

# Eggar's School

Alton | Hampshire

Eggar's School is a happy school where every child can thrive, be their best and achieve their best.



**Belong | Aspire | Achieve**



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**Eggar’s is a highly aspirational school for all students. Staff know students as individuals.”**

OFSTED 2024

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**My child is flourishing at Eggar’s and feels part of the school community; she has inspiring and great teachers.”**

EGGAR’S PARENT

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**Eggar’s is a small school with a big heart where every child is known and valued. Relationships are strong between staff and students, creating a happy community of curious learners inspired to discover, to explore, and to grow.”**

## Welcome From All of Us

Eggar’s is a friendly and vibrant school in the heart of Hampshire. Set in a magnificent 38-acre site, the campus is an impressive environment where students can focus on their learning and thrive in all aspects of school life. We hold firmly to our values of **Belong, Aspire, Achieve** and are committed to ensuring that every child is able to secure outstanding outcomes.

We are a small school with a big heart and this allows us to know our students really well. Class sizes are also smaller, with a high ratio of adults working with students. We believe that classrooms should be ‘calm and purposeful’ and that students should be free to learn without distraction. The transition from primary to secondary school is made much easier by the warm, caring and

supportive atmosphere at Eggar’s. As Ofsted commented recently, “Students enjoy being at school. They are happy, and they know that they will be welcomed every day and to each lesson.” I am very proud of my team of highly specialist teachers at Eggar’s who are “experts in their field and enthuse students to want to learn more” (Ofsted 2024). Our comprehensive transition programme ensures smooth progress for your child as they begin the next phase of their education.

We are ambitious for all students, expecting them to leave us with the best possible qualifications, prepared for their next steps in education and/or employment. That is why we pay close attention to shaping our students’ characters and to their intellectual development.

**MRS SARAH HOLMAN  
HEAD TEACHER, EGGAR’S SCHOOL**





## Year 7

### Prospective Students: An Invitation to Discover Eggar's School

Starting from Years 5 and 6, prospective students have the opportunity to get acquainted with our school through various engaging activities, including Discover Eggar's sessions. During these, students meet our talented teachers and supportive staff who introduce them to both familiar subjects and new areas of interest. Invitations for these sessions are distributed through our local primary schools and are available on our website.

### A Rich and Supportive Educational Experience

In their first year at Eggar's, students benefit from an inspiring curriculum designed to foster independence and confidence. Throughout the school year, they build strong relationships with their classmates while engaging in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities. Students belong straight away as part of tutor groups and Houses.

Students also attend Year 7 Camp where they take on exciting challenges and develop new friendships, creating a sense of 'family' as a year group. They also visit the theatre together in Year 7 as a culturally enriching activity.

### Eggar's Experience

Throughout the year, students have numerous opportunities to expand their horizons through trips, sports, theatre, arts and music. We also offer a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs where students share their hobbies and develop new passions. Our teachers are always available to support and encourage students in their chosen activities. We have a committed "Eggar's Green" Eco Club which works closely with YACAN (Youth Alton Climate Action Network) and an active Press Club, both very popular with Year 7 students. Breakfast and homework clubs run every day.

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*When I joined Eggar's, I was shy and anxious. The school is so supportive and welcoming that I became a much more confident person.”*

**SOPHIE, YEAR 7 STUDENT**

### Pastoral Care and Support

Our dedicated and experienced pastoral team is committed to supporting and nurturing all students. We offer individualised support packages for those who need regular assistance, as well as drop-in services for students needing occasional guidance from our Learner Engagement Team.



## Years 8 & 9

### Academic and Personal Development

During these formative years, students engage in our exciting curriculum and develop a strong sense of their own identity. With the guidance of their tutors and expert subject teachers, they begin to shape their academic pathways. By the end of Year 8, students start considering their GCSE options, selecting the subjects they wish to pursue from Year 9 through to their GCSE exams in Year 11.

### Support for Wellbeing and Learning

As students progress through these years, they can expect comprehensive support focused on health and wellbeing. Along with their parents, they receive guidance on how to navigate the teenage years within the school environment.

### Enriching Experiences and Activities

Year 8 includes a special residential trip, allowing students to bond with their peers and teachers. They also enjoy extracurricular theatre trips and have the opportunity to participate in various school activities during the Christmas and Easter holidays, including concerts and community service projects in Alton. We compete in annual competitions such as Youth Speaks and national Maths challenges.

