

Our new home





I am delighted to announce the purchase of Kneller Hall in Twickenham – alongside plans to transform the Grade-II-listed former Ministry of Defence building into a brand new, state-of-the-art Senior School.

I hope you will agree this is a hugely exciting development and we look forward to sharing our vision for the new site in more detail over the coming months.

– AATIF HASSAN
FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN,
DUKES EDUCATION



The expansion of Radnor House into the new buildings at Kneller Hall cements the school's standing as a leader in education, and provides the opportunity to expand our provision of a world-class educational experience for all our pupils. We will draw on the very best educational expertise, research and innovation to empower each pupil with a deep love of learning and agile critical-thinking skills.


Our vision is of a curriculum that inspires as well as challenges, and it is a hallmark of a Dukes education that our pupils approach new knowledge with assurance and skill. When they leave school, they will invariably earn places at their first-choice universities and manifest the skills, knowledge, and confidence to make a positive difference in the wider world.

– LIBBY NICHOLAS
MANAGING DIRECTOR,
DUKES EDUCATION



It is a privilege for me to be part of this exciting chapter for the school. I look forward to sharing our plans as they develop and to be able to extend the truly incredible educational experience we aim to offer your children. It's important to me that we retain the small school feeling and personalised teaching as we move forward, and the new buildings at Kneller Hall allow us to offer exceptional new facilities that will enable our pupils to thrive.

