



STRATFORD
PREPARATORY

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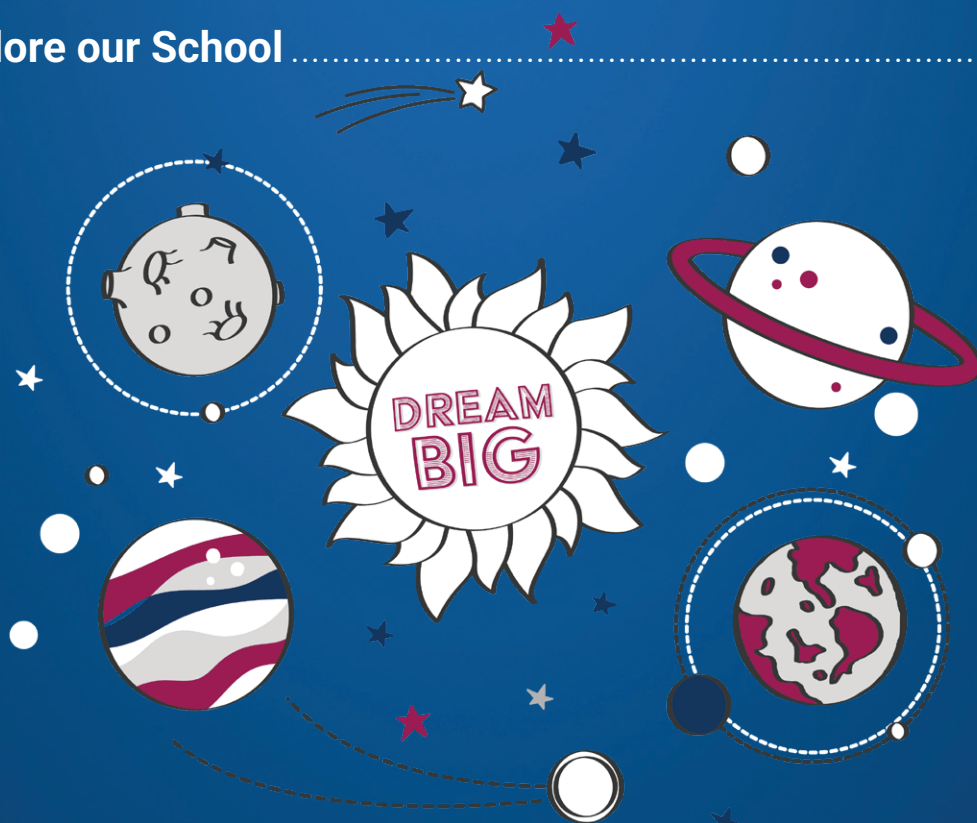


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0 - 11 YRS CO-EDUCATIONAL INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL

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“My child has flourished at Stratford Prep and their academics are flying. The small class sizes were perfect for them and they’re just so happy and confident.”

Parent
(Prep Phase)

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READY

HEAD'S WELCOME

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Stratford Preparatory School, a leading co-educational Independent day school for boys and girls aged 0 - 11, in the town centre of Stratford-upon-Avon. At Stratford Prep we believe that every child in school should feel happy, safe and confident and have the opportunity to excel whilst being valued as an individual.

Through excellent teaching, each child should make the most academic and personal progress they can in an environment that is as supportive and positive as it is challenging and enriching. Every child should develop the knowledge and skills that they will need to be successful in the future.

Our central focus of happiness is not at the expense of academia. Stratford Preparatory is renowned for outstanding academic results and a high success rate in examinations at 11+ (including both independent school and grammar). We maintain high academic standards as our pupils follow a full curriculum that is built around pupils having every opportunity to excel academically.

Our core values of Honesty, Hard Work and Kindness are central to our school ethos. The school house system reflects these core values, placing them at the heart of day to day life in school. Veritas House (with truth and honesty), Dedicus House (with hard work and dedication) and Amicus House (with friendship and kindness) provide pupils with the opportunity for friendly competition in school with a broad range of House events which span Sports, Music, Art and inter House Quizzes whilst also reinforcing the values and attributes that we strive for at Stratford Prep.

