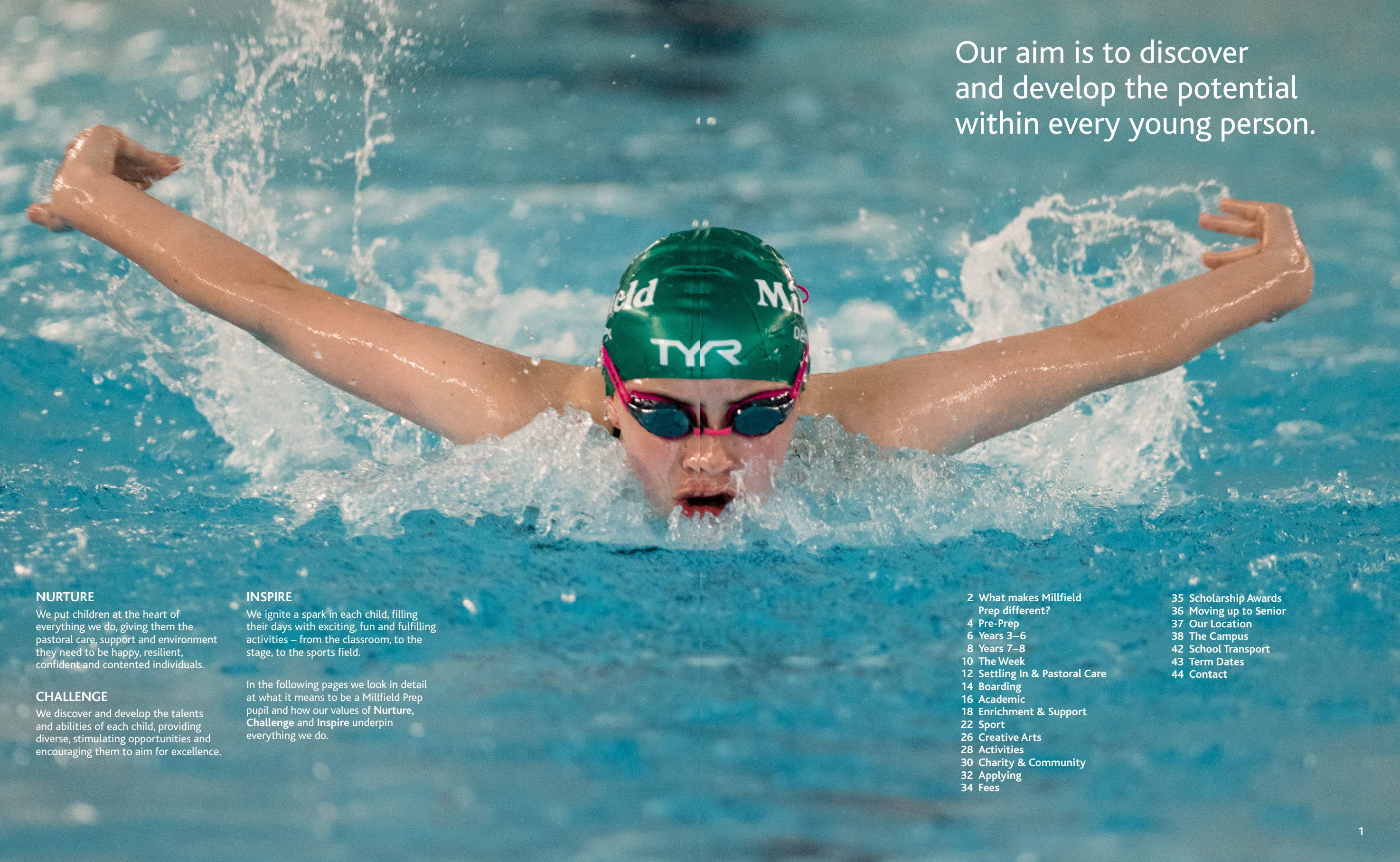




MILLFIELD
PREP SCHOOL



**2019/2020
PROSPECTUS**

A young swimmer is captured in the middle of a stroke in a swimming pool. They are wearing a green swim cap with 'TYR' and 'Millfield' visible, and pink-rimmed goggles. Their arms are extended forward, and water is splashing around their head and arms. The background is a deep blue pool.

