



Yateley Manor





Headmaster's Welcome

Yateley Manor has a long and successful history of educating girls and boys. By appreciating the unique way in which each pupil is inspired to learn, we encourage every child to participate in a broad curriculum.



"You always feel welcome and even encouraged to get involved with your child's education."

Parent

Your Child, Their Journey, Our Focus

Your child's education at Yateley Manor provides them with the tools to build successful adult lives. Yateley Manor pupils are motivated, confident and happy. Staff work in partnership with families to provide an education tailored for individuals. Pupils are nurtured within a unique and supportive family atmosphere where strong relationships form the foundations for a successful education.

We recognise academic study and a strong work ethic to be of paramount importance but an excellent education encompasses much more. Our magnificent Creative Arts, Technology and Language Centre offers a full and inclusive programme of extra-curricular activities which enrich educational experiences for pupils. These opportunities often develop the confidence that can then be applied in to other studies. Our extensive grounds offer pupils not only tremendous sports facilities but also a sense of space.

Our innovative Prep School Baccalaureate, which extends throughout the entire school, focuses on collaboration, leadership and independence and allows children to develop strengths in their characteristics or personal qualities, which ultimately make us all unique. Their journey is carefully monitored by experienced staff who maintain clear and timely communication with parents to ensure a strong partnership.

Our core values of resilience, honesty, kindness, courage, self-discipline and receptiveness run through everything we do. In a community that embraces a breadth of cultures and which is centred around Christian values, where all relationships are based upon respect, your child will learn to appreciate the need to be courteous, considerate and to use their common sense. At the same time they are encouraged to be creative and courageous as they develop into confident individuals, with a strong foundation for a happy and balanced life. Pupils can only achieve this once they have been given the tools and the self-belief.

Your child will leave Yateley Manor with high self-esteem and a strong sense of individual responsibility. They will have good manners, a clear moral compass and an understanding of right and wrong. They will be socially adept and have made great friends for life. Your child will emerge fully equipped for success in their chosen Senior Schools and adult life.

Robert Upton

Robert Upton Headmaster



"My son has been given the confidence to spread his wings safe in the knowledge that his landing will be soft."

Parent





"The nursery had everything I wanted: structure, variety, creativity and a great big smile!"
Parent



A warm safe start

We know that you want the best possible start for your child, so the innovative and nurturing atmosphere in our Nursery provides a secure, gentle introduction to school life. Children quickly settle into this homely environment and soon realise that learning is fun.

The focus is on active, play-based learning and children keenly engage in creative play, singing songs, role-play and story time. The Nursery is situated in an attractive, purpose-built secure building with bright, well-equipped rooms and a large and imaginatively designed outside play area.

With the support of inspirational staff, your child will develop a love of school, become sociable and confident, and eager for their next adventure in Reception.

Nurtured in a warm, friendly and safe environment, children are given a host of new experiences to explore, building their confidence and stimulating their desire to learn.



We make learning fun



The Early Years team are warm and welcoming and children love the bright, lively classrooms. Here children start to acquire the essential skills in literacy and numeracy, and are exposed to many exciting opportunities and activities to enhance their learning experience.

While the Nursery and Reception classes broadly follow Early Years Foundation Stage guidelines, our creative and independent approach adds so much more to the educational experience.





Progressing through the School

Moving from Reception to Years 1 and 2 is an exciting time as children's horizons begin to expand with growing independence and self-confidence.





We build firm foundations

We build firm foundations through our stimulating and creative learning programme. From Nursery to Year 4, children are class taught by primary specialists, with additional expertise offered in Music, French, PE and Games. These subject areas, together with Chess, broaden the curriculum experience significantly.

Children move up naturally to the Prep School at 7 years of age, and the new school day is full and active, both inside and outside the classroom, with Food Technology in our superb facility, now a part of the timetabled curriculum.

Subject specialists teach all children from Year 5 onwards, making the most of their in-depth knowledge and wealth of experience in their individual subject areas.

Watch your child's confidence grow and personality blossom.



"As a parent of two children I am keen for them to try out lots of new and different things... my children just love it!"

Parent





“The boys have made some really good friends and have an easy yet respectful rapport with all the staff.”

Parent



A unique and supportive family atmosphere

Your child's first day at Yateley Manor is the beginning of an exciting new partnership between you, your child and the school. Pupils are encouraged to share their experiences, and there is always someone to talk to should they need support in any way. There are regular opportunities for parents to talk with teachers, but in between these scheduled meetings, our doors are always open for you to come in and discuss progress or concerns.

The unique relationship between children, teachers and support staff is one of the great strengths of Yateley Manor. Parents are actively encouraged to have close contact with class teachers and tutors, and regular parents' evenings are organised. The combination of our school newsletter INAMOS, home/school diaries and emails keep parents informed and our website is an excellent source of information.

The school day

The school day begins calmly with a morning assembly or with form tutors. This lays the foundation for a happy and purposeful day. Lunch is in the main school hall and children have a tremendous choice of healthy food which changes daily. Form tutors play a key role in children's life at school, keeping a watchful eye on all aspects of pastoral and academic development. Your child's social and emotional welfare is just as important as educational achievement – one will not flourish without the other.



Now they are happy
it is time to learn!



Children perform best when they feel happy and secure



Ours is a supportive, purposeful community in which all children gain the confidence to express themselves, enjoy learning and reach their full potential.





Inspirational teaching

Innovative, enthusiastic teachers are at the heart of our learning community and they provide the framework for your child's educational, cultural and social development. We attract staff with a wide range of interests as shown by the extensive range of clubs and activities on offer. We extend every child through a dynamic and varied curriculum, full of memorable learning opportunities.

