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**SEVENOAKS**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



# WELCOME TO THE PREP

Sevenoaks Prep has been welcoming children since 1919. Our academic achievements are excellent - yet we are so much more than a place of preparation for examinations to destination schools. Nestled in twenty five acres of beautiful grounds on the edge of Knole Park, our environment is a vast playground in which children are trusted and encouraged to explore safely.

We believe a child's happiness and wellbeing are crucial to their learning. Within our nurturing environment children are able to discover and develop their talents. Girls and boys from 2 to 13 enjoy our small class sizes and family atmosphere which enable us to build warm relationships with the children and their parents.



**A CO-EDUCATIONAL PREP SCHOOL PROVIDES A MORE WELL-ROUNDED LEARNING EXPERIENCE BY ALLOWING BOYS AND GIRLS TO WORK AND LEARN TOGETHER, JUST LIKE THEY WILL IN REAL LIFE. THIS HELPS PUPILS DEVELOP STRONG SOCIAL SKILLS, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND GAIN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, BETTER PREPARING THEM FOR SENIOR SCHOOL AND BEYOND.**





# Way of life

Underpinning the School's success is our 'Way of Life' - an ethos that flows through everything we do - encouraging pupils to be responsible, kind and empathetic. Our children leave confident, well-mannered and with essential life skills including the ability to work as part of a team, solve problems and think creatively - attributes frequently noted by the head teachers of our destination schools.

# A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT IS AS *exciting* AS IT IS ADVENTUROUS

## PRE-PREP

For our youngest learners - from Nursery to Year 2 - the Pre-Prep is where their journey of learning begins. Our Nursery warmly welcomes children from the tender age of two, setting the stage for their educational voyage through our Pre-Prep and beyond. At Sevenoaks Prep, we see each child as a unique individual, nurturing their strengths and recognising their achievements as they grow and develop.

Here, we celebrate childhood in all its glory - creating a learning environment that is as exciting as it is adventurous, where every day is filled with opportunities to explore, discover and create magical moments. Our family ethos runs deep, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and nurtured.





## PREP

The Prep School is home to Years 3 to 8. We provide a rich and varied curriculum which is stimulating, ambitious and flexible enough to suit the ability of each child and to bring out the best in all our pupils. Alongside more traditional subjects like maths and English, we offer languages, digital learning, art and design, drama, outdoor learning, critical thinking, music and sport – all of which are integral to the life of the School. All classes participate in a regular programme of visits, workshops and field trips to enrich their learning and have fun. From theatre visits and residentials to ski trips, each activity is an opportunity to expand our pupils' horizons and make memories that will stay with them for life.





## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We feel children are at their best within a happy, diverse community of learners. We make sure they are stretched at the appropriate time, producing their best without unnecessary pressure. All pupils benefit from subject specialist teachers, with this increasing as they progress through the school. Our teachers ensure that every pupil is motivated, challenged and prepared for examinations and scholarships to both independent and local grammar schools. Our pupils achieve excellent academic results and are successful in gaining entry into schools of their choice for both Year 7 and Year 9. Many of our pupils earn academic, music, drama and sport scholarships to leading independent schools including Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Caterham and Hurstpierpoint College. Each year, our pupils gain places at grammar schools such as Judd, Tonbridge Grammar, Cranbrook and Weald of Kent.

### ISI INSPECTION 2022

“The quality of the pupils’ academic and other achievement is excellent.”



**100% PASS**  
Common Entrance  
with 85% A\* and A



**49 PUPILS**  
Awarded scholarships  
in the last 3 years



**ONE THIRD**  
Of Years 6 & 8 pupils  
awarded scholarship  
places in 2024

### TOP 5 DESTINATION SCHOOLS IN LAST 3 YEARS



Caterham School	: Caterham School
The Judd School	: Hurstpierpoint College
Sevenoaks School	: Sevenoaks School
Tunbridge Wells Grammar School	: Sutton Valence School
Walthamstow Hall	: Tonbridge School



## YEARS 7 & 8

The first years of secondary education are crucial; pupils should thrive in an environment where they feel challenged, nurtured and respected. Sevenoaks Prep is the perfect place for this to happen. In Years 7 and 8 we provide children with opportunities for responsibility and leadership; when it is time to move on, they do so as confident and self-reliant young adults. Staff at this stage of the School are secondary-trained subject

specialists with experience of teaching GCSE, A level and IB; they understand where pupils need to be - academically and personally - at the end of Year 8 in order to thrive in the years ahead. It gives us great pride to introduce our young men and women to their new schools, knowing that they have achieved their best and that they will make significant contributions in their new educational environments.



### FORMER YEAR 8 PUPIL

*"Sevenoaks Prep holds a very special place in my heart. Friendships were made, days were filled with fun and confidence was built. Throughout my time at the school, I developed a strong sense of responsibility and a desire to achieve my best, with Years 7 & 8 deepening this even further. I was incredibly lucky to have some wonderful teachers that encouraged me and helped guide me through not only my exams but my final years, preparing me for my next school."*



## SPORT FOR ALL

At Sevenoaks Prep sport is for all. Our comprehensive physical education curriculum begins in the Pre-Prep where pupils are introduced to a variety of sports. The main sports for our Prep pupils are athletics, cricket, cross-country, football, hockey, netball and rugby - with every child representing the school in regular fixtures against local schools and our teams frequently excelling in local and national tournaments. In our cricket programme, boys and girls play together on teams selected by ability, not gender, from U8 to our 1st XI. Our games programme runs alongside regular PE lessons where pupils learn about the importance of health and wellbeing and develop their fitness through a range of activities.

