

## BRIGHTON COLLEGE PREP KENSINGTON



United Kingdom School of the Decade

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"Brighton College: One word: Exceptional."

### Welcome

Brighton College Prep Kensington is a happy and vibrant school for girls and boys aged 2 to 13 years. We believe it is essential for children to enjoy their childhood, whilst at the same time developing a lifelong love of learning.

In our warm, supportive environment, each child is valued and encouraged to seek challenge, to understand the importance of endeavour and, most importantly, to love school.

An exciting, bright and buzzing family school, we are well known for our welcoming atmosphere, high academic standards and exceptional pastoral care. We want our pupils both to enjoy school and be inspired to achieve their full potential. Drawing upon our outstanding resources, we provide a wide range of opportunities for all our children, ensuring these are underpinned by the greatest support and encouragement.

We hope you will visit us soon – you can be sure of a very warm welcome.









"Brighton College: a masterclass in education."



Academic excellence is at the very heart of a Brighton College education. Our experienced and dedicated teachers shape the curriculum to suit children's needs and interests, preparing them to leave us as confident, well-prepared and highly motivated learners.

Our unique location in the heart of Kensington allows us to use the very best of London as our classroom. We make use of all the capital has to offer to enhance our learning. With the Natural History Museum, the V&A, Hyde Park and Science Museum on our doorstep, plus so many more awe-inspiring London landmarks (174 museums and art galleries in Kensington alone!), we have access to the very best educational and cultural highlights as part of our daily school life.

## ALOVE OF LEARNING









# A CULTURE OF KINDNESS

"Brighton College: kindness is the currency."

Our wonderful pastoral care system supports each child's well-being, health and mindfulness, as they make their way through the school's world-class educational journey. We encourage kindness, honesty, self-discipline, good manners and consideration for others, creating a culture where all children feel valued and understand the impact their actions have on those around them.

As pupils move from Nursery through to Year 8, we support them in building empathy and an inner confidence. The pursuit of wholehearted effort is our priority; whilst the school encourages and praises high standards of achievement, we believe that who you are is as important as what you achieve.

## "Brighton College: the most forward-thinking school in Britain."

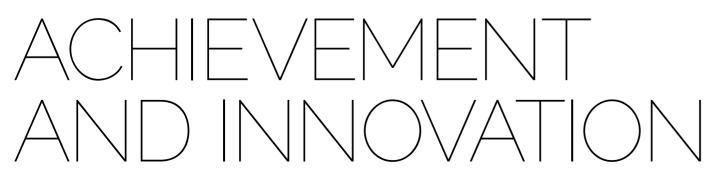
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We aim not only to challenge and inspire our children to achieve their very best, but also to equip them for their exciting futures. We believe they all have their own gifts and so we focus on enriching individual talents, as well as providing an innovative education to extend our pupils in many ways.

Whatever their talents, children are given the encouragement and support they need to pursue their interests to the highest degree.









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"Brighton College: children are encouraged to achieve through exceptional teaching and pastoral care."



We have the highest aspirations for all children at Brighton College Prep Kensington, and we work together to support them in achieving their full potential in every area of school life.

Pupils are challenged to expand their learning, stepping out of their comfort zone, safe in the knowledge they will be encouraged and supported every step of the way.

Teachers at Brighton College Prep Kensington inspire, excite and enthuse every child, motivating them to be successful learners.

# INSPIRED AND CHALLENGED





# THE SECRET GARDEN

Our beautiful two-acre garden provides pupils with a space for daily play and outdoor learning. We have a wide variety of habitats, trees and plants as well as a huge open space for children to enjoy. This gives them the environment they need to run, play and enjoy lots of fresh air.

Our wildlife garden is the perfect location for going on a minibeast hunt, for planting and growing vegetables, for playing in the mud kitchen or for sharing stories and enjoying snacks. Pupils have waterproofs and wellington boots so they can make use of this area come rain or shine.

We use the Secret Garden daily for outdoor learning experiences. Whether it is reading under the shade of a tree, building dens, exploring animal habitats or outdoor art, science or drama lessons, the Secret Garden is used all year round.

"Brighton College: Britain's leading co-educational light.



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"Brighton College: one of top schools in England for rugby, cricket and netball."

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As part of Brighton College, one of the leading sporting schools in England, we are exceptionally well equipped to introduce children to a variety of skills, nurturing sporting talent and awakening in our pupils a love of sport and physical activity.

We believe in offering a wide range of opportunities to all children, whatever their ability. Specialist sports lessons commence in Reception with competitive play starting in Year 3. All standards are catered for, from the less confident to the high-achievers.

We focus on the key sports of football, netball, rugby, hockey, swimming and cricket, but there are also opportunities for our pupils to get involved with additional sports such as basketball, gymnastics and badminton for example.

