Haberdashers' Monmouth *Prep* School

“This caring and energetic town centre school offers *imaginative, hands-on learning* and plenty of extracurricular.”

Good Schools Guide

A *Warm Welcome* From The Head

At Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School, pupils are motivated to learn with a sense of fun, enjoyment and excitement, both in and out of the classroom.

The pupils' sheer exuberance and the way they throw themselves wholeheartedly into whatever is going on is a true delight. It is a pleasure for me to continue building on Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School's strengths, whilst providing a happy, secure environment in which our pupils' lives are enriched now, and for the future.

The school's modern and contemporary teaching spaces encapsulate the very best of a traditional, independent education. Boys and girls can immerse themselves in a wide range of educational opportunities, trips and expeditions, social and co-curricular events and shared community projects.

Our co-educational foundation recognises talent and nurtures excellence, providing the best possible springboard for your child's future and allows a confident step up to our senior school.

Haberdashers' Monmouth School has an inspirational legacy of delivering an exceptional education that combines academic excellence with a forward-thinking ethos. It is a privilege to know that many pupils begin their transformative journey here at Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School.

I hope that our prospectus gives you an insight into our wonderful school community and the wealth of opportunities and experiences available to all our girls and boys.

I invite you to visit us and we look forward to welcoming you and your family soon.

With warm wishes,

Neil Shaw

History

Sitting on the banks of the River Wye on the border of England and Wales, Haberdashers' Monmouth School has been an integral part of the educational and cultural fabric of Monmouthshire since its foundation in 1614 by William Jones. A member of the Haberdashers' Company, one of the renowned livery companies of the City of London, Jones bequeathed £600 to the community, entrusting the Company of Haberdashers to oversee its establishment and legacy.

Scan to find out more about The Haberdashers' Advantage.

The *Haberdashers' Advantage*

Haberdashers' Monmouth School offers a unique and enhanced education known as 'The Haberdashers' Advantage'.

This approach provides exceptional academic support, talent development and expert career guidance. Backed by the prestigious Haberdashers' Company, the school ensures pupils receive unparalleled opportunities and support throughout their lives through a network of talented, committed, and successful individuals dedicated to the Haberdashers' Schools.

This is ***our*** advantage and it is with ***our*** pupils for ***life.***

Pastoral Care

We believe that a nurturing and supportive environment is essential for pupils to flourish.

Our core values—respect, kindness, resilience, integrity, and creativity—guide every aspect of school life, fostering a community where our pupils feel safe supported, and heard. Working closely with parents and guardians, we strive to provide consistent pastoral care that meets every child's needs.

A dedicated PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) programme delivered by class teachers to their forms, continues from nursery all the way to Year 6 and feeds into our HabsMon Progamme in Year 7 onwards.

"Our daughter feels ***happy, confident, and supported at every step,*** thanks to the school's exceptional pastoral care and support. Watching her flourish socially and form such wonderful friendships has been truly heartwarming."

