



Twyford School

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AND BOARDING SCHOOL**
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The old & the new

Twyford is a very special school. We put the happiness and fulfilment of each and every child at the centre of all we do.

We recognise that every child has unique gifts and we believe that the overtly positive and encouraging educational environment which exists at Twyford will enable our pupils to flourish and thrive. We are a school that is ambitious but supportive, challenging but nurturing, forward thinking but proud of our 200 year history.

We have established strong relationships with the very best independent schools in the country. We pride ourselves on guiding every child in our care to the right next step and in the process manage the applications and prepare them thoroughly for pre-testing. Our pupils have achieved remarkable results, with many winning coveted and wide-ranging scholarships along the way.

In a world that is complex and often uncertain we strive to equip our leavers with the skills and values that will enable them to be flexible thinkers, competent collaborators, combined with a strong moral compass and sense of duty. Above all else our hope is that pupils look back on their experience at Twyford and say that they had the best time of their lives.

I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of what makes Twyford so special, but it is only in visiting where you can truly experience it. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Andrew Harvey
Headmaster



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"Pupils are extremely well educated, in line with the School's aims to develop each individual's strengths and to engender a love of learning"

*The little things make a **big** difference*

We like to go that little bit further to make every day memorable. It's the big game of hide and seek on a summer's evening, a visit to the Headmaster when you've achieved something to be proud of, the all in game of Court cricket at break time. It's cooking a favourite meal in the great outdoors, getting your hands dirty in the woods, the chance for every Year 8 pupil to take responsibility and feel recognised rather than just a select few. It's the feeling that you belong, you matter and you're understood.

We believe it's important to enjoy life, to feel included and part of the spirit of the school. Food and nutrition are an integral part of the day and our brilliant catering team ensure there's always a delicious and balanced meal for the children to enjoy between the day's activities.

At Twyford we pay attention to the detail of day to day life because it's very often the little things we do that make the biggest difference.




Inspired learning

Every teacher at Twyford shares a deep passion for the education and happiness of our children. We understand that children develop areas of their learning at different stages and won't all respond to the same approach. This is at the heart of our proven academic success. We support every individual child's learning journey throughout their time here. We achieve this by building confidence, nurturing creative thinking, keeping children engaged and enthusiastic about learning. We encourage children to feel proud of who they are and confident in what they do.

Teaching is enjoyable, dynamic and exciting. We love to find new ways to teach the curriculum and are not shy about reaching beyond it. We believe in developing children's curiosity and enthusiasm in their learning, helping them to understand the context of education in the world around them.

Each child's education is shaped to meet their needs and nurture their talents. Recognising where a little more support is needed or the opportunity to stretch themselves beyond the curriculum, is all in the mix. We are extremely proud of our academic record. Every year children win scholarships in a wide range of fields including academic, sports, music, art and drama. We have an impressive record of getting children into their school of choice and a reputation for giving good advice on the most suitable schools for the nature of the child.



"There is never a dull moment, you have a different experience every day, it's so much fun"

YEAR 7 PUPIL

Life's great adventure

We work hard to ensure that every child feels included and part of the spirit of school life. There's something for everyone at Twyford: in creative learning, on the sports fields, in the outdoors through Twyford Explorers, in drama, music and art, in swimming, chess, philosophy, cookery or languages, the list goes on. We enjoy a diverse and exciting environment in which children appreciate the qualities in others and learn respect and tolerance.

Our popular school Apprenticeships scheme gives children the opportunity to explore things that might tickle their interest. There's an incredible range to choose from including Mandarin, yoga, jazz, circus skills and bushcraft to name but a few. We get to know the interests and quirks of every child to keep them engaged and enthusiastic.

Our House system offers regular opportunities for children to participate in all sorts of sports and activities and earn valuable House points in the process. Belonging to a House is great fun, it creates a sense of loyalty and helps children develop the skills and co-operation to work together. The House system also gives all members of Year 8 opportunities for leadership.

Children from every class in the school make up our School Council. The Council is an important forum in which children can put forward ideas and make suggestions. It is chaired by the Head Boy and Head Girl who meet weekly with the Headmaster. Ideas and requests are considered and put into action.

A Twyford education is a happy and engaging one. With so many opportunities to enjoy, Twyford is a wonderful place to embark on life's great adventure!



Sports & activities

Sport to enjoy, sport for all and a great choice of sports; that's part of life at Twyford. Enjoyment, teamwork and good grace are our pillars.

We provide outstanding coaching and training to help children recognise and develop their full potential. Our fixture list extends to 20 different prep schools and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, as many as 25 teams throughout the School are in action.

