



PREP

Bold & Loyal
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Our Purpose

Inspire and educate every individual in mind, body and soul.

Our Vision

Wycliffe will promote a pioneering spirit and encourage individuals to flourish and embrace their futures as global citizens.



Aims for our pupils

Achieve their full academic, spiritual, physical and creative potential.

Behave with ‘unassuming confidence’*, showing generosity of spirit, respect for others and appreciation of diversity.

Cultivate social and environmental awareness and an understanding of their role as global citizens.

Develop skills, self-knowledge and resilience to face positively all future challenges.

Exhibit creativity, innovation and independence in their approach to learning and to life.

Feel happy and secure.

*This was a comment made by the Inspection team during the 2016 ISI visit when seeking to describe the Wycliffe pupils they had met.



Individual attention and happiness inspires children to achieve

Children flourish in the happy, caring environment of Wycliffe Prep School. We celebrate diversity and, in our beautiful Cotswold grounds, children have the freedom to explore and be themselves. We nurture each and every child, whether they are gifted and talented or find school life more challenging.

The well-being of every pupil drives everything we do and our supportive community provides a stable, caring environment. We believe that if children are happy and without worry then they will achieve.

Pupils' progress is enriched through extensive and varied experiences outside the classroom. Residential trips, curriculum extensions and tailored programmes ensure that each boy and girl builds resilience, confidence, responsibility, respect and empathy.

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The facts:

In a recent survey parents identified the following strengths of the Prep School:

Approachability of staff

Communication between
Boarding House staff
and parents

The positive relationship
between pupils and staff

Pupils' manners, behaviour
and appearance

Small class sizes

Middle Prep

Years 3 to 5

We believe children need space to grow, and our beautiful grounds provide just that. Children also need space to be heard and known as individuals. Small class sizes – with an average of 18 per class – allow pupils to thrive from extensive individual attention.

Years 3, 4 and 5 have their classrooms in Ryeford Hall, nestled in the centre of our campus. English and Maths are taught every day and are a key focus throughout the three years. Humanities, Science, Music, Art and

Drama are taught weekly, and Games or PE is timetabled every day, except for Thursday when a separate activities programme takes place.

Sport is inclusive and children are encouraged to try new things, where their willingness to have a go is celebrated. The main Sports are Hockey, Netball and Cricket for girls, and Rugby, Football and Cricket for boys. Pupils also enjoy Swimming in our on-site pool, Athletics, Tennis, Squash and Cross-Country.





Upper Prep

Years 6 to 8

From Nursery upwards pupils are taught by specialist teachers, and in Years 6, 7 and 8 the curriculum consolidates their previous learning, and introduces new subjects such as Spanish and the sciences as separate subjects.

Learning goes far beyond the classroom. Subjects are brought to life with experiences and trips which provide pupils the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge in real situations. Whether it is re-enacting the Battle of Hastings on the College grounds or ordering food in French during a trip to Normandy, every experience is designed to engage pupils and make learning a joy.

Years 7 and 8 culminate in the achievement of the Wycliffe Baccalaureate for each pupil. This two-year programme takes into account pupils' achievement in academics and Sport, and challenges children to think beyond themselves, encouraging them to give back to the community. Every Year 8 pupil must decide on a charitable project and organise and plan it independently. The project should challenge them as an individual, give back to the world and make them think a bit harder about life.

Boarding

Being part of the Wycliffe family

Boarding has always been a big part of life at Wycliffe Prep, and pupils genuinely feel that it is their second home. Approximately 65 Boarders from Year 3 to Year 8 live in two Boarding Houses; Pennwood is home to 35 boys, and Windrush accommodates 30 girls. Most of the Boarders are from HM Forces's families with about 15 from other countries such as Russia, Spain, China and Italy.

The majority of Boarders stay at the weekends and they can stay over Exeat Weekends for no extra charge.

“Weekends are great fun and, though Boarders are allowed out, there tends to be an inflow of Day pupils staying for special activities rather than a general exodus.”