Current parent

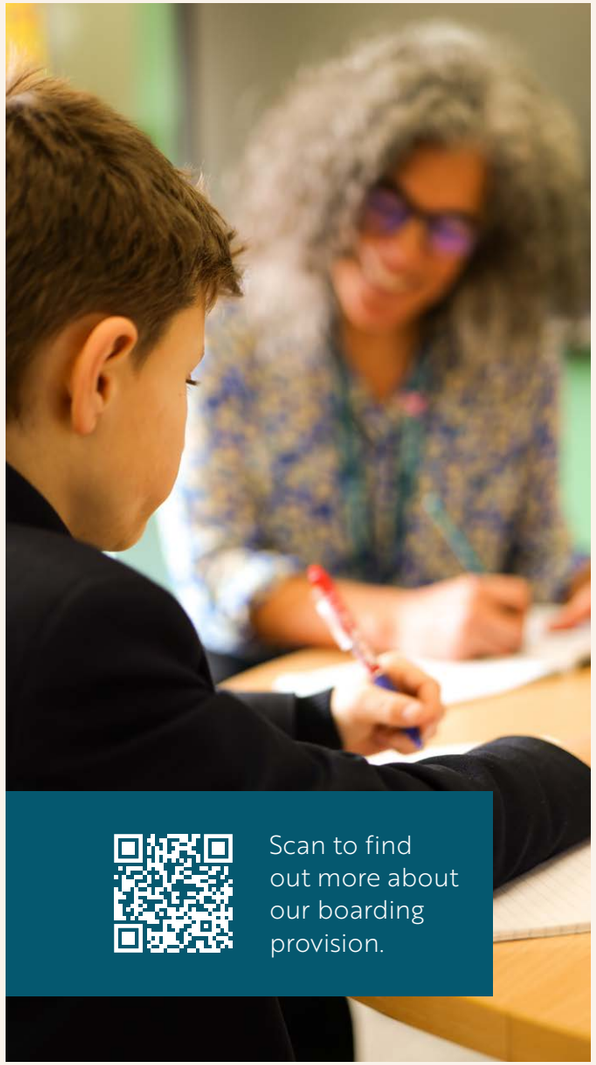
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

Breakfast Club from 7.30am

After-School Club collection from 5.30pm

Day Boarding until 9pm

Providing A Home *For Growth*



Scan to find out more about our boarding provision.

We understand the need for exceptional wrap-around care, providing a fully supervised Breakfast Club and After-School Club.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club provides essential support for todays' busy families, offering fully supervised care from 7.30am each weekday.

After-School Club

Our After-School Club offers a nurturing environment for children, including a sandwich tea and relaxation time for younger pupils, with collection from 5.30pm. For older children from Year 3, we provide care slots from 4pm to 5.15pm and 5.15pm to 6pm, including homework time and a hot supper in the later slot.

Day Boarding

Day pupils can experience boarding life, including evening routines, prep time, and activities, while returning home each night around 9pm. This option provides the benefits of boarding without the sleep-over, ensuring convenience.

Nursery

Your child's educational journey begins in Inglefield House, a nurturing and modern single-storey building designed specifically for our youngest pupils, from Nursery to Year 2.

Here, children are immersed in a world of engaging activities that spark curiosity and foster a love of learning. From hands-on lessons that ignite imagination to interactive experiences that build confidence, every day is an opportunity for discovery.

While the beautiful open spaces surrounding Inglefield House provide a safe and inspiring backdrop, the focus remains on nurturing academic growth and personal development.

Children are encouraged to explore new ideas, develop foundational skills and grow at their own pace in a supportive environment. This balanced approach ensures every child feels inspired and ready to thrive in their early educational journey.

Prep

Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School offers an inspiring blend of traditional architecture and dynamic, engaging spaces for pupils in Years 3-6 (ages 7-11).

With a rich curriculum that fully embeds science, languages, music, sport and the arts, we provide an environment that fosters curiosity and enthusiasm. From exciting trips and expeditions to vibrant community projects, our curriculum is designed to cultivate a love of learning and a sense of fun both inside and outside the classroom.

Academic *Curriculum*

Our academic curriculum is built on a foundation of passion, expertise and a commitment to nurturing every pupil's potential.

Led by our dedicated and talented teaching staff, our curriculum ignites curiosity, builds confidence and instils a genuine love of learning. At its core are daily numeracy and literacy lessons, delivered by exceptional teachers who create dynamic, supportive classrooms where every pupil is encouraged to excel. These lessons blend the best of traditional teaching with innovative Microsoft Showcase strategies, ensuring learning is both engaging and effective.

From Nursery through to Year 6, specialist teaching enhances each subject, deepening understanding and broadening horizons.

Purpose-built facilities, including our cutting-edge science lab and advanced computer suite, provide an inspiring setting for hands-on exploration and problem-solving. Every lesson encourages pupils to question, collaborate and develop the essential skills that will empower them throughout their education and beyond.

