



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

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### HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL WELCOMES HABERDASHER ASKE'S ALUMNI



On Monday 5 March 2018 Hampstead School opened its doors to welcome around 180 alumni from Haberdasher Aske. Visitors who travelled from as far afield as South Africa were very excited about the prospect of visiting the site where they went to school, some of whom were there during WW2. Specifically they requested seeing the areas of the school that were here when they pupils: South Building and North Building, as well as our Independent Learning Centre, which was their hall, and the swimming pool.

Before Hampstead School was established, Haberdashers Aske, a private boys school, was built on the site, now occupied by Hampstead School, by the Haberdashers Company, moving from Hoxton. Haberdashers Aske School opened in 1902 having taken four years to build. The North Building, (formerly Technical block) was added later in 1910, followed by what is now the South Building (then Science Block) in 1930. During WW2 part of the West Building, formerly main part of Haberdashers Aske, was bombed and had to be re-built.

At the start of the Haberdashers School in 1902 Westbere Road ended at the school. The site was chosen as a healthy place away from the City.

Hampstead School opened on the site on Wednesday 13 September, 1961 as a mixed comprehensive school. .

Since it opened Hampstead School has enjoyed a very good reputation as a school with excellent examination results and strongly motivated students. There are currently 1280 students on roll including some 235 in the Sixth Form.

Jacques Szemalikowski said: "The history of a school is important. Whilst this legacy is not strictly Hampstead School, we note that young people have been educated on our site for well over a hundred years. We look forward to welcoming back these alumni and their memories as part of our intergenerational work."

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