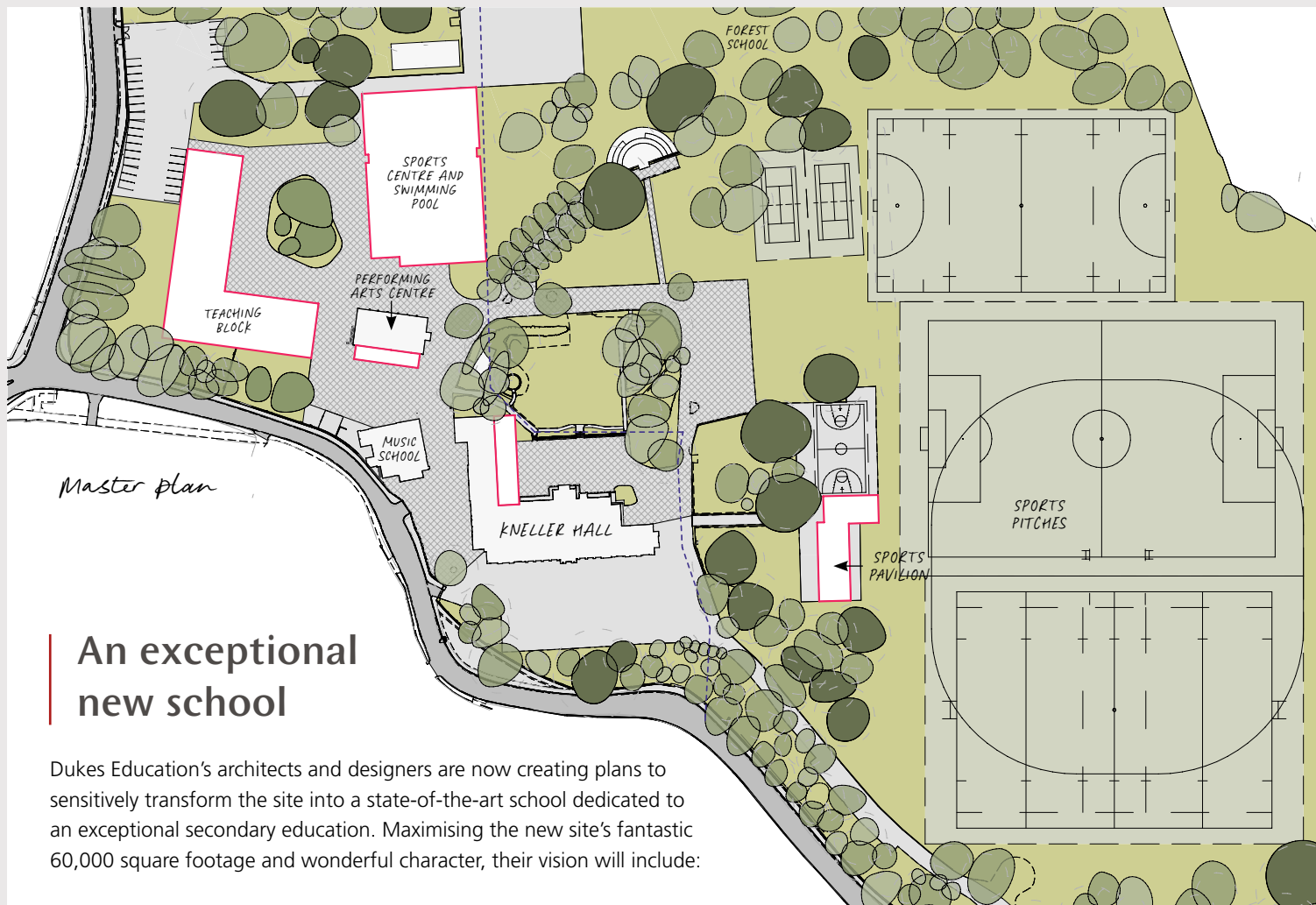
– DARRYL WIDEMAN
PRINCIPAL, RADNOR HOUSE
SCHOOL TWICKENHAM

An aerial photograph showing a large, historic red-brick building (Kneller Hall) with a central tower, surrounded by lush green trees and a large green field to the left. The building is situated in a residential area with many houses and streets visible in the background.

Dukes Education purchased
Kneller Hall in Twickenham –
a beautiful historic building,
previously owned by the
Ministry of Defence – to be
the site of a brand new,
state-of-the-art Senior School
(Years 7-13).

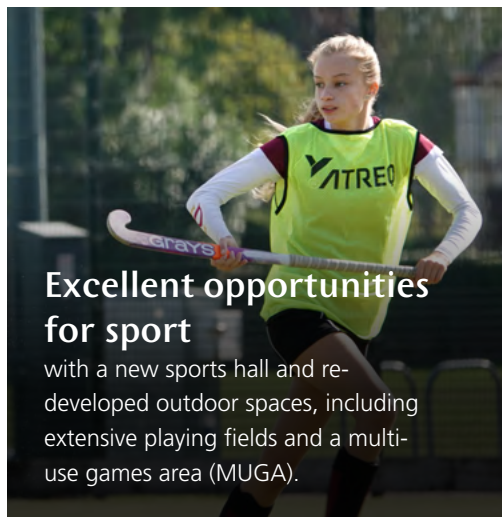


As many of you will know, Kneller Hall is a Grade-II-listed building, with neo-Jacobean façade and grand entrance, originally built in the early 1700s. Situated just off the A316, close to Twickenham rugby ground, it has been home to the Royal Military Music School since the mid-1850s. The MoD's decision to sell the building and grounds has provided a wonderful opportunity for Dukes to extend its footprint in the area and to provide exceptional new facilities, while safeguarding the site for education for years to come.



An exceptional new school

Dukes Education's architects and designers are now creating plans to sensitively transform the site into a state-of-the-art school dedicated to an exceptional secondary education. Maximising the new site's fantastic 60,000 square footage and wonderful character, their vision will include:



Excellent opportunities for sport

with a new sports hall and re-developed outdoor spaces, including extensive playing fields and a multi-use games area (MUGA).



A celebration of the arts

with studios for art, textiles and design, alongside dedicated music and performance areas.



Outstanding facilities for science and technology

with fully equipped science labs and cutting-edge design-technology-innovation suites.



Fantastic indoor and outdoor spaces

in which to create, imagine, collaborate and enjoy.



The creation of an ecological corridor

creating a beautiful outdoor space for children.



Opportunities to build links with local groups

placing the school at the heart of the community.



Retaining current buildings

The existing site in Cross Deep in Twickenham will be retained and transformed into a first class prep school, extending the current Radnor House junior school provision to start at Reception from 2023. Pupils will be able to enjoy the facilities that Kneller Hall will provide and will receive priority entry into the senior school.