Good Schools Guide


Flexi-boarding and occasional Boarding is very popular with our Day pupils. It can be invaluable for working parents and if pupils have late activities at the College. Every week additional Day pupils join the Boarders, be it for one night or four.

The Boarders make the most of the College's extensive Sport facilities on their doorstep, enjoying Games on the all-weather pitch, Tennis Courts or going Swimming. Prep (homework) is at set times in the evening so school work is always up to date.

Weekends are also busy with activities organised by the Housemistress and Housemaster, in consultation with the boys and girls. Bowling, football, pizza and movie nights are all popular. Boarders celebrate their birthdays with parties where they can invite their Day and Boarding friends.

Children are allowed mobile phones in the Houses (we have house-wide WiFi) and they can video-call, text or call. You may also contact the Housemaster or Housemistress by phone or email.





“I quickly learned how to be my own person and be independent. I got my love of astronomy and Maths at Wycliffe and learned important life lessons. I always talk excitedly and positively about Wycliffe. It remains a huge part of my life.”

Peter Dukes is an actor who made his debut in *The Phantom of the Opera*. After leaving Wycliffe Peter studied Astrophysics before going to Drama School.



The bustling life beyond the curriculum

There's no time to be bored at Wycliffe – extra-curricular life is as diverse and stimulating as our academic provision. Pupils are encouraged to try new activities, to push themselves out of their comfort zones and to develop existing talents. Most importantly they are encouraged to have fun, make friends and expand their horizons.

On Thursday afternoons the Middle and Upper Prep year groups go off timetable and choose an activity to take part in – from mindfulness to eco-warriors; from dance to chess, among many others.

Musicians can have weekly individual Music lessons in a wide variety of instruments and enjoy making music together in the Prep Symphony. There are both Middle Prep and Upper Prep Choirs who perform to audiences regularly.

Drama is a key strength and the Studio Theatre is a bespoke performance centre where pupils learn skills on and off stage. There are annual productions for all pupils in Years 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Besides the Sport and Games that form part of the curriculum, pupils have an active fixtures list all year round in which all children take part. Wycliffe is inclusive and every child has a chance to play regardless of ability, and participation is celebrated.

Pastoral care

Our supportive community

Pastoral care is very strong at Wycliffe. Each pupil is able to talk to a variety of staff for support – their Class Tutor, Head of Year, Matron, Head of House, the Deputy Head Pastoral and the Chaplain. Nearly all worries are managed – and solved – by the Class Tutor.

For wrap-around care, children are able to arrive at 8.00am for Breakfast Club and may stay until

6.00pm. At the end of the day they join in with Homework Club and after-school activities such as Choir or Tennis.

Supper is available at 5.30pm and Day pupils are welcome to join the Boarders and, if they need to, children may stay for an hour or later (by prior arrangement) in the Boarding House.



Wycliffe Stories

Rhylee's story



Rhylee is in Year 5 and boards in Pennwood House – he enjoys Swimming, ICT and PE. His favourite subject is ICT and he particularly enjoys solving problems. This is his first year at Wycliffe and he loves the Boarding. “It’s really fun” he says. “I have made friends so quickly. I share a room with three other boys, our room is really big.”

He enjoys playing Football on the Astro Turf, which is conveniently right outside his Boarding House. He likes the College food and says pizza nights at Pennwood are great. “Wycliffe is my home away from home” he says.

Amber's story



Ask Amber what her favourite subject is and she will tell you without a moment's hesitation – Drama. She loves acting, singing and being part of a team. Her best moment of the school year was, of course, performing in the Year 4 production of *The Jungle Book*. “The teachers are really kind” she says. “They give me tips for singing and always help me to believe in what I can do.”

Kate's story



Along with the rest of her year group, Kate was involved in bringing history to life by re-enacting the Battle of Hastings on the College Grounds. “My friends and I thoroughly enjoyed our Battle of Hastings re-enactment day. It gave us a feel of what the battle was really like. We first made shields and then we headed to the ‘battlefield’. We ‘Normans’ had to win the final charge. It was written in history.”



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