Our aim is to discover
and develop the potential
within every young person.

NURTURE

We put children at the heart of everything we do, giving them the pastoral care, support and environment they need to be happy, resilient, confident and contented individuals.

CHALLENGE

We discover and develop the talents and abilities of each child, providing diverse, stimulating opportunities and encouraging them to aim for excellence.

INSPIRE

We ignite a spark in each child, filling their days with exciting, fun and fulfilling activities – from the classroom, to the stage, to the sports field.

In the following pages we look in detail at what it means to be a Millfield Prep pupil and how our values of **Nurture**, **Challenge** and **Inspire** underpin everything we do.

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Happy. Purposeful. Confident. Perhaps the best way to introduce Millfield Prep is to start with the children who learn with us. From the moment they arrive, aged two onwards, we help them develop their character, resilience, relationships, abilities, skills and knowledge. We provide the world-class resources, opportunities and teaching they need to identify their talents and achieve their full potential.



The Government's Independent Schools Inspectorate observed that "pupils' attitudes to their work and learning are excellent." In addition, The Good Schools Guide review states that "Millfield Prep really is a school which has pretty well everything for pretty well everybody."

These words are music to our ears. We know that if we can create a positive environment then our children will be enthusiastic about learning, develop resilience and strive for excellence.

We are delighted to offer the facilities of a large institution, but always remain focused on the individual. With small class sizes – normally 10–16 – we really get to know each child. Wherever possible, we tailor our teaching around what is right for them – stretching the most able and supporting those who need an extra helping hand, whilst never overlooking those in the middle. To us, there is no such thing as 'average'.

Just like our pupils, we are always learning and innovating too. We fully embrace new technology and use iPads to make classes more engaging and inspiring. We are also utilising the teaching of mindfulness to promote pupil health and wellbeing.

At the same time, we understand the importance of getting outside and learning through doing. We have 160 acres of grounds – the equivalent of 90 football pitches – so have ample space for outdoor learning, sports and activities. We also make the most of our rural Somerset location, offering excursions for activities such as caving and sailing, riding and go karting.

Of course, kindling their enthusiasm is just the beginning. We provide the range of facilities that enable every child to pursue their individual passions: a recital hall, an art, design and technology centre and five science laboratories; a golf course, equestrian centre, 25-metre swimming pool and a shooting range. Whether it's theatre or music, mathematics or languages, food technology or science, we set the stage for excellence.

It is important to us that we work closely with parents. We provide updates every half term on academic progress and have Parents' Meetings twice a year. There are topical Parent Talks, social events such as coffee mornings and quiz nights, alongside opportunities to watch your children play sport or perform in productions and concerts.

I hope this prospectus gives you a flavour of what Millfield Prep is all about. If you would like to visit the school and find out more, we would be delighted to arrange it.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shayler'.

Shirley Shayler
Headmistress

PRE-PREP
(Ages 2–7)

Education in the Early Years (ages 2 to 5) and Key Stage 1 (ages 5 to 7) is about inspiration. During these precious years, we aim to ignite a flame and develop a passion for learning that will last a lifetime.

To kindle the spark, we combine small class sizes, experienced teachers and a broad range of subjects, as well as superb indoor and outdoor spaces. We also run over 20 free after-school activities and specialist paid-for clubs, all of which add variety and opportunities to learn new skills. It's an approach to teaching that allows each child to make the most of their talents and potential.

