



ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
— TWICKENHAM —

St Catherine's Prep (Key Stage 2)



Welcome to St Catherine's Prep

St Catherine's Prep begins at Year 3 and we recognise that Key Stage 2 is a significant part of your daughter's school journey. It is an explorative, fun and engaging phase where we nurture inquisitive minds in the confidence that our all-girls environment helps to create friendly, resilient and ambitious girls.

Pastoral care is central to the wellbeing of girls in our care. Teachers are devoted to pupils' personal, spiritual and academic growth and foster curiosity and creativity, which in turn helps each girl to explore her own gifts and talents.

St Catherine's Prep is also enriched by its link to our Senior School which offers Prep girls exciting additional facilities and academic extension.



Headmistress, Mrs Johneen McPherson



Head of Prep, Ms Carolyn Sharps

Automatic entry to the Senior School means girls avoid the pressure of the 11+ process - instead they know they are already valued members of the school community.

This approach allows Key Stage 2 girls to strive for excellence across all subjects and ensures that pupil wellbeing is prioritised in the transition to Year 7.

We are very proud of St Catherine's Prep and invite you to visit us to experience our happy school.



Ethos, Values and Pastoral Care

St Catherine's is a place where girls of all faiths thrive. Pastoral care is based on our Catholic Christian ethos, which means an emphasis on compassion, gratitude and the value of each individual. Girls enjoy time to reflect in assemblies and Masses, and their creative engagement means St Catherine's Prep is a happy place for all.

We are very pleased at St Catherine's that the daily life of the school is based on a mission statement that captures the special position of our patron saint, the fourteenth-century St Catherine of Siena. Her courage, leadership and service are values that girls of all faiths can still admire today. Her feast day is a time for special celebration each year – and includes a chocolate treat for pupils.

Visitors often comment on the friendly atmosphere at St Catherine's, and this is informed by our commitment to warmly welcoming everyone. Expert staff ensure pupil support is carefully managed and we have a strong system for safeguarding and pupil care. We are also proud of our excellent relationships with parents who are part of our thriving school community. At St Catherine's each girl knows she belongs and she develops great friendships within this caring school family.



Girls' Education

St Catherine's has over 100 years' experience in independent education and we know that an all girls environment helps girls grow in self-confidence, and experience success.

At St Catherine's, there is no such thing as boys' and girls' subjects. In fact, we like to say that the girls are the best at everything! We tailor our provision to reflect pupils' needs and interests, and encourage their risk-taking and creativity.

Research indicates that girls who attend girls' schools develop resilience and determination. This is seen across the curriculum, and we are especially proud of our rich programme, including specialist teaching of STEM, Drama, Music and Languages. Exploratory learning builds academic confidence and we see plenty of this; Prep girls go on from the excitement of their first experiment or computing lesson into a love of innovation and discovery.

There are also many opportunities for the girls to learn leadership skills and this means they step into the Senior School, and later into a variety of competitive university courses, with knowledge and ambitious goals for the future.





A day in the life of a Year 3

Maths



Food & Nutrition



Lunch clubs



Swimming



girl at St Catherine's School

Assembly



Computing



English



Music



Science



French







Co-Curricular

The variety of sports on offer allows girls to develop physical fitness, and take part in many recreational activities. They have fun, build their self-confidence and enjoy competition.

St Catherine's Prep has an extensive co-curricular programme, including Swimming, Tennis, Netball, Karate, Dancing, Art, Cubs, Choir, Musical Theatre, Science and Drama. These activities offer important opportunities for pupils to develop skills and friendships outside the classroom.

They love to work with others as they take to the stage or compete in a swimming gala. The girls enjoy excellent facilities including a heated pool, field, tennis and netball courts, and a large hall, complete with the ever-popular trampolines.

There is an exciting programme of trips, including a residential trip for each year group and a visit to France for Year 6. These experiences enhance the curriculum and build great relationships.

Through the House System, girls also participate in a wide range of events, activities and competitions. Each year the House Music, House Science and House Cheerleading competitions provide great fun and develop team spirit.



Wrap-around Care

Breakfast Club is available each weekday morning during term time from 7.30am. Pupils are supervised in the dining room by the Breakfast Club Manager, where they enjoy a wholesome meal, play morning games and begin their day cheerfully.

After School Care runs Monday to Friday from 3.30pm to 6.00pm for all girls in Prep. The girls are supervised by experienced staff and they enjoy a variety of creative activities in a homely and relaxed atmosphere.

A programme of co-curricular activities runs each afternoon; girls love to end their day with a session of Hot House Dance, art or cricket.

Homework supervision is provided for our older pupils and a snack is provided upon request. Parents are reassured to know that after school time allows for girls to have fun and to complete homework.







The girls and staff at St Catherine's look forward to meeting you soon.



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