

# Radnor House —— SEVENOAKS —— celebrating every individual



PREP SCHOOL



Welcome to Radnor House Sevenoaks Prep School, where children acquire essential skills and qualities for lifelong success and happiness.

Centred in a charming converted stable block, Prep School pupils benefit from a self-contained, nurturing environment, with access to the first-class facilities and subject-specialist expertise of the Senior School.

Small class-sizes and the guiding hand of talented and enthusiastic teachers ensure that children are known as individuals and led on a personalised path of self-discovery. They are encouraged to find their passions, enhance their strengths, and to tackle challenges through the Radnor House Values of Respect, Perseverance, Courage and Excellence.



Academic accomplishment is pursued alongside an exciting curriculum of creative and performing arts, sports and outdoor learning. We aim for every child to become disciplined, inquisitive, imaginative and collaborative — and importantly, thoughtful and proactive global citizens.

We pride ourselves on the warmth of our community where genuine family values are paramount. You are actively encouraged to be involved in your child's education and we work hard to form strong partnerships with our parents and carers.

When you visit our Prep School, you will find confident, self-assured, well-mannered children; a purposeful and exciting learning environment and the very best role models.

Ms Philippa Lang
HEAD OF THE PREP SCHOOL







#### Our Curriculum

The curriculum in the Prep School is rich. engaging and hugely varied. We recognise the importance of maintaining the highest standards but never lose sight of the individual needs of every child in our care. Academic rigour is at the heart of what we do, and we place a strong emphasis on providing a full and exciting curriculum. To fully unlock a child's academic potential, they need to be fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers as these skills will be used across the curriculum. Our whole school approach to literacy fires a child's imagination and helps to inspire a love of learning. Additionally, we prioritise the teaching of STEM subjects including our challenging maths programme based on techniques drawn from Singapore maths and our exciting science programme including Year 5 & 6 lessons which are delivered by

specialist science teachers. This ensures that the children have a strong foundation in all core subjects.

Computers are an intrinsic part of our everyday lives; perhaps unsurprisingly, Computing, Design and Technology is a very popular subject throughout the Prep School. Through weekly lessons, pupils have the opportunity to explore different areas within computing; this enables them to develop their computational thinking and problemsolving skills through coding programmes, wireless robotic kits and specialist software. In addition, the curriculum at Radnor House Sevenoaks covers digital art and graphics, animation, multi-media presentations, film making, website design and touch typing. The progression and continuity of skills is developed in these lessons, through purposeful cross-curricular opportunities. A digital safety awareness is embedded in the curriculum to ensure pupils receive an

ongoing, relevant and thorough understanding of safe computer use. In addition, Radnor House recognises the importance of outdoor learning as a tool to develop perseverance, self-reliance and teamwork in our pupils. Respect for, and enjoyment of the natural world is central to the outdoor curriculum and is an important aspect of life at Radnor House.

Pupils from Reception to Year 3 enjoy Forest School as part of the weekly curriculum. In Years 4-6, pupils enjoy weekly bush craft and forest skills lessons. This takes place within our 30-acre estate in which children learn to take responsible risks and become more confident and self-aware.

Outdoor adventurous education continues in the Senior School with camping expeditions in the Lower School and Duke of Edinburgh Awards from Year 9 onwards.