The core of the curriculum at Stratford Preparatory focuses on preparing the children for their 11+ examinations. Whilst this is crucial, the curriculum at Stratford Prep also prepares pupils for the next phase of their education more broadly as part of an enriching experience. Whilst we believe every child deserves to achieve their very best in their 11+ examinations and to have their choice of school for their Senior School years, we also believe they deserve much more than this. As such, we ensure that the Stratford Preparatory curriculum is an enriching experience for children with a breadth of opportunity that helps them to find their passion and gives them an outlet to express their creativity. The breadth of opportunity at Stratford Prep enables pupils to develop their skills in creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking; skills that are crucial to success in the modern world.

I would be delighted to show you around Stratford Preparatory School, to introduce you to our school, pupils and teachers. I am tremendously proud of our pupils and it is they who best encapsulate the spirit of Stratford Prep; I've no doubt they'll tell you all about it when you come and visit.



A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Dan Brewer'.

Dan Brewer
Head of School





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ETHOS & VALUES

*Our **School Mission** is to develop the **scientia** (skills and knowledge) & **lux** (happiness and confidence) of **each pupil** so they can be **successful in their aspirations**.*

Throughout your child's time with us at Stratford Prep, your child will grow and develop key skills and characteristics that will set them up for life.

At Stratford Prep we believe that:



Every child in school should feel happy, safe and confident.



Every child should know their strengths and be valued for those strengths.



Every child should make the most academic progress they can in a supportive and positive environment.



Every child should have the opportunity to develop the skills they need to be successful in their aspirations.

We have a curriculum and teaching pedagogy that provides pupils with an exceptional preparatory education that develops the confidence and resilience of pupils through our school values and culture as well as a wide range of opportunities.

LITTLE PREP

Aged 0 to 4 yrs



Little PREP

0 - 4 YEARS INDEPENDENT DAY NURSERY

Little Prep welcomes children from six months to four years of age, where they can join us in our nurturing setting. Our recently refurbished space, specifically designed with the needs of early years children at the forefront, provides light, spacious areas for children to discover learning and play both indoors and outdoors.

Our children benefit from a rich and stimulating provision following the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which is interwoven into their day through play and exploration. Highly experienced and qualified staff members adopt the Key Person approach, giving children and families the reassurance they need when starting their early years education journey. Staff build strong relationships with children to allow them to reach their full potential, nurturing their developmental and educational growth. Children also benefit from accessing teaching expertise from across the school, including regular Forest School sessions and language lessons, providing an academic focus that prepares them for Reception and progression into the Pre-Prep years with us.

As a small, family school, the youngest members of our school community regularly mix with our Prep children, facilitating the opportunity for our nursery children to build friendships with the older years. Older nursery children have lunch in the school hall alongside nursery staff and enjoy freshly cooked food prepared onsite by our school chef. During school holidays, food is freshly prepared by a reputable educational catering company.

Little Prep consists of an under 2 years room with a separate sleep room, a 2–3-year-old classroom, and two 3–4-year-old classrooms. Classrooms are specifically designed and resourced for these ages and stages of development. There is a shared outdoor space with equipment to develop physical skills and natural curiosity. Children have access to spaces occupied by Stratford Preparatory School, such as the library, the hall for lunch and the playground area.

Little Prep operates from 8am–6pm, Monday to Friday, all year round for 51 weeks per year. The nursery is closed over the Christmas period and Bank Holidays. We are registered with Warwickshire County Council to provide Early Years Funding for eligible 9 months to 4 year olds. For more information, please refer to our Fees & Funding guide which is available on our website.



The values of Stratford Prep - Veritas (Honesty & Integrity), Dedicas (Hard Work & Dedication), and Amicus (Kindness & Friendship) - are also at the heart of Little Prep. The values provide a caring environment that focuses on the wellbeing and happiness of the children, allowing them to flourish as they learn, develop confidence and build friendships.

