

# PROSPECTUS



AN INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL AND NURSERY  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 3-11



*Pupils are wholly committed to upholding the school's values and respectful atmosphere within the school community; they behave extremely well as a result.*

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# WELCOME

The past few years at Grange Park Preparatory School have been tremendously exciting ones, with widespread academic, sporting and extra-curricular successes for our children. Voted in the Top 50 Independent Preparatory Schools in the country by The Sunday times, this has been further endorsed by our inspection in May 2019, where the school has been awarded the highest achievement 'Excellent' in all areas. This further strengthens our resolve to be the preparatory school of choice in North London.

We embrace what we know to be true: the best learning happens in extraordinary academic environments full of diverse beliefs, pursuits and backgrounds, guided by excellent classroom teachers.

Founded in 1924, Grange Park Prep School in London prepares students for success in both secondary school and in their personal lives. Open to children between the ages of 3-11, the small class sizes allow the teachers to truly get to know each pupil and help them reach their full potential.

Children at Grange Park Prep School are positive, proactive learners, with empathy and respect for their peers and for the

wider community. The teachers plan a variety of academic and extra-curricular activities to ensure all pupils enjoy their time at the school, whilst receiving the highest quality of education.

The vision for our school is probably not far off many people's vision for our society as a whole. It is a place in which young pupils, develop and learn together as well as from one another. Where they compete and laugh together with equal access and opportunities to develop their own individual potential.

We welcome you to come and see us as we are, during a normal school day – there is no better way to form a judgement. I would be delighted to meet with you personally to discuss the expectations and aspirations you have for your child.

Flavia Rizzo  
Headteacher

*Pupils are highly motivated, extremely conscientious and very supportive of one another as they strive to achieve their best.*



# THE CURRICULUM

We believe a prep school education enables each child to be treated as an individual, to feel valued and, above all, to reach their full potential. Every child is unique and it is at this young age that excellent foundations can be laid and a sense of aspiration created. Offering more than just academic success we place equal value on what happens outside the core subjects – the importance of sport, music, drama, art, design and a varied programme of activities which adds an extra dimension to a child's education.

We have a maximum of 16 children per class keeping the ratio of staff to pupils high. Their education is further enhanced by the use of specialist teachers. This means that each child has a greater chance of being understood and provided with personalised guidance.

Additional support as well as further individual challenge can be given when needed, building the confidence which is so important for a child. Enthusiastic and passionate teaching staff inspire and nurture a love of learning and instill inquisitive learning in pupils, allowing them to become critical thinkers.

Pupils are encouraged to strive for excellence by developing their academic, musical, sporting, artistic and personal potential both at school and within the community.







*Pupils are successful in their learning...  
they are articulate and write fluently  
in factual and imaginative contexts.*

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*The scope and variety of the curriculum is rich, relevant and stimulating for all pupils.*

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# THE ARTS



We consider the creative arts to be life enriching and encourage all pupils to discover their creative talents.

Our Practical Room provides a wonderful space and is well equipped for all aspects of art, design and design technology.

Drama, music and dance are taught to all classes from Nursery by specialist teachers.

Children are encouraged to compose their own music, as well as having the opportunity to learn an instrument and sing in the choir. Performance assemblies and concerts are a regular feature of school life.

The highlight of the year is our Summer Show. Every child in the school has a part in our end of year performance and every member of staff is involved in its production. It is a truly collaborative, whole community effort.

We enrich our own artistic efforts by making full use of the facilities that London has to offer, with visits to art galleries, concerts and theatres.











*The sheer talent, determination to make a good show, amazing acting and performing by every single child has made us so proud to be at GPPS.*

GPPS PARENT



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are very keen on sport and PE at Grange Park Prep. The children have outstanding opportunities to develop their full potential in PE and Sport, whilst improving their own physical fitness.

PE and games are taught by specialist staff. The children have weekly PE, gymnastics and games lessons.

Our main games are netball, football, hockey and rugby in the winter and tennis, cricket, athletics and rounders in the summer. We also enjoy cross-country running, multi-skill festivals and other sporting events.

The younger children are taught within the school grounds whilst the older ones make use of off site facilities for games lessons. Year 3 & 4 swim at a local pool.

We enjoy an extensive list of fixtures against other schools throughout the year as well as local festivals and friendly competitions.





*We are proud parents of a confident, happy, sociable child who has a zest for life and an informed and enquiring mind.*

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# EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A wide range of activities take place in clubs at lunchtime and after school. They may include sports, music, art, cooking, science, chess, English and maths.

Extra-curricular activities such as these introduce children to new skills, engage them in social activities, develop positive learning traits and help to shape their lives in a positive way. Every child has talents and skills, some of these are more difficult to find and recognise, it is our job to unearth and cherish these latent abilities.

The school organises a ski trip that is open to children in Year 5 and 6 and at the end of Year 6 the class go on a residential outdoor pursuits trip.



*The range of extra-curricular activities is wide and varied. Rich, relevant and stimulating for all pupils across almost all subject areas and is complemented by a varied choice and numerous enriching activities and visits.*



# COMMUNITY

A sense of family epitomises education here at GPPS and our school is built around open communication. It is important to involve parents in the school community and parents are always more than welcome to come into school to speak to the teachers. The partnership between parent, school and the child offers 360° support, allowing every opportunity for the child to flourish both academically and socially.

The very nature of prep school education ensures that children feel safe and secure. A wealth of happy memories are often a legacy, with lifetime friendships frequently being forged.

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own individual potential. Getting there will no doubt have its challenges, but any goal worth pursuing usually does.

Charity is an important aspect of pupils' developing understanding of social responsibility and every child in the school is involved in organising fundraising events for our chosen charity.

Firm moral values are established through everyday interactions and in assemblies.

We are convinced that 'you are what you eat' and so have a Healthy Eating Policy. Our school lunches are cooked in our own kitchen, using only fresh ingredients. We do not have any processed or junk food. Salads and fresh fruit are available each day.

*The happy, family atmosphere and good pastoral care enables all pupils to thrive personally and academically.*

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