



HIGHFIELD PREP SCHOOL



Where a Passion for Learning
and a Love of Life Begins

Boys and Girls 2-11 years

WELCOME TO HIGHFIELD PREP SCHOOL



“Every day the children of Highfield spread their dreams beneath our feet and I promise that we will tread carefully. We will guide and nurture them, care for and support them, and as they go on their personal journey we will be there for them every step of the way.”

James Savile, Head of Highfield

Highfield is an independent prep school for boys and girls aged 2-11 years and is at the heart of the Harrogate Ladies' College family. Highfield celebrates an important and wonderful stage in a child's development. From the very first day we aim to make this a happy, exciting and inspiring journey towards growing up and going to senior school.

We believe that every child is an individual and that every child is talented. We ensure that every child has the opportunity to discover their talents. We nurture and develop their talents so that they can reach their full potential both inside and outside of the classroom.

We get to know and understand our children as individuals, the way their parents know and understand them. We help them to develop a strong sense of who they are and of the world around them. We help them to develop the confidence to be themselves and to be articulate, independent thinkers with a genuine passion for their own learning and a love of life.



A PASSION FOR LEARNING

At Highfield we're passionate about learning and passionate about academic excellence. We believe that the Pre-School and Primary Years should be inspiring and exciting for children; a time of discovery and development.

Bringing learning to life is central to our curriculum and from Pre-School onwards we use local resources and real life experiences to enrich the core learning experience. Themed days, off-site trips and guest speakers are all part of everyday life at Highfield.

As well as our excellent class teachers we have specialist French, Music, Drama, PE, Art and Swimming teachers. We also have access to an array of specialist

resources, facilities and teachers from Harrogate Ladies' College to enrich the learning experience. Small class sizes enable us to both challenge more able children and provide additional support where it is needed.

Learning at Highfield is all about developing a depth of knowledge and understanding, through an exciting and inspiring journey. We aim to ensure that children at Highfield develop a real passion for learning that will take them forward into the next stage in their educational journey.



“The quality of the pupils’ academic and other achievements is excellent. Academic standards across the school are high. A culture of high achievement pervades the school.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate



COMPETE,

PERFORM, CREATE.



Life at Highfield isn't confined to the standard school curriculum. We ensure that our children have the widest possible range of opportunities available to them.

We love sport and all of our children from Pre-School onwards enjoy timetabled PE each week. Older children play competitive sports such as rugby, football, cricket, netball, hockey and rounders. Inclusion is a key part of our sporting ethos and all children are given opportunities to represent the school in fixtures. Our sports facilities include a purpose built sports hall, 25m swimming pool, outdoor sports fields, tennis courts and netball courts.

The children at Highfield also love to perform. From the very magical Pre-School Nativity to the full-scale Prep 6 production, each year the children captivate us all with their performance skills. All children from Pre-School onwards have weekly Music lessons with our Head of Music. From Reception onwards children also have weekly Drama lessons with our specialist Drama teacher. We have 3 large choirs, orchestras, over 100 individual Music lessons take place each week and more than half of our children take additional Speech and Drama lessons.

“The school day is action packed with classroom-based teaching across the curriculum, no shortage of educational off-site visits and a mind boggling number of extra-curricular clubs and activities.”

The Good Schools Guide

A WORLD OF EXPERIENCES

“The trip to Uganda was a once in a lifetime opportunity. I learned a lot from the children and the families we met – most of all I learned that you don’t have to have lots of things to be happy.”

Highfield Pupil

Learning in classrooms, the music rooms, the science labs and on the sports field is stimulating and challenging, but learning outside in the park, in the forest, in a canoe or trekking across a hillside teaches different skills and different values which can't always be learnt so easily in the comfort of our school surroundings.

Learning outside the classroom is an integral part of the broad and balanced curriculum at Highfield. From Prep 3 onwards children take part in residential trips starting with one night and building to a full week by the time they reach Prep 6. Older children also have the opportunity to experience a life changing trip to our link school in Uganda.

Through these experiences our children are challenged to try new activities. They learn how to support and encourage one another, how to take calculated risks and how to laugh, even when the going gets tough. They learn to be resilient, to solve problems and to consider new ideas. Sleeping outside under the stars in shelters they have built themselves for example, is a real challenge for even the most confident of children – but it is also truly what memories are made of.





When pupils leave Highfield at the end of Prep 6 they move on to the next stage of their education as confident and articulate learners with a strong sense of who they are.

They have taken the first steps in a lifelong journey of learning.

They have learnt to recognise their own talents and to respect the talents of others.

They are able to say

I AM ME.

“My son has been on an incredible journey while at Highfield. The things he has experienced and achieved have been truly amazing.”

Highfield Parent



I AM ME.



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