### Engagement in School Committees

Students can get involved in various school committees, such as the Eco Club and Student Voice panels. It is our pleasure to witness students grow from active participants to leaders, and our Student Ambassadors are a credit to the school.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme

In Year 9, students can begin their journey on the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme, working towards their Bronze and Silver awards with the help of our specialist teachers. We maintain strong community links to facilitate volunteering opportunities in Alton and beyond.

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*It's really easy to get involved and learn new things at Eggar's.”*

**JACK, YEAR 8 STUDENT**





## Years 10 & 11

### Preparation for Academic Success and Beyond

During these two years, our students are equipped to excel in their chosen fields of study. Our specialist teaching team provides a robust framework for developing effective learning and revision techniques, helping students to achieve highly.

### Future Aspirations

At Eggar's, we provide personalised career guidance supporting our students to achieve their goals beyond school. Whether they choose to study A levels, BTECs, T levels, apply for apprenticeships or to enter the workforce, our dedicated team is with them every step of the way.

### Extracurricular and Creative Opportunities

We take pride in our students' sporting achievements and offer numerous sports and activities to nurture their talents. Many students also thrive in our Creative Arts and D&T workshops, expressing their creativity.



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*At Eggar's, I have experienced many new things, all of which have helped me to grow educationally and personally. I have developed confidence and perseverance and this has allowed me to flourish. Eggar's has been the perfect school for me to discover my hopes and dreams for my future and how to get there.”*

LAUREN, YEAR 11 STUDENT



**86%**

of students achieve 4-9 in Maths

**80%**

of students achieve 4-9 in English

**HIGH**

attainment across all curriculum areas

## Teaching

Eggar's prides itself on its high-quality teaching, exceptional care and its broad, ambitious programmes of study. Our curriculum is innovative and personalised, and this, along with the exciting extracurricular opportunities on offer; develops our students' creativity, talents and passions.

In our most recent Ofsted Inspection in February 2024, we were recognised as a good school overall with many outstanding features. Personal development, behaviour and welfare were all judged to be outstanding.

Our teachers are all experts in their own subjects and have extensive experience. They are also surrounded by a support team that helps to enrich our students' education and experience. Furthermore, pastoral care and wellbeing is also provided by those with the right skills and background. Our **Learner Engagement Team** is here to listen and guide, supporting students to be happy learners who make good choices every day.

### Our SENCO

Ms Cathy Vickers has over twenty five years of teaching experience, twelve of which have been at Eggar's. Cathy has a range of experience in education but has a passion for supporting students with Special Educational Needs. She holds the Postgraduate National Award for SEN Coordination and has been lead SENCO at Eggar's for the past five years. Her subject background is Social Science and Humanities. Cathy leads by example and ensures that she maintains a

teaching commitment alongside her role as SENCO. She is ambitious for the department and is currently overseeing an expanding team and physical space.

Cathy leads a team with a firm commitment to the philosophy that all students deserve to have an education which meets their academic, social and emotional needs. The team recognises that its responsibility to support our students does not just take place in the Learning Support Department but in the school as a whole. This includes training all staff to be skilled in understanding and meeting the needs of all students, for our

students to be fully immersed in all aspects of school life and to have access to a curriculum which inspires as much as it challenges.

The department strives to build on our students' strengths and talents, celebrating achievement and recognising progress in all its many forms. We work as a team with the students and families of our school and pride ourselves on the relationships that we develop. We consider it a great privilege to work with our wonderful students, gaining as much joy and satisfaction from their achievements as they do; we are proud of every single one of them!



Discover more at: [eggars.net/transition](https://eggars.net/transition)



Our friendly Learner Engagement Team

## Academic Success

### Personalised Learning and Academic Excellence at Eggar's

Our expert understanding enables us to adapt to the individual needs of each student. We are committed to nurturing the abilities of all our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our Aspire Programme provides varied and inspiring opportunities for all students to explore subjects in greater depth. Within the classroom, our broad and inclusive curriculum is designed specifically with challenge in mind, allowing all students to reach their full potential and experience success.

