



Windlesham
House School

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A glimpse of Windlesham House



A distinctive school where tradition meets innovation,
providing opportunities for children to be creative, courageous and successful.

Welcome to Windlesham House

We are proud of our rich heritage and tradition (as the oldest prep school in the country) whilst embracing innovation and change to ensure that we are preparing our pupils to be successful, high achieving and accomplished young people.

Our magnificent country setting within the South Downs national park and state of the art facilities enable us to provide an exciting and innovative curriculum in a safe, nurturing and inspiring environment. The opportunities are varied and inclusive allowing children to be involved, to follow their interests, take risks and build lifelong passions. Our community is built on the values of respect, creativity and courage with all children feeling secure, happy and able to flourish.

Academic rigour and challenge are important; we want all pupils to achieve their potential within a supportive environment where learning is creative, engaging and accessible. Our unique ACE Habits for Learning – Active learner, Critical thinker and Explorer are embedded in all aspects of teaching and learning allowing children to develop essential skills and become independent learners.

One thing I always notice about the school is the tangible sense of excitement, purpose and energy everywhere I go. All academic subjects, creative arts, sports and co-curricular are taught in well-equipped specialist areas by teachers with passion for their subjects as well as love for their topics. Children are inspired and motivated every day within a caring community. It is a joy to hear children excitedly talking to their parents about what they are learning, how their match went or what they did at breaktime.

Recently a parent said to me, “there is no place like your school, I have loved watching my child blossom.”



Ben Evans
Headmaster





Values and aims

At Windlesham House, we take great pride in the individual journey our pupils go on whilst here and what sort of child they become at the end of that journey. They are encouraged to be curious, we want them to be creative, celebrate each other's successes, show commitment in everything they do, make a contribution and show that they care. We aim to:

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Communicate and collaborate closely with parents to understand their expectations and aspirations

Continue to seek opportunities to grow and develop through investment in first class facilities and resources

Attract, develop and retain exceptional staff whose commitment to the children is transformational

Sustain a supportive, kind and happy environment where the individual and spiritual needs of the pupils and staff are recognised and provided for within a community that celebrates diversity

Encourage pupils to be self-confident, self-motivating and self-disciplined within a safe, nurturing and caring community ensuring they progress to their chosen senior schools as successful individuals

Provide educational excellence through the provision of effective and inspiring teaching, encouraging enthusiasm for learning and enabling each pupil to achieve their potential

Ensure a bespoke and modern boarding environment tailored to each pupil's needs

What makes Windlesham House an exceptional school

PASTORAL CARE

Our child-centred approach to pastoral care means we have a community that prides itself on knowing every pupil as an individual. A multi-layered structure ensures little niggles don't become big concerns, and the children know who they can talk to when they have things on their mind. A weekly pastoral theme enables the children to share their views on topics ranging from resilience to British Values, empathy to anti-bullying, all as a way of raising awareness and developing them into respectful, caring, curious individuals.

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INNOVATION

We are a child-centred school that is forward thinking, outward looking and innovative in our approach to teaching and learning. We constantly evaluate the outcomes for children to ensure they are as high as possible.

Following considerable research and consultation, we have introduced several flexible classrooms. These innovative learning spaces are based on the principle that each child has different learning preferences. Children are encouraged to be independent in the choice of where to sit based on what they find most conducive to their engagement in the lessons. The results have been impressive; children love their new classrooms, find the connection to their teachers greater and feel the new rooms allow them to tackle more complex work more successfully.

ACADEMICS

Windlesham House inspires children to become the very best version of themselves.

We provide pupils with a unique opportunity to develop qualities and skills that extend beyond the traditional academic subjects. This holistic approach to education aims to prepare pupils for the next stage of their academic journey and for a fulfilling and successful life beyond school.

"Pupils achieve high levels of achievement in other fields, according to their individual aptitudes and abilities."

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KINDNESS

Our simple code of conduct centres around respect; respect for each other, respect for the school and respect for oneself. This in turn leads to kindness and consideration, and an environment in which everyone is thinking about the needs of the whole community.

We cannot learn kindness, it is not found in the how-to textbooks – but as role models, we can help define and model this incredible behaviour. Every corner of Windlesham House has pockets of children, teachers and staff interacting positively with each other. There are constant observations of happiness and kindness wherever you turn.



Success at 13 +

We firmly believe in 'the right school for the right child' and work closely with parents and pupils to choose the best school for each of our Windlesham House pupils.

Every pupil gains entry into their choice of senior school and our leavers go to over 25 different schools each year including some of the best public schools in the country.

On average, pupils go on to over 30 senior schools at 13+ including top boarding and day schools.

FUTURE SCHOOLS INCLUDE

Ardingly, Bede's, Beneden, Brighton College, Bryanston School, Canford School, Charterhouse, Downe House, Eton College, Gresham's, Haileybury, Harrow, Headington School, Ipswich School, Lancing College, Marlborough College, Mill Hill School, Oundle School, Rugby College, Seaford College, Sevenoaks School, Sherbourne School, Shrewsbury School, Stowe School, The King's School, Tonbridge School, Wellington College, Winchester College, Wycombe Abbey

25%

of pupils achieve
scholarships to their
senior schools of choice

94%

of pupils achieved an
average of grade A*-C at CE
with 35% achieving A* or A

A place to thrive inside and outside the classroom



Sport

NFL Flag Football | Athletics | Cricket
Riding | Badminton | Cross Country
Football | Golf | Hockey | Netball |
Basketball | Volleyball | Rugby | Skiing
Swimming | Tennis | Table Tennis

14

Girls and boys
sports played
competitively

Facilities

Six lane pool
All weather pitch
Sports centre
Acres of outdoor pitches
Grass and hard courts
Nine hole golf course

600+

Girls and boys
competitive fixtures

Performing Arts

100%

of pupils perform
in a play every year

87

Pupils take
LAMDA lessons

225+

Weekly music
lessons

2

Theatres

20+

Concerts and musical
performances
each year



Co-curricular

Sport | Music | Dance | Drama
Leadership | Innovation | Academic
Creative Arts | IT | DT | Chess
Swimming | Fitness | Polo | Yoga
Forest School | Languages | Science
Poetry | Lego Leagues

150+
Weekly
activities

20+
Saturday morning
activities



Environment

16 chickens plus cats, dogs and a
bearded dragon! | Market garden
Eco club | Forest school

900+
trees planted
in the past two years

65
acres of woods,
pitches and
wildflowers

Community

Fundraising through the
enterprise challenge | Singing with
the elderly | Beach cleans
Charity fundraising

6
charity days
every year





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