

Haberdashers'
Monmouth
School

Advantage



An Independent Co-Educational Day
& Boarding School for ages 3-18, founded in 1614.

Haberdashers' *Advantage*

The unique stewardship of one of the twelve Great Livery Companies, the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, creating unrivalled opportunities in character building, career networks and collaboration for all students and staff within the Haberdashers' family of schools.



An aerial photograph of a river valley. A river flows through the center, bordered by lush green fields and dense forests. A stone viaduct with multiple arches spans the river in the middle ground. In the foreground, a wooden bridge crosses the river. To the left, a small village with a church and a swimming pool is visible. The background features rolling hills covered in trees under a blue sky with light clouds.

Haberdashers' Monmouth School

We are a school of great tradition. We are over 400 years old – there were students here before Oliver Cromwell's Roundheads were doing battle with Charles I's Cavaliers. But our heritage is of greatest value when it gives us the confidence, the springboard, for innovation, for doing things better.

The Haberdashers' Advantage is about how we offer extra to our students.

The extra help that provides tangible benefit, beyond the norm, in the area of academic study, talent development, the igniting of a passion, the securing of a career with the best in class. The Haberdashers' Advantage is, in short, a journey companion for a life fully-lived.



Journey *companion*
for a life fully-lived



Childhood is *a phase in life...*

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

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Good Schools Guide, 2024

And yet having a child, seeing them grow, go to school, perhaps to university, into a career, start a family with children of their own, that is a continuum.

Haberdashers' Monmouth School prepares each student individually for that continuum. We look very closely at the talents, the hopes and dreams of each student at school. We also look beyond their school

days into the future. Few other schools do this. In thinking ahead like this, we give each student an advantage.

We call this the Haberdashers' Advantage.

What could that mean for your family?

How does it work in practice, in our daily lives here?

Of course, we never take academic performance – the basic requirement of a school – for *granted*.

There is no such thing as a great school without great teachers. We have many of these. Now that our two schools, the girls' and the boys', are merging to form one co-educational school throughout, those great teachers can be more effectively deployed to the benefit of all.

The time is therefore right for us to embark on an ambitious programme – The Path to Academic Excellence. This initiative will underpin and accelerate our teaching and learning in a way that is both rigorously academic and yet focussed on the sort of content that will be of most use for our students as they embark on their careers.

You will see great emphasis placed on the use of advanced IT in the classroom. You will also notice already in our Sixth Form the introduction of teaching and learning styles normally first encountered by the student at university.



Selected *Destination* of Leavers:

Cardiff University
Durham University
Harper Adams University
Imperial College London
Les Roches Marbella
LSE (London School of Economics)
Loughborough University
NYU (The Institute of Fine Arts)
University of Bath
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
University of Oxford
University of St Andrews
University of Warwick
The University of Edinburgh



Exemplary pastoral care

The second basic requirement of a school like ours is exemplary pastoral care, 24/7.

Here we stand with the best.

Our latticework of attention to each child means that issues can be addressed before they become problems – often before the child realises that there is any issue at all.

This is possible thanks to all the different points of support that we have, and which are centrally coordinated so that we have a 360-degree view of the wellbeing of each student.

This is what you expect of a school like ours, and you are right to do so.

Your house, your *home*

Affiliation to a house or 'family' will define you, will mould your identity, will give you grounding, pride and purpose.

Whether you are in one of our six boarding houses, or in a day house, you will form bonds for life, under the watchful eye of our team of Pastoral Leads.

Our tranquil library offers a Happy Café, a place of calm within the busy school and our Chapel reminds us all, from whatever faith, of our place within a wider world.



Monmouth **100**
programme,
including:

Fencing
Sub Aqua
Drama Club
Puzzle Club
Beekeeping
Track Cycling
Jazz Orchestra
Mythology Club
Investor Share Club
And many more

Ignite your passion, hone a talent

Most independent schools offer a broad range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities, but few can match the sheer breadth and range of our Monmouth **100** programme. Beekeeping, the Prue Leith cookery course, Latin scrabble, kayaking on the River Wye, pottery, drama club, fencing, textiles club, everything to inspire, ignite your passion, hone a talent or simply enjoy with friends.



Recent *Investment* Projects

New Sixth Form centre,
Net zero dining hall,
New classrooms and day rooms,
New dance studio,
New Prep School facilities.

What sets us *apart*?

But what else is there? What makes us different? Again, this is where the Haberdashers' Advantage comes in. For a start, it gives us very significant investment from The Haberdashers' Company, of an order of magnitude simply not available to most schools. Our staff, our facilities, our ambitions for our students will all benefit directly.