Our strong academic results reflect the dedication of our teachers and our innovative approach to learning. Ofsted commented that our students are "effusive" about reading, and our extensive "Eggar's Reads" tutor programme enables staff and students to share a love of reading and explore a wide variety of texts together.



### Extracurricular Activities at Eggar's School

Our Aspire Programme complements the Eggar's Experience in providing a wide range of extracurricular activities, such as:

- Arkwright Scholarship Programme
- GCSE Statistics
- Mock Trial Competition - Young Citizens
- Monthly Lecture Club
- Guest Speaker Lectures
- Rotary Youth Speaks Competition
- Scholars Programme - The Brilliant Club
- Sports Leaders Qualifications
- Language Leaders
- STEM Science trip
- Subject Master Classes
- UK Maths Challenge
- High level sporting event entry
- Oxbridge information events



## Sports

By the end of their time at Eggar's, we want students to understand why it is important to maintain involvement in sport and physical activity throughout their lives. We promote the importance of PE to students' physical health, mental wellbeing and development of social skills. In order to achieve these aims we focus on teaching key themes across a wide variety of traditional and non-traditional activities in which we challenge students to be problem solvers, confident and creative leaders, good communicators and team players. Alongside our regular competitions and House events, we also offer a range of trips developing both practical and theory ambitions, knowledge, curiosity and motivation. These include a bi-annual ski trip for Years 8, 9 and 10 students, usually to the Alps, trips to universities with highly regarded sports departments, professional

dance performances, and watching club or national teams compete. Our sports squads enter national gymnastics, national trampolining, and national swimming competitions, as well as preparing for local dance performances and friendly volleyball fixtures.

In addition, we have competitive teams playing seasonal weekly fixtures in the Aldershot District leagues for athletics, basketball, cricket, football, girls' hockey, netball and basketball. We also enter Hampshire leagues and cups for rugby, boys' and girls' hockey, and badminton.



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### YEAR 7 SPORTS

- Athletics
- Dance
- Fitness
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Tennis

### YEAR 8 SPORTS

- Athletics
- Badminton
- BTEC Dance Taster Unit
- BTEC Sport Taster Unit
- Cricket
- Fitness
- GCSE PE
- Gymnastics
- Netball
- Tennis

### YEAR 9 SPORTS

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Fielding Games
- Football
- Handball
- Striking
- Tennis
- Trampolining

### YEAR 10 & 11 SPORTS

Choice of pathway between the following traditional games and alternative activities:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
- Handball
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Dance
- Fitness
- Gymnastics / Trampolining
- Kinball
- Lacrosse
- Pilates / Yoga
- Spikeball
- Ultimate Frisbee



## Creative Arts

At Eggar's, we place a strong emphasis on nurturing creativity through our inspiring studies in Drama, Art, Dance, and Photography. Our curriculum is designed to inspire students to explore and develop their artistic talents in a supportive and stimulating environment.

In our drama studio, students have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities, from acting and directing to stage management and playwriting. Our industry-experienced teachers guide students through the intricacies of performance and production, helping them build confidence and communication skills.

Annual school theatre productions and workshops with industry professionals provide real-world experience and a platform to showcase their talents. We are a centre for LAMDA. Our Art department offers a rich and varied programme that encourages students to experiment with different mediums and techniques. From painting and sculpture to digital art, students are taught to express their unique perspectives and ideas. Our welcoming studio is equipped with the latest tools and materials, allowing students to fully immerse themselves in their creative process and enjoy this freedom of expression.

Dance at Eggar's is an exhilarating curriculum that combines technique, performance, and choreography. Students explore various dance styles, including contemporary, ballet, and street dance, under the guidance of our experienced dance instructors.

Regular performances and competitions provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and develop a passion for dance.



Photography at Eggar's allows students to delve into both the technical and artistic aspects of the medium. Students learn to see the world through a creative lens and develop a portfolio of work that reflects their passion, growth and individuality.

Overall, Eggar's commitment to the Creative Arts ensures that students receive a well-rounded education that fosters artistic expression, critical thinking and personal growth. Our programmes in Drama, Art, Dance, and Photography are designed to ignite a lifelong passion for the arts and prepare students for future success in their creative endeavours.



## Music

In Music, students learn to develop their creative thinking and apply their musical understanding and skills as performers, composers and appraisers. The value we place on Music as an academic subject helps to foster a lifelong love of music. Music can help to develop language and reasoning, increase coordination, build imagination and intellectual curiosity, improve self-confidence, and provide all students with a deep sense of achievement.

