







## Discover all that your daughter can be

We are delighted that you are considering Loughborough High School for your daughter and we hope that you will enjoy discovering what makes this such a wonderful place to learn.

This is a place where girls are brave thinkers, compassionate leaders and dynamic role models, and where they are part of a rich network of inspirational women stretching back over 170 years. As experts in girls' education, our staff are skilled in bringing out the best in girls and in creating the conditions in which they feel empowered, valued and connected with one another and with the world around them. Our pupils achieve some of the best academic results in the region but we see this as the happy by-product of a broad, well-rounded and stimulating education rather than an end in itself.

What makes us unique is that our vibrant, girl-friendly community sits at the heart of a foundation of four closely-linked schools situated in beautiful grounds near the centre of town. Our pupils therefore enjoy a richness and variety of opportunity, mixing with boys and girls from Loughborough Grammar School and Loughborough Amherst School through joint music ensembles, drama performances, trips and visits and some shared lessons.

I joined the School just over four years ago and love the energy, warmth and sense of enjoyment that defines our community. Our pupils care deeply about each other and the things that matter in life but they also know how to have fun. They are great company, too, and regularly surprise, amaze and amuse me. I warmly invite you to meet us and see for yourself the many opportunities that we can offer to your daughter.



Dr Fiona Miles, Head



# Remarkable relationships

School life should be as much about friendship as Physics; as much about camaraderie as coding. The girls your daughter meets here will be her supporters not her rivals. That's the core belief that runs throughout our School.

We work hard to ensure that every pupil feels understood and valued.

You can feel reassured that this is a place where newcomers are welcomed whenever they join us. The natural instinct of our girls is to get along and help one another.

In our friendly and respectful single-sex environment, the girls can relax and be themselves without feeling self-conscious. Your daughter will be joining a community whose members are enthusiastic about their learning and eager to take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to them. They form lifelong friendships through the firm foundations that are set at Loughborough High School.

Year 7 has been an amazing year for our daughter. She has grown in confidence and the School has supported her as she has enthusiastically embraced all the many exciting activities and opportunities that have been made available to her.

Parent









# Enjoying learning is the key to success



An ideal learning environment where your daughter can do her very best.

We are proud that our pupils consistently achieve some of the best academic results in the country but above all, we want them to be enthusiastic, inquisitive learners. The girls are supported in the classroom and beyond, to help them develop key learning skills.

Our smaller class sizes, superb teaching, well-resourced departments, and an overall environment that's ideal for learning, create the conditions where your daughter can do her very best.







Pupils display excellent knowledge, skills and understanding across all areas of learning and outstanding collaborative learning.

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While awards are always welcome, it is the lessons learned during the course of the project that are most valuable. Competitions can act as a springboard into industry, helping girls to forge connections and explore career options.



#### Award Winners

In recent times, three pupils from Loughborough Schools Foundation took the top prize in The Big Bang Competition once again. Two Year 10 pupils from the High School and one Year 9 pupil from the Grammar School were awarded the GSK 'UK Young Engineers of the Year 2019' title at The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition, for their project entitled Music Splash.

In 2022, two teams of Year 9 Computing pupils celebrated their achievements as finalists in the national Teentech competition.

A Sixth Form student was recently selected to take part in the '1000 girls, 1000 futures' STEM initiative, supported by blue-chip companies. This initiative connected her with other students from around the world to share their passion for science. She also benefitted from STEM mentoring and membership to the New York Academy of Sciences.









Whatever your daughter's talents and interests, she'll find a club or activity to suit her.

We offer activities for every age range during lunchtimes and after school. This includes opportunities for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (Years 9 to 13), which helps girls to push their personal boundaries and acquire new skills. Girls can also join the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) where cadets not only follow the ethos of the School, but also develop core values of loyalty, integrity, courage, discipline, respect for others and selfless commitment. All of these skills are developed and encouraged and can be transferred and used in further education and employment.

