

赫德学校  
HD SCHOOLS



**HURTWOOD HOUSE CHINA**  
NINGBO • SHANGHAI • BEIJING



## Hurtwood House China

With its first school opened in Ningbo in 2014, Hurtwood House China has established a network of sister schools under the banner "HD schools." All of our schools offer students a fully bilingual education that blends the best of the West and the Chinese curricula. As the school motto "Education Creates Character" indicates, Hurtwood House China provides students with a broad and balanced learning experience - one in which tradition meets creativity and East meets West.

HD Schools (HD Shanghai, Ningbo, and soon Beijing and Qingdao) benefit from a strong relationship with Hurtwood House, our partner school in the UK. It draws on Hurtwood's experience and expertise at providing an all-round education where children, not only achieve excellent academic results, but also develop interests and skills to prepare them for the challenges of life beyond school. With this in mind, HD Schools' curriculum offers a broad range of opportunities designed to develop intellectual growth, physical and emotional health, artistic endeavors, creativity and service to others.

The Schools are committed to fostering truly bilingual and bicultural students, enabling them to gain competency in both Mandarin and English, as well as preparing them culturally for life in an increasingly interconnected world. Our curriculum is taught using a dual-language immersion approach; students benefit from lessons delivered by native speakers of English and Chinese, with some subjects taught with both teachers in the same classroom. As well as supporting students to become bilingual, the low student-teacher ratio enables HD Schools to deliver a highly personalized approach to learning.

In keeping with our partner school, Hurtwood House, HD Schools' ethos, values and curriculum will help to foster a strong and supportive school community. We are looking to build a team who are strongly motivated and enjoy participating in all aspects of school life. Teachers who have not experienced a bilingual program before will enjoy the challenge and learn new and transferable skills in the process.





## The Ningbo Campus

The layout of HD Ningbo is informed by the desire to deliver an innovative and contemporary bilingual curriculum in line with the School's vision and values. Each space is considered as being able to provide teaching and learning opportunities and promoting interaction between all users and visitors to the School.

HD Ningbo is located on a beautiful, 33-acre campus in the district of Yinzhou. Students and teachers benefit from outstanding facilities, which support learning both inside and outside the classroom. These facilities include a Bilingual Library, a Multi-functional Theater, a Multi-Media Room, an Indoor Swimming Pool, and excellent Indoor and Outdoor Sports Areas. Amongst other spaces, the sports areas comprise of two football pitches, four tennis courts, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, , indoor badminton courts, an outdoor gold driving range, and an indoor golf practice zone.

The indoor facilities are all equipped with excellent air purifying systems, with a new, state of the art Anti-Pollution Dome being built to serve the sports facilities. HD Ningbo is fully committed to enhancing air quality on campus and playing our part in the drive towards greater environmental protection in China.





## The Shanghai Campus

Located in Songjiang District, which is widely regarded as the cultural root of Shanghai, the campus covers nearly 20,000 square meters of prime real estate.

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Students and teachers benefit from outstanding facilities, which support learning both inside and outside the classroom. These facilities include a bilingual library, a multi-functional theatre, an indoor swimming pool, and excellent indoor and outdoor sports areas. During the second phase of campus construction a new golf driving range and a 400 metre running track are being added.

All of HD Shanghai's indoor facilities are equipped with excellent air purification systems. Indeed, the School's state of the art Anti-Pollution Dome is the first air purifying sports facility in South East China. HD Shanghai is fully committed to enhancing air quality on campus and playing our part in the drive towards greater environmental protection in China.





## The Beijing Campus

HD Beijing is located on a beautiful site next to Dongba Park, surrounded by idyllic, green space. Uniquely, the campus inherits several ancient imperial architectural features such as covered walks, sky wells, and pointed roofs. These features are combined with modern design concepts such as rooftop playgrounds and double-skin walls to create a truly inspiring learning environment. In keeping with the School's values and ethos, the layout of HD Beijing is informed by the desire to deliver a bilingual curriculum that recognizes tradition, but is also innovative and contemporary.

The campus is being developed in phases. Phase I, which will be complete for our August 2017 opening, provides all the facilities required for our Early Years and Primary programs. Phase II, which will be completed over the course of the next three years, will add capacity to the campus as HD Beijing opens up year groups in the Secondary section of the school.

Teachers and students enjoy outstanding facilities, which support learning both inside and outside the classroom. These facilities include a Bilingual Library, Multi-functional Theater, Indoor Swimming Pool, an Indoor Sports Hall and several Outdoor Sports areas. The indoor facilities are all equipped with state of the art air purifying systems; HD Beijing is fully committed to enhancing air quality on campus and playing our part in the drive towards greater environmental protection in China.



