



MERCHANT TAYLORS'
Prep

Educational excellence for boys 3-11

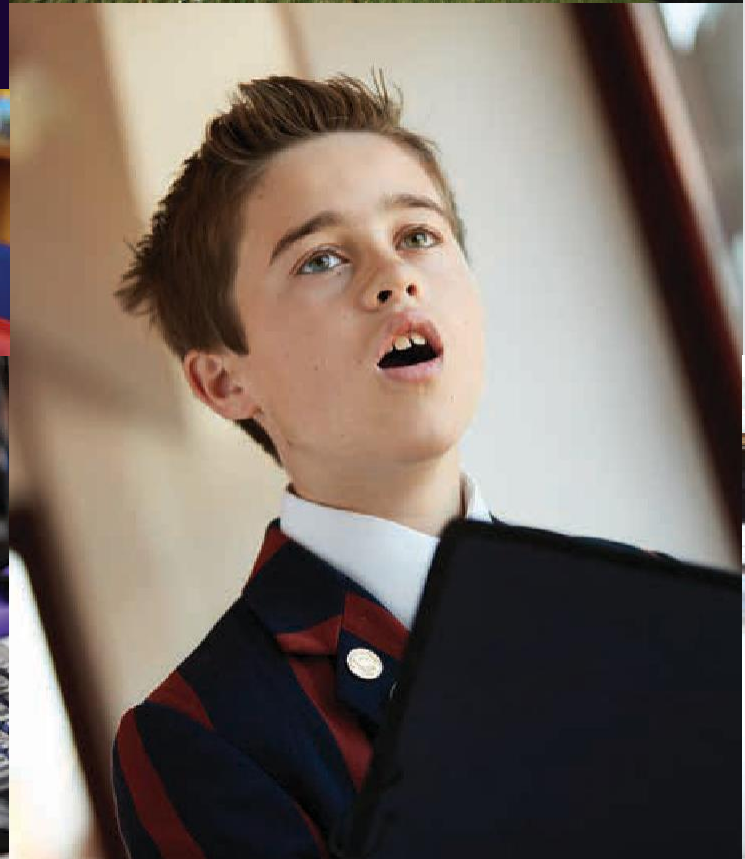
“A culture of respect prevails, and pupils are confident that their individual achievements and ideas are valued. Pupils enjoy their learning and take pride in overcoming challenges.”

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“The school encourages learning, values participation and celebrates achievement.”

Year 4 parent



“I like the warm and
caring nature of the
school and its teachers.”

Year 2 parent



“My son loves going
to school.”

Nursery parent

Welcome from the Head

It is my great pleasure to introduce you to Merchant Taylors' Prep School. Our school aims to provide a well-balanced education, combining a strong academic tradition with an extensive range of extra-curricular and sporting activities.

Throughout this exceptionally broad educational offer, our focus is to consistently enable our boys to develop the Learning Attitudes such as curiosity, perseverance, independence and collaboration which will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives.

As part of the Merchant Taylor's family of schools we offer a 'through school' experience for boys from 3 to 18, with most of our pupils progressing through to the senior school. From the first steps of learning in the Nursery classroom right through to becoming school leavers destined for the best universities and degrees, we nurture creativity, confidence and compassion, ensuring that each pupil is valued as an individual and that all concerned - pupils, staff and governors - strive for excellence.

Mr. Miles Chester
Head



“We are committed to maintaining a strong academic tradition whilst preserving a balance between the academic, spiritual, emotional and physical needs of our pupils. We seek to develop the boys’ characters, through both the quality of our teaching and also an extensive range of extra-curricular and sporting activities. Our school is founded on compassion, opportunity and excellence, and we foster these values in every aspect of our work.”

*Mr. Miles Chester
Head of Merchant Taylors’ Prep*



Why Merchant Taylors' Prep?

*L*ife at Merchant Taylors' is a fabulous journey – one of discovery, excitement and exceptional opportunity. We foster academic excellence and a strong family spirit, where boys flourish within a supportive community.

For over 450 years Merchant Taylors' has delivered a superlative learning experience, centred on refinement and fulfilment. The development of each individual child remains at the heart of everything we do today. We guide pupils on their learning journey and


proudly watch them grow in their own way and at their own pace.

The school's academic tradition is renowned. Our most valuable assets are our children, who are as passionate about learning as we are about teaching. Within a unique setting, combining national heritage with state-of-the-art facilities in 15 acres of beautiful grounds, we offer an exceptional education. Through an enriched curriculum, we afford every opportunity for pupils to cultivate their minds, hearts and souls. When they leave us they leave with the skills to last a lifetime.

“There is an encouragement of independent thinking and a wider perspective on life than exams.”

Year 6 parent



A photograph of a lush green field with tall grass and pink flowers. In the background, there is a wooden fence made of vertical posts and horizontal rails. The scene is bright and sunny, with a soft focus on the background.

“I love going into the woods because
I can explore with my friends.”