Most importantly we always provide opportunities for girls to try lots of new activities and participate in whatever interests them. Your daughter will then naturally find what she enjoys and genuinely feels passionate about. All our girls are encouraged to express themselves and enjoy as wide a range of school experiences as possible.

Pupils achieve much success across a wide range of activities; regional and national academic, sporting, art, drama, music and other activities.

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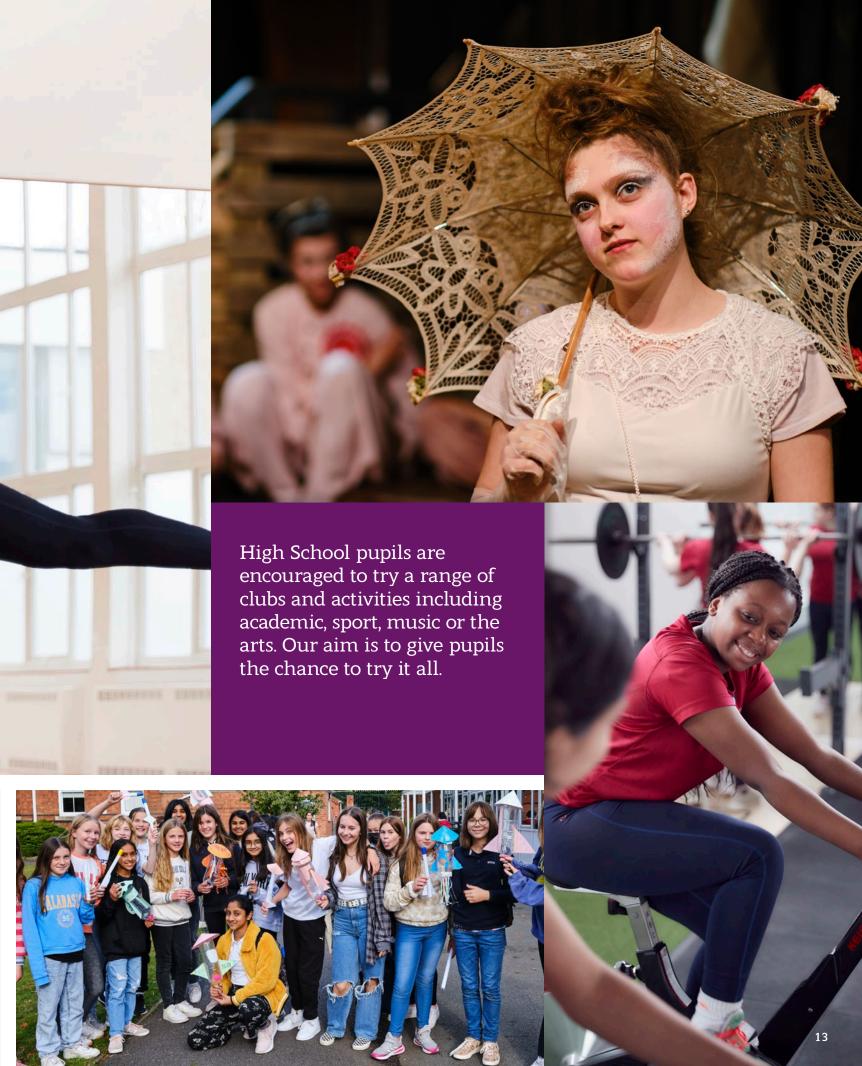












# Wellbeing and understanding

No two girls are the same. That is why all staff take great care and pride in getting to know each pupil as an individual, in respecting them for the unique qualities they bring to our community and helping them to become the very best version of themselves that they can be.

