



**Twickenham  
Preparatory  
School**

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# Welcome to Twickenham Prep



## It is my privilege to introduce Twickenham Prep School to you.

Twickenham Prep School (TPS), creates such a foundation for life both for today and for the future, in a wonderful, co-educational setting. We aim to inspire a love of independent learning, underpinned by Christian values, seeking to ensure our pupils learn to be 'Calm, Courageous, Courteous and Considerate'. The staff appreciate each pupil's contribution to our community, where we provide an atmosphere of warmth, trust and care, in which all can truly flourish.

In the intimacy of a traditional prep school, where everyone feels at home, TPS's education offers not only an exciting and challenging academic curriculum, but also a broad range of opportunities in other areas of school life, including the sporting, artistic, social and cultural. Academically, pupils perform extremely well, obtaining places at the best local schools. TPS is renowned nationwide for its winning prowess in the Independent Schools' Chess championships and those at Mindlab, an innovative thinking skills' programme enjoyed by pupils from Reception to Year 8.

I hope these pages provide a flavour of what makes us so special. Please come and visit us, to see for yourselves how much TPS has to offer each and every child.

**Oliver Barrett**  
Headmaster



 *An independent co-educational day school  
for boys aged 4–13 and girls 4–11*







*"Not pressured or pushy, rather kind, inspiring and creative."*

Good Schools Guide





## Ethos and Pastoral Care

**At TPS we encourage a happy and purposeful family environment where every child is valued as an individual and each member of the school's community is important.**

We consider pastoral care to be one of our school's great strengths. We aim to give each TPS pupil the opportunity to fully develop his or her talents in a wholly supportive environment. Our school motto "calm, courageous, courteous and considerate" is central to our ethos of creating a safe, caring and happy Christian environment where all pupils are valued and can thrive personally, socially and academically.

Your child's time at TPS is a partnership between home and school and we welcome your involvement. There are regular parent evenings, annual reports and an open-door policy, where you are welcome to discuss any aspect of your child's well-being or progress.

*Our motto "calm, courageous, courteous and considerate" is central to our ethos.*



## Nurturing







## The Pre-Prep

**Entry into the school is at 4+ and our Reception pupils settle extremely well in our nurturing, happy environment where they feel safe, secure, ready to learn and achieve their potential.**

Our Pre-Prep is housed in a spacious, light-filled purpose-built building and is home to our youngest pupils, aged 4–7. The curriculum is based on the National Curriculum, and from Reception there is specialist teaching of Music, Computing, reasoning and problem-solving, French, PE and Games, ensuring a balanced educational experience.



*Teaching and learning is enhanced by outdoor investigation and exploration.*



*There are many opportunities to take part in school productions, sports, concerts, assemblies and House competitions.*





*Nurturing*





*"Inspirational teaching in an encouraging, can-do environment."*

Year 8 Parent



## The Prep

**As the pupils move into the Prep department we continue to offer a broad and varied curriculum, with excellent facilities and well-qualified, experienced and motivated staff. Our teaching is based on the understanding that children learn best in a happy and positive environment.**

Pupils automatically transfer to our Prep department in Year 3, and from Year 4 pupils benefit from specialist teaching in all subjects. In addition to all National Curriculum subjects, Art/Design & Technology is introduced in Year 3 and Latin is taught from Year 5. Class sizes are small, developing each pupil to their full academic potential and promoting high academic standards. The school is well equipped to cover the full range of subjects, with purpose-built Art/DT, Science and Music facilities and a modern sports hall that is used for PE and termly productions.

Pupils are prepared for scholarship and entrance exams to independent senior schools. Girls sit the 11+ exams and our boys take the Common Entrance course and leave us at the end of Year 8. In years 7 and 8 our boys benefit greatly from smaller classes and excellent pastoral care. TPS boys and girls secure places and scholarships at outstanding local independent senior schools.