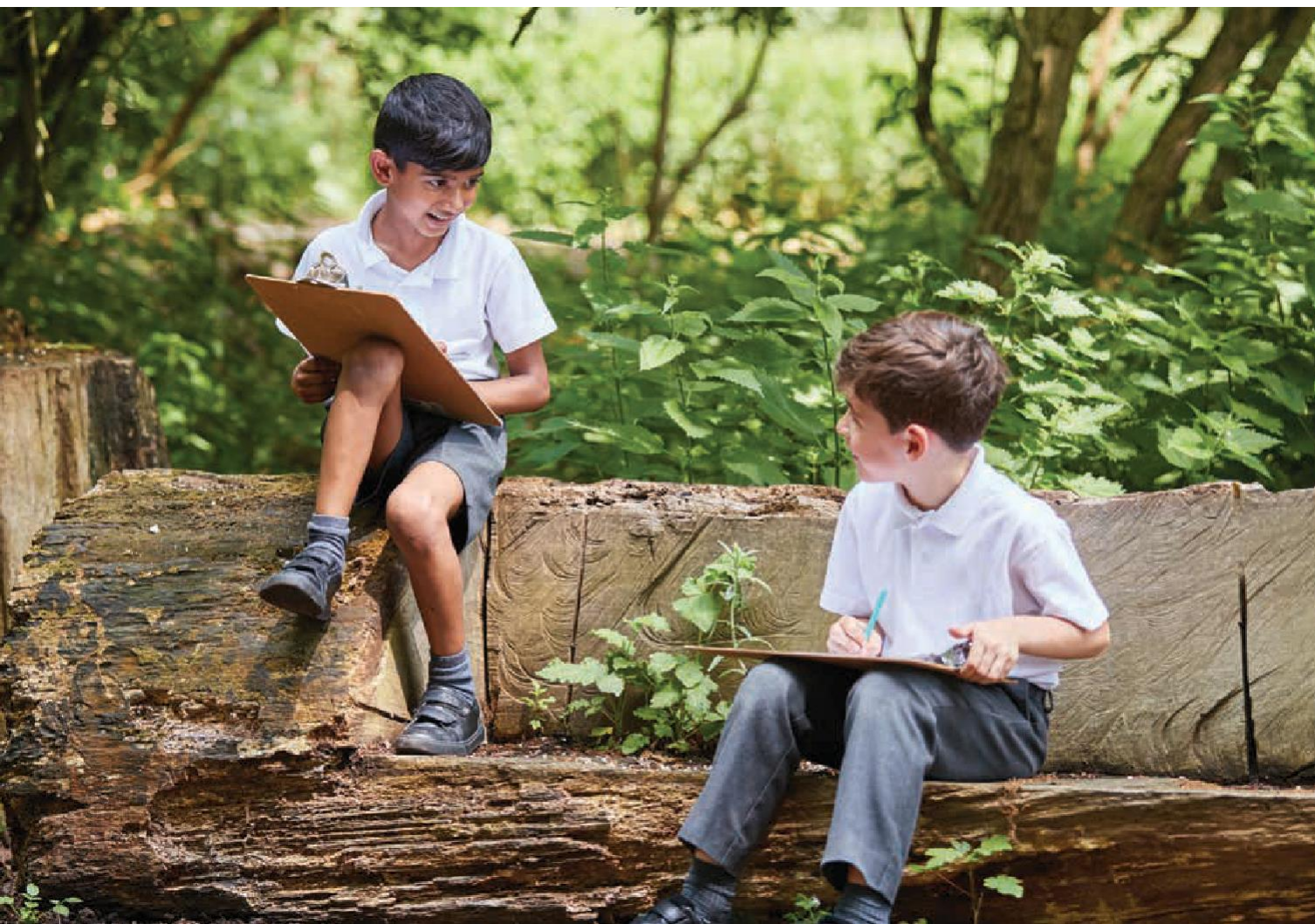
Reception pupil





“Pupils acquire high levels of proficiency across the curriculum in response to the challenging curriculum and effective teaching.”

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“The boys display tolerance
and are caring to each other.”

Year 3 parent

A Compassionate Community

The school's focus on teaching and learning puts people first; whether giving individual attention, building relationships or connecting with others. Encouragement of individuality and respect for others complement each other as core values.

From the very beginning, our highly enthusiastic and motivated teachers take the time to get to know each pupil and his abilities,

within a small-class setting. This allows enquiring minds to develop in an environment where each pupil is given a sense of belonging that helps them to achieve.

Our level of care is outstanding from the day a pupil joins us to his eventual transition to Senior School. Within our community, individual talents flourish but pupils collaborate, value others and show compassion.



“Each child is treated as an individual within a nurturing, ‘family’ atmosphere.”

