

Royal Hospital School *Enterprises*

*Ariel view of our 200 Acre
site*



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School History

- *The School occupies a magnificent 200-acre campus in Holbrook on the Shotley peninsular, with impressive listed buildings and playing fields overlooking the River Stour. The school is an independent boarding school which educates 700 boys and girls from 11-18; the current pupil mix is 500 boarders and 200 day.*
- *The school was originally sited in Greenwich at what is now the National Maritime Museum, founded 300 years ago for the purpose of providing a largely seafaring education for the children of Royal Navy pensioners. The current site was built in the early 1930s on land gifted to Greenwich Hospital. The school moved up to occupy the new premises in 1933 and the strong Naval connections remains to this day. A new museum of documents, pictures and artefacts - including many related to the move to and construction of the school at Holbrook - was completed in 2013 to coincide with the school's Tercentenary celebrations. The school retains many Naval traditions, including Divisions on the large parade ground, when all pupils parade in naval uniform.*
- *The school was constructed in order to be largely self-sufficient, and included facilities such as a farm, bakery, an infirmary with over 100 bed spaces, and even a mortuary. To this day the school abstracts, treats and distributes its own water supply, and also runs its own sewer network and sewage farm. The complex infrastructure represents challenges but the school actively seeks to reduce its energy consumption and overall carbon footprint.*
- *The main school building is Grade 2* Listed, as is the Chapel. The 11 Boarding/Day Houses and the majority of other buildings on the school site are Grade 2 Listed, including a portfolio of over 60 staff residences. Eight of the boarding houses were refurbished and a new music school was constructed as part of a recent £12 million project.*
- *Around the school buildings there is a large amount of formal grass, some miles of hedging – mainly yew and holly – and various shrubs and ornamental trees. An extensive report on all the mature trees on the estate has recently been completed and will play a part in the overall environmental management of the estate.*
- *In season on the 70-acre main playing field, which is free draining, there are 5 grass cricket squares. A 400-metre running track with field events is marked by Easter coupled to six rounder's pitches, six grass tennis, six volleyball and nine tennis on the sand-based astro plus six tennis marked permanently on the hard-court along with six netball courts. Nine rugby pitches, two grass hockey and five football are in place for the start of the Michaelmas Term, and the rugby is replaced by football for the Lent term. Astro hockey plays a key role through the winter months. The 9-hole Golf Course is also a great addition to our school activities.*
- *Sailing is a major sport and taught to all new pupils, utilizing the nearby Alton Water reservoir for dinghy sailing as well as the school boat-house on Holbrook Creek.*

Welcome



- *In 1933 Holbrook became the home of the Royal Hospital School.*
- *We are a leading independent Co-educational boarding and day school in East Anglia.*
- *The school occupies a magnificent site on the banks of the River Stour in the Suffolk countryside.*
- *The Royal Hospital School Enterprises was formed in 2008, thus enabling us to open up our facilities to international clients throughout non term time, giving many children from other countries the opportunity to visit and board in our historic, beautiful buildings.*

Our Boarding Houses



- *Single En-suite bedrooms available*
- *Double En-suite bedrooms available*
- *Bunk beds 2, 4, 6 & 8 bed occupancy available*

St Vincent House

Centre Forum



Blake House Centre

Forum



Junior House

Bedrooms



Howe House



Howe House Centre

Forum



Nelson House



Fitness Suite



Our Sports Fields



Games Rooms



Our Gymnasium



Astro Turf



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Swimming Pool



Hard Tennis Courts

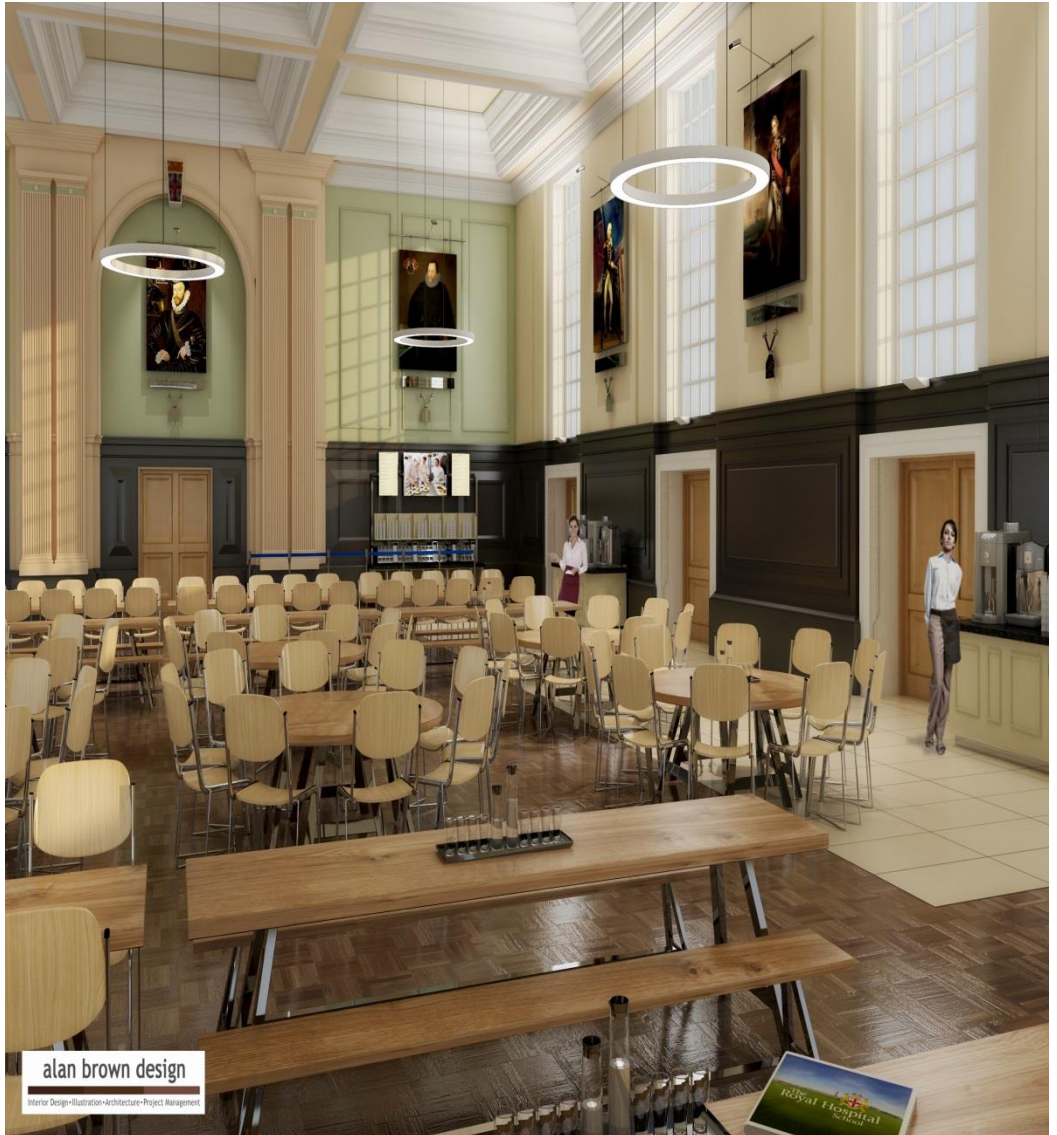


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A wide variety of menu choices



Our magnificent Dining Hall



alan brown design

Interior Design • Illustration • Architecture • Project Management

Tellico Room



Assembly Hall



Assembly Hall Stage



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