And what else? After much planning, we are now ready to launch four 'pillars' – Sport and Outdoor Activities, Performing Arts, Fashion, Design & Textiles and Sustainability. We call them pillars because they go further than other schools in supporting our aim of preparing our students for life at and after school. They cater for the ambitions, the dreams, of our students by giving them not just a taste of a possible future, but the real thing, taught by universally acclaimed leaders.

Haberdashers' Monmouth School is already *renowned* for its achievements in *sport*.

We compete with the country's best schools in girls' and boys' sport. The Eddie Butler Sports Centre will be one of the finest facilities of its kind in the UK. This is close to our heart because sport is a vital part of the school ethos – we encourage the uninitiated to begin, the beginner to improve, the middle-ranker to become good, the good to become outstanding, the outstanding to challenge for county or even national status.

Furthermore, the CCF and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award play a large part in our lives here. In the development of teamwork as well as self-reliance and leadership skills. The opportunities offered by these two activities are never to be underestimated.



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Try every sport. Whenever you can, whatever age, indoor, outdoor, it's great fun and you will *always be supported* by wonderful coaches and teachers.

Year 13 Student

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Performing Arts – Drama, Music, Dance – are already a *major strength* of our school.

With outstanding facilities, including the acoustically-perfect recital hall and Performing Arts Centre, our patron, Dame Jane Glover, a world-renowned conductor and alumna of the school, will personally guide our Performing Arts programmes. We will, under her direction and with her example, be able to aim higher, be more adventurous and be, quite simply, country-leading.

Aim *higher*, be more *adventurous* and become *country-leading*.

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Dance at school has been an integral part of my life journey, *shaping me in profound ways*.

Former Student

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Textiles is a diverse subject, branching from car interiors to dress-making, and will encourage students to explore new creative challenges and techniques, whilst **developing skills for life**.

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Year 13 Fashion and Textiles Student

The world-renowned fashion designer Prof. Jimmy Choo is to become our patron of Fashion, Design and **Textiles**. For some years we have had success with our students entering fashion and design-related careers. We will put a stake in the ground for Haberdashers' Monmouth School becoming a hub of specialised training and exposure to the realities of the textiles, fashion and design world, for those wishing to enter it as a career.





Inspiring future generations

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I'm so grateful to be involved in our **sustainability** strategy going forward, which will encompass the importance of our **wondrous** local natural environment.

Year 12 Sustainability Prefect

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Very few schools in this country have the beautiful, awe-inspiring surroundings with which we are blessed. Our whole community enjoy them daily. We want to continue to enjoy them daily. That is why our focus on **sustainability** is not theoretical but practical and, on our doorstep, the River Wye. This magnificent river is the symbol of our sustainability ambition.

We have made a comprehensive drive towards a ***net zero estate:***

Our food sourcing for our kitchens, our transport fleet, our heating and lighting are already slipstreaming into this objective.

As you would expect, the challenges facing the global environment are now to become part of our curriculum - a taught, academically-driven subject rather than simply a worthy cause.

In the pursuit of making this real and tangible, the school has teamed up with national and local environmental protection initiative groups. This partnership ensures that tackling sustainability issues is not just a general approach to a universal problem, but something directly relevant and immediate. By seeing first-hand the consequences of our actions, we can better understand and address these issues.



A network of the talented, of the *committed*.

We have the example of far-sighted philanthropy from our Founder and Haberdasher William Jones. We are now seeking to be far-sighted in how we prepare our students for the challenges they will face after the security of their school days.

The Haberdashers' Company comprises leaders in many fields. It is a network of the talented, the committed, the successful, those who quite simply care about the future and will guide each student along the way to their own individual future.



The Haberdashers' *Advantage*, can be seen as a combination of two components, both vital for a life *fully-lived*:

A world-class *preparation*, via high involvement, one-to-one mentoring and coaching for our students' chosen career paths (and sometimes our mentoring will bring about a change in the desired career, saving valuable time!)


A *resourcing* of the school which means not only can outstanding teachers be attracted, but that the school can go further in sparking the interests that will shape the lives of our students.

This group of people has pledged to guide each child who comes to this school. This group has all the advantages of being part of a network of Haberdashers' Schools, sharing insights and best practices.

There will be someone within the Company who has the knowledge, the skills, the track record to help every child plot the course, often via university, to their chosen career. This is real, practical, targeted and consequential.

It is also personal for each child.

This is something few other schools can offer.



Dame Jane Glover, alumna and
Patron of HMS Performing Arts

This is Haberdashers'
Monmouth School.
This is our *Advantage*.

Once you have it,
it is with you *for life*.



This is what ***makes us different*** and gives us something that you will not want to miss out on.

So why not come and see us so we can tell you about it in more detail?

We will arrange for you to speak to our students, our parents, our alumni, our community.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Something unique is always
worth a *closer look*