

Open Evening 2026

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The Bedrock: Our Theological Vision



The Middle School Advantage: A Crucial Cognitive Window

Adolescent Brain Remodelling

Pruning & Proliferation:

Rapid neural restructuring requires a specialized, consistent environment.

Delayed Motivation: The brain's reward systems shift; we provide tailored engagement before the pressures of upper school.

Year 5

Year 6

Year 7

Year 8

Age 9

10

11

12

13

Prepares students for Upper School precisely when neurologically ready (high expectations, strong outcomes, fantastic opportunities).

Lead Ambassadors



Romily Harding



Phoebe Bowen

Why choose EMS?

The Three Pillars of Our Promise



Achieve

Your child will reach exceptional academic heights.



Flourish

Your child will thrive in a broad, enriching educational environment.



Safe & Supported

Your child will be deeply known, cared for, and part of our community.

Pillar 1: Academic Excellence



Attendance: Consistently Above National Average

How We Deliver Results: Pedagogy & Partnership

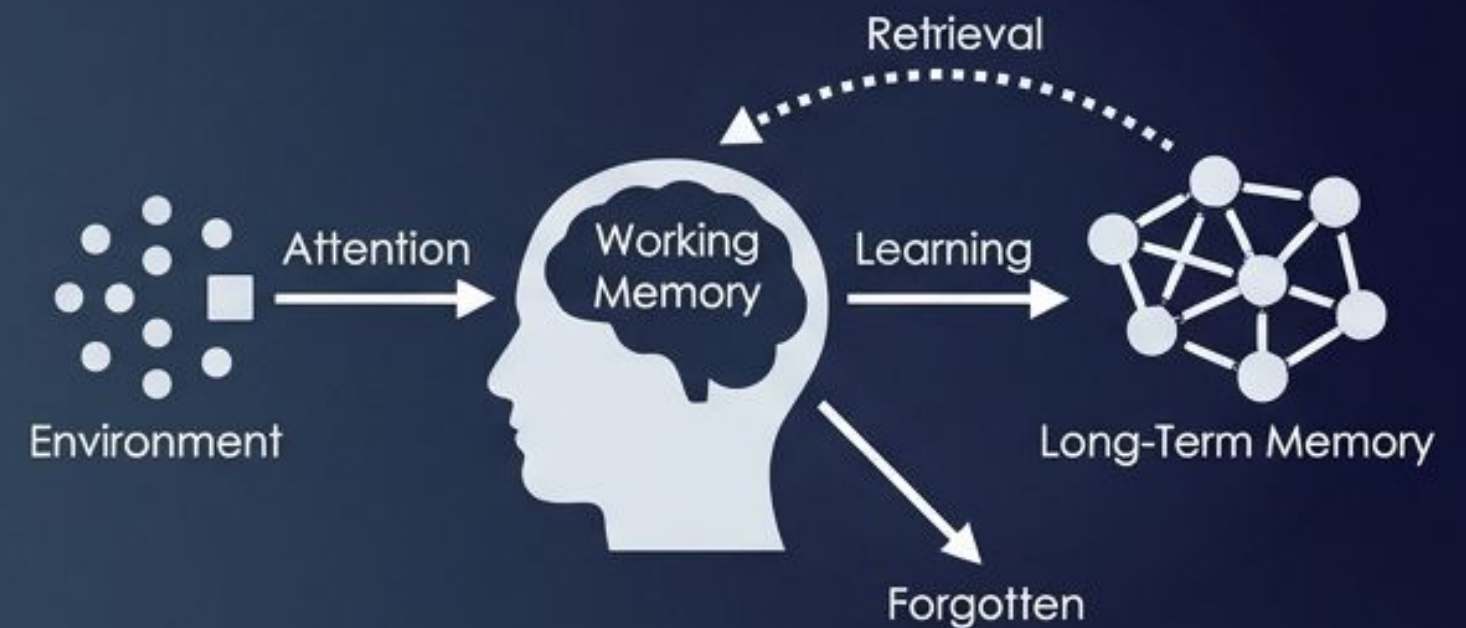
The Trust Dividend



Securing value well above natural variations through cross-Trust INSET collaboration (EYFS to KS3).

Bringing together the knowledge and skills of four schools to perform significantly stronger than Dorset averages.

