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You may have preconceptions about what a traditional boarding school education is like – *but Moreton Hall is a school like no other.* 

From the moment you enter the 100 acres of school grounds, you can embrace the 'Moreton Magic' and discover the infectious positivity and energy which is threaded through the classrooms, across the sports pitches and onto the stage.

One of the many things which makes us so special is that there is no typical Moretonian; we are a wonderful community, bound together with a strong set of shared values, whilst each of us maintains our own individuality.

Success comes in many different forms and our aim is to celebrate and acknowledge this. Our pupils excel across all areas of school life and take advantage of the myriad of opportunities. They are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves and develop skills such as public speaking and entrepreneurship

during their time with us. Our pupils are self-confident and self-reliant without being arrogant. They are generous with their support of each other and of the community and their imagination knows no bounds.

Moreton has long been a values-driven school with a strong family ethos, right back to its foundation by Ellen Lloyd-Williams in 1913. With appropriate respect to our heritage and looking ahead to the future, we continue to consider how we can make the school even better for those who call it their second home.

This is truly a remarkable place and I look forward to welcoming you to Moreton.

Michael Brewer Principal

# Our School

Nestled on the edge of the Berwyn Hills near the English-Welsh Border in bucolic Shropshire, Moreton Hall benefits from 100 acres of rolling green hills and forest, wide open views and our very own Cornflower Farm.

History permeates the surrounding land. This is an area of castles, canals and rural splendour of which we take full advantage. Pupils can hike, canoe and earn their Duke of Edinburgh award in the Shropshire Hills and nearby Snowdonia National Park. The bustling market towns of Chester and Shrewsbury are close by for shopping and entertainment. Our convenient location in the West Midlands places us just one hour from the cultural offerings of Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool, and a two and a half hour train ride from London.

In this fascinating and welcoming corner of the world, Moreton Hall provides a safe, secure and idyllic place for our pupils to be home away from home.



## **MORETON HALL**

For more than 100 years, Moreton has been one of the UK's leading boarding and day school. We offer a first class education in a joyful and creative family environment.

- · Sixth Form: girls 16 18 years
- · Senior: girls 11 16 years and boys 11 13 years
- · Prep: girls and boys 3 11 years
- · Nursery: girls and boys 6 months 3 years





Since its founding by Ellen Lloyd-Williams in 1913, Moreton has been a values-driven school with a strong family ethos.

The optimistic, outward-looking and ambitious values of scholarship, gaiety and humanity have been instilled in generations of Moretonians. These three powerfully positive words speak of rolled-up sleeves, hard work, collaboration, laughter and comfort in being oneself.

Moreton has a rich heritage of celebrating diversity, benefitting greatly from the varied perspectives and backgrounds of both our British and international pupils.



Moreton Hall provides a relaxed, happy and wholesome environment for our children's education. They are usually beaming at the end of each day!

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# Our Values

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship at Moreton goes beyond the inquisitive pursuit of knowledge and understanding in all its forms, gaining vital skills for the modern world and a lifelong love of learning.

## **GAIETY**

Gaiety is the importance of optimism and taking joy from all we do. Moreton's sense of family and joyous fun pervades the school and allows our pupils to develop the self-confidence they need to succeed beyond the school gates.

## **HUMANITY**

Humanity at Moreton means developing resilience, humility, generosity, contentment and an appreciation of selfless service.

# Scholarship

Our exceptional teachers lie at the heart of Moreton's success.

The supportive relationship between our highly-qualified specialist teachers and pupils is exemplary and allows the pupils to relax and stretch themselves beyond expectations. While we encourage independence, Moreton has an open-door policy, where pupils are encouraged to engage with their teachers.

The dedication, nurturing care and professionalism of our teaching staff leave an indelible, positive impression on each pupil, equipping them for the modern world and inspiring a lifelong love of learning, while also producing excellent exam results.

As there is no typical Moretonian, there is no one approach to academic success at Moreton.