Our curriculum goes beyond academic success - it cultivates creativity, resilience, and independent thinking, equipping pupils with the confidence to embrace new challenges and opportunities.

In addition to literacy, numeracy and PSHE, the following subjects are taught:

YEARS 1 & 2

- Science
- Art
- Music
- PE, Swimming & Games
- Modern Languages

YEARS 3 & 4

- Science
- French
- Music
- Art
- Computing
- PE, Swimming & Games
- Humanities
- Drama

YEARS 5 & 6

- Science
- Drama
- Music
- Geography
- Computing
- History
- French
- Latin
- Art
- Design & Technology
- PE, Swimming & Games
- Food & Nutrition

Science

Our science programme is a springboard for inspiration, led by our exceptional Doctor of Science. His bespoke curriculum transcends the English National Curriculum and Curriculum Cymraeg, cultivating curiosity and a lifelong love of discovery.

Our cutting-edge science lab and adjoining garden are dynamic spaces where pupils immerse themselves in hands-on learning. They design experiments, explore ecosystems and tackle real-world problems, honing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Weekly features like the 'Last Week in Science' board and the collaborative 'Wonder Wall' bridge classroom lessons with global scientific advancements.

Beyond the classroom, pupils experience the wonder of science through enriching trips to Monmouth's Rockfield Studios and The Spaceguard Centre, as well as our celebrated Monmouth Science Fair. Success in national competitions, such as the National Science Quiz Club finals, highlights their growing confidence and capability.

We nurture innovative, inquisitive learners prepared to shape tomorrow's world.

Languages

Language learning is a vibrant and enriching journey thanks to our specialist teachers.

From Reception to Year 4, pupils enjoy weekly French lessons that blend language and culture through songs, games and interactive activities, fostering an appreciation for the diversity of global cultures. Pupils also experience tasters of other languages, including Welsh, while KS2 lessons also incorporate linguistics to broaden their understanding further.

In Years 5 and 6, pupils advance to twice weekly French lessons, alongside Latin and Roman civilisation, which are brought to life through engaging stories, games and exploration of Roman history, myths and culture.

Cultural events, such as our annual Languages Day and Eisteddfod on St David's Day, celebrate linguistic diversity, while links with schools in Lyon, Frankfurt and Shanghai deepen international connections.

The Year 6 trip to France provides pupils with invaluable real-world opportunities to practise their French, instilling confidence and a love of languages that lasts a lifetime.

Humanities

Humanities opens the door to understanding the world – its past, its places and its people. Whether unlocking the secrets of ancient civilisations or tracing the contours of global landscapes, our pupils embark on an exciting intellectual journey that develops curiosity and cultural awareness.

Our status as a Microsoft Showcase School allows us to bring the past to life in extraordinary ways. Pupils can virtually walk among the cave drawings of Neolithic France without ever leaving their classroom chairs, using interactive tools to examine prehistoric art in exquisite detail. Technology supports their learning not as a substitute for imagination, but as a springboard for it.

History

From the earliest footprints of humanity to the complex societies of today, our history curriculum fosters a strong sense of chronology and critical inquiry. Pupils examine key events, personalities and periods - from the Stone Age to the Romans, the Tudors to the Victorians - building a rich understanding of how the past informs the present.

Lessons are inquiry-led and often cross-curricular, enhanced by storytelling, artefact handling and immersive experiences. Whether writing as a Roman citizen or debating decisions made on the home front during wartime Britain, pupils are encouraged to see history through multiple lenses and develop a balanced, reflective view of the world.

Geography

Geography at Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep is a subject of discovery and wonder. Pupils investigate both physical and human geography, exploring topics such as weather and climate, rivers and coasts, global trade, population and sustainability. Lessons promote a strong sense of place, environmental stewardship and global citizenship.

Fieldwork is a vital component of the curriculum, supported by state-of-the-art digital mapping, satellite imagery and interactive learning platforms. Our pupils learn to analyse data, think critically about geographical issues and consider their role as future custodians of our planet. From the River Wye to the Amazon rainforest, their learning is both local and global - rooted in real-world relevance and intellectual adventure.