## Chief Academic Director – Warren Johnston



Warren, a graduate of Victoria University, brings over 30 years' experience and an outstanding track record of success in bilingual curriculum schools to HD. He blends an international perspective with a deep understanding of local Chinese culture.

Prior to joining HD, Warren spent six very successful years as Executive Principal of YK Pao School in Shanghai. During his time there, Warren was instrumental in increasing the student role and creating a culture of success where students and staff were at ease, confident and proud of their school community.

Warren started his career in education as a math teacher in New Zealand, before taking on senior advisory roles at the Wellington College of Education and the Ministry of Education. In these roles, Warren had regional responsibility for developing math and science curricula, planning and implementing professional development programs for teachers, and drafting influential curriculum policy papers. On leaving New Zealand, Warren took on senior leadership positions in Hong Kong, before moving to China in 2007.

Teachers at HD Beijing benefit from Warren's tremendous experience in the international school sector and specific expertise leading bilingual programs.

*"I am extremely excited about the opening of Beijing HD Bilingual School. We have an incredible campus in a very exciting part of the city, and the interest and enthusiasm of we have received from prospective parents has been staggering. We promote a truly all-round style of education - students at an HD schools are provided with the care, support, and range of opportunities they need to fulfil their potential. We are able to achieve this though the quality, commitment, and passion of our teachers. A role at HD Beijing is an outstanding opportunity to join our team as one of the School's founding teachers, and help to develop the first-class learning experience that HD schools have become renowned for. As a founding teacher, you will not only benefit from being part of a growing network of HD schools within China, but also our strong partnership with Hurtwood House in the UK."*

Warren Johnston, Chief Academic Director



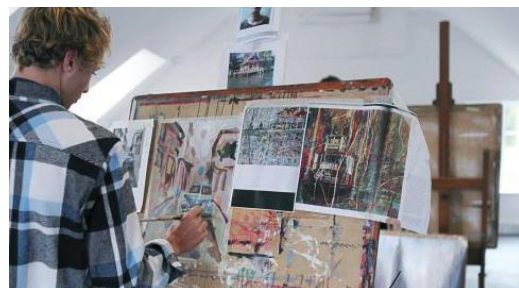
## Hurtwood House UK

Hurtwood House is one of the UK's leading independent, co-educational boarding schools. The School is driven by a passion for creativity and a respect for academic rigor, offering its students a truly holistic learning experience that prepares them for university and life beyond.

The School has an outstanding academic track record. For the last two decades, the academic results have put Hurtwood 'among the cream of the country's best schools' (Financial Times) and Hurtwood has consistently been at the top of the league table for co-educational boarding schools, ahead of many of its most illustrious rivals. With over twenty subjects offered at A-Level, students benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum. The range of subjects students can choose from stands as testament to the importance Hurtwood places on empowering individual students in their decision making and learning.

But students at Hurtwood achieve more than just excellent academic results. The School's commitment to providing a truly holistic education ensures that students leave equipped with the skills, interests and confidence to succeed at university and with whatever they choose to do in life beyond. Hurtwood, for instance, is a center of excellence for the Performing and Creative Arts, providing unrivalled opportunities for the aspiring actor, singer, artist, fashion designer, composer or film maker. Evidence of Hurtwood's success in creating outstanding opportunities for their students beyond the core academic curriculum can be seen by looking at some of their world famous alumni – the Hollywood actress Emily Blunt and the composer Hans Zimmer are just two examples.

Both students and teachers at the HD Schools benefit from a strong relationship with Hurtwood House. By drawing on the experience and knowledge of the Hurtwood team, HD Beijing School is able to ensure our values, curriculum and structures, prepare our students for successful futures in the same way as Hurtwood House, albeit in a different context.





*Hurtwood House, Main School Building*





## Living in Ningbo

Ningbo sits at the mid-point of the Chinese coastline, towards the South of the Yantzee delta. It is an economically developed, modern city, with profound cultural foundation. The City is one of China's oldest, and despite now being a highly developed economic center it retains traditions and culture that date back many centuries.