We offer a bespoke academic experience that is tailored to each pupil and their unique ambitions. Pupils who intend to apply to Oxbridge, or other highly competitive universities, are supported with an accelerated Oxbridge programme and dedicated tutor. Likewise, those who aspire to attend the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts receive extensive personal coaching in preparation for the arduous admissions journey. Boys in Years 7 and 8 are offered an academic enrichment programme to prepare them for entry to their senior school of choice.

An extended teaching day, Saturday morning school and activities every evening maximise the opportunities of learning, while small class sizes, a highly personalised tutorial system and excellent pastoral care ensure the best possible start for our pupils.



Moreton has exceeded my expectations. My child loves being there.

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# Academic Enrichment

Set alongside our academic programme is Moreton's vibrant enrichment programme which aims to provide every pupil with an education that is as broad as it is deep and which is central to a Moreton Hall education.

# Our academic societies open our doors and invite the world to Moreton.

Every week, leading professionals from across a wide range of fields share their expertise through talks and masterclasses. By sparking intellectual curiosity, broadening horizons and setting aspirations high, our enrichment programme stretches our pupils, extending them beyond the usual expectations of the current exam system.

While Moreton has dozens of academic societies covering a variety of specialised interests, these are Moreton's longest-standing societies, led by our Principal's Scholars.

## LADY BARBIROLLI SOCIETY

Celebrating all forms of music, Barbirolli offers pupils coaching through a series of guest lectures and masterclasses by professional musicians.

## **BRONWEN SOCIETY**

Encouraging an inquisitive mind, Bronwen lectures develop critical-thinking skills and deepen understanding of areas covered by examination boards.

## **JENNER SOCIETY**

Jenner supports those interested in pursuing a career in Medicine by introducing them to a broad range of medical fields through guest lectures and workshops by practitioners.

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A unique enrichment programme and specialist support for gifted and talented pupils. Meticulous university preparation, accelerated Oxbridge programme and sound careers advice.

**GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE** 

# Academic Achievement

### **TUTORIAL SYSTEM**

Every pupil is assigned to a tutor who meets with them at least twice a week. Tutors liaise on a daily basis directly with house mistresses and masters, who in turn share information with the Senior Leadership Team across the school in regular formal and informal meetings. This continuous loop of observation, feedback and intervention is the foundation of our support system for pupils.

## **RESULTS**

Moreton prides itself on continually maintaining its position as one of the highest performing schools in the UK, both at GCSE and A Level.

The ability to add value to each child's education and encourage them to perform above original expectations is what sets the school apart. Durham University consistently ranks Moreton Hall nationally within the top 5% schools in academic 'value-added' ratings.

While the majority of our graduates move onto Oxbridge and Russell Group universities, a few attend specialist higher education institutions such as RADA and the Royal Agricultural University. These outcomes reflect our diverse pupil population and Moreton's embrace of individuality.

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The tutorial system ensures that every pupil is very well known to the staff and each feels secure and cared for. It is a key element in fulfilling the school's aim for each pupil to achieve the highest standards in academic work, and in the plethora of activities available.

ISI INSPECTION REPORT





# **Pastoral Care**

From the moment pupils arrive at Moreton, they are enveloped in nurturing support. We have a close-knit family culture, where the emphasis is on giving every pupil the freedom to develop as a responsible and confident individual by learning independence within an attentive and caring community.

Central to this approach is our pastoral care, described in our most recent inspection report as being "of an outstandingly high quality".

Our house staff create the home away from home environment that Moretonians cherish, while our Director of Wellbeing ensures that pupils find an appropriate balance in their school life by prioritising wellbeing and by teaching skills that last a lifetime.

Predominantly a boarding school, Moreton Hall also welcomes day pupils who are fully integrated into the house system and board regularly. By Moreton Sixth, over 90% of pupils enjoy the benefits of boarding. During term time, our programme runs seven days a week with various academic, cultural and social opportunities available.

A genuine sense of fun, creativity and originality pervades the school, creating an atmosphere of buzzing activity, resulting in happy and confident children who always strive to do their best.

