



BREDON
SCHOOL

Come alive and thrive





Living life
to the full



At Bredon School we love to learn.

Everyone from our youngest pupil to our most experienced teacher is here because the world is an exciting place and we want to find out more about it. From the first moment you walk on to our magnificent site you will notice that this is a truly remarkable place. Our dedicated staff ensure that all of our pupils achieve academically more than they think they are capable of.

Every day we make the most of our beautiful rural setting, from feeding the sheep on our farm, to learning in our forest school, to carrying out Science experiments. This practical approach to learning runs throughout everything we do. At Bredon School we teach creatively, our lessons are lively and interesting and we make sure that every individual child is helped to learn to the best of their ability.

Our Outdoor Education programme is one of a kind. Some of our pupils love climbing on our own climbing wall while others enjoy participating in marathon canoe races or shooting on the school's clay pigeon shooting range – with so much choice, there's something to suit everyone. Boarding life at Bredon is a real family experience with a mixture of international and UK-based boarders looked after by a team of committed Houseparents.

I am confident your child's potential will be unlocked at Bredon School. I hope you will soon come and visit to get to know us better.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Oldham'.

Nick Oldham
Headmaster



**“The journey is as important
as the destination.”**

Lt Col AK Sharp OBE

Lt Col Sharp founded Bredon School in 1962. He believed in encouraging pupils and developing their self-discipline and self-confidence, and the school was way ahead of its time in offering support for dyslexic children.





Key facts about Bredon School:

- Girls and boys
- Ages 7 to 18
- Small classes
- High staff to pupil ratio
- Dyslexia specialist: CReSTeD accredited
- Boarding and day

Building confidence through success

"I can't tell you how happy I am to have found Bredon School... it is what every school should be. It is a loving and caring environment where children are taught to respect themselves and others, where they are nurtured as individuals, and where they are encouraged to grow into successful, confident and most importantly HAPPY people. If you believe in the words 'yes, you can', then Bredon is the school for you."

Parent

There are many things about Bredon School that make us proud, but our pupils come top of the list. Every day we see them challenging themselves, having fun and growing in confidence.

We are a small, warm and friendly school, where we nurture and encourage every child individually. The education we offer helps every pupil develop their character, strength and talents.

We are a dyslexia specialist school offering a full and diverse curriculum. Many of our pupils arrive feeling that they will never succeed, and we teach them that they can thrive, learn and achieve.

Every pupil is different so our specialist staff work individually with each child. Their support can include small group learning, assistive technology in class, speech and language and occupational therapy, work with our psychologist, and many other strategies.

All our teaching is designed with dyslexia in mind and we make our learning active and practical at all times. We break learning into short blocks, never just copy or learn by rote, and make sure that everyone knows exactly what we are doing.

And it works! In figures published by the Department for Education in January 2019, we were delighted to be ranked number one out of 4434 schools and colleges in England for 'value added' for 16 to 18 year olds.

"The school's individualised approach and extensive curriculum... ensure that every pupil can make progress and develop confidence and skills for the future."

**Independent Schools Inspectorate,
September 2018**



"Bredon School is outstanding in its provision, understanding and support for all its students – those with and those without specific barriers to learning."

CReSTeD report

Learning support at Bredon School





Our sports

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Cycling
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Netball
- Riding
- Rugby
- Shooting
- Tennis



“Both (our sons) are shining examples of what a wonderful, active, supportive and confidence building environment Bredon School is. We are very proud of both of them.”

