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School

# SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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# Welcome.



**We are delighted to welcome you to The Petersfield School, a happy and vibrant school located in the heart of the South Downs.**

We have a long established reputation for traditional values, high academic achievement and providing an outstanding student experience. Underpinning our belief that every child should be happy and successful are our school values of enjoy, respect and achieve.

We support our students to become confident and resilient young people, ready to make a significant positive difference in a changing world. Fantastic academic results open the door to great opportunities and the distinctive features of a TPS student are their ambition, commitment and self-confidence. We foster these attributes through an extensive programme of co-curricular and leadership opportunities for all students.

We are well known for being a 'school with a heart' and this is shown by our excellent relationships between the staff and the students and between the students themselves. Visitors to our school are always impressed by our students and their outstanding attitude towards their learning.

Ofsted found that "students conduct themselves in an exemplary way. They are courteous and treat each other with respect... they dress smartly and take pride in themselves and the school."

By ensuring that learning at TPS, both inside and outside of the classroom, is an adventure, we provide our students with the skills and confidence to thrive once they leave us.

We have a strong track record in supporting students to achieve their first choice university and pride ourselves on the success of our alumni.

Do come and visit us to find out more about what makes TPS so special. We look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Marande', written in a cursive style.

**Mark Marande**

Principal of The Petersfield School

# Enjoy.

The Petersfield School offers our students exceptional academic, pastoral and co-curricular opportunities.

We have built an educational environment that allows all individuals to flourish in our supportive and caring setting. Highly enjoyable learning experiences take place within a structure of high expectations and challenge.

We believe that learning should be an adventure that fires students' curiosity. Our inspirational teaching approaches engender great passion and enthusiasm for the subject. Speak to our students and they will discuss their learning in vivid terms, full of the energy and excitement of intellectual discovery.

Our state of the art sports facilities, investment in the latest learning technologies and our unique arts spaces build motivation and encourage our students to push themselves beyond their own expectations.

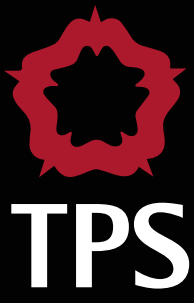


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Annika is a talented triathlete. She qualified for an invitation to the South Central Regional Triathlon Academy Trials at Oxford University. After rigorous physiological, psychological and timed runs and swims, Annika gained a place in the Regional Academy in the Bronze Category for the Youth age group – one of the youngest competitors in this category.

Following regional squad trials at Loughborough earlier this year, Annika gained a national ranking

of 27th. She completed the 400m swim followed by a 10km bike and a 2.5km run. She was the youngest in her age category, competing against some girls who were nearly 16. She has since improved her placing to 22nd.

She trains for 8-10 hours per week, swimming early mornings and then training after school and at weekends.

**“I really enjoy all the sporting opportunities at TPS. I hope to soon improve my national ranking in the Super Series and will be training really hard”** Annika







# Respect.

Our strong pastoral ethos ensures that every student is exceptionally well cared for and is able to rapidly develop as an individual. We actively cultivate self-discipline, respect and confidence in our students because we believe that these ingredients are essential for a fully successful life.

Each student is placed into one of six Houses and into a tutor group with a tutor who sees them every day. The tutor and the House are at the heart of the student experience over their five years with us. Students feel a huge sense of pride in their House and are given opportunities to represent them in numerous competitions ranging from sport, drama,

music and academic work. This friendly rivalry provides a sense of belonging and fellowship for our students and further builds their character.

Consistently high expectations are embedded throughout the school and all students are encouraged to assume positions of leadership and responsibility during their time with us. Our traditional values of hard work, excellent behaviour, courtesy and pride in presentation are all delivered within a warm-hearted context. Ofsted judged this area of our work to be outstanding, commenting that “students behave impeccably” and that they “enjoy school and want to learn.”



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Pradip Tran started playing violin four years ago. His dream is to become a professional player and a prominent soloist. He practises violin between three and four hours in a day, including weekends as well as weekly rehearsals with The Petersfield Orchestra as their youngest member and a fortnightly day spent with the Hampshire County Youth Orchestra.

Pradip's playing standard is already beyond the highest grade possible - a Grade 8+ player. He has performed internationally and has won several prizes, and is one of the very few recipients of the prestigious Awards for Young Musicians two years in a row (2015 and 2016).

**“I love the way that TPS has supported me in following my dreams”** Pradip



# Achieve.

At The Petersfield School we unabashedly strive for academic excellence through an enquiry and challenge-based curriculum. Students are given countless opportunities to be their best and we seek to give them the widest range of learning experiences.

