



Warwick  
Preparatory  
School

# welcome

The success of our school is firmly built around the pursuit of excellence in all we do. Our pupils follow a broad, varied and challenging curriculum taught by multi-talented and exceptionally committed staff. We are very proud of our tremendous academic reputation both locally and far beyond, enabling children to fulfil their potential and be the best they can be.

While they are with us, we also want them to enjoy the most rounded learning experience possible. To that end, we offer great strength and depth in both team and individual sports; we provide rich and diverse musical opportunities; we organise a broad and engaging programme of visits and extra-curricular activities designed to widen their interests and skills. We recognise the unique talents and skills of each individual child and aim to foster a lifelong love of learning enabling them to run, play, imagine and thrive.



All this is undertaken against the backdrop of a modern, top-tier learning and sporting environment. We also benefit greatly from being part of something bigger – the Warwick Schools Foundation comprises: King's High with Warwick Preparatory School and Warwick School. This gives us access to further exceptional facilities including the Bridge House Theatre, a 25 metre indoor swimming pool and a lot more besides. We are a big school with all the benefits that scale brings, but as one parent memorably put it, "Warwick Prep makes big feel small."

I hope you enjoy looking through this prospectus. It gives a taste of the kind of school we are and the qualities and values that underpin everything we do. But the way to fully appreciate what really makes Warwick Prep such a vibrant, dynamic, happy and special place is to pay us a visit. Do visit us on an Open Day or arrange a personal tour of the school with me. I very much look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "H. Dodsworth".

Mrs Hellen Dodsworth  
Headmistress

“The mantra of always doing the best one can is displayed around the school and is consistently put into practice.”

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“One thing we like in particular is the daily feedback we receive when collecting our children. It’s a small thing but really helpful to us in supporting their development alongside the school.”

Parent

# grow



For most children, school life at Warwick Prep begins in our warm, welcoming and secure **Nursery**, where dedicated Early Years teaching staff help each child to feel happy, confident and able to achieve as they take their first tentative steps into the exciting world of learning. By providing a carefully balanced programme of structured activities, alongside learning through discovery and play, the children grow in confidence while developing core skills and independence.

Our **Reception** classes are located in the main school buildings. Each class has a fully qualified teacher and teaching assistant, allowing us to closely support each child with their learning. Pupils are encouraged to progress at their own pace with teachers gently challenging and motivating the children, placing a strong emphasis on care for one another. Communication between home and school is key to us and we welcome parents’ input into their child’s development profile.



# share



“My daughter has progressed so much in her confidence, has the most beautiful set of friends, and the teaching and pastoral care has been outstanding.”

Parent




In **Years 1 and 2** we build on the enjoyment and enthusiasm for learning fostered in the Early Years. Pupils spend much of the day with their class teacher and full-time assistant, but also have the benefit of subject specialists in Music, French, Computing and Games lessons.

We retain the best elements of traditional teaching with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills, and this is strongly supported by a full range of subjects and activities which are designed to broaden horizons and develop adaptable, resourceful and independent learners. As a result of such a nurturing and educationally fertile environment, pupils typically perform well above the national average by the end of Key Stage One.

Boys leave us at this point with the majority moving onto Warwick Junior School on the adjoining campus.





# discover

“Without exception, the teachers were warm and approachable and took the time to talk at length both about my daughter, what she was doing in the curriculum, and about the facilities available to her.”

Parent



Progression to the **Middle School** marks a clear increase in academic momentum and challenge, but lessons remain fun and stimulating. The role of the form teacher remains key throughout, watching over each child's progress, happiness and wellbeing.

As an ever broadening world of learning and discovery opens up before the girls, they benefit from a curriculum taught by specialist teachers in many subjects including Science, Art, Design Technology, French, Computing, Music and Games. With small teaching groups and unrivalled facilities, the girls are able to make excellent progress and are well prepared for their next step in education, which for the vast majority is at King's High School.

The learning is supported by a wealth of educational visits, plays, concerts and co-curricular activities to inspire the interests and talents of everyone.





# Challenge

“Warwick Prep has proved to be the best decision I have ever made. I had high hopes and they have been exceeded in all areas.”

Parent

With excellent indoor and outdoor facilities, we have a varied and extensive sports programme that offers opportunities for all to take part and succeed. High quality specialist coaching from a young age ensures that every pupil is able to develop skills and learn to value good physical health. We have an enviable record of sporting success in both local and national competitions, and an appreciation of teamwork and sportsmanship is instilled from the start.

The sports programme includes: Netball, Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Tag Rugby, Swimming, Karate, Dodge Ball, Cross Country, Ball Skills, Soft Play, Yoga and Gymnastics.





“The standard achieved by the girls in their end of year production was excellent; their energy and enthusiasm was infectious and they all seemed to be enjoying themselves as much as we, the audience, were.”

Parent

# create

The creative and performing arts have a very high profile at the school and there are ample opportunities in the curriculum and beyond it for children to develop their talents and interests.

A spacious and well-equipped Art room and the Design Technology workshop enable pupils to learn from a wide range of techniques, projects and challenges.

Our stunning new, high-tech Music School is home to state-of-the-art facilities, including an auditorium, rehearsal studio (including an organ from Birmingham Royal Conservatoire), two music classrooms, one keyboard suite running Cubase and Sibelius workstations, percussion studio, 14 practice rooms, a music library, and instrument storage.

In addition to specialist class music lessons in our purpose built Music School from the Nursery onwards, children are able to receive individual music tuition in an orchestra of instruments including violin, viola, cello, flute, oboe, clarinet, recorder, trumpet, cornet, trombone, piano and harp. There are opportunities to play as part of a group including a junior and senior choir, harp club, wind band, string group, orchestra, hand bells, flute choir, theory classes, and much more.

Drama exists in the school in many forms – in lessons, assemblies, after-school clubs and amazing productions held either in the school hall or in the Bridge House Theatre, a fully equipped professional theatre on the adjoining campus.

There are also opportunities to learn a variety of dance styles including Ballet, Maypole dancing, Morris dancing and Irish dancing.



# nurture



“There are so many things that have been fantastic about Warwick Prep that it is hard to put into words why it had been such a fabulous experience for our two daughters, and not only for them, but also for us as parents.”

Parent



We greatly value the involvement of parents throughout their child's time at the school and very much wish to develop a sense of partnership between home and school.

Above all else Warwick Prep is a happy school and the school's ethos is naturally warm-hearted, supportive and inclusive. The children thrive and flourish because they know that they are looked after and given the individual help that they need.

Form teachers play a pivotal role in this, but the Heads of Prep and Pre-Prep are well placed to monitor the progress and wellbeing of the children as they move through the school. Should children require additional learning support, this is delivered by a specialist team of teaching staff providing one-to-one or small group work.



“At Warwick Prep, there is such a wide range of opportunities. Every pupil can blaze their own trail.”

Parent

# explore



Extra-curricular clubs at Warwick Prep are wide ranging and meet the many interests of our pupils. The opportunity to sample an assortment of experiences not only helps our children gain a wider understanding of the world around them but enables them to specialise early if they desire.

The clubs and activities offered are provided by Warwick Prep staff and by external providers. These include Ballet, Chess, Arts Award, Karate, Irish Dancing, German Club, Rugbytots, Yoga, Maypole Dancing, Code Club, Touch Typing, Design and Technology Club, and Science Club. Our PE department provides all-encompassing training clubs in gymnastics, swimming, hockey, netball, football, cricket and mixed world sports. Our 3-18 Music department provides opportunities for children to play in various ensembles including harp, percussion, strings and brass, as well as a range of outstanding choirs.







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