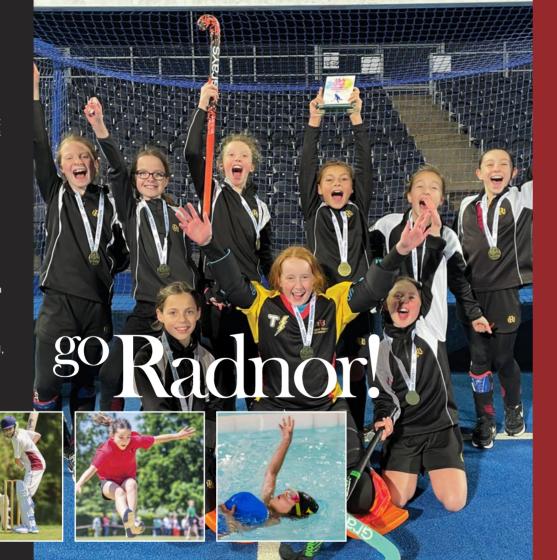


## Sport in the Prep School

From a young age, we endeavour to foster determination, confidence, passion, respect and teamwork through sport. Our generous sports facilities include a full-size multipurpose astro-turf, football and rugby pitches, 4 netball/tennis courts, a 25-metre swimming pool, indoor sports hall and cricket nets and green. Our goal is to encourage a lifetime love and appreciation of sport and physical activity through a broad and exciting curriculum of PE, games and swimming. In addition, there are numerous sports clubs on offer before, during and after school.

This provision is complemented further by a busy weekly fixture programme in which every child participates from Years 3 - 6, reflecting our sport for all approach. Key competitive sports for both the boys and girls include cross-country, hockey, football, swimming and cricket. Netball, rugby and athletics also feature frequently; our children enjoying a vast number of opportunities on the sporting front.

The school is also host to the area ISA junior cross-country event annually and our most able athletes in each sport compete in various ISA and IAPs tournaments throughout the year.



#### Performing Arts

The Prep School's excellent reputation in the Performing Arts is linked to its strong musical tradition. Drama and Dance maintains a close relationship with the Music department and is taught throughout the school.

All our pupils follow a drama curriculum including drama games, poetry, structured improvisation and physical theatre. Alongside Drama lessons they continue working on developing their dance skills. All children across the prep school perform in an age appropriate production annually.

As part of our vast co-curricular programme, pupils are able to sign up for a range of drama and dance clubs to further their interest and skills in the performing arts. This includes preparation for New Era examinations in verse, prose and acting.











#### Music

Music plays a very important part in the life of the Prep School. All pupils have the opportunity to learn the violin in Year 1 and 2 during their curriculum music lessons. Across the prep school pupils receive an hour of Music lessons each week. Older pupils are taught in our Performing Arts Suite where they have access to music technology and a wide range of instruments.

As pupils move up the school, they also learn recorder and keyboard. We believe that a sound grounding in music-making through performance, composition and understanding of notation prepares them for a musically enriched life.

All pupils also regularly sing together to prepare for assemblies, concerts and productions and there are regular Musical Soirées during the year that pupils are invited to take part in.

Private instrumental lessons are offered on the full range of orchestral instruments, guitars, drums, singing and piano. We have a highly qualified and dedicated team who teach within the school day on a rotating timetable.











### Extensive clubs on offer

Radnor House Sevenoaks offers an extensive co-curricular programme. A curriculum partnered with co-curricular clubs expands the horizons for our pupils and instils a confidence in them to try a variety of activities and opens new avenues in their learning. Pupils are encouraged to choose as many activities as they like, with all pupils expected to take part in at least two activities per week.

The activities programme changes on a termly basis and pupils are given the opportunity to choose their clubs each term. Activities are available across a wide spectrum including Sport, Art, Drama, Music, IT and Academic Subjects. We have over 50 clubs available to prep children (too many to list here!) You can see the full list at www.radnorsevenoaksorg/clubs-and-activities.





## Transfer to Senior School & Scholarships

Year 6 pupils progressing from the Radnor House Sevenoaks Prep School are assessed in the same way as external candidates for the experience of the process and the allocation of Academic scholarships for Year 7. No formal offers are made as the expectation is that in most cases Year 6 pupils will transfer seamlessly into the Senior School.

Radnor House Sevenoaks offers a range of Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Sport and "Values" scholarships for entry into Year 7. Scholarships are typically worth 10% of the annual tuition fee but may, in exceptional circumstances, be increased through the award of an Outstanding Scholarship which is entirely at the Head's discretion. In addition, means tested bursaries worth up to 50% of the tuition fees, are also available but only after a scholarship has been awarded.











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