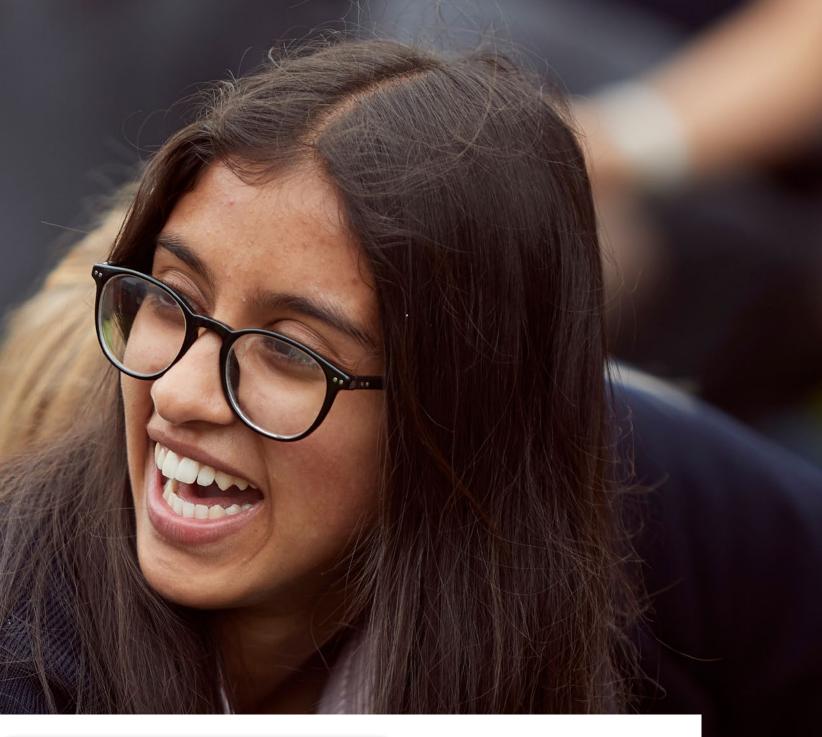
We want girls to join us full of potential and to leave us successful and fulfilled, with a sense of belonging to a supportive, nurturing community.

Each Form Tutor gets to know every girl well and these close relationships are nurtured twice-daily at form-time. The progress of each pupil is carefully monitored and our support systems are geared towards ensuring academic and personal wellbeing.

Every Year 7 pupil is also allocated a pupil 'buddy' who acts as a 'big sister' while they settle into school life. If any issues do materialise, the girls can feel that they have someone to talk to who can offer help and guidance whenever it is needed.

The School also has a student wellbeing committee that regularly meets to promote the mental health and wellbeing framework within the School. A number of staff are trained in Mental Health First Aid and we also have a School Counsellor to provide therapeutic support.







