, moral, intellectual and physical development. As such we work together to develop self respect, self discipline and self understanding. We aim to make responsible use of our talents and opportunities, strive for wisdom and knowledge and take responsibility for our own lives.

Skinner's School is a community.

We respect others for themselves, not for what they have or what they can do for us. We believe that the capacity to form strong relationships is the foundation of a happy and fulfilled life. As such we will all strive to show others that they are valued, to earn the trust and loyalty of others and to work together co-operatively. We will not tolerate bullying, violence, theft or abuse.



Simon Everson  
Headmaster

Skinner's School is at the heart of a wider community.

We will learn to take on our responsibilities as citizens. We will respect and celebrate religious and cultural diversity. We will promote opportunities for all. We will place truth, integrity, honesty and goodwill at the heart of our public and private lives. The ethic of service is more highly valued by us than that of self-interest. We believe that from those to whom much is given, much is expected.

These values will underpin our work and relationships at The Skinner's School; they are the foundation of all that we do.

## An Education in Excellence

Former pupils have had a significant national impact and have ranged in their talents from great scientists to great sportsmen. The School continues to provide opportunities for excellence.



We are especially proud of the challenge provided by our extra-curricular programme. A range of academic and social clubs, a variety of sporting opportunities, a Human Rights group, a Charities Committee, an Environmental Committee, VSU, the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, the largest CCF in any state school and activities in such far-flung places as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Belize, Guatemala and Mexico are all part of the pupils' experience of Skinner's School.

The Sixth Form is especially vibrant. We believe in providing opportunities for leadership and service.

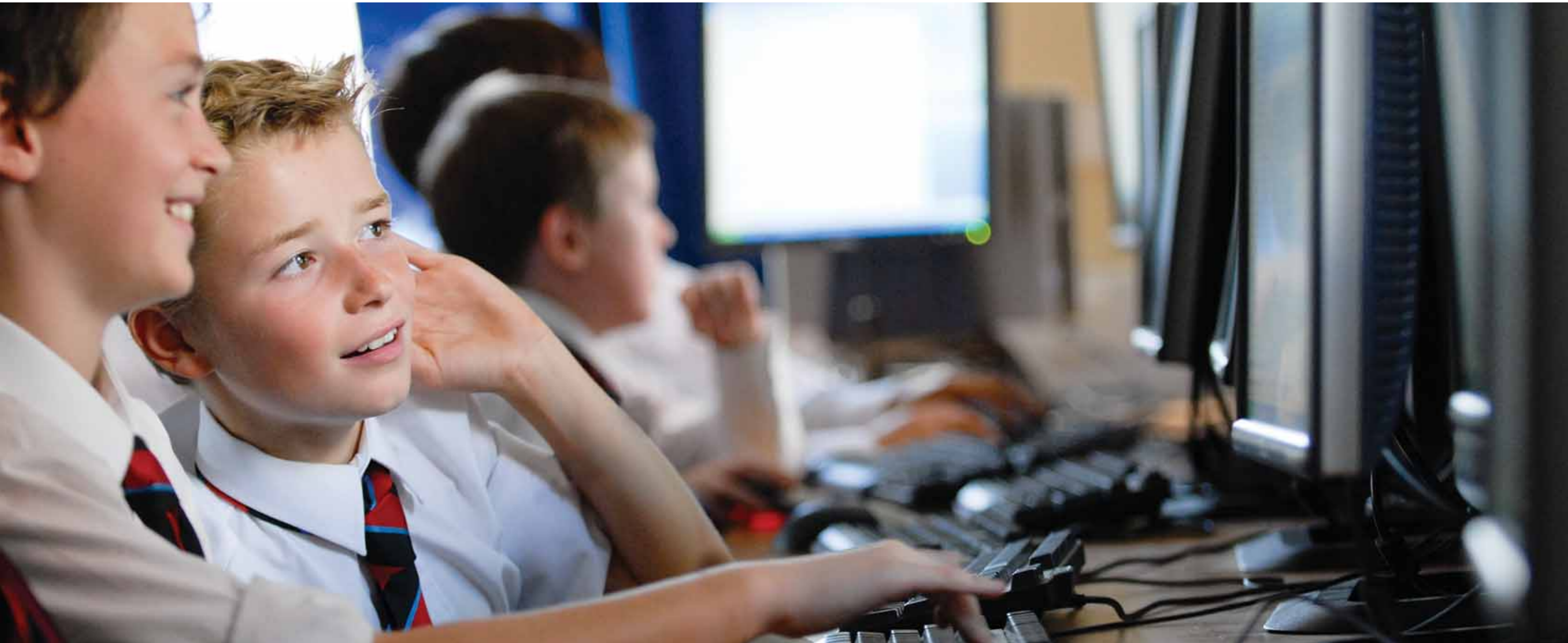
The Sixth Form are at the centre of School life: they mentor younger pupils, lead the House competitions, support subject teachers in promoting the work of departments, visit local schools and engage with the community. We also have the highest academic expectations of them. Sixth Formers leave to be successful at established universities, taking academic degree courses.