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Boarders develop into confident, independent and articulate young people with a pride in their school.

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# Developing Entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurship has long been celebrated throughout Moreton Hall, as we nurture and inspire the next generation of business leaders.

At the centre of this effort is Moreton Enterprises, a unique student-led, in-house business. Each year a new board of directors from the Sixth Form is appointed to take over the helm and make their own mark on a business which evolves to reflect the talents of the team and the needs of their customers.

Moreton Enterprises is augmented with our regular Directors' Table events and an annual Moreton Means Business™ conference, which invites business leaders to share advice on the realities of the business world through lectures and workshops.

In addition, Moreton's Annual Business Lunch is a must-attend event that attracts hundreds of business leaders from across the region. Previous speakers include: Sir William Hague, Baron Hague of Richmond; Sir Malcolm Walker CBE, Founder and Executive Chair of Iceland Foods; and, Xavier Rolet, former CEO of the London Stock Exchange.

Together, these events and activities push the boundaries and extend enterprise beyond the curriculum, developing teamwork, leadership, communication skills, risk-taking, strategic thinking and resilience.



# Moreton Enterprises

NSPIRING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



# The Arts

Creativity is the beating heart of our school and is what makes it such a vibrant inspiring and remarkable place.

Our strong reputation in the arts attests to the high quality of our specialist teachers and our pupils' enthusiastic embrace of the wide range of opportunities offered to them.

The addition of the professional Holroyd Community Theatre further strengthens our performing arts provision by providing pupils access to a state-of-the-art performance space.

Whilst many of our top actors and musicians move on to prestigious performing arts institutions, we encourage everyone to participate, nurturing young, previously undiscovered talent and stretching those who are more advanced in their skills

Our pupils' dedication and enthusiasm for the arts is infectious and their mastery inspiring.









Our first-class arts provision, taught by practicing artists, enables our pupils to unlock their creative potential by developing their artistic skills through a mix of media, including fine art, photography, three-dimensional sculpture, life drawing, fashion and textiles, pottery, printmaking, film and graphics.

During the year, pupils are encouraged to display their work widely by entering into regional competitions and an end-of-year show for GCSE and A Level pupils. Not only have our talented pupils won prestigious art competitions, they have also been published in national Art History journals.

Pupils enhance their creativity and inspiration with organised visits to museums and galleries and trips to London and New York.

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Brilliant art - real art taught by real artists.

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# Music

With more than 400 instrumental lessons and choir practices each week, and an ambitious schedule of performances and competitions throughout the year, music is an integral part of life at Moreton Hall.

With an ethos of 'music for all', our thriving Music department aims to engage every pupil - from beginner to music scholar - in the pleasures of music.

The outstanding track-record of music results at GCSE and A Level across the spectrum of musical instruments and voice attests to the first-class musical tuition on offer at Moreton.

Each year brings new musical challenges and performance opportunities for musicians, including music festivals, musical productions, ensembles and concerts, as well as our regular overseas trips to venerable venues such as St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and St. Nicholas' Church in Prague.

Lessons are supplemented with the Lady Barbirolli Society, which is dedicated to the celebration of music and features guest lectures and masterclasses by professional musicians, and partnerships with our local community.

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The commitment of Moreton Hall to the development of musical talent is extraordinary.

WREXHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



# Spoken English

Spoken English is a hallmark of a Moreton education. Among the many accolades for our Spoken English programme, Moreton's debating team has been crowned UK Champions and for five years Moretonians have been selected as Speaker of the Year, from a field of more than 13,000 applications. More importantly, the skills gained in these lessons build our pupils' confidence and poise, creating effective communicators for a lifetime.

All pupils have the opportunity to attend Spoken English lessons as an optional extra, taught in small groups. Pupils entering into Year 12 (Lower 6) attend a weekly session, learning the skills of effective oral communication and in the Spring Term present their work for the English Speaking Board's Advanced Certificate in Spoken English.