Sport

Sport shapes almost everything we do. It's about character, teamwork, leadership and the ability to win and lose gracefully. We believe sport is not just about results, but about building resilience, fostering integration and promoting personal growth.

Our pupils have Swimming, PE, and Games timetabled three times a week, with additional Games sessions on Wednesday afternoons, alongside an extensive after-school sports offering. From an early age, they are coached by specialist Sports Coaches whose expertise and passion inspire our pupils to excel in sport, building a strong foundation for both individual and team success.

With top-tier facilities including a 25-metre swimming pool, rugby and football pitches, multi-purpose astroturf, athletics track and cricket grounds, our pupils have everything they need to hone their skills.

Our advanced swimming squad is outstanding, with swimmers consistently achieving top results in national competitions. We are also proud to be recognised among the UK's Top 100 Cricket Schools by The Cricketer magazine, highlighting our commitment to sporting excellence.

COMPETITIVE SPORTS

- Rugby
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Cricket
- Cross-country
- Swimming

Music

Music is more than a subject—it's a joyful journey that inspires creativity, confidence and a lifelong love of learning. From their earliest years, every pupil's musical potential is nurtured and developed, with music placed at the heart of our curriculum.

Our bespoke Kodály-inspired programme blends playful singing and movement with listening, creating and composing. Our pupils develop exceptional musicianship skills while their innate, individual musical creativity is celebrated. The Kodály learning culminates through the opportunity to gain 'Gold Level Musicianship', a nationally-lauded opportunity rarely seen in junior schools and sets our pupils apart as skilled, independent musicians.

Music is celebrated throughout the year in services, concerts and productions, including our Eisteddfod and acclaimed school shows like Matilda. Every pupil is given the opportunity to shine, whether performing in ensembles or as soloists.

With specialist teaching and a vibrant, inclusive programme, we ensure every child discovers the joy and transformative power of music.

Dance

At Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School, Dance is an integral part of our community, promoting self-esteem, confidence, cooperation, collaboration, discipline, focus and determination.

Our dance curriculum allows every pupil to experience the intrinsic benefits of dance, offering a diversity of styles, individuality and an open approach, providing performance opportunities and awards. Our performance projects frequently involve cross-curricular elements, so pupils also broaden their knowledge through the medium of dance.

Our dedicated dance studio and holistic teaching provides a supportive and creative environment, enabling pupils to flourish.

Drama

We make drama fun and engaging, providing pupils with outstanding opportunities to shine both on and off the stage.

Our cutting-edge Performing Arts Centre is the perfect stage for budding actors. From Year 4, pupils enjoy weekly drama classes tailored to their age, ensuring a fun, supportive environment.

Led by a Drama Teacher with over 30 years of theatre and music experience, our classes spark creativity, confidence, and a love for the performing arts.

Our tailored approach helps pupils grow their skills, push boundaries and enjoy the many benefits of drama in a nurturing setting.

Art & Design

Art and Design inspires our pupils to think differently, unlocking perspective, problem-solving and creative skills to explore a world where possibilities are boundless. Lessons encourage self-discovery, expression and individuality.

We immerse our pupils in workshops such as printmaking, graffiti, ceramics and more, building foundational skills for senior school and beyond. Each term brings exciting new topics, exploring historical and cultural influences, researching artists and movements and developing projects with diverse techniques. Group work, assessments, and trips to museums and galleries provide hands-on learning, where pupils engage with artists and vibrant locations that bring their studies to life.

By the time our pupils leave, they're equipped with digital expertise, visual literacy and a confident art vocabulary—ready to connect their creative toolbox to academic subjects and the world around them.

Computing

Computing is woven into our curriculum, providing pupils with the right skills for a technology-driven world. As a Microsoft Showcase School, we integrate cutting-edge digital tools into every subject, enhancing collaboration, creativity, and future-ready learning.