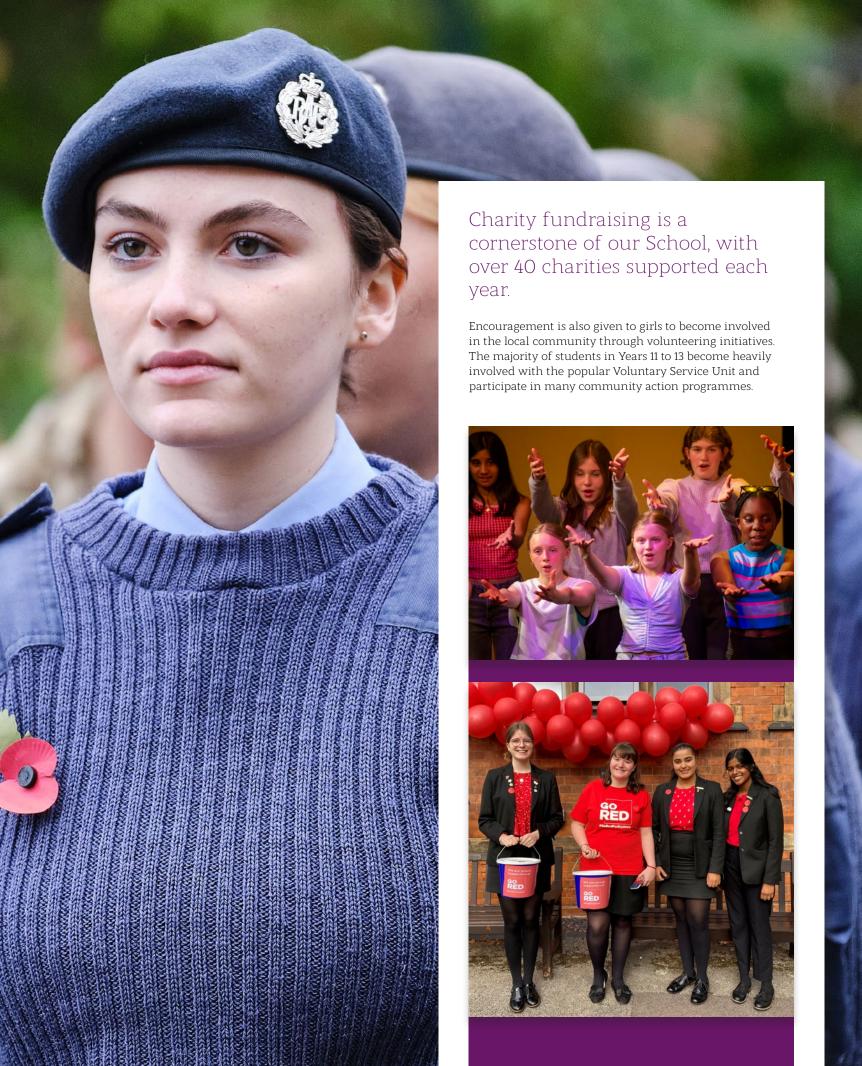
Pupils display a clear appreciation of the importance of wellbeing. Wellbeing Prefects promote activities and clubs through assemblies and a newsletter, sharing ideas and pointing to sources of advice and practical guidance.

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# An active and outgoing school, engaged with the local community

This means that we also value activities that take place outside the classroom, from our numerous school trips to varied types of charity work. This helps girls to develop their intellectual curiosity and offers an additional approach to learning through a varied programme of enrichment activities.



















The achievements and honours we are producing currently means we have a strong profile within the region and nationally.

We already compete with the very best within the area, and our pupils have a positive outlook on physical activity and sport. The girls enjoy trying their best and striving towards reaching their potential.

In 2023 the teams performed superbly, with particular highlights being the U12 hockey team becoming county champions and the senior 1st XI reaching the National Tier 3 hockey final played at Lea Valley in London. Our U13 cricket team have become county champions, as well as the U15 team reaching the indoor Regional Finals. Our School voted Year 13 student Etty as our inaugural Sports Personality of the Year. Etty has this year represented Team GB at the U20 indoor competition in Madrid where she ran one of the mixed 4 x 400m relay legs helping the team to win the gold medal at this competition. We were delighted that Etty joined our school sports day to support the students and present all of the trophies.