Confident, articulate A Level candidates are then well prepared to meet the challenges of university life and their future careers.

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I can confidently say that Spoken English is one of the most valuable opportunities I have been provided with.

SIMRAN, PUPIL



Drama is a compulsory part of the curriculum up to Year 9, and also a popular subject at GCSE and A Level. Many pupils enjoy taking part in house plays, school musicals and productions, including performing at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Two full-scale productions are staged every year in the Senior School along with various devised and scripted shows performed by the GCSE and A Level pupils throughout the year. Our Drama department, led by professional actors, regularly hosts a wide range of industry professionals such as agents, actors and casting directors, for workshops and talks to motivate and inform our pupils.

My daughter's memories of Moreton will include the outstanding shows and musicals she has taken part in. I would go as far as to say they are West End standard.

**PARENT** 

# **Activities**

With more than 100 years of teaching excellence and innovation, Moreton Hall operates more like a start-up company than a traditional boarding school.

This culture of continual innovation infuses our pupils with a willingness to move out of their comfort zones and an eagerness to try something new, preparing each of our graduates for a life of resilience, curiosity and leadership.

Our extensive co-curricular programme reflects this ethos of innovation and discovery and is a critical part of what Moreton has to offer. From ecology to Model United Nations and art and wine appreciation, Moreton caters to a wide range of interests through our many societies and clubs.

All our activities are designed to build emotional intelligence in our pupils, with a focus on the following character traits:



# CHARACTER EDUCATION

- · Grit
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- · Leadership
- \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Adaptability
- Integrity



A Moreton education is unique, crazy (in a good way) at times, but generally a relaxed style of learning that allows you to succeed in multiple areas of school life without sacrificing academic success. It is a school like no other.

CORDELIA, PUPIL





# Skills for Life

In addition to traditional programmes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and Combined Cadet Force, Moreton offers several bespoke programmes that ignite interests and build skills for life, ensuring Moretonians confidently stride into their future.

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Through our thriving Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award scheme, children push themselves outside of their comfort zone and gain confidence and resilience through volunteer work, expeditions, and physical and skill challenges.

### RYLANDS DIPLOMA

Moreton's bespoke Life Skills programme is a year-long course for the Lower Sixth designed to prepare pupils for life after Moreton. It covers such vital skills as preparing for an interview, personal finances and car maintenance.

### **LFITHS**

The Leiths School of Food and Wine Academy provides an introduction to the world of healthy home cooking as well as food and wine appreciation.

## **COMMUNITY AND CHARITIES**

In keeping with our value of 'humanity', all Moretonians are actively encouraged to participate in a variety of charitable causes during their school career. Pupils have visited patients in the local spinal injury unit, worked in Berber communities in Morocco and campaigned for political prisoners.

## **COMBINED CADET FORCE**

Members of Moreton's Combined Cadet Force follow a wide-ranging formal syllabus directed by the Ministry of Defence. Cadets develop fantastic leadership, self-discipline, team-working and problem-solving skills which stand them in good stead for the future, whether or not they plan to consider the Forces as a career.

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A Moretonian is confident and joyful. Learning at Moreton is a pleasure and opens up so many opportunities for life. Every child should experience the Moreton Magic!

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HEADTEACHER, ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL, OSWESTRY

# **Community Partnerships**

Moreton is committed to enriching our local community by sharing our abundant resources. Shortlisted for the Tes Whole School Community Initiative Award in 2020, Moreton warmly welcomes our local community through a comprehensive programme of outreach and partnerships. In addition, Moretorians support our community through charitable work and by offering their energy and talents to local groups.

Widening participation is firmly entrenched at Moreton, as we believe every pupil should benefit from an exceptional education. Pupils from local schools are invited to academic and extracurricular activities, joining STEM and creative arts classes, as well as our ACE Sporting Hub and the North Shropshire Music intiative.

The Holroyd Community Theatre has become the centre of performing arts in our community, and our Face2Face Academy welcomes local students to participate in drama lessons with our pupils each week.