Excellent transport links

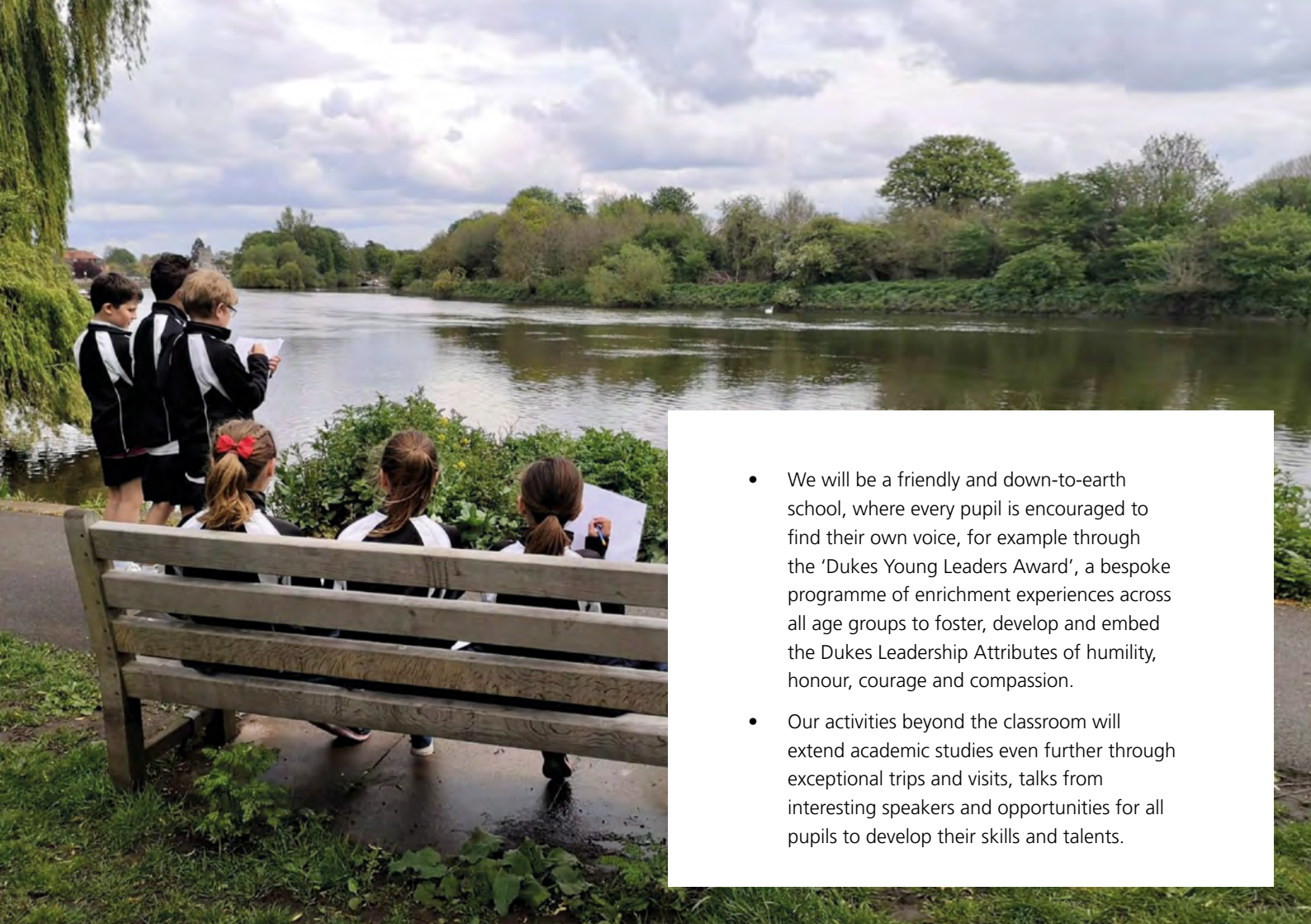
Kneller Hall has plenty of convenient transport options. As well as the train to Twickenham station, there are at least four bus routes that stop outside or nearby Kneller Hall (281, 110, 481, H22). We will also look to increase our school coach routes to accommodate children who may find this journey more difficult, and can spread our reach with school coaches to Kingston, Surbiton, and surrounding areas.

- **Bus route 281** runs from Tolworth, past Surbiton Station, through Kingston, Teddington, Twickenham Green, Twickenham Station and stops outside Kneller Hall then on to Hounslow Bus Station
- **Bus route 110** runs from Hammersmith through Chiswick, Kew, Richmond Station, St Margarets Station, Twickenham Station and Kneller Hall to Hounslow
- **Bus route 481** from Kingston Station, Teddington, Kneller Hall to Isleworth
- **Bus route H22** runs from West Middlesex Hospital, to Isleworth, Twickenham Station, Heath Road, through to Whitton Nelson Road (Kneller Hall stop) on to Hounslow.



Educational enhancements that can be delivered

- The hallmark of a Dukes education is that our pupils approach new knowledge with assurance and skill.
- Our vision is of a curriculum that inspires as well as challenges, combined with real heart, resulting in an atmosphere of true originality.
- We will use the space of the new site to create exciting learning opportunities and environments that encourage pupils to take risks, make connections and develop strength as well as insight.
- We will develop resourceful pupils who are unafraid of challenge, with the confidence to lead and the self-assurance to question.
- We will value creativity.



- We will be a friendly and down-to-earth school, where every pupil is encouraged to find their own voice, for example through the 'Dukes Young Leaders Award', a bespoke programme of enrichment experiences across all age groups to foster, develop and embed the Dukes Leadership Attributes of humility, honour, courage and compassion.
- Our activities beyond the classroom will extend academic studies even further through exceptional trips and visits, talks from interesting speakers and opportunities for all pupils to develop their skills and talents.