In Netball, our U16 team finished the season as 2022 regional finalists.  $\,$ 





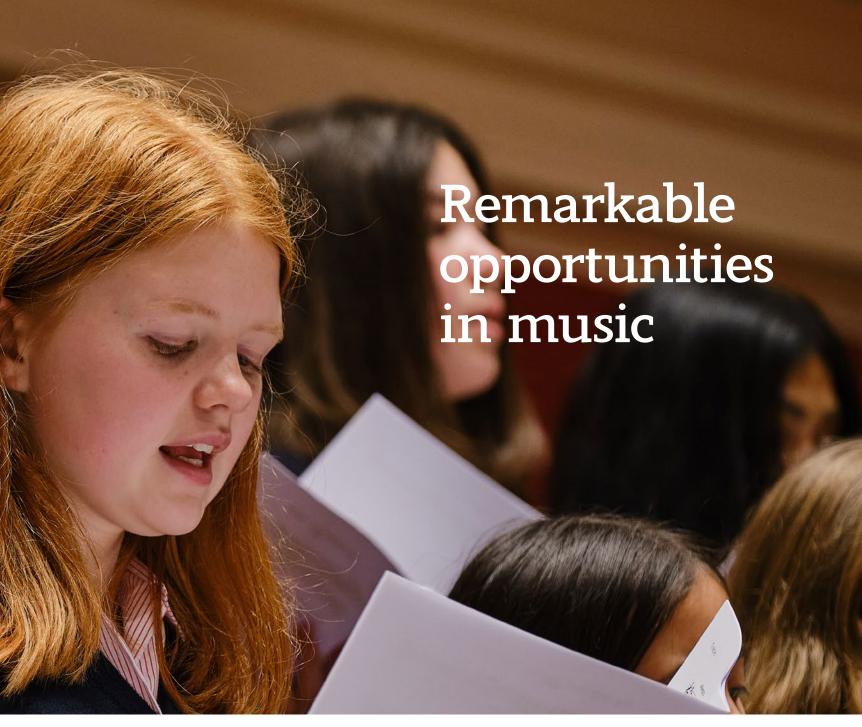




Our Music curriculum is underpinned by a huge variety of instrumental ensembles and choirs, and plenty of opportunities for all our musicians to perform on one stage or another.

Nicky Bouckley, Director of Music Loughborough Schools Music







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# Remarkable creativity

Art and Drama are both academic and co-curricular strengths of Loughborough High School.

There is real energy and vibrancy in these departments and pupils are encouraged to explore their creative passions, supported by outstanding teachers in these areas of School.









## Life beyond LHS

Our UCAS and careers support is excellent and a very high percentage of girls move on to their first choice of university or other training.

#### Education, information, advice and guidance

We are thrilled to have a full-time, non-teaching Head of Futures who works with all year groups and provides information and specialist advice on life beyond the High School.

The Futures department aims to ensure that all pupils feel valued as individuals and promotes a holistic approach to Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) which helps pupils form realistic aspirations for a changing world of work.

A series of events are held each term with career specialists and alumni coming into School to present to the girls.

I am excited that careers education is given such high priority at LHS and hope my passion and interest will inspire girls to discover a wider range of opportunities and make confident and more effective decisions

Head of Futures









### Remarkable Tableaux

Much anticipated events remembered fondly by Alumnae of all ages

**Did you know...** that we are the only remaining school in the country to stage traditional tableaux vivants at our annual carol service? It says so much about our sense of fun and heritage. This much anticipated event provides a uniquely memorable moment for our girls and one which is remembered fondly by Alumnae of all ages.

Tableaux vivants translates as 'living pictures' with models remaining perfectly silent and frozen. The staging, pose, costumes, make-up, lighting, and facial expressions create a remarkable impression.

The High School have been staging this artistic ensemble for over 100 years. It involves the whole of Year 13, assisted by Year 12 girls as 'scene shifters' and with many, many staff involved too.



Pupils are sensitive to each other and respect and value diversity within school and society as a whole.

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#### Contact Us

We hope that you have been inspired to come and visit us.

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For the dates of our forthcoming Open Events, please visit our website: lsf.org/high



#### Loughborough Schools Foundation

## Educational journey





















Girls & Boys 6 weeks - 4 years Girls & Boys 3 years - 11 years

Girls & Boys 4 years - 18 years Boys 10 years - 18 years Girls 11 years - 18 years





#### About Loughborough Schools Foundation

The Loughborough Schools Foundation is a charitable Foundation comprising four Independent Schools and a Nursery. Over 600 colleagues are employed in teaching and non-teaching roles.

The Foundation commits around 5% of its total income for the provision of Foundation bursaries and scholarships at the Senior Schools. Donors of the Schools provide additional financial support through The Burton Bursaries.