We encourage personalised learning through tools like Reading Coach, which helps pupils improve reading skills through tailored practice at their own pace. Pupils also use Flip videos in Teams Assignments to add creativity, deepen engagement and collaborate effectively empowering them to find, share and respect diverse voices.

Our forward-thinking approach ensures pupils are not just passive consumers of technology, but confident problem-solvers. From exploring ancient caves in Art to designing with Minecraft or writing letters to Shakespeare, technology enriches every aspect of learning. Pupils develop transferable skills such as data analysis in Excel, teamwork on Teams and creating compelling presentations in PowerPoint.

This holistic integration of computing prepares pupils to innovate, adapt and lead, equipping them for success in an ever-evolving digital landscape.

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More Able and Talented (MAT)

We are committed to nurturing our MAT pupils through a challenging curriculum tailored to their individual learning journeys. Challenge is integral to all lessons, encouraging every pupil to thrive in a supportive environment.

Advanced learning opportunities include maths enrichment sessions, the Revolutio Reading group (a KS2-senior collaborative project), National Science Quiz Club, regional and national music festivals, ISEB Project Qualification and our Prep School Diploma.

High standards in teaching and learning result in outstanding achievements, with annual academic scholarships awarded to pupils entering our senior school.

Notably, 25% of Year 6 pupils achieve a reading age of 17+ years.

HabsMon (PSHE)

We help all our children to stay healthy, safe and prepared for life.

HabsMon, more commonly known as PSHE lessons, starting from Year 3, promotes healthy relationships, personal growth and preparation for life's challenges.

Weekly sessions, supplemented by expert-led RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) sessions for older pupils, help children develop positive, healthy relationships and navigate physical and emotional changes.

Boarding

Fun and laughter abound in our happy community of junior boarders, who reside in Monnow House, surrounded by fields and an abundance of space to play.

Our junior boarding house caters to boys and girls, with children enjoying cosy, well-designed dormitories to maximise storage, sleeping three or four. Monnow House offers separate floors for boys and girls, each with its own relaxing space, ensuring comfort and a sense of home.

Under the watchful care of the Housemistress and a dedicated team of Resident Tutors and Matrons, children experience a well-balanced routine that perfectly blends work and play. With our boarders' exciting and busy schedules before and after school, mobile phone use is naturally limited. To ensure a restful night's sleep, devices are always put away at bedtime.

With outstanding on-site facilities, our boarders have everything they need to flourish.

Scan to find out more about our boarding provision.

Our Facilities

Located above the picturesque market town of Monmouth, Haberdashers' Monmouth Prep School boasts exceptional facilities.

Our school provides the perfect environment for pupils to excel across academics, the arts, and sport. A state-of-the-art theatre, Performing Arts Centre, dance studio, music rooms, and recording studios create a vibrant space for creativity and performance, while Forest School fosters outdoor exploration and imagination.

Sporting excellence is supported by exceptional amenities, including a swimming pool, playing fields, tennis courts, astroturf and a sports hall with a climbing wall. Combined with our idyllic setting, these facilities ensure a rich and well-rounded educational experience.

Transition to Senior School

At Haberdashers' Monmouth School, the transition from Prep to Senior School is a natural and seamless step in your child's journey.

As a through school, we ensure pupils feel confident and prepared with dedicated induction days in June and September, helping them settle comfortably into Year 7.

Every Wednesday afternoon, Sixth Formers visit the Prep School to support pupils in their learning, whether through one-to-one reading, maths practice, or computer activities. This fosters a sense of connection and mentorship.

The Haberdashers' Advantage is a lifelong companion, guiding our pupils throughout their school life as they grow and learn within our nurturing community.

Admissions & Getting in Touch

We are confident that once you have visited our school you will feel that this is a place where your child can thrive. Please contact our Admissions Team to arrange a bespoke tour or join us for one of our Open Days which are held throughout the year.

Our Admissions Team is on hand to help:

Email: admissions@habsmonmouth.org

Call: 01600 710433

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