To support integration of these values into day-to-day life in the Nursery, the children learn about the following characters:



Veritas the Owl

Veritas is a wise, honest owl, who helps children learn about the right actions to take, telling the truth and always telling a safe adult.

Dedicas the Bear

Dedicas is brave bear, who helps children learn about trying their best and always giving new things a go. Dedicas helps children know it's ok not to get it right first time and that doing your best is what really matters.



Amicus the Lion

Amicus is a friendly and kind lion, who helps children know how to be a good friend, to share with others and how to help others smile each day.



PRE-PREP

Reception - Year 2

Pre-Prep focuses on developing the 'Lux' of our children so they are happy, confident and love coming to school.

"Small classes. Happy children. Bespoke learning. Specialist teachers."

Our Pre-prep provides the perfect balance of a small, enriching environment with the specialist teaching and rigour required to help children to flourish. Our small class sizes facilitate an environment for pupils to feel safe and confident to explore their interests and discover their passions.

As children take their first steps in Reception, our focus on their happiness and wellbeing is central to the children's academic development and success. Our high teacher-to-pupil ratio means that children receive a high amount of focus from their teachers and build exceptional relationships with the adults in school. From this, children make exceptional progress in all areas of the curriculum.

The benefit of our small classes enables our teachers to shape the curriculum around the interests of your child in addition to having specialist teachers in Drama, French, PE, Music and Art & Design.

Our approach within the classroom nurtures the joy of discovery through playful exploration, allowing children to engage with their surroundings using their hands, and then fostering significant connections to their findings. Ultimately, this blossoms into the cultivation of imaginative and analytical thinking.

Within Prep 1 and 2, an increase in teacher-guided learning capitalises on the children's growing focus and attention span whilst always ensuring that enjoyment and interactive learning remain integral. Every class is led by a dedicated teacher, covering Mathematics, English, Science, Geography and History. Children continue to benefit from specialist led lessons for Music, Art & Design, Drama, PE and French.

Beyond the classroom, our pupils benefit from Forest School sessions at 'the Paddock' where children explore the natural world for an afternoon a week as well as specialist sports sessions including Swimming.





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OPPORTUNITY

Our Prep years focus on developing the 'Scientia' whilst maintaining the standards of 'Lux' from the Pre-Prep years.

"11+ preparation. Small classes. Successful, happy pupils."

Building on the foundations of Pre-Prep, our Prep years focuses on building academic rigour whilst maintaining a happy, confident environment for children to learn in.

With the introduction of specific 11+ preparations in Prep 3, pupils will begin to develop their understanding of the specific skills required for success in the 11+ assessments whilst also continuing to encompass essential subjects such as English, Maths, Science, History, Geography Art and Design, Religious Education, Music, French, Physical Education, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHEE), and Computing. Being an Atom Learning School, we use innovative technology and learning approaches to help our pupils to develop the key skills tested within 11+ examinations, including mental arithmetic, comprehension and verbal reasoning & non-verbal reasoning. Starting in Prep 3, pupils engage in additional specific skills lessons 3 times a day.

Pupils benefit from specialist teachers in Music, PE, Drama, Computing, French and Art, whilst maintaining a Form Tutor for continuity and pastoral care.

Beyond the classroom, pupils engage with outdoor learning within our expansive area in "the paddock". Our position within the centre of Stratford-upon-Avon serves us well with a wealth of enriching local learning opportunities right on our doorstep. From visits to the Royal Shakespeare Company through to trips to the historic library. Activities such as cultivating vegetable patches instil a sense of responsibility and appreciation for the natural world.

As your child progresses through Stratford Prep we build on their natural enthusiasm and inquisitive nature to harness their love of learning, ensuring that they achieve their very best. We prepare your child for their next steps whether that be to sit the 11+, their choice of senior school or on to our sister school, Arnold Lodge.