Weekly PE and swimming lessons are enjoyed by every age group in our modern sports centre. Outdoor sports include rugby, netball, cricket, hockey, football, lacrosse, water polo, cross country and athletics. We have exceptional sports pitches and facilities in our beautiful 25 acres of grounds including our adventure playground which is full of children climbing, swinging and balancing at break times.



"Sport is so fun because we are all included and come together to have fun"

YEAR 4 PUPIL

Music & performance

Everyone takes part in music and drama. There's a weekly music class and singing practice in every child's syllabus. An impressive 80 per cent of children choose to have individual music lessons; with over 300 lessons in progress each week!

Music is part of the fabric of school life. There are orchestras, a wind band, jazz band, singing groups, choirs and musical productions going on throughout the term. Parents enjoy our popular lunchtime concerts. Some children are involved with professional productions such as the Grange Festival. We have been nominated for the 'Best Music Department' at the Music Education Awards and enjoy an excellent reputation for the quality of our performances and the musicians that we send out into the world.

Our music teachers inspire great things by taking time to explore personal tastes, to find an instrument, group or song that appeals and making music enjoyable. With our combination of talented teachers, well-resourced teaching rooms and generous rehearsal facilities, Twyford is a wonderful platform for music in its many forms.

Treading the boards in one of our many school plays is something that every pupil will experience. If you're less inclined to be under the spotlight, there's plenty of opportunity to operate one as part of our production team. One of the most popular events is our 'Twyford's Got Talent' show which draws laughter and awe in equal measure – it's amazing what children can do! Year 8 children take part in a 'Shakespeare Week' run by professional actors and culminating in their own production. Drama is part of the school timetable and all children are offered tuition for the English Speaking Board and LAMDA exams.

"There are lots of places to shine and show your passion"

YEAR 6 PUPIL



Art & design

A light, spacious and purpose built studio is home to our Art & Design Department. Art encourages children to experiment with lots of different media including sculpture, ceramics, modelling, screen printing, painting and drawing. The quality of work on display is often compared to GCSE portfolios.

Children are encouraged to explore the things that interest them. They are taught artistic skills to develop their abilities and learn about proportion, the use of colour, balance and perspective. From Year 6, children can join extra Art Club where they enjoy exploring new ideas and further developing their individual styles and interests.

Our Design and Technology Department is located in the same building as the Art Department. Children develop a range of skills across a variety of projects, as well as developing their own dexterity through traditional hand-crafts.

Designing the things you will then make becomes a passion for many children, working individually and as part of a team. One of our greatest team challenges has been the design and build of an eco-powered go-kart to enter, along with a driver, into the Greenpower Challenge at Goodwood race track.




Flexible boarding

Boarding is an integral part of Twyford life. Rooms are comfortable and bright. There's a friendly family environment, and always plenty to do. Boarding is flexible, so whether it's a one or two night stopover, the occasional sleepover to attend a club, or weekly boarding we're happy to work around you. All our teachers help with a boarding evening. There's a strong sense of community. Friendships are made across all age groups and it's an opportunity for children to enjoy getting to know staff outside the busy school day.

Everyone looks out for each other and our core values of respect, honesty, kindness and responsibility are evident in every aspect of boarding life. It's also great fun with lots of activities to enjoy including barbeques, movie nights with cupcakes, our giant games of hide-and-seek in the school grounds in the summer or our legendary dodgeball games when the nights draw in.

Boarding is a good way to prepare children for their senior schools and to nurture a sense of independence and confidence away from home. Our Matrons are always there to give support, lend a sympathetic ear and tend to any illness. We have overseas Gap Assistants, who are naturally popular with the children and lend their energies to a full house life. Children build friendships for life and enjoy spending time with their friends in a safe, enjoyable and homely environment.



"I love it here.
We are all a big,
happy community"

YEAR 5 PUPIL

The great outdoors

Healthy body, healthy mind is a philosophy that hasn't changed over many decades at Twyford. Within our grounds we enjoy incredible adventure facilities and woodlands where children can explore the natural world.

Our woodland shelter is popular as an outdoor learning centre, the location for evening stories and a gathering point for woodland projects. Outdoor learning and adventure is an important part of a child's education; it helps develop an awareness of the world around them and understand the delicate relationship we have with nature.

Outdoor life is also about having fun, keeping fit and just enjoying being young. We often cook around the fire pit, making pitta bread or toasting marshmallows together. Children learn bushcraft skills and how to enjoy the great outdoors safely.

The children participate in a wide programme of outdoor pursuits that include residential adventure training trips that extend in both length and skill base as the children advance through the School. Children experience climbing, orienteering, sailing and canoeing trips throughout their time at school as well as our Year 6 trip to a chateau in Normandy, France.



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REPORT

"The extra-curricular programme is of exceptional quality"

"No-one wants to leave
Twyford as everyone loves it"

YEAR 8 PUPIL

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