Retrieval Practice



- Focus on Retrieval Practice—reviewing material rigorously to commit it to long-term memory.
- 3 consecutive years of strong SATs data.
- Robust internal tracking: GL, AQA, Topic assessment.
- Industry-leading platforms: Sparx, Accelerated Reader, Pearson Maths.

The Daily Brickwork: High-Impact Classroom Practices

How we eliminate the misconception trapdoor and close the 46% PP gap every single lesson.



1. Checking for Understanding (C4U)

Systematically probing the room to ensure foundational knowledge is secure.



2. Mini-Whiteboards (MWB)

Creating 100% participation and immediate visibility of class-wide errors.



3. Cold-Calling

Removing opting-out and ensuring every student is cognitively active.



4. Live Marking & Feedback

Intervening at the point of error, with a specific focus on disadvantaged pupils.

The Daily Brickwork: High-Impact Classroom Practices

What's essential for some is good for all..

Eliminating low level, persistent errors.

Picking up on misconceptions.

Effective communication skills.



Foundational Literacy





Writing Accuracy

Cc Capitals:

- Proper nouns
- Start of sentence
- Capital 'I'

● Full stops

 **Standard English**
(formal, no slang)

 Handwriting

 **Spellings:**

- Homophones
- High frequency words
- Topic words

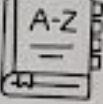




Functional Oracy Skills

 **Active listening**

 **Agree
Build
Challenge**

 **Articulation:**

- Vocabulary choices (respond in sentences)
- Voice projection and tone



 **Body language**

 **Register** - consider your audience

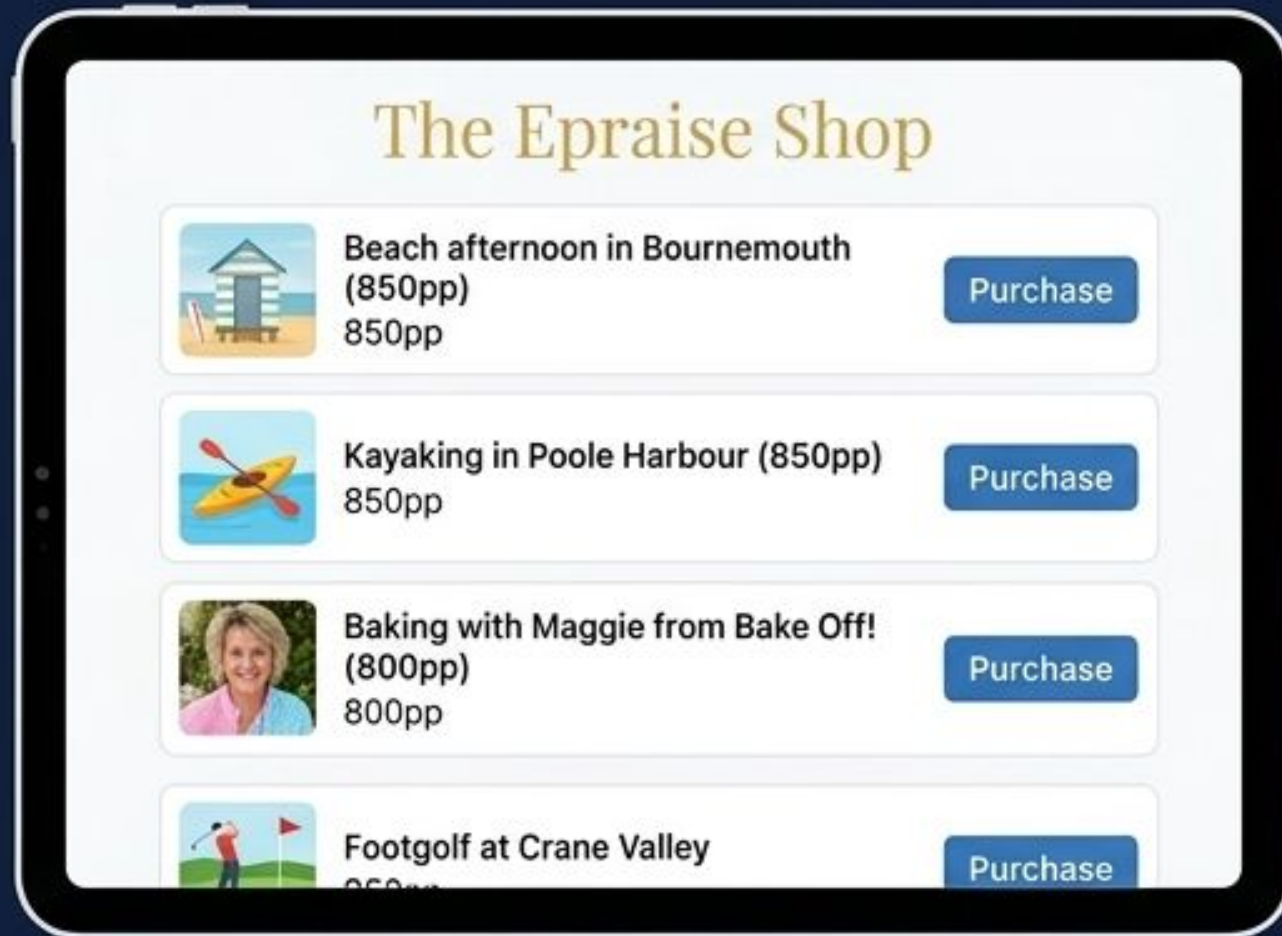
Gemini Notebook

Pillar 2: A Broad Curriculum, Delivered by Specialists



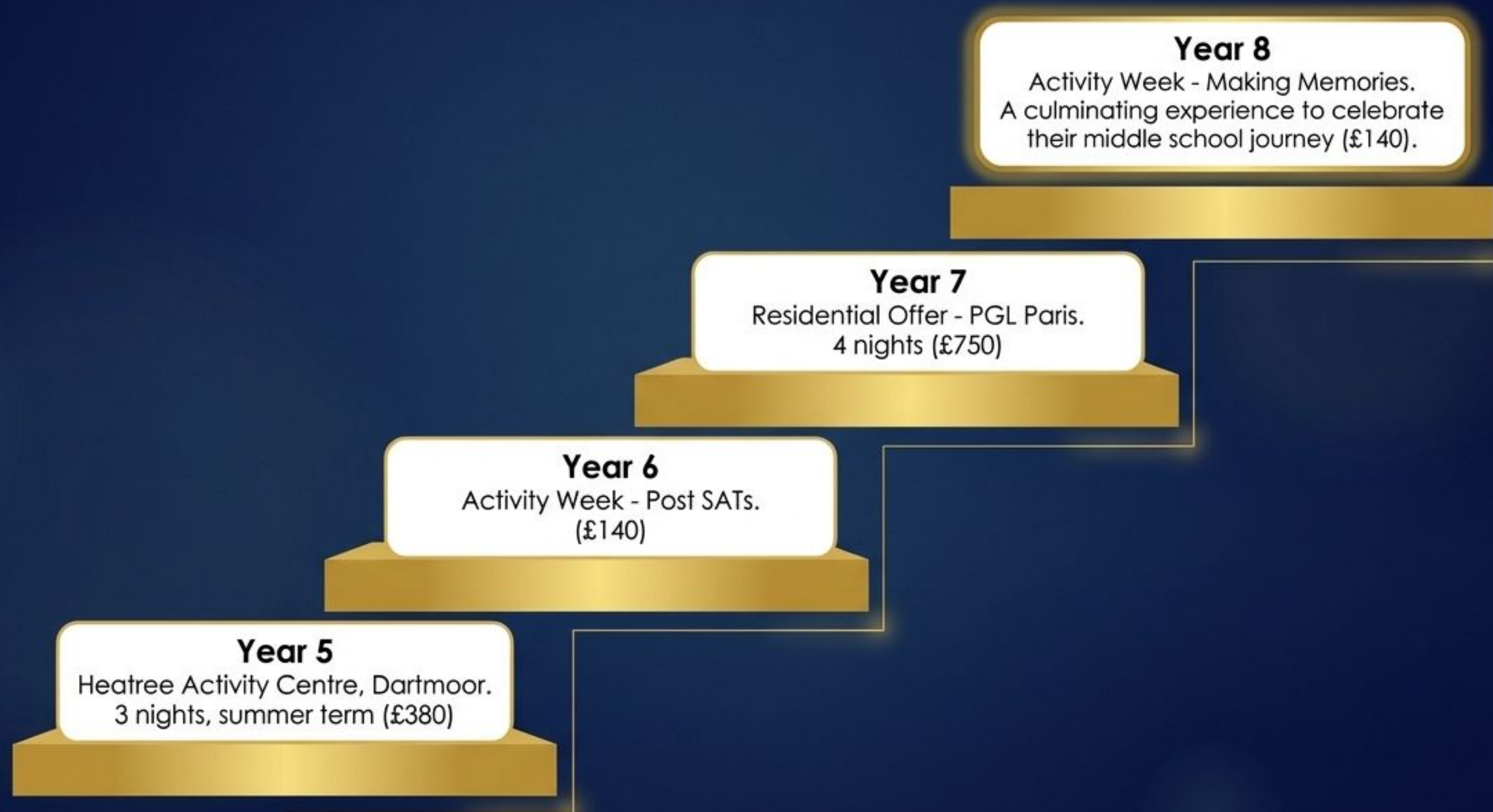
- **Core Focus:** 11 hours of tutor-based Maths and English.
- **Broad Sciences & Humanities:** 2 hours dedicated to Science, Humanities, PE, and DT.
- **Specialist Enrichment:** 1 hour each for Music, RE, Computing, Art, French, and Wellbeing.
- **Daily Rhythm:** Structured Tutor time, Collective Worship, and Tutor-Led Reading.