IGNITING A LOVE OF LEARNING

We focus on giving children a thorough grounding in reading, writing and mathematics, alongside an inspirational topic-based curriculum including history, geography and science. Other lessons include French, swimming, games, cookery, ICT and Forest School. We use a range of methods – from child-led learning to experiential classes – to make sure school is always fun and engaging.

NURTURING CREATIVITY

Creativity is at the heart of the Pre-Prep experience, whether it's music, art, drama or just getting a bit messy. We are delighted to welcome specialist music teachers from the Prep School who open eyes (and ears) through performing in concerts, music lessons and teaching violin to the whole of Year 2. There's also plenty of fun to be had with pottery, design and technology, creative dance, collage and more.

BEING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

We believe that playing lots of different games not only develops strength, skill, co-ordination and teamwork, it also instils a healthy approach to life and learning. Each week children receive swimming lessons in our 25 metre heated indoor pool and PE and games sessions that include dance, gymnastics and ball skills.

SPACE AND FREEDOM TO EXPLORE

Our pupils enjoy plenty of time outside – from the walled and sensory gardens to Forest School, the orchards and soft play area. We hold lessons outdoors throughout the seasons, including making freshly baked rolls in our bread oven and observing and measuring how plants grow. And we run trips locally and further afield, helping children broaden their knowledge of the world around them.

YEARS 3–5
(Ages 7–10)

ACADEMIC

Pupils engage with an inspiring, thematic and international, inquiry-based curriculum designed to enable the pupils to become independent and collaborative global learners. There is a strong emphasis on research as well as reading and understanding, which is supported by the target-set Accelerated Reader programme. A Maths Challenge Day, when pupils take part in problem-solving tasks, enhances the Mathematics curriculum. A number of pupils take part in general knowledge, maths and science quizzes against other local schools. French, Spanish and Latin are taught with an emphasis on the spoken word and children concentrate on learning one language each year. Chess lessons for all Years 3–5 children with our resident Grandmaster help to develop logical thinking skills. Pupils are taught by specifically trained Junior teachers with subject specialist teachers for Languages, Design & Technology, ICT, Music, PE and Games. Digital learning, with our bank of iPads, enhances academic lessons across all subjects, consolidating and expanding the pupils' knowledge. Pupils are formally taught IT skills such as coding and using multiple applications.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Educational trips and theme days are integral to learning. Children take part in an average of six experiences a year, including visiting Maiden Castle, Bristol Zoo, interactive science centre We The Curious, developing an understanding of water by visiting a water treatment works, farm visits, a trip to Longleat to develop understanding of animal conversation and touring the largest limestone quarry in Britain. They take their learning outside during science experiments and maths investigations, Forest School and enjoying composing tunes on their outdoor music equipment as well as performing poetry and taking part in debates in the newly-built wooden amphitheatre.

CREATIVE ARTS

All pupils are involved in drama productions during the year which include dance, singing and ensemble accompaniment. They help with prop design, costumes and programme design and are proud to perform to the Millfield Prep community, parents and friends. Art skills are developed using a variety of media, from clay, textiles and paint, to use of the natural landscape. As well as class music lessons in Years 3 and 5, all Year 4 pupils play an orchestral instrument in small group lessons. This culminates in ensemble and orchestral concerts, performed at Millfield Prep.



YEAR 6
(Ages 10–11)

ACADEMIC

Pupils continue to learn with a thematic, linked inquiry-based curriculum whilst also being taught by specialist teachers. All Year 6 learn a language, which can include Latin, French or Spanish, or a combination, depending on the child's ability. A number of pupils are involved in the Key Stage 2 National Science and General Knowledge quizzes and top mathematicians can take part in the school's Maths Academy. Pupils are given an iPad for the year in order to prepare them for Year 7 and 8, to aid and consolidate learning. Pupils benefit from many school based curriculum activities such as Humanities Day, which includes workshops on migration and immigration, as well as modern day slavery and numerous curriculum entry points which include; den building, training to be an Astronaut, Geodesic domes and political debating. Year 6 are introduced to the Thoughtful Learner programme, which encourages perseverance, independence, reasoning and listening skills. Pupils can apply for the Year 6 Supporters programme which offers leadership opportunities and training for pastoral roles such as working with pupils in the younger years during lunch and break times.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