All students leave us with a very strong set of core qualifications that prepare them well for the career of their choice. We excel at the traditional disciplines of English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Languages. However, we also aim to build on students' individual strengths and we offer an incredibly broad range of subjects that help to foster students' passion for their learning. For GCSE they can select from subjects including Engineering, Fashion, Computing, Ceramics, Further Maths and Photography.

Our personalised and inclusive approach to the curriculum provides all students with the best possible learning opportunities. Our Gifted and Talented programme is well established and really stretches the most able students with Ofsted noting that the "most able students are motivated and supported to achieve very highly... their learning needs in lessons are met and the school provides a range of challenges."



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Evie has already collected an impressive list of academic awards and achievements, including winning the national writing competition - The Henrietta Bradford Award; a STEM regional award for her project "My School is an Island", and a Pre EPQ "Above & Beyond" Award for a fabulous and heart-wrenching presentation on the Refugee Crisis.

Evie's talents extend far beyond the academic, too: she has also completed her Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Award, planning to go for Gold at College, and has enjoyed major roles in school performing arts events including Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the musical "Cats".

Evie plans to study English Literature, History and Art at sixth form college before going on to read English Literature at either Oxford or Cambridge. She wants to pursue a career in creative writing or journalism.

**"I was quite shy but TPS has given me so many opportunities and my confidence has really grown. I've have some incredible teachers who have inspired me to be my very best."** Evie



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# Co-curricular.

We endeavour to develop the full academic, creative and sporting talents of all of our students and we believe passionately in education with character. Our specialist Performing Arts status greatly assists us in this mission and enables all students to grow in confidence and develop their creativity. There are frequent opportunities to participate in Music, Dance and Drama events. Recent student performances have included “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, “Cats” at the Kings Theatre in Southsea, the National Theatre Connections production of “Gargantua”, and Rock Challenge at Portsmouth’s Guildhall.

Our ‘Petersfield Promise’ ensures that every student has an entitlement to a wealth of enriching experiences, in and out of school, such as going on a residential trip, participating in an event, or taking up a leadership role. We provide an enormous

breadth of after school activities and clubs including horse riding, scuba diving and Latin.

A key element of this promise is our strong belief in the benefits of outdoor education. All of Year 7 attend an annual summer camp in the Ashdown Forest and we are the largest Duke of Edinburgh Award Centre in Hampshire. We also offer an ambitious international programme including recent or planned trips to Canada, Peru, India, Iceland, Croatia, Rome and USA.

TPS is highly regarded for its excellent sporting opportunities and first rate facilities. Our floodlit AstroTurf 3G pitch is complemented by 8 tennis courts, an artificial cricket wicket, a gymnasium, sports hall, plus space for netball, rugby, basketball, athletics and rounders.



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Felix is a gymnast who was selected for the Gymnastics Elite pathway. He achieved all round Gold in the Regional Finals, qualifying for the National Finals, where he was 25th in the country for his age group.

So far in the Elite UI2, he has come all round 4th in the Regional Finals, winning Gold in the pommel, Silver in the vault and parallel bars and Bronze in the high bars. At the National Opens he came all round 7th, winning Bronze in the pommel, 4th in the vault, and narrowly missed Bronze in the vault and parallel bar by 0.05!

Felix started gymnastics at the age of 6 and trains for 4.5 hours five days a week after school and on Sundays. His ultimate ambition is to represent his country and then be a stuntman!

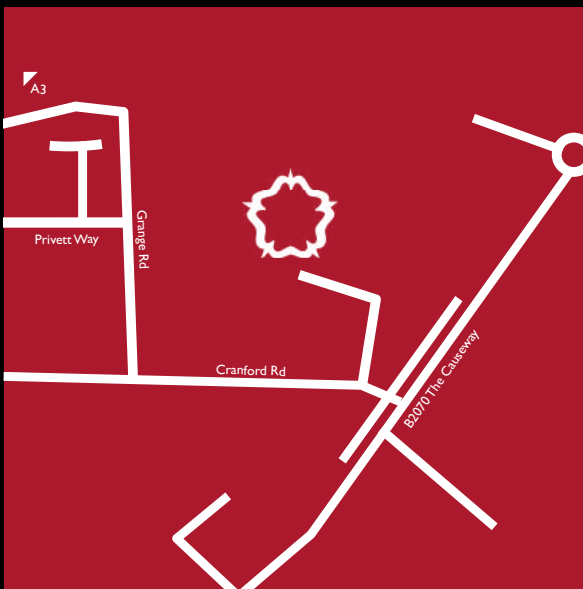
**“At TPS the teachers make my lessons fun and it is cool to learn.”** Felix







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