Our sports programme does not stop here; every child has the opportunity to try their hand at a number of other sports through our extensive range of clubs including fencing, judo, gymnastics, indoor rowing and tennis.

*opportunity*

“Physical literacy and developing a ‘good relationship with fitness for life’ are school buzz-phrases. While ‘you’ve always got the buy-in from the sporty kids’ the mission here is to extend this to all.”

– GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE 2022







## THE CREATIVE ARTS

Music is a significant part of pupils' lives at Sevenoaks Prep. Every child enjoys at least one timetabled music lesson per week lasting an hour. It is an inspiring, creative curriculum which allows pupils to explore a wide variety of genres and composers, fostering a sense of creativity, collaboration and excitement about performance.

Every pupil from Year 3 has a weekly drama lesson with a curriculum that encourages an understanding of performance technique and communication. LAMDA sessions are available for pupils from Year 1 and pupils take part in a range of external competitions. Children perform on stage in their nativity and end of year shows throughout the Pre-Prep. In the Prep school, we have four school drama productions each year and all pupils are encouraged to take part, either on stage or behind the scenes.

From Reception to Year 8, all children have art lessons in our inspiring, purpose-built art studio. The curriculum covers a diverse range of materials, techniques, styles and cultural influences to help each child find their creative outlet. Our pupils have the opportunity to explore their imagination and gain creative confidence in digital art, sculpture, prop making, photography, textiles, painting and more.



“The creative arts faculty is well resourced. Infectious enthusiasm and the encouragement to ‘just try it’ almost saw us heading straight back to the Head’s office to have a go on that electric guitar!”

— GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE 2022



# AN APPRECIATION *OF nature* AND ALL LIVING THINGS

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

Our pupils love their outdoor learning sessions and our large site at Sevenoaks Prep, bordering Knole Park, has dedicated outdoor learning areas where children enjoy weekly classes and after-school clubs in a picturesque setting.

Forest School activities develop problem-solving skills and an appreciation of nature and all living things. Our children learn the ability to work both independently and as part of a team, developing inquisitive minds and positive attitudes to learning.

“It is all about children developing a love for nature, connecting with the beautiful environment they are lucky to be based in, and having opportunities to be confident, resilient, independent and creative learners.”

— MUDDY STILETTOS 2023



## CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

Trying new things is part of life and our co-curricular programme offers pupils lots of ways to try something new, expand their horizons and discover new passions. With a wide range of clubs and activities available, there is something for everyone. Whether pupils are interested in building digital skills through coding, expressing their creativity in the choir, or getting active with street dance, they are encouraged to find activities that inspire them. Every club is designed to foster confidence, teamwork and a sense of achievement, helping pupils to develop lifelong interests and skills that will serve them well beyond their school years.



*Expanding horizons*

## A CULTURE OF KINDNESS

The wellbeing of our pupils is at the heart of everything we do at Sevenoaks Prep; we ensure that our community environment fosters positive mental health for all. We have implemented a comprehensive range of initiatives, programmes, policies and resources that foster a culture of emotional resilience, empathy and mental wellbeing among our student body. The wellbeing hub is open throughout the week to give students time and space to offload, as well as our wellbeing club and PSHE curriculum designed around our students' needs.

We help to prepare pupils for the test of life rather than a life of tests - which is why our 'Way of Life' is woven into everything we do. It is our culture of kindness, respect and resilience that underpins the way we - both staff and pupils - treat each other. Together with parents, we can help our children to achieve their very best academically, personally and socially. Our 'Way of Life' is what helps pupils to understand the importance of developing self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-confidence.

*"I cannot speak highly enough of the Wellbeing provision at the school. It is well rounded and accessible"*

— PARENT, MR V



GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE 2022

“Parents say school does an amazing job in supporting not just the child but the whole family. They genuinely care.”

## THE PREP *community*

Sevenoaks Prep is a place where every child, parent, and staff member feels a sense of belonging and purpose. Supported by our many and varied events throughout the year to engage the whole community, Sevenoaks Prep is a vibrant, friendly and welcoming environment where everyone thrives.

*“We feel fortunate enough to be part of such a welcoming and happy community.”*

— CURRENT PARENT



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*believing*





COME AND VISIT TO  
SEE OUR CHILDREN  
IN THEIR ELEMENT  
AND EXPERIENCE  
THE ATMOSPHERE  
THAT MAKES  
*Sevenoaks Prep*  
SO SPECIAL.



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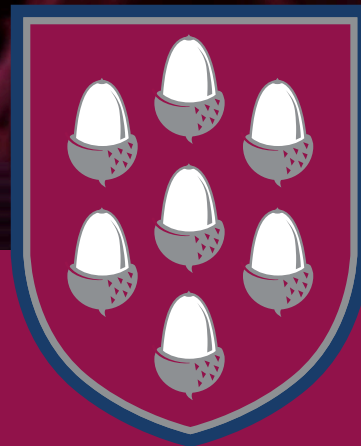
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