Parent

We love being outdoors

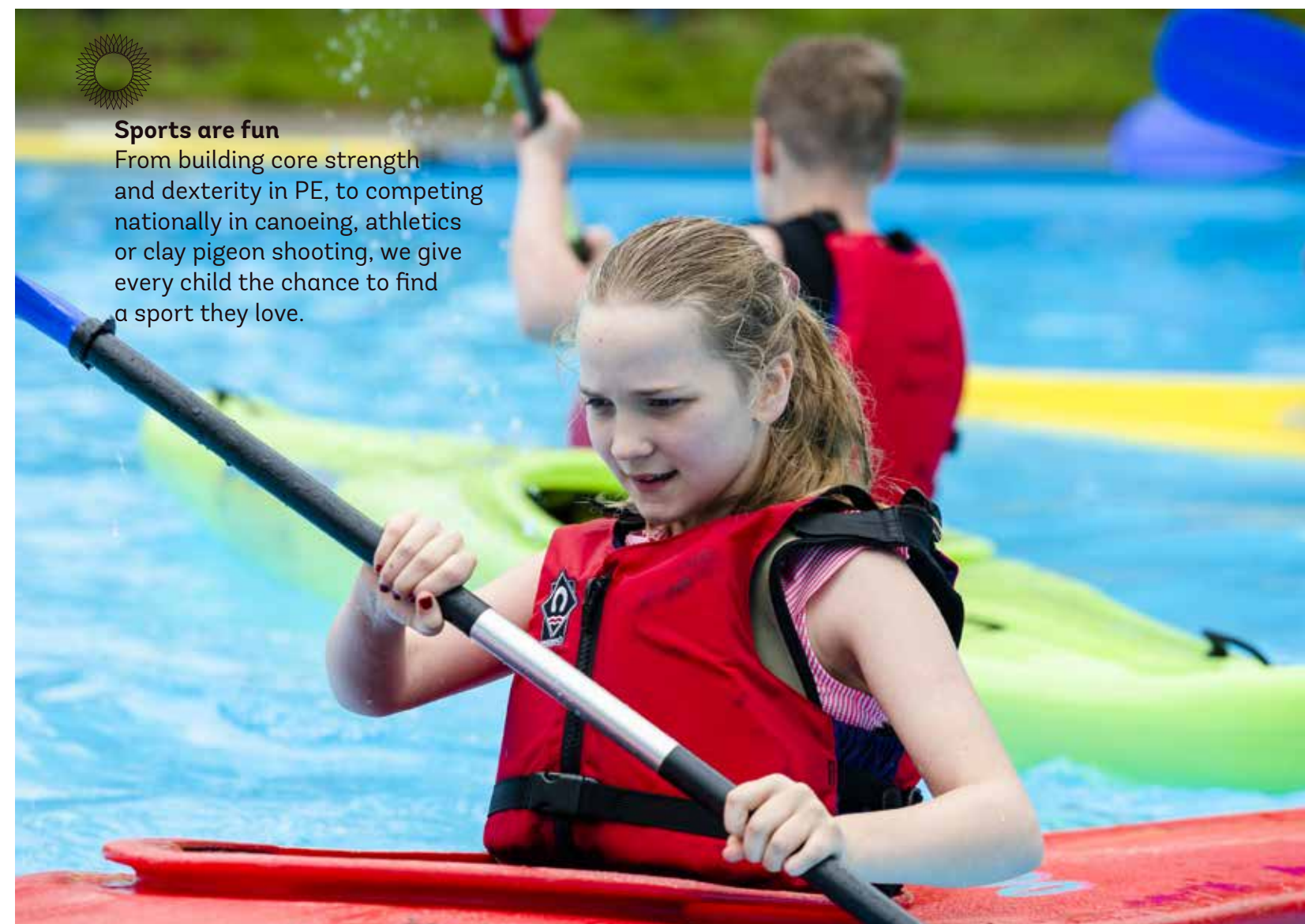
We make the most of our beautiful, rural surroundings: where else can pupils feed the farm animals before lessons, launch their canoes into the river, and learn to cook on a camp fire?

We don't just excel at rural and outdoor pursuits, we embed outdoor learning in the timetable because we believe in educating the whole child. We take our lessons outside whenever we can, whatever the subject, from Science to Poetry, and from Photography to Geography.



Sports are fun

From building core strength and dexterity in PE, to competing nationally in canoeing, athletics or clay pigeon shooting, we give every child the chance to find a sport they love.



"Bredon School has changed my child's life... We now have a fine young man who is happy, settled and thriving in this amazing environment and he has the biggest group of friends I could have ever wished for him"

Parent

A creative and practical curriculum

Alongside a full range of BTECs, including Catering and Hospitality, Business Studies, Sports, Engineering and Agriculture, we also offer GCSEs and A Levels. The emphasis on vocational qualifications reflects our students' strengths as many are exceptionally good at seeing problems from all angles and taking a practical, hands-on approach.

We prepare Sixth Form students for the next stage in their lives; offering careers advice, help with completing university applications and by ensuring all our students take part in our innovative work experience programme which takes place once a week over the course of an academic year.

This ensures they gain real insight into the world of work and the responsibilities and commitment that this brings. Our work in this field has been recognised by the Independent Schools Association (ISA) and Bredon was named winner of the 2017 ISA Award for Academic Excellence/Innovation.

Our Art department is extremely strong, with a great record of nurturing our gifted artists, designers and photographers. A number of past students have gone on to study at top art colleges and film schools. In 2018, Bredon won the Independent Schools Association Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Fine Arts.

Performing Arts at Bredon are also a powerful way for our pupils to express themselves.



Boarding at Bredon

In our comfortable, homely boarding houses our Houseparents make sure everyone feels relaxed and among friends.

Almost half of our pupils board, so there is a busy and lively atmosphere and plenty to do after school and at weekends when we have no formal lessons because we are far too busy with activities, sports, outdoor pursuits and visits.

Your child may board at Bredon from the age of 9 years old, choosing between full boarding which includes weekends, or flexi boarding which is charged per night. We

also offer day boarding which allows day pupils to stay on after school, complete their prep/activity and have supper, before being collected at 7pm. This can also help prepare a pupil for full or flexi boarding and enables them to complete their prep with specialist staff on hand to support.

Day pupils

Our day pupils come from various surrounding counties, many travelling in on the School's comprehensive minibus service. Day pupils are also able to join their boarding friends on weekend trips, by arrangement.

"The atmosphere of support and shared pleasure in achievement is palpable. Teachers know the students well, even those they do not teach. Students are impressive in their readiness to ask for help and in the way in which they work together."

CReSTeD report

"Pupils appreciate strongly the non-material aspects of life expressing this through their excellent art and music, their appreciation of the quiet spaces around school where they can sit and think and the high value they place on their friendships."

**Independent Schools
Inspectorate, September 2018**





Visiting us and applying for a place

"A small school that rebuilds confidence and transforms prospects for many children... and also offers unique outdoor learning and practical skills teaching for any child not set on the standard academic course."

Good Schools Guide

We welcome girls and boys of all abilities to Bredon School. We have no entrance exam, but we ask to see your child's recent reports and any specialist assessments. Following this, we will invite your child to have 'taster' days with us; this provides an ideal opportunity to 'try out' school life at Bredon.

Visits usually last between three and five days and potential boarders can sleep over. If your child's taster has been successful, we will offer them a place.



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