This outward-looking ethos has embedded Moreton Hall in our region, and created a virtuous, mutually-beneficial partnership between the school and our wider community.



# lext Steps



The choice of university and career are significant and often daunting steps in any young person's life. Moreton's exemplary careers team aims to take the stress out of the process and ensure that every pupil makes the decision which is correct for them.

The Next Steps Careers department is culturally and physically at the centre of the school and their holistic approach is woven through the curriculum. Careers guidance starts from a young age with work experience, internships and mentoring opportunities, talks from a wide array of professionals, university visits and Moreton's own annual Careers Fair. The team is also integrally involved with our Life Skills and enterprise activities.

Many Moretonians take a gap year and then almost 100% of our pupils attend university, predominantly Russell Group and Oxbridge. Our boys leave us, having gained scholarships to attend leading schools on the national stage. Our valuable careers advice remains open to Old Moretorians for as long as they wish it.

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It is the commitment to pupils, even after they leave, that makes Moreton such a special place.

ABIGAIL, OM '15





# Old Moretonians

Old Moretorians (OMs) have distinguished themselves in a wide spectrum of professional life, amongst them High Court Judges, Members of Parliament, engineers, doctors, computer scientists, professional musicians, actors and athletes, and a crocodile conservationist. Not only do OMs raise ambitions for current pupils, they generously share their expertise and play a vital role in mentoring and offering work placements.

Bridging a diverse range of ages, occupations and interests, OMs share the experience of a Moreton Hall education and continue to support and enrich one another once they leave the school gates. Our OM network is a testament to the bond that pupils make with the school and their fellow pupils. Through the thriving Old Moretorian network, our graduates build life-long links with the School, benefitting from career advice, social activities and friendships.

# Once an OM, always an OM.

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What I experienced at Moreton Hall 25 years ago has run throughout my professional career. My exposure to enterprise at such a young age and a confidence to communicate sparked a drive and self-belief that anything is possible.

OLIVIA, OM '96

# **Facilities**

Moretonians benefit greatly from our 100 acres of spacious parkland and extensive sporting and academic facilities.

The School's sporting facilities include an all-weather pitch, five grass lacrosse and hockey pitches, fourteen tennis courts, athletic fields, a heated indoor pool, netball courts, cricket wickets and nets, a large sports hall, fully equipped fitness suite, and a nine-hole golf course.

Our newly renovated main library, the Halsall-Williams Library, now offers a spacious, light-filled space with a range of work zones, and the Centenary Science Building includes six state-of-the-art science laboratories. The Holroyd Community Theatre further enhances Moreton's dynamic performing arts programme. Cornflower Farm provides handson lessons, quiet sanctuary and amusement as the free range chickens roam our grounds.

High quality modern IT facilities exist throughout the school and boarding houses, including a dedicated IT Centre with over fifty computers and high speed Wi-Fi to every house.

# Location

Moreton Hall is located in the scenic, rural county of Shropshire, in the West Midlands region of England. Our central location is convenient to three of the country's largest cities and halfway between the vibrant and historic market towns of Chester and Shrewsbury.

We provide regular bus routes across the local region.

Manchester Liverpool Chester

Moreton Hall

Shrewsbury

BIRMINGHAM

Oswestry - 5 minutes Chester - 30 minutes Shrewsbury - 30 minutes

Manchester - 1 hour

Liverpool - 1 hour Birmingham - 1 hour 10 minutes London - 2.5 hours by train

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We understand how important the choice of a senior school is to your child's well-being, their growth into adulthood and their future success.

This prospectus aims to give you a taste of what makes Moreton Hall the enduring success story that it is, of its ethos and character and why it is consistently ranked as one of the UK's top independent schools.

To truly appreciate what Moreton can offer your family, I urge you to browse the website and then to come and visit me, the staff and some of the pupils in person. We look forward to warmly welcoming you to Moreton.

Michael Brewer Principal

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Moreton Hall wowed us with its commitment to its students and the wider community, exemplifying the best of the boarding school sector.

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