Celebrating Success: The Epraise Shop



Staff expect excellent behaviour, and they get it. Through crystal-clear routines, highly motivating rewards, and fair sanctions, our community thrives on positivity.

The 4-Year Enrichment Journey



Continuous Investment in Excellence

2023

Refurbished roof &
new office.

2024

Computing suite,
Carpets (Yr 8/main corridor),
Sports hall floor.

2025

Year 5 and 6 toilets
refurbishment, Year 6 and 8
classrooms and corridors, All
classroom and school displays
and front of school.

2026

Year 8 classrooms and corridor,
All classrooms learning environments,
LED lighting throughout,
Forest School.

Pillar 3: Unwavering Pastoral & SEND Support



Shared Staff on Campus

Ensuring a continuous, familiar adult presence across the entire school day, creating absolute stability.



Dedicated Nurture Spaces

Quiet, protected environments available for any student who requires sensory, social, or emotional support.



Daily Meet & Greet

A proactive, positive start to every single morning at the gate, ensuring every child is individually seen and welcomed.



Year 8 Buddy System

Empowering our oldest students to mentor the youngest, fostering a tight-knit, cross-year family community.



A Seamless, Supported Transition

First School

Emmanuel
Middle School

Professional Handover

Extensive, detailed knowledge transfer between First School teaching teams and EMS SENDCos.

Early Intervention

Pastoral Support team runs regular weekly sessions with children during the summer term while still in their first school setting.

Relationship First

A real opportunity to start building strong relationships, developing independence, and building confidence long before September.

Unplugged Character Development



Smartphone-Free Environment:
Protecting childhood and
fostering genuine interpersonal
connection.

Beyond the Classroom: A wide
variety of clubs, activities, and
active outdoor learning.

Ofsted Validation (May 2022):
'There are many opportunities for
pupils to develop their
characters, interests and talents.'



The Community Consensus

Ofsted 2022

"Relationships between pupils and staff are warm, caring and respectful."

"Staff expect pupils to behave, and they do... clear about school routines, rewards and sanctions."

"Comprehensive careers programme that exceeds Baker Clause expectations."

Parent Voice

"Pupils are well known by staff, who care about their wellbeing as well as their learning."

'The nurturing environment and high expectations mean my children have thrived.' This encapsulates the views of many others.

Your Next Steps: Guaranteed Placement

The 2026 intake is a low birth year group across the region.

If you select Emmanuel Middle School as your first preference, you are guaranteed a place for your child.

Join us. Achieve. Flourish. Feel Safe & Supported.



Summary: Inspired to Go Beyond

Grounded in faith, driven by data, and executed through clear milestones and daily habits, we have the blueprint to secure excellence for every child.

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