Ningbo has a significant expatriate population, drawn to the city for several reasons:

- Its status as a modern, economic center means that there is a wide range of well-paid jobs within large, internationally minded companies.
- It is a city complete with all the conveniences and luxuries you would expect to find in a developed western city: international restaurants, luxury shopping areas, coffee shops, supermarkets, an efficient health system, five-star hotels, to name but a few.
- Despite being a modern western city, Ningbo retains many charming aspects of traditional Chinese architecture and ways of life. From the cobbled streets, lined by small streams, to traditional Chinese markets and magnificent temples, Ningbo is full of interesting sights and sounds.
- Ningbo offers much for those who enjoy green space, water and the proximity to nature. Three rivers run through Ningbo, with many bridges linking the islands and outlying districts. Water holds much significance in Ningbo as the name means 'Serene Wave' in Mandarin, and many of the city's green spaces contain large lakes on which to enjoy watersports.



## Living in Shanghai

Shanghai is an inspiring and exciting city to live. As Lonely Planet states, 'few cities in the world evoke so much history, excess, glamour, mystique and exotic promise in name alone.' The metropolis is often described in evocative and romantic terms – Pearl of the Orient, Gateway to the World and Paris of the East, to name but a few.

Located in the delta of the mighty Yangtze River, approximately equidistant to Beijing and Hong Kong, Shanghai has been growing from a small market town in imperial China to a 21st century megalopolis. Shanghai is spearheading China's rapid business development. As well as being one of China's most significant industrial centres, Shanghai is home to China's main stock exchange and has also put a strong emphasis on the high-tech industry and services sector.







When its vibrant economy is taken alongside its beauty and history, it is unsurprising that Shanghai is one of the world's most attractive and popular destinations for expatriates. The writer Kate Morgan sums up the charm, thrill and variety of Shanghai beautifully...

*"From the architectural landmarks lining the Bund and the rickety charm of the Old Town to the leafy backstreets of the former French Concession, Shànghǎi is a city that just begs for wandering. And eating. I love that you can slurp a bowl of hand-pulled noodles or bite into soupy xiǎolóngbāo dumplings for next to nothing, then splurge on cocktails and fusion fare while gazing out from a rooftop bar on the Bund, over the Huángpǔ River to Pūdōng's space-age night scene."*

The City caters extremely well for expat life. There is history, culture, and sensational food. There is luxury and convenience: five-star hotels, fine-dining restaurants, unbeatable shopping malls, supermarkets and first-class transport links provide everything you would expect to find in a leading global city.



## Living in Beijing

There is nowhere quite like Beijing - it is a powerhouse of a city within a powerhouse of a country. Beijing has always had an extraordinary global influence, and this certainly remains true today. From politics to technology, from the economy to fashion, from education to architecture, decisions made in Beijing ripple out across the globe.





Although Beijing is undoubtedly a modern city, racing towards the future, it remains inextricably linked to its glorious past. Nowhere is this more evident than in the City's architecture. Jaw-dropping modern structures such as the Olympic Stadium and the NCPA Concert Hall are found alongside equally magnificent temples and palaces of the ancient past. Indeed, in terms of historically significant sites, Beijing is unrivalled – there are six Unesco World Heritage Sites found in the city.

Beijing offers a lot more than just power, influence, and architectural delights. It is a city that is dynamic and always interesting – the writer David Eimer captures the beauty and variety of Beijing beautifully when he states...

*"I am endlessly intrigued by Beijing's ability to reinvent itself. Spending time here is to be on a permanent journey of discovery, where eye-popping buildings appear seemingly overnight, historic hùtòng are transformed into hip hang-outs, and new venues open all the time. But some things never change in Beijing and that is equally enticing. The food is always outstanding and the parks and temples remain oases of peace. Above all, I love being surrounded by the tangible evidence of China's amazing, dramatic history, whether it's the Forbidden City or the Great Wall. It's never boring here."*

Driven by Beijing's increasing global importance both economically and politically, a large number of expatriate workers have been attracted to the city in the past two decades. As a result, it caters very well for expat life. There is history, culture, and sensational food. There are beautiful parks that are oases of calm. There is luxury and convenience: five-star hotels, fine-dining restaurants, shopping malls, supermarkets and first-class transport links provide everything you would expect to find in a major global city.



There is also the rest of China. China is modern and progressing as a society at an incredible rate, but there is more to China than this. As the world's oldest continuous civilization, there is unrivalled history to learn about and culture to experience. There is the country's vast natural beauty: mountains, deserts, mighty rivers, jungles, grassland, and coastline - China has it all.

**It is also a land of opportunity. As the world turns East, an understanding of China and, even better, experience living and working there, can be hugely beneficial for career progression. In terms of education, China is undoubtedly one of the most dynamic markets in the world and employers worldwide are increasingly looking for individuals who have direct experience in China.**







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