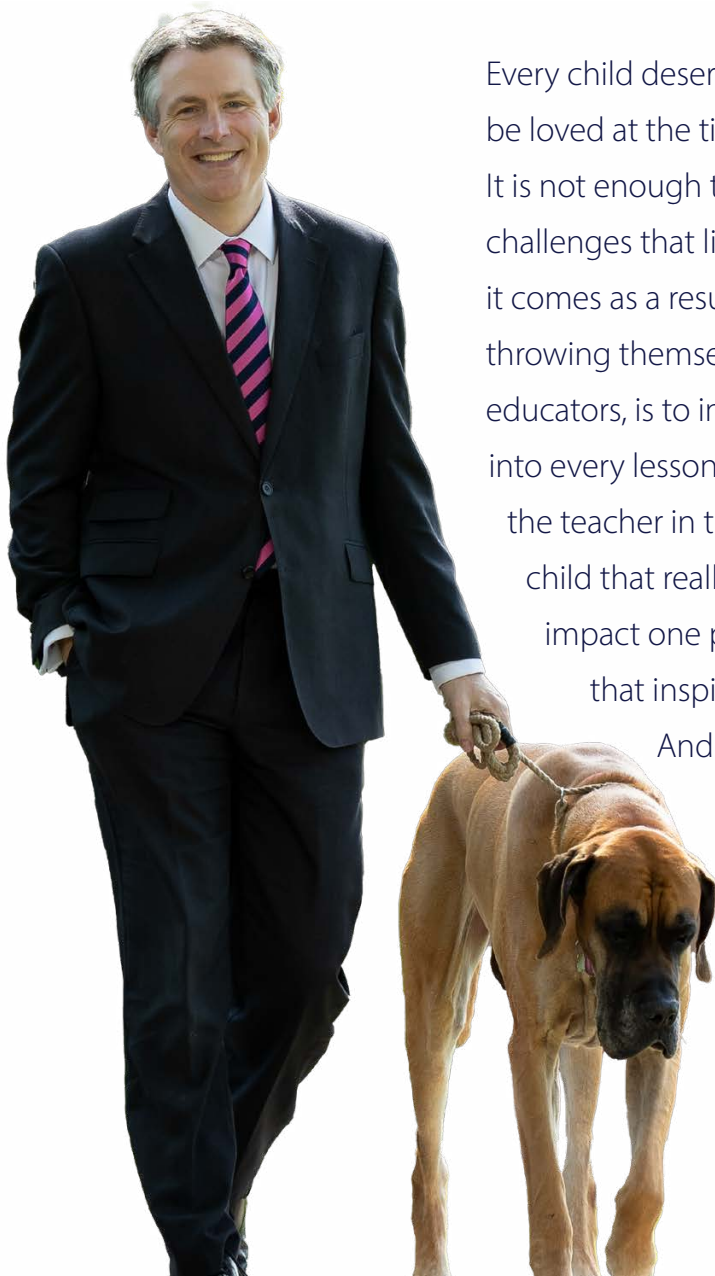




CHELTENHAM
PREP SCHOOL

AN ADVENTURE
IN EDUCATION

Welcome to The Prep



Every child deserves their schooldays to be magical, something to be loved at the time and remembered fondly for years to come. It is not enough that schools simply prepare the children for the challenges that lie ahead. This is vitally important, of course, but it comes as a result of happy, engaged and challenged children throwing themselves into all that every day has to offer. Our job, as educators, is to inspire the children, to bring excitement and intrigue into every lesson. Having amazing facilities is wonderful, but it is the teacher in the classroom who can engage and motivate each child that really makes the difference. Everybody remembers the impact one particular teacher had on them, and the influence that inspirational teacher has had, often, over their whole life. And that is what life at Cheltenham Prep is all about!

I hope you enjoy your visit to Cheltenham Prep and I very much look forward to meeting you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom O'Sullivan', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr Tom O'Sullivan, Head



“Pupils thrive on challenge, viewing mistakes as learning opportunities in a learning environment in which governors, leadership and teachers have successfully fulfilled the school’s aim to foster intellectual curiosity, academic rigour, independent learning and interests beyond the academic, which brings enjoyment and enrichment.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2023



Sparkling Academic Ambition

From Nursery School through to Year 8, academic success is at the heart of The Prep, subject and age specialist teachers skillfully weave together learning experiences that are relevant and tailored to the individual.

We keep our class sizes small and have an individual approach to each child, valuing inclusivity, progress and success in all aspects of school life. Expectations are high yet realistic for each child. Teachers and staff create an environment of challenge for all, with support in place in our Learning Hub, for those who might find learning trickier.

Pupils benefit from a comprehensive and integrated Study Skills Programme. Covering key themes which pupils re-visit regularly from Years 3 to 8, children develop self-awareness and understanding of being an effective learner. Developing a Growth Mindset is very much at the heart of this, with children encouraged to embrace challenges in their learning, whilst not being afraid of making mistakes. We want them to be 'comfortable' with being 'uncomfortable'. We look to promote academic ambition, supporting the already bright child who becomes exceptional, or the child who arrives with no particular love of learning but leaves The Prep excited about school and prepared for the challenges still to come.



Pastoral Care

A confident and happy child is a child who is free to focus on their learning and development. From the moment your child joins The Prep, everyone is dedicated to ensuring they thrive.

This starts with our partnership with you. We develop a positive and proactive relationship that is based on regular contact and the sharing of information.

Your child will learn in small classes and have daily contact with their Form Teacher. It means we really get to know your child, their character, interests and ambitions.

We foster a growth mindset and an inquisitive attitude both inside and outside the classroom. Our aim is to create an atmosphere in which your child learns how to get the best out of themselves and is unafraid to take risks and make mistakes.

“Pupils know how and where to seek help if they are worried or anxious. This was strongly emphasised by pupils’ discussion, who spoke with enthusiasm and how well they are supported and advised by the school and their teachers.”

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Exploring Creativity

Music is part of life at all levels at The Prep, from discovering instruments, rhythms and songs in Nursery School to musical theory and music-making as children progress through the rest of school. In addition to one-to-one tuition, children can also take part in multiple musical groups. Much of the musical activity takes place in Lake House, which has a fully equipped music technology suite of Apple iMacs and digital keyboards, 10 individual practice rooms and a music library.

From Nursery School, our pupils are encouraged to perform in shows to audiences in our specialist performing venues with professional lights and sound. In Lower and Middle School, Drama lessons focus on acting skills and performance techniques. In Upper School, the focus switches to productions where anyone who would like to participate gets a part. The department regularly works with visiting professional actors and theatre companies to provide workshops and experiences for pupils, ranging from theatrical make-up through to stage fighting.

The Prep also has a flourishing LAMDA department, where children may have individual or paired lessons working through a structured grade/exam system.

Engage, Enjoy, Excel

The Prep has a strong reputation for success on the sports fields, however 'sport for all' is the ethos here. Whether it is the first team, or the U8C team, we aim to give the same opportunities to all children and strike the balance of ensuring their continued athletic development with the importance of making fun the key goal of every session.

In the Pre-Prep children enjoy a PE lesson, a Swimming lesson and a Games lesson, all led by specialist sports staff. In Years 3 to Year 8 all children will enjoy two Games lessons, two sports fixtures and a PE or Swimming lesson every week. This can then be built upon with sports clubs every day after school if they wish.

Everyone has access to the outstanding sports facilities on offer including two full size Astro Turf pitches, a six lane, 25m swimming pool, a fully equipped Sports Hall which includes a fitness suite and performance gymnasium, Squash courts, Tennis courts and three separate grass field sites.





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