In the Summer Term, Year 6 spend three days at a PGL Centre where they take part in a range of activities such as abseiling, building rafts, climbing, tree top trails and zip wiring. They also enjoy a variety of sports to develop their skills in teamwork, communication, resilience and independence. Geography studies are supported by a field trip to Carymoor Environmental Trust to learn about waste recycling and life in a Kenyan shanty town.

CREATIVE ARTS

Every child has the opportunity to be involved in the yearly drama production, either as actors or support crew. There is a visit to Millfield's Sculpture Park and art gallery, where pupils take photos on iPads to inspire their own artworks. And, always popular with their audience, all Year 6 pupils learn to play the ukulele and perform in an end of term concert.



YEAR 7
(Ages 11–12)

ACADEMIC

Year 7 is the start of Key Stage 3 where pupils are taught a broad range of subjects by specialist teachers. Pupils bring their own iPads to lessons to support learning. As part of the English curriculum pupils are taught tips for successful public speaking including structuring a speech, the art of persuasion and the use of visual aids. They put this into practice in their Speak Out competition where they draw on what they've learned to deliver a presentation on a topic of their choice. Many have the opportunity to take part in prestigious competitions and Year 7 and 8 pupils have celebrated success in UK Maths Challenges and other maths competitions. Top mathematicians can also take part in the school's Maths Academy. Pupils have the exciting opportunity to embark on trips in the UK and overseas, which provide valuable cross-curricular experiences that reinforce the academic curriculum.

Late in the summer term, pupils have a careers morning and spend a day at Millfield.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

Supporting their ecology studies and as part of the school's Eco Day, Year 7 visit Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetland Trust to study and sketch the wetland habitat. They playfully storm Chepstow Castle on a field trip during their medieval history studies. As part of the multi activity programme, there is an opportunity to visit Shapwick Nature Reserve and assist with environmental tasks that can include hedge laying, planting and maintaining footpaths. A highlight of the summer is the Year 7 Camp in the school grounds. Pupils set up their own tents, cook meals and learn how to make a camp fire. Activities during their camp include caving, mountain biking and walking in the Mendips.

CREATIVE ARTS

In the spring term, Year 7 put on a lavish drama production and everyone has the opportunity to take part. Evening of Song is a themed musical event for the whole year group which is open for family and friends to attend. On Cross-Curricular Day pupils enjoy workshops in a number of creative areas, including art, sculpture and making music. Recent themes have included Native American, Commonwealth and Spanish Day.

LEADERSHIP

After the summer half term, Year 7 take on Monitor roles which include Eco Monitor responsibilities and helping other pupils in the IT department. Several pupils take on the role of hosting at Parents' Meetings and many are involved with looking after prospective visiting pupils or helping as guides for new pupils. Pupils also have the opportunity to apply to be on the Digital Council.



YEAR 8
(Ages 12–13)

ACADEMIC

Pupils are taught a wide range of subjects by specialist teachers and are thoroughly prepared for trial exams in February and senior school entry exams in June. All Year 8 pupils attend 'Elevate' workshops twice a year to motivate and inspire them with useful revision techniques. Year 8 scientists are chosen to take part in Salters' Chemistry Festival at the University of Bath and there are opportunities to enter maths competitions and attend the Maths Academy throughout the year. Pupils have the exciting opportunity to embark on trips in the UK and overseas, which provide valuable cross-curricular experiences that reinforce many areas of the curriculum. The use of iPads is embedded into lessons, prep and independent work.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Geography department lead a fieldtrip to the Jurassic Coast, (a World Heritage Site) in the autumn term. Pupils investigate how the sea is responsible for shaping the coastline at Lulworth Cove, Stair Hole and Durdle Door. On Wednesday afternoons, Year 8 pupils are selected on rotation to volunteer their services at a nearby nature reserve at Shapwick Heath. They round off their final term at the prep school with a residential trip; previous trips have included Eden Project in Cornwall to experience a range of activities within the biomes and outside, and kayaking and raft building in South Wales. To aid the smooth transition to senior school life, they attend a number of sporting and musical events at Millfield throughout the year.

