

Meet the Head

A decision every parent has to make

Choosing the right school for your child can be difficult. Meet the Head is here to help you make the right choice

Coopersale Hall School, Epping

An ISA Independent co-educational school

Originally from Pinner, Middlesex, Kaye Lovejoy attended an independent girls' school in Harrow and subsequently trained in teaching History and Geography. Her teaching experience covers everything from Nursery to GCSE, and most of her career has been spent with children aged 11 or younger. She has also been a residential teacher in a girls' boarding school in Gerrards Cross.

Arriving at Coopersale Hall School, near Epping in January, fresh from a headship at Arundale Preparatory School, she was keenly involved with all aspects of the school. She has also specialised in preparing children for 11+, scholarship and independent schools' examinations. Kaye says, "Working with children is one of the most rewarding jobs anyone can do. I am particularly fortunate to have been appointed Head of Coopersale Hall School, as I have wonderful pupils, an excellent staff and super parents. All this and fabulous, spacious grounds where the children can play, explore and simply be children."

Kaye is a very "hands on" Head who likes to be involved; with the children, when meeting parents,



conducting tours around the school or simply getting on with teaching. In her spare time, she enjoys keeping fit, badminton, music and theatre.

"Coopersale Hall provides a home from home, tailor made education for our pupils. Having small class sizes means that we know them well and their happiness is of paramount importance. Our pupils love being at school. They are hard-working, confident, polite and strive to do well. And they do very well at 11+ many gaining scholarships to the local selective senior schools.

New for this year are extra classrooms for our younger pupils. High demand for nursery places has prompted this development. A wide variety of extra-curricular activities take place, from chess to yoga, clarinet to karate, as well as providing Breakfast and Tea Time clubs."

Next Open Day: Friday, 11th March 9.30am.

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Normanhurst School, North Chingford

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Claire Osborn became Headmistress of Normanhurst, North Chingford's only independent school, in September 2010, having spent two years as Deputy Head of an independent girls school in North London. However, Normanhurst is not new to her; her connection with the school goes back to 2003 when she first joined the staff as Head of English and Assistant Head.

She is very clear about her reasons for returning to the school as its leader: 'I believe that Normanhurst has something very special to offer, not often found elsewhere. We are a mixed ability school, with small class sizes, selecting its pupils on the basis of academic potential and attitude to learning. Within our school pupils flourish as individuals who not only learn to be academically successful, but also develop personal qualities in our small school environment that empower them for the rest of their lives.

Children can join us at 2 ½ and stay through to 16 on the same site. Pupils, who might have lacked the confidence



to flourish in a large school earlier, move on to Sixth Form successful and self-confident. We have great success stories: a former pupil now a chef at The Savoy, pupils who go on to be high achieving A Level students winning places at prestigious universities, musicians, gymnasts, engineers, law students and teachers, to name a few.

A former Head Boy, who aims to go to Cambridge next year, said that Normanhurst is like a hidden gem and he felt like he had found the needle in the haystack when he joined in year 7. Those words have stuck with me; pupils feel they discover something special in becoming part of this community that launches them for the rest of their lives.'

Next Open Morning: Tuesday 15 March 9.15am

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