We aim to help all students develop their confidence in musical understanding, musical communication and creative thinking. Musical learning is a continuous process, building on prior knowledge, skills and understanding. Curriculum lessons aim to build the musical capacity of all students regardless of ability, or

their starting point. The extensive extra-curricular programme offers every student in the school the opportunity to participate and provides additional challenge to those who want to further develop their musical understanding and skills. This includes Rock School where students are encouraged to rehearse in bands and play live for Open Mic nights and other audiences.



Discover more at: [eggars.net/music](https://eggars.net/music)



## Design & Technology

Design and Technology is a creative subject that combines intellectual and practical skills through purposeful, hands-on activities. Students at Eggar's problem solve by developing a range of ideas to be applied in the manufacture of products and systems. They also gain an understanding of aesthetics, social and environmental issues, industrial practices and how things work, and develop a range of communication skills, including verbal and graphical expression and modelling.

The department runs weekend and after-school workshops for its most talented students, and our alumni include Arkwright Engineering Scholars who have continued to build on their excellent foundation of learning by pursuing careers in this field at the highest level. We are passionate about

inspiring the next generation of women engineers at Eggar's and our all-female team have come home victorious from the QinetiQ Powerboat Challenge. Food and Nutrition is a very popular subject at Eggar's where we nurture students' practical cookery skills and give them a strong understanding of nutrition.



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## Eggars' Experience

We are very proud of the extracurricular music opportunities we offer students at Eggars. Below is a list of the opportunities we currently offer to further enhance the musical experiences of our students and provide additional challenge.

**United Voices:** a mixed voice choir open to students in all year groups who enjoy singing.

**Voices in Harmony:** open to singers who wish to be challenged further with more complex vocal repertoire. Entrance is by audition/invitation.

**Concert Band:** open to students in all year groups who play a brass, woodwind, string, or percussion instrument.

**Big Band:** open to brass and woodwind players of the concert band who wish to be challenged further with more complex repertoire. Guitar, bass guitar, piano and drum kit are also needed to complete the line-up. Entrance is by invitation.


**Wild West Folk Band:** open to students in all year groups who sing, play guitar, keyboard, or strings. Other acoustic instruments are always welcome in this informal band.

**String Ensemble:** open to students in all year groups who play a string instrument.

**The Rhythmatists:** a drumming group open to students in all year groups. No previous experience of playing drums is needed.

**Beginner Guitar Group:** open to students in all year groups who want to learn how to play the acoustic guitar.

We have regular concerts throughout the school year; a biennial Music Tour; and a School Musical. The main music events for the year are the Yuletide Concert (December), the Spring Concert (March), and the Summer Showcase (June/July).


 Discover more at: [eggars.net/eggarsexperience](http://eggars.net/eggarsexperience)

## Discover Eggar's Programme

Our Year 4 and 5 Discover Programme is made up of fun, exciting and academically stimulating discovery workshops. Students enjoy practical and immersive sessions in Design & Technology, Science, Drama, Music and Modern Foreign Languages - all with an exciting and contemporary twist!

Throughout the year we have an extensive programme of Primary Liaison events including The Big Sing, A Play in a Day, STEM Clubs, Sports days, Art collaborations, Taster Days, Maths & Reading Challenges

and much more. Parents are always welcome to book Meet the Head and Meet the SENCO appointments for that personal touch. Primary students are invited to audition for parts in our spectacular school productions. We like students to start their Eggar's journey with us as early as possible and we are always eager to get to know them!

 Discover more at: [eggars.net/events/discover-eggars-discover-you](http://eggars.net/events/discover-eggars-discover-you)



## Open Events

Parents and students can come along and get a feel for what life is like here, a sense of the teaching, the community, the excellent facilities, and an opportunity to talk to current students, staff and the Head Teacher, Mrs Sarah Holman.

**Come and see our students and staff in action at our two formal 2024 Open Events and Open Evening:**

- Friday 12 July - 10:00 - 12:00
- Saturday 13 July - 10:00 - 12:00
- Thursday 19 September - 18:00 - 20:00

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## Associations

Eggar's is pleased to have strong associations with the following educational organisations:





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