SPORTS & EXEN

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Sport is a crucial part of life at Stratford Prep as we believe that a breadth of experience and activities are vital to a well-rounded education.

The main emphasis is of participation and passion for sport; we strongly encourage inclusion and enjoyment of sport for all our pupils, whatever their ability. We offer a wide range of sports from Reception through to Prep 6 who are coached by a highly trained and specialist physical education team. Whether pupils enjoy traditional team sports such as netball, hockey and football or individual pursuits such as swimming and shooting, our sports curriculum offers a chance for all pupils to participate and represent their school community.

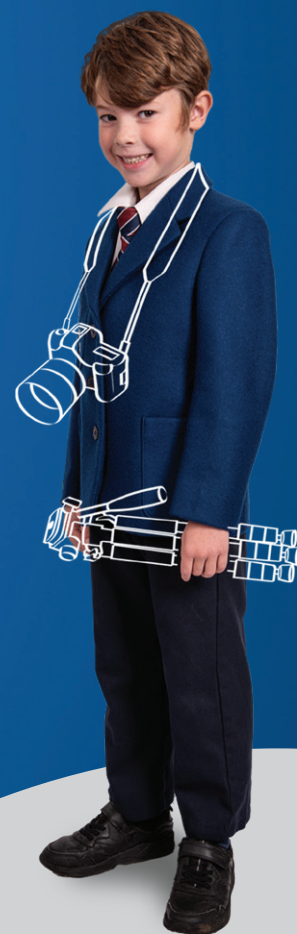
Stratford Prep has an extensive Extension and Enrichment Programme known as “ExEn”, available to all pupils from Reception to Prep 6.

There is a club to suit all as our pupils’ learning continues beyond the classroom. Our ExEn programme sets out to give Stratford Prep pupils access to experiences that build on and broaden the school experience.

Extension supports the school curriculum and sessions such as Maths Skills and STEM give the opportunity for pupils to stretch their learning. Extension sessions also give support and a boost for pupils who might need it with Numeracy, Literacy and Science booster sessions taking place across the whole school.

Enrichment broadens the scope of learning and offers a rich array of sessions for pupils to find their new passions. Furthermore, with sessions covering everything from Chess, Dance and Cooking through to Tennis, Mandarin and Cross Country, there are multiple opportunities for pupils to explore their interests and unearth new skills.

Our ExEn sessions take place over lunch breaks and after school to provide a truly outstanding experience for our pupils.



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FOR ME

EXPLORE

OUR SCHOOL

We know that choosing the right school for your child is a major decision, whether they're starting school for the first time or looking for a new school. As such, we believe that it's only when children are happy and confident that they can fulfil their potential and flourish.

If you would like to find out more about Stratford Prep and Little Prep you can browse our school website (www.stratfordprep.co.uk and www.littleprep.co.uk) which includes the latest school news, our school calendar, staff details and the latest information on Open Days. We also have social media feeds which show life at Stratford Prep – take a look at X (@StratfordPrepa1), or look us up on Facebook (StratfordPrep, littleprepnursery) and Instagram (@stratford_prep_school, @littleprepnursery).

The best way to get a sense of Stratford Prep and Little Prep and the opportunities that our school could offer your child is by coming to visit us. We would be delighted to invite you in for a tour of the school during an Open Day or on a day and time that is most convenient for you. Our Admissions team will support you all the way from booking in the tour, visiting at an Open Day right the way through to preparing for your child's first day. Call 01789 297993 or email admissions@stratfordprep.co.uk.

Stratford Prep is a selective independent school and admissions are considered on the basis of an interview, school report, school reference and set of assessments which look for the potential of your child to meet the high standards here at Stratford Prep. The assessments are not intimidating and they are completed in a friendly environment; our focus is on the value we can add to your child's education – not just their academic attainment to date. We accept pupils into all year groups but our main points of entry are Nursery and Reception.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Stratford Preparatory School.





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