CREATIVE ARTS

Trips include a day at the National Museum of Art in Cardiff, studying famous pieces including Monet, Van Gogh and Renoir and creating their own artworks in the style of a popular artist. There are many opportunities for musicians to take part in concerts, house singing and informal tea and music events throughout the year. Drawing on all they've learned in performing arts throughout their time at school, Year 8 put on a spectacular musical production in the autumn term, the most recent being 'Mary Poppins'. An inter-house 'Bake-Off' competition is organised in the summer term.

LEADERSHIP

Each term a Head Boy and Head Girl are chosen to represent the pupils at key events and also attend weekly meetings with the Headmistress. Alongside them, Heads of Games Houses and Heads of Boarding Houses set the tone as excellent role models to the rest of the school, helping and encouraging their younger peers. Pupils are selected to lead the school as Senior Monitors and Monitors in a variety of areas including pastoral, music, school and IT. Monitors' duties can include being tour guides on Open Days and helping with the Pre-Prep. Selected pupils are also encouraged to represent the views and suggestions of their peers on the School Council, Food Committee, Eco-Committee, Boarding Committee and Digital Council.

THE WEEK
(Years 3–8)

	TYPICAL WEEKDAY*	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
08:30	Tutor Time Assembly	Tutor Time	
09:00	Lessons	Lessons	Breakfast
10:00	Lessons Break 10:20 Lessons	Lessons Break 10:20 Lessons	Chapel (every 3 weeks) Boarding Activities
11:00	Lessons	Lessons	
12:00	Lunch / Activities	Lunch	
13:00	Lessons Lessons	Sports Matches / Activities	Boarders' Lunch Boarding Activities
14:00	Break 14:20 Lessons		
15:00	Lessons		Return to Boarding Houses
16:00	Games / Activities	End of Day	
17:00	Supper Prep 17.30-18.30	Boarders' Supper Boarders' Evening Activity Film Night / Quiz / Special Events	Boarders' Supper House Time
18:00			
19:00	Boarders' Evening Activities / House Time		
20:00	Bed (20:00 to 21:00)	Bed (20:00 to 21:00)	Bed (20:00 to 21:00)
21:00			

10 *On Wednesdays pupils have Activities after lunch until 15.20, and then Games/Clubs until 17.00



SETTLING IN

We understand that starting at a new school is a big step for your child and all the family. That’s why we do all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible.

The most happy and successful children are those who are at ease in their surroundings and confident around their teachers. So, by the time the first day arrives, we want you and your child to know what to expect and feel relaxed and comfortable in the new community.

Here are some ways we’ll help you and your child settle in:

INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION
Before your child starts, you’ll receive details of academic groupings, your child’s Group Tutor, contact numbers, as well as an outline of their first few days.

SCHOOL SHOP
Open during certain times in the summer holidays, you can book ‘kit out’ appointments online or order uniform for delivery to your home or boarding house.

PRE-SEASON SPORTS COURSES
Every term we hold pre-season sports courses. These are a great opportunity to meet staff, get orientated on campus, experience the dining hall and, of course, start making new friends in a relaxed, informal setting.

BOARDERS’ INDUCTION DAY
Held in the summer term before your child starts at Millfield Prep, this day gives everyone the opportunity to see their house, take part in workshop activities, ask questions and meet key members of staff including their houseparents. We also hold an international boarders’ induction day at the end of August.