An extensive transport system of school bus routes operates for pupils across all parts of the East Midlands including Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Campus: The Schools are based on two neighbouring campuses on the south side of Loughborough – Burton Walks (42 acres) and Gray Street (10 acres). Loughborough Grammar School's playing fields are situated a mile away in Quorn, with 40 acres of sports facilities on a 70 acre site. Significant recent investment has been made in a state-of-the-art science park at Loughborough Grammar School and the dedicated Music department for all Loughborough Schools Foundation pupils. In 2016, Fairfield Prep School opened its very impressive new Pre-Prep building, which includes a Kindergarten for children aged 3+, whilst at the campus at Loughborough Amherst School, Loughborough Nursery is open for children from 6 weeks to 4 years old. In 2019, the Parkin Sports Centre opened and facilities include a sports hall, dance studio and gym.

Boarding: Loughborough Schools Foundation has a long and proud tradition of boarding with four Boarding Houses which accommodate a close-knit community of Boarders. Our Boarders enjoy a rich daily life and as a small community within an extensive campus, they are treated as individuals while benefiting from the opportunity to take advantage of the vast resources available on campus. Loughborough Amherst School welcomed a return to boarding in 2019, with pupils joining the School as a cohort of elite Lawn Tennis Association Boarders, who are studying at Amherst, whilst training for the professional tennis circuit at the Loughborough University Tennis Academy.

#### Single-Sex & Co-Ed Options at Senior School:

Collectively, Loughborough Schools Foundation is pleased to offer parents across the East Midlands a unique opportunity for those choosing an independent education. From the age of just 6 weeks in our 51 weeks a year Nursery, all the way to exam success at 18, a child and siblings are able to complete their whole educational journey on one beautiful, happy and richly multi-cultural family campus.

We are able to offer a choice of both single-sex and coeducational senior schooling to suit pupil and parental preferences and with four schools sharing a campus, we are able to invest in wonderful facilities that a single school would find hard to match at comparable fee levels. Our curriculum choice, transport network, Music department with 'All-Steinway School' status, STEM teaching, sports provision, co-curricular opportunities, immaculate grounds, joint school activities such as Drama, CCF, Debating and social events are just some examples of this.

The Loughburian Alumni Association: All pupils who leave the School are warmly invited to join the Loughburian Alumni Association which exists to support and connect the alumni community throughout their lives.

#### Loughburians benefit from:

- social events, such as reunions, to keep alumni in touch with each other and the School;
- sporting groups so alumni can continue to represent the School;
- the annual alumni magazine, social media feeds and the alumni website to keep Loughburians updated on news from each other and the School;
- mentoring, professional groups and networking events to support their careers;
- access to an online community where Loughburians can network with each other
- online events including the archives talk series.

The Association engages with the wider School community, including pupils, parents and staff, who are able to attend events. The Association is keen, in all it does, to promote the impact of its members on society and to encourage pupils and Loughburians to make a difference in the world.

To find out more, please visit www.lsf.org/development/



## Our landmark history

Loughborough Grammar School is one of the country's oldest boys schools. After Thomas Burton, a prosperous local wool merchant, bequeathed his estate to priests in Loughborough, they founded the School in 1495.



Originally housed in the town's Parish Church, the School moved to its present location in 1852 and these buildings were Grade II listed in the 1980s. The School celebrated its 500th anniversary in 1995, when HM Queen Elizabeth II opened the new English block, the "Queen's Building". Classroom facilities have been significantly enhanced in the last decade by the construction of a state-of-the-art Science Park. A new Astro pitch and outdoor cricket nets were added to the Grammar School campus in 2019.

Loughborough High School was founded in 1850 and is believed to be one of the country's oldest grammar schools for girls. When Loughborough Grammar School moved in 1852, it had become more socially acceptable to educate women and so the Foundation was extended to include girls and Loughborough High School. It moved to its current site in 1869. The buildings include 19th Century school buildings, converted houses and later additions from the 1960s onwards. In 2010, the science building was refurbished and extended with four new laboratories. The School celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2000 with a visit by HRH The Princess Royal.