*We channel their natural curiosity and enthusiasm into independent thought and action.*







*"I love the productions and look forward to them every year."*

Year 5 Pupil

## Music and Art

**Self-confidence and self-expression are developed through creative activities and by encouraging an interest in the performing and visual arts.**

A wide range of musical instruments are taught and played, with individual instrumental lessons offered during the school day. Pupils have the opportunity to join a thriving choir or take part in one of the many musical ensembles.

Our art and design facilities are purpose-built and allow great opportunities for artistic development. Our lessons stimulate the pupil's creativity and imagination, using a wide variety of materials and processes.

There are many opportunities to perform and all pupils are encouraged to take part and contribute, whether in assemblies, productions, concerts or church services.

*Participation and excellence are encouraged in Art, Music and Drama.*







*Inspiring*





*We believe in participation and sporting excellence.*



## Sport

**All pupils are encouraged to participate and represent the school in a variety of sporting activities.**

We have excellent facilities on site and a dedicated 10-acre site for training and fixtures a few minutes' drive away.

The boys participate in football, rugby and cricket and the girls in netball, hockey and rounders. Pupils play in matches against local schools from Year 3, and our aim is to involve all the pupils in competitive fixtures, giving everyone the chance to represent the school during their time at TPS.

Pupils also have the opportunity to take part in swimming, athletics, gymnastics, squash, golf, badminton, tennis and table tennis and compete in galas, cross-country competitions and sports days.

*Sport is an everyday part of school life and plays an important role in our pupils' development.*







*"It is a joy to have two children who love going to school."*

Year 6 Parent



## Outside the Classroom

**There are many opportunities for pupils to contribute to school life, as members of the School Council, the Eco Council, as Head Boy or Girl, Prefects, Sports or House Captains.**

Our pupils are also encouraged to think about the needs of others both in the local community and further afield. We support several charities locally and abroad and hold regular charity days, when the pupils create their own fund-raising events throughout the school.

As well as sporting successes, TPS excels at chess and strategic thinking skills. Not only have our teams reached the National Chess Finals and held the Independent Schools Chess title but our pupils have also dominated the National Mind Lab Olympics for several years. As National Champions TPS pupils have travelled all over the world to compete successfully in the prestigious International Mind Lab Olympics.

*Encouraging pupils to take on responsibilities and learn leadership skills forms an important part of each child's development at TPS.*



## Achieving Success







## Clubs and Activities

**Trips and activity days support the curriculum but also offer the pupils chances to try new activities, develop new skills and take part in team-building days.**

From Year 4 our pupils have the opportunity to go on residential activity trips. Years 4 and 5 pupils travel to a PGL centre, Year 6 pupils go to France and Years 7 and 8 boys take part in an outdoor adventure week in the UK.

There are also a wide variety of extra-curricular activities, with many after-school clubs, such as chess, coding, dressing-up, drama, fencing, karate, touch typing, tennis, football and netball.

Wraparound care, including Breakfast Club, is also available from 8am–6pm.



*Our pupils flourish and thrive at TPS, experiencing a wide range of diverse and enjoyable activities.*





*"The breadth of activities is outstanding."*

Year 5 Parent







## Achieving Success

**We are enormously proud of the achievements, whether academic, sporting, artistic or musical, of our boys and girls.**

They leave TPS with excellent academic results, to join some of the best schools in the area, some having gained well-deserved scholarships and having contributed positively to many aspects of school life. They are mature, confident, enthusiastic, happy and well-rounded individuals, who are ready to take on the challenges of the next stage of their education.

*Our pupils are proud of their school and we are equally proud of their achievements.*

*"The skills they have learned, the confidence they have gained, will support them through secondary school and beyond."*

Year 8 Parent

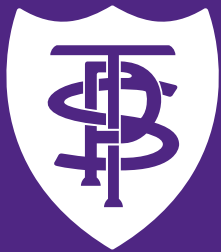




“Thank you for giving me such a great start in life, TPS!”

Year 6 Leaver





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