Our location in Kensington means we have a plethora of world-class sporting facilities on our doorstep. Weekly swimming lessons at Imperial College are taught from Year 3 onwards and we regularly visit Hyde Park for sport lessons.



"Brighton College: music at Brighton College is exceptional."

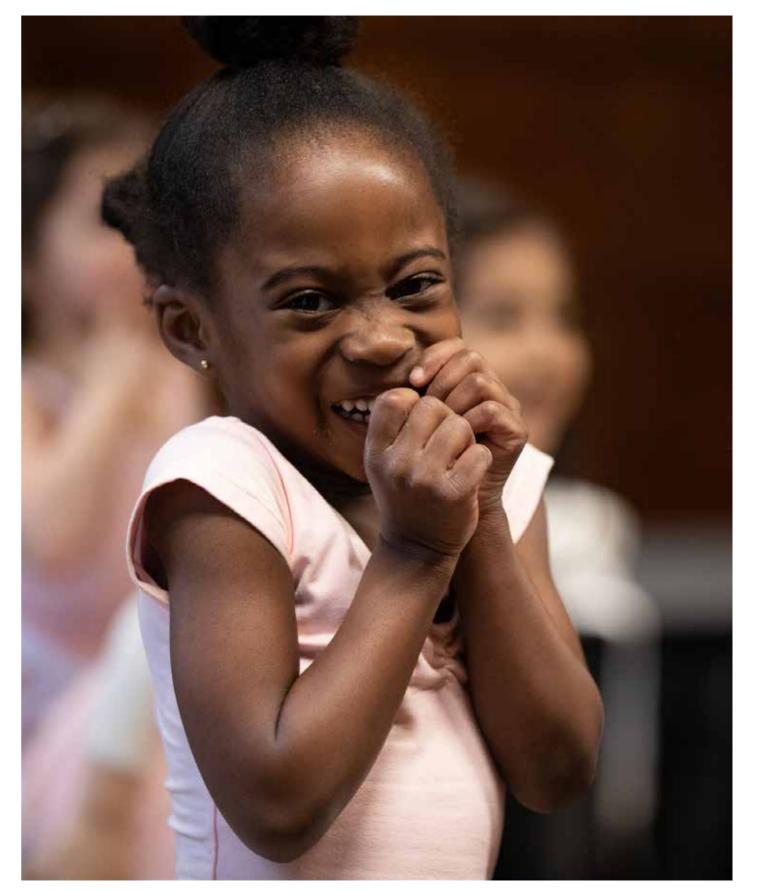
Specialist music and drama teaching is given to all, from Nursery upwards, developing a passion for these subjects. Pupils are introduced to a wide range of instruments and music styles in their twice-weekly music lessons. We also offer a wide range of ensembles and music groups, to build on skills developed in class. Private tuition in many other instruments is also available with specialist teachers from the Royal College of Music.

Opportunities to perform feature regularly in the school calendar, helping to build confidence through music and drama. From informal performances in school assemblies and tea-time recitals in our beautiful music room, through to large-scale concerts and plays in venues around London.

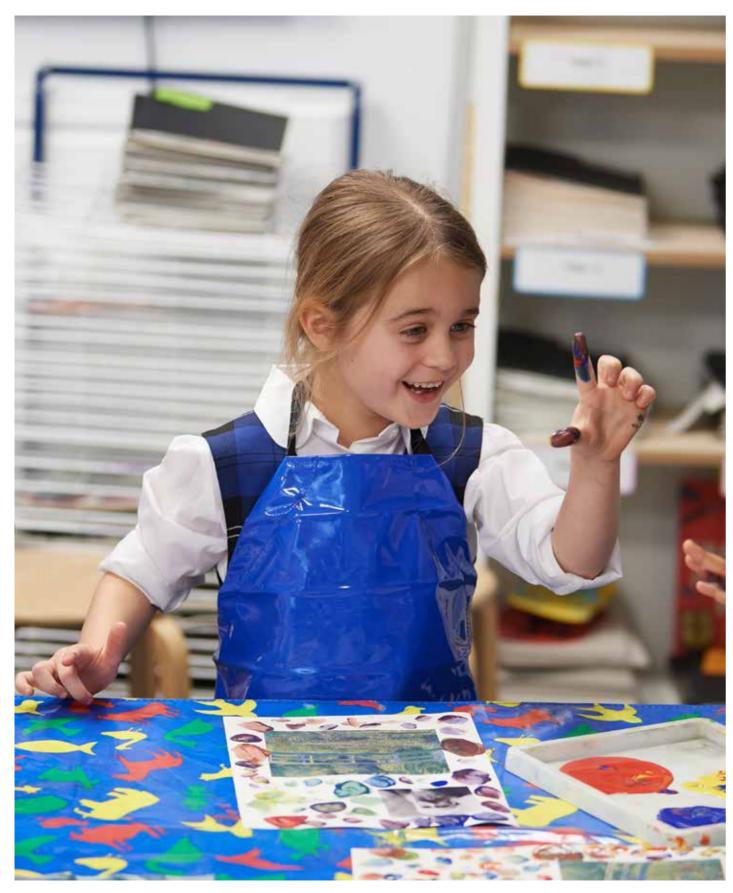








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"Brighton College: a true centre of excellence in all things."