TEAM BUILDING
In September all year groups are involved with team building activities, which helps tutors and children get to know each other and the campus.

A HELPING HAND
New children will be given a friendly guide to show them around the school and explain all the ins and outs of life at the Prep School. Boarders will also have an additional guide back at the boarding house.

REVIEW MEETINGS
During the opening weeks we provide lots of opportunities for parents to drop in and meet staff, your child’s Group Tutor and Head of Year.



PASTORAL CARE



We believe that for a child to be successful in and out of the classroom, they need to feel happy and secure in their environment. By inspiring children to make the most of the opportunities open to them at Millfield Prep, we can enable them to become confident and well-rounded young people.

SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD
We put pastoral care at the very heart of our school with an approach that involves all staff. Each week, key personnel, from the Headmistress and houseparents to the Chaplain and medical staff, hold a meeting with one agenda: the children and their wellbeing. Anything that impacts on a particular child’s wellbeing – whether the death of a beloved pet or family issues – will be communicated to all staff who have contact with that child, so they can offer support if needed.

HEALTH
The welfare and happiness of our children is vital to running such a busy and successful day and boarding school.

Healthy eating is an important part of this. Our catering department works hard to provide delicious, nutritious food for growing and active bodies and minds. All pupils can choose between several options for a hot lunch, including vegetarian, a full salad bar and a range of desserts and fresh fruit. There are tasty options available at supper as well, which day pupils are welcome to attend. The pupils chair a Food Committee to input in the menu choice.

If any child feels unwell, or is in need of any additional services, we have a team of trained experts on hand including daily doctor surgeries, a school counsellor and a physiotherapist. Podiatrist and orthodontist appointments can also be arranged.

WELLBEING
Children meet with their Group Tutor each morning, with a further session held on Fridays. These sessions can be used as a ‘checking in’ time to make sure children are happy with their balance of studies and chosen extra-curricular activities. They can also be used to discuss topical issues such as friendship, e-safety or nutrition, either as a whole year group or in smaller numbers using the ‘Circle Time’ approach. Circle Time is also used in the boarding houses by houseparents to reinforce the PSHEE curriculum.

We pride ourselves in listening to all our children and making sure they feel that Millfield Prep is ‘their school’. Ultimately, we feel this makes a happy and positive community in which children can thrive.



BOARDING

Boarding at Millfield Prep consists of three boys houses and two girls and provides children with a warm, positive environment in which they are motivated to grow in independence and achieve their potential. Boarders have the opportunity to develop new friendships and discover and pursue different interests, all under the supervision of their house staff.

Our boarding houses are set in idyllic grounds with plenty of open spaces. These include our own woods for building camps, an assault course, climbing wall, equestrian centre, golf course and tennis courts. In many ways our grounds perfectly reflect our philosophy on boarding: to combine a calm, homely environment with an exciting range of activities.

BOARDING OPTIONS

We have 135 full-time boarders and we also offer weekly, flexi and occasional boarding, depending on availability, where children stay two, three or four nights per week. This option can be particularly convenient for parents with work or social commitments or children with after-school or early morning tennis, swimming or riding lessons.

At Millfield Prep we find that boarding embraces a wide range of interpersonal, sporting and cultural abilities, producing pupils who are not only prepared for senior school, but the wider challenges of growing up.

DAY TO DAY LIFE

The boarding houses are led by houseparents, and ably supported by a resident team of assistants, tutors and matrons. This high level of adult support ensures the children experience a 'home from home environment', and have help with homework, packing their bags for school and reading before bedtime. As our ISI inspection report said, "the quality of boarding provision and care is excellent and the children thoroughly enjoy boarding."

Each day begins with a nutritious breakfast in the dining hall, where pupils also have lunch and dinner. In the evening, children can enjoy healthy snacks and fruit back at their house.

EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS

Millfield Prep offers a thriving boarding programme throughout the academic year. In the evening, children who wish to engage in leisure pursuits can try activities including tennis, trampolining, cricket and cookery. At weekends there are house trips, such as visits to the theatre, amusement parks and Bristol Harbourside, and fun activities including scuba diving in our pool, falconry, surfing and go karting. It all serves to make Millfield Prep a stimulating environment – a school that has a real busy buzz where the children are happy to stay during the weekend and try something new.

However, this doesn't mean you won't see your child until the end of each term. As well as catch-up meetings, parents are welcome to visit to support our drama productions, music concerts and sports fixtures. Children can also have regular contact with parents during the evenings and weekends via FaceTime, Skype and email.

All boarders have three exeats per year, but can also go home each weekend after their Saturday sporting commitments. Flexibility is key and we recognise the importance of working with parents to support them in planning their weekends.

ACADEMIC

At Millfield Prep we believe your school days set the foundations for a lifetime of fulfilment and success. We provide a quality learning environment with a happy, healthy, vibrant atmosphere. Alongside practical skills and knowledge, pupils are encouraged to develop lively and enquiring minds, the ability to question and debate rationally, and apply themselves.

SMALL CLASS SIZES

We are committed to small class sizes that rarely exceed 16 and are often less. This allows our teachers to focus on the things that matter in the classroom: teaching and learning, providing individual attention and care, and helping each pupil with their unique needs.

BROAD AND BALANCED CURRICULUM

How can you know where your talent lies, if you've never tried something? We believe in opening up as many doors as possible, enabling children to be challenged and inspired and experience a wide range of subjects and activities.

During Years 3 to 6 your child will be taught in small classes by a Group Tutor and subject specialists following the IPC curriculum. From Year 7 onwards pupils have specialist subject teachers, with their progress being overseen by their Group Tutor. English and Mathematics remain central to the curriculum, but pupils also study Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Information and Communication Technology, Art, Music, Drama and Physical Education. Language options include French, Spanish and Latin. We can also arrange additional classes in Mandarin and other languages on request for children in all years.

FLEXIBLE SETTING

Our curriculum is designed to engage, motivate, challenge and sustain the interest of every pupil, whatever their strengths or weaknesses.

From Year 3 onwards, we group pupils for Mathematics and English. This continues in Year 7 and 8 with the inclusion of setting for Languages. Our tailored approach ensures pupils receive the depth and breadth of educational experiences that are right for them.

We prepare pupils thoroughly for success in internal examinations, Millfield Scholarship examinations and entrance examinations, which can include Common Entrance. Pupils can also access various music boards' examinations and LAMDA examinations for Speech and Drama.

DIGITAL LEARNING

We believe that information technology has the power to transform education – promoting independent and collaborative learning, creativity and critical thinking.

The school is fully Wi-Fi enabled, with banks of iPads for pupil use in Years 3-5. Year 6 are provided with school owned iPads and pupils in Years 7 and 8 are required to bring in their own. All of our teachers have iPads and are trained in their use. Pupils are taught both information literacy and e-safety, encouraging them to make the best possible use of digital technology.



ENRICHMENT & SUPPORT

From the moment your child joins Millfield Prep, we provide a diverse, inspiring environment in which pupils of all abilities can develop their interests and extend their learning. We also go the extra mile to support and nurture those who need a helping hand.

ENRICHMENT

The most effective learning extends well beyond the classroom, and the opportunities for enrichment at Millfield Prep are plentiful and wide-ranging. Our programme of trips, talks, clubs and competitions is designed to inspire curiosity and a spirit of enquiry, and to enable the children to find new areas of interest and expand current ones.

TOP ACADEMICS

We work closely with our Senior School in providing a fertile environment for the intellectual development of our most promising academics. Potential high fliers are supported and encouraged and continually stretched and challenged, whether they are budding mathematicians, linguists, scientists or have a penchant for the arts.