Skinner's School is strong in its traditions, its values and its vision. Secure in our past, we look to the future. We are proud of our pupils and always seek to improve our service to them.



# SCHOLARSHIP

AN OUTSTANDING PLACE TO LEARN



The Skinners' School offers a broad and balanced programme of academic study, with an emphasis upon the more traditional subjects. Our purpose is to develop the critical and imaginative faculties of the boys. We strive to generate originality, creativity and the capacity to problem solve. We wish pupils to be independent thinkers, good communicators and life-long learners. Close monitoring and effective support systems ensure high standards and academic success.

Refurbishment and continued investment in technology provide high quality accommodation and provision. A private study area with the latest computer equipment is set aside for Sixth Form use; fully equipped computer suites are provided for all pupils. Skinners' School recognises the value of the latest developments in technology and strives to place them at the heart of learning.





# S U C C E S S

## A SPECIALIST SCIENCE SCHOOL



Science

Skidders' School has been a Science Specialist School since September 2005. This accolade recognises outstanding teaching and significant pupil achievement in Science. As a result, the School has been able to invest further in dedicated Science computer technology and has provided entirely refurbished laboratories for our students. Highly skilled and experienced science teachers work hard to generate enthusiasm and a passion for learning. As a consequence, in all phases of their education, Skidders' young scientists achieve at the highest level.

In addition, Skidders' is pleased to contribute to the development of science in the community. We have developed close links with local primary schools, constructed a sensory garden at Oakley Special School and engage fully with the community around us.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities, visits and opportunities to work with science are a core part of our teaching.





# P R I D E

## SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Skinner's School is a healthy school. As part of our concern for the pupils' well-being, we promote physical activity. At all levels of the school and across all abilities, a wide range of sporting activities are enjoyed by boys at Skinner's. Our policy is to foster the skills of all boys and to run as many teams as possible. We intend to equip all boys with individual and team skills which will prepare them either for leisure activities or serious competition.

Provision is divided into three parts. Morning PE sessions focus upon skills and technique. Afternoon games sessions are devoted to the traditional team sports of rugby, cricket, hockey, athletics and football.

This offer broadens as pupils progress through the School to include badminton, tennis, squash and other sports. Finally, we offer an extensive range of opportunities to compete. Skinner's has a full programme of Saturday fixtures. In addition there are many opportunities for inter-House competition.

We have excellent new facilities at spacious playing fields at Southfields. We also undertake frequent tours to other countries and welcome touring teams seeking a competitive match. Thorough, professional training and guidance allow our teams to compete at the highest levels; many pupils go on to represent their county and nation in their sport.





# CREATIVITY

## BEING THE BEST I CAN

At Skinner's we aim to provide opportunities to excel in every field. Art and Music are important parts of our corporate school life. Pupils are encouraged to develop their talents and express themselves creatively. In Art, there is an annual exhibition. We proudly display pupils' work within the School site.

Personal expression can take many forms. Both as prefects and in our CCF, we offer leadership roles to Sixth Formers.

Adventurous training on Dartmoor and elsewhere develops character; pupils discover that they are capable of more than they ever believed possible. Similarly, our work with the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme takes boys on many exciting trips and expeditions. In recent years, we have expanded our connection with World Challenge.



# COMMITMENT

## FOCUS UPON THE INDIVIDUAL

Skinner's School is a small school in which every pupil is known. We are proud of our excellent reputation for providing the highest quality of pastoral support and care. We believe that a pupil must be happy in order to achieve his best. Our Heads of Year, Form Tutors, Form Prefects and Pupil Mentors work hard to make every boy feel part of a happy community.

Pupils are treated as individuals - we strive to identify their needs and meet them. If a pupil has Special Educational Needs we will work with him in small groups, using dedicated and experienced staff. If a pupil is considered to be Gifted and Talented, departments will strive to stretch and enrich the educational experience. We work hard to bring the best out of every child.

New entrants in Yr 7 are supported with an extensive induction process. They will meet their tutor and the others in their class in the Summer Term before starting at Skinner's.

There is also an induction day before the rest of the school returns.

Those who wish to join us in the Sixth Form are equally welcome. Our facilities and our track record of success are strong attractions. We integrate new students with an induction day, during which they will be familiarised with the Sixth Form Centre and meet key staff.

### Focus upon the Future

The Skinner's School exists to provide a place of learning where effective support and a caring environment allow pupils to achieve their best.

We are committed to seek ways to improve, to develop the facilities and to challenge our pupils.

When the time comes for a Skinner's pupil to leave us, he will do so with impressive academic qualifications, a creative, inquiring mind and the confidence to find success wherever he chooses.