Year 1 parent

Outstanding Opportunities

With a broad and rich learning experience, pupils enjoy the time and space to prosper and to develop essential life skills, through an extensive and diverse programme of extra-curricular clubs and activities. Boys are encouraged to broaden their horizons and to explore their talents and creativity by taking part in a range of pursuits from Lego, cooking, arts and crafts to chess, choir and public speaking.

Our sporting curriculum offers choice and depth from dance and gymnastics to team and racquet sports, delivered by highly qualified and experienced coaches. We use sport to reinforce our ethos and to instil discipline, teamwork, fair play, responsibility and respect. We see the sports' field as an extension of the

classroom and encourage active participation in healthy and enjoyable exercise.

A highly stimulating environment gives our boys the opportunity to unleash their creative imagination through Art, Design, Technology, Drama and Music. This encourages creativity, individuality and self-confidence. The vibrant displays around the school showcase our talented pupils and their developing imagination.

Our purpose-built facilities are second to none, with superbly equipped classrooms and teaching areas, a sports hall, floodlit AstroTurf and several acres of playing fields. We are also extremely fortunate to have 'The Lalani New Barn Theatre', our own 200-seat auditorium for productions and presentations.

“Children get plenty of opportunities to achieve their potential.”

Year 7 parent





“The high expectations
stretch my son’s ability
in all directions.”

Year 5 parent





Encouraging Excellence

Our academic record is outstanding. Pupils do their best and become their very best selves. The school is mindful of the balance of their intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical needs. We reward effort, recognise achievement and embrace ambition in every phase of a pupil's learning journey. Boys are part of a community where they work and learn together in an atmosphere of engagement, encouragement and trust. Our teachers have the energy and commitment to lead and inspire, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Pre-Prep builds the foundations for the future through a happy and positive learning experience. The focus is on personal, social

and emotional development through a range of experiences. We instil a love of learning from an early age within a safe, stimulating and caring environment. Each child can explore, achieve and progress to their fullest potential at their own pace.

In the Prep Department, pupils experience a rich curriculum and the gradual introduction of full subject-based teaching. Energetic and enthusiastic minds are developed through active participation in focused and challenging learning experiences. Pupils gain a sense of pride in their own work and that of others and, through personal success, acquire confidence and self-motivation. They are prepared for the challenges ahead and mature into resourceful and responsible young men.

“We all strive for excellence and are supported to achieve our aims.”

Prep School teacher





“There is fantastic preparation for transfer
to Senior School.”

Year 8 parent

Forming Futures

While we take great pride in our Royal heritage and in the preservation of values and traditions, we focus on contemporary educational issues and commit to future excellence in our vision and planning. We offer the value-added dimension of an intensive curriculum and an extensive schedule of life skills tuition, extra-curricular activities and House involvement.

For every single pupil at Merchant Taylors', we stand by our ethos of development, encouragement and support. The school offers a remarkable environment where boys thrive, both intellectually and spiritually, and acquire the skills, knowledge, confidence and resilience required to face immediate challenges as well as the demands of the future.

Our success at preparing pupils, and offering a seamless transition to Senior School, is testament to our commitment to excellence throughout a pupil's school life.

“I am going to miss all the teachers and staff whose hard work and dedication I will never forget and I will treasure many happy memories. This school has been such an important chapter in my life and words alone cannot express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks.”

Year 8 pupil





Merchant Taylors' Prep & Merchant Taylors' School

In September 2015, an exciting educational alliance was formally announced between Northwood Prep and Merchant Taylors' School, to create Merchant Taylors' Prep. The Prep School is proud to be part of Merchant Taylors' and of something bigger and better, yet retains its own identity and character.

Both schools are situated in Moor Park, allowing Prep School boys easy access to the facilities and opportunities of the Senior School and Senior boys to mentor their young counterparts at the Prep School.

Academic departments have begun to align their curriculum so that the many boys who transfer at 13+ experience a seamless transition. There is also a great deal of collaboration in the fields of Sport, Music and Drama. With Nursery and Reception in a self-contained Early Years centre at 'The Manor' on the Senior School campus, Merchant Taylors' offers a unique 'through school' experience from 3-18.

Whether it is the first steps of your son's educational journey or his next steps, please come and see what we offer.



“A rare breed, an academic school with a wonderfully cool feel; understands there is more to academic excellence than great exam results. There is a passion for teaching and learning and maintaining its traditions of offering an all-round education, rather than a narrowly academic one.”

The Good Schools Guide







Your Invitation

We would be delighted for you to meet the Merchant Taylors' family and to visit our Prep School. We have regular Open Mornings so that you can visit the school and see our pupils at work. At Open Morning, you will have a tour led by one of our pupils and listen to the Head's talk about the strengths of our school. You will also be able to ask any questions about the school community and experience.

If you would like to find out more about the admissions policy and procedures, including the date of our next Open Morning, please visit our website at www.mtpn.org.uk

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“Teachers throughout the school have high levels of knowledge about their subjects and make effective use of a good range of resources. They are reflective in their approach, continually seeking ways to improve their practice”

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