Originally founded in 1929 as part of Loughborough High School, **Fairfield Prep School** became an autonomous school within the Foundation in 1969. The School's oldest building, Fairfield House, known as the White House, was built in 1823 by a family of influential hosiery manufacturers and later bequeathed to the School. In 2016, impressive new classrooms and performance facilities were opened which has provided extra space from which all pupils are now benefiting. An additional room and outdoor play facilities were added to the Kindergarten in 2020.

In 1841, Lady Mary Arundell opened a small girls' school in Paget House, Loughborough and persuaded Blessed Antonio Rosmini (1798–1855) to send religious sisters from Italy to set up a convent. In 1843, Sister Mary Francesca Parea and Sister Mary Anastasia Somonini took over and Our Lady's Convent School opened in 1850 with the beautiful Convent building and Chapel at its core (designed by Charles Hansom who was influenced by Augustus Pugin). In 2015, the School joined the Foundation and in 2016, Loughborough Nursery was opened on the Amherst campus. In 2018, the School rebranded to Loughborough Amherst School and became co-educational from 4 - 18 years in 2019.

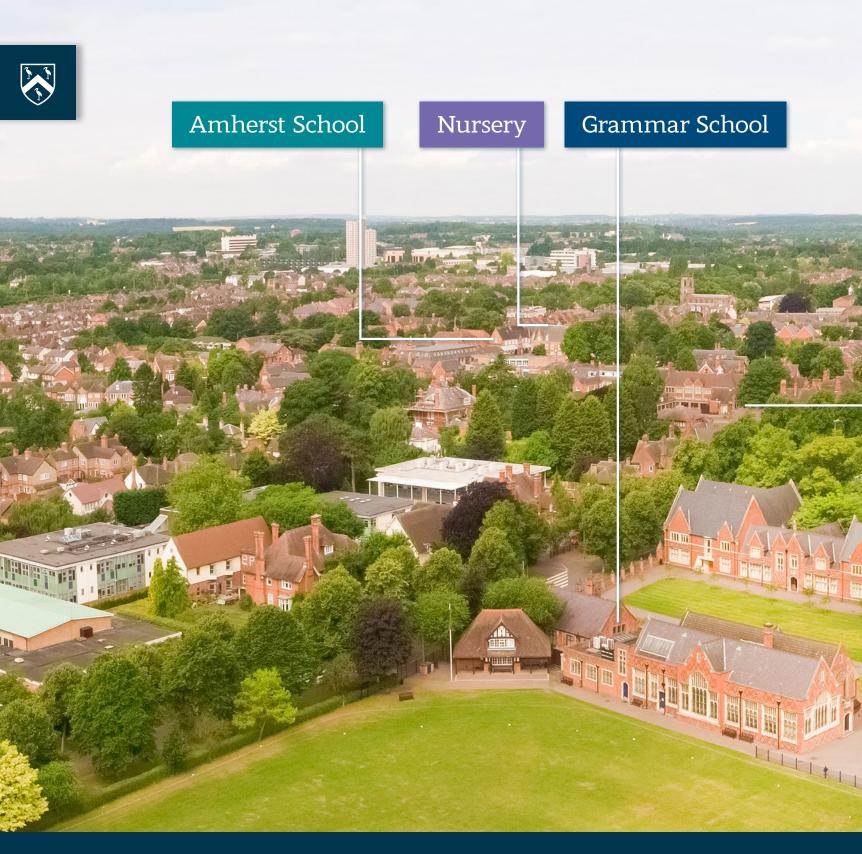
In 2006, the building housing **Loughborough Schools Music** was opened to serve the musical needs of all pupils' across all four Schools, from Pre-Prep to Sixth Form. In 2019, the **Parkin Sports Centre** was opened for High School and Amherst School students. This impressive new sports facility includes a sports hall, gymnasium and dance studio.















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