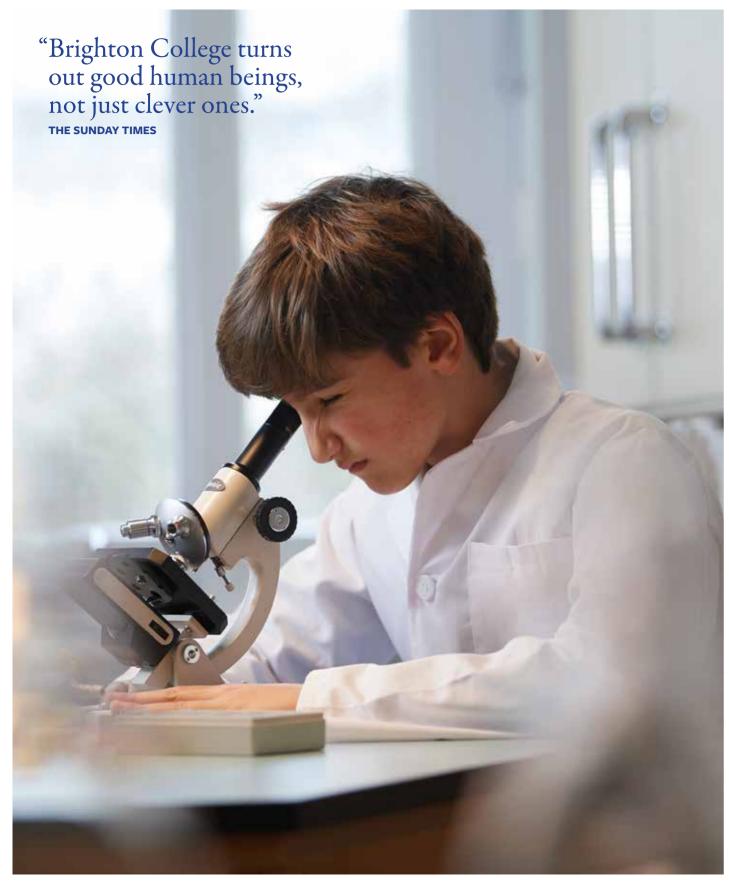
## CREATIVE ARTS



The art department at Brighton College Prep Kensington is a truly creative environment for all our pupils. Specialist art teaching begins in Reception, where children are encouraged to express their own ideas and experiment with a wide variety of media, as well as learning from the work of a wide range of artists through the ages.

As children progress through the school, creativity and innovation continue to be fostered, drawing on a wide range of techniques and skills. Our innovative Makerspace is a learning environment that allows children to arrive with an idea and leave with a completed project. The emphasis is on hands-on discovery in a world that has become increasingly automated. As well as an abundance of craft and construction materials, the Makerspace features a range of technical equipment such as 3D printers, a laser cutter and sewing machines. Teachers carefully supervise pupils whilst they create amazing designs.

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A firm partnership between home and school is essential for a child's happiness and education. We encourage and foster strong links with parents and we work closely with them to ensure a smooth transition to each pupil's chosen senior school.

From Year 5, the curriculum is enhanced by the addition of verbal and non-verbal reasoning, current affairs and study skills lessons. In Year 6, children have weekly interview and exam practice in the autumn term, along with scholarship sessions.

As our pupils move into Years 7 and 8, they experience the challenging and creative Brighton College curriculum. These two years are excellent preparation for GCSEs and A-levels. By learning to approach examinations and building up the resilience in a supportive and nurturing environment, they are not only equipped for life at senior school but also life in general.

At the end of Year 8, our leavers move on to Brighton College and other outstanding senior schools throughout the country.





## READY FOR THE WORLD



"Brighton College: One of the hottest tickets in independent education."

BRIGHTON COLLEGE

Brighton College Prep Kensington is proud to be part of the award-winning Brighton College Family of Schools.

We have a very close relationship with Brighton College Senior School and many of our pupils will leave us to join Brighton College as weekly or full boarders.

Brighton College is one of the country's leading independent schools. The College regularly achieves the best A-level and GCSE results of any co-educational school in the UK, whilst ensuring children enjoy a wealth of extracurricular opportunities. Renowned for its focus on kindness, the College also excels in art, music, dance, drama and sport.

The ethos of Brighton College is to turn out well educated, kind and intellectually curious young adults who are ready to take a full, active and positive role in the world. Brighton merges academic excellence with a deep sense of community and social responsibility.

The College was given the coveted title of UK School of the Decade by The Sunday Times in 2020.



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### COGNITA

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