Some children need extra encouragement and support to help them achieve their potential. Others need challenging and stretching. At Yateley Manor we strive to identify these needs as early as possible and to provide the appropriate level of additional support. At the same time we work on developing potential strengths and interests in order to boost self-esteem.





High academic standards are expected and achieved

Whilst we welcome pupils of wide ranging academic abilities, we are proud of our high academic standards. Every year our children achieve excellent results in senior school entrance examinations and we are extremely proud of our record with scholarships that cover a broad range of disciplines covering academic, sport, music, art, design technology and all-round excellence.

At Yateley Manor we value literacy and numeracy, an ability to speak eloquently and investigate tenaciously; these are often seen as the fundamental building blocks of education, but we are not just traditionalists.

We embrace technology and recognise the value this brings to modern learning. Classes are well equipped with computers and interactive white boards and children are taught IT skills from an early age.

Young minds are naturally
curious: with motivation and
encouragement, learning is
fun and breeds enthusiasm.



"The teaching at Yateley Manor has been fantastic. The school stretches the children making sure that they reach their individual potential."

Parent





"Performing has been a source of joy for her throughout her school career."

Parent



Creative and Performing Arts flourish

Drama, Dance and Music give scope for children of all ages to perform. They learn to combine their talents as a team, whether as actors, singers, musicians or technicians.

Drama flourishes at Yateley Manor and school productions are enthusiastically embraced by the children. Large scale productions take place in the school hall, with the more informal in our drama studio.

Music also plays a major part in school life. There are frequent concerts and pupils regularly have an opportunity to perform, whether they are a beginner or more accomplished. We have several choirs, orchestras and musical groups to suit a broad range of musical abilities and styles.

Art, Ceramics and Design Technology are especially strong. Pupils produce work in a variety of media exploring the use of texture and colour. In this way they learn the skills and techniques necessary to enhance and develop their natural creative abilities, which are proudly displayed throughout the school.



The creative and performing arts often prove to be a key ingredient in a child's voyage of self-discovery.

A school alive with creativity



This is a school positively bursting with creative life and energy wherever you look. We understand that children live through their imagination and all children engage in a variety of creative activities.





Children relish physical activity

With staff who offer expertise in a wide range of activities, our physical education and sports programme has an exciting mix to offer each child.





We know that children respond positively to encouragement, and with the occasional helping hand, girls and boys come to relish taking part in a wide range of sporting activities.

We believe that pupils should experience as many sports as possible and learn to appreciate the necessity to be sporting as well as competitive. We value participation, team spirit and a will to win.

With a growing fixture list which allows as many children to represent the school as possible, we have a long held reputation as a school with a rich sporting history. Many of our teams and individuals in sports such as cricket, swimming, athletics and biathlon, perform extremely well at a local, regional and national level.

Excellent sports facilities

The indoor swimming pool is an impressive facility and in use all year round. Behind the main school building, the spacious sports hall, with its impressive cricket nets, football, netball and basketball facilities, is complemented by a gymnasium and sports pitches.

Imaginatively equipped play areas give children the freedom to unwind and play creatively. There are a whole host of physical activities to try, including Dance and Ballet in our specially equipped Studio. Horse riding, Biathlon and Archery are also very popular and we are always looking for new opportunities for pupils to find something they enjoy.

Competition and fair play are valued in equal measure.





"The whole Yateley Manor experience is exceptional. Children are encouraged to participate wholeheartedly in every aspect of school life and are offered opportunities to discover and develop a diverse range of interests and talents."

Parent



Children love to learn new skills

We want every child to leave Yateley Manor as a well-rounded individual, confident yet empathetic, with a broad range of interests and a sound knowledge and genuine desire to learn.

We know children love to learn new skills and eagerly embrace new ideas. Children are encouraged to step bravely into unfamiliar territory and make the most of the opportunities afforded them at Yateley Manor.

A voyage of discovery

The range of intellectually stimulating Options and Clubs available is diverse. For instance Chess is highly popular, with a national reputation and tuition from an international master available to pupils of all abilities and ages. Debating builds confidence and stretches even the most articulate and able children. Clubs and activities available include Dance, Master Chef, Photography and Art, Green Fingers and many others.

A broad experience gives children a clear perspective on life's challenges.



An appreciation of the world at large



At Yateley Manor we offer your child the opportunity to experience life beyond the school grounds, be it a fieldwork trip to explore the Isle of Purbeck, a visit to discover the mechanics of our Parliament in Whitehall, a residential trip to Normandy where Year 7 pupils are immersed in a foreign language, inspirational trips to London galleries and museums, or a sports tour to South Africa.

Each year the School Council, which includes children from Years 3 to 8, selects a charity to support; one that helps local children of a similar age and often their families. Appeals and activities raise awareness and valuable funds in equal measure.





Fully equipped for the road ahead

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 undertake a two-year programme, The Yateley Manor Award, which includes events that aim to promote:

- Team building
- Independence
- Leadership
- A sense of community
- Self-awareness



“The final years transformed him from a shy young child into becoming a prefect and a big fish in a small pond. He is now a young adult any parent would be proud of.”

Parent

Children can achieve bronze, silver and gold award status. Their log books prove to be a thorough, reflective summary of their memorable final two years at Yateley Manor.

In their last year, children blossom as young people, and they take on important roles in the daily life of the school community as school captains, prefects and monitors. The Senior School pastoral programme builds awareness of others and promotes leadership and teamwork.

Prepared for a bright future

Yateley Manor is an independent preparatory school. After leaving, children head for a wide range of schools for the next stage of their educational journey. Together, we will prepare and support your child as he or she prepares for this next step, with regular communication and consultation between parents and staff.

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“These years gave my son a sense of responsibility and prepared him for the highly competitive environment he now faces in secondary education.”

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