SUPPORT

The Learning Development Centre (LDC) works hand in hand with the school and parents to ensure that pupils with learning differences get the support they need. Staffed by five full-time and one part-time dyslexia specialists, we work with children in small groups to develop literacy, numeracy and multi-sensory skills. The LDC also supports teaching, pastoral and support staff to make sure differentiation for learning is part of the school's overall culture.

The facilities and expertise of the LDC are among the best in the country. Alongside the permanent staff, we offer access to a range of additional assessments and peripatetic staff, including speech therapists, behavioural optometrists, educational psychologists, as well as specialist support teachers for 1:1.



The use of iPads and technology is embedded across the curriculum and has created a more engaging, active and challenging learning environment for our pupils.



Millfield is a name that's synonymous with sport. From the complete beginner to the Olympic medallist, we believe exercise and activity are essential to the wellbeing of our pupils, shaping their character, creativity and community spirit.

Wherever your child's talents lie they have the opportunity to be part of a sports team at Millfield Prep. Whether it's swimming or fencing, rugby or trampolining, we provide opportunities in a wide variety of fields. As well as traditional sports, we offer numerous other activities such as climbing, shooting, riding, go karting and sailing.

Our main focus is on teaching a balanced multi-sports programme which is designed to fulfil the needs and maximise the potential of all pupils. This enables our children to have a healthy attitude towards sport and physical activity, an outlook that can be beneficial for a lifetime.

Every child is encouraged to represent the school. In addition to our first teams who compete at the highest level in national competitions, we run a variety of other teams at every level: our aim is to ensure that all our pupils receive inspiring sports coaching and regular competitive opportunities.

We are renowned for our outstanding sporting facilities but there is much, much more to success than facilities. Many of our coaches are drawn from the pinnacle of their field, pairing experience and expertise with energy and enthusiasm. Our coaches offer tailored programmes for the most gifted individuals. For example, to help pupils realise their potential they could swim, play tennis, ride or play golf several times a week, and still balance their sport with their academic work and participation in other team sports.

Pupils have the chance to play sport every day and are encouraged to participate in extra squad or team training. In addition to curriculum PE and games training, regular matches are played during the week and on Saturdays.

25 SPORTS ON OFFER

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| Athletics | Polo |
| Basketball | Riding |
| Biathlon | Rounders |
| Chess | Rugby |
| Cricket | Sailing |
| Cross Country | Shooting |
| Dance | Squash |
| Fencing | Swimming |
| Football | Table Tennis |
| Golf | Tennis |
| Hockey | Trampolining |
| Modern Pentathlon | Triathlon |
| Netball | |



Our teams and individuals win many titles but, more importantly, every pupil will have the opportunity to represent the school and feel part of a team across the 25 sports on offer.



CREATIVE ARTS

We believe every child has their own creative spark and, during their time at Millfield Prep, we'll uncover and nurture this talent. Whether it's through art, music or drama, we use the arts to enable our pupils to express themselves and enjoy the freedom to be creative.

ART
The Art department is a hive of creative activity. Through its varied facilities, every child has the opportunity to work with a range of media and images to produce artwork and find their own individual strength.

As well as painting, drawing and photography, children will explore making 3D artworks using our stone and wood carving area and pottery studio. Our Artist in Residence works alongside the children, giving them the unique experience of learning through having a practising artist on their doorstep.

We understand the need for people to be able to think differently, to adapt and be creative. At Millfield Prep, we give pupils opportunities to build these strengths through rich and varied creative experiences.

DRAMA
Drama at Millfield Prep offers countless ways for children to explore their own talents, boost their self-confidence and learn to work together as a team. Every child has the opportunity to be part of one of many productions during the year, whether they are under the spotlight or working backstage. In this way, pupils can experience the richness of theatre, through acting, directing, writing, designing or stage management.

Every pupil from Years 3–8 receives weekly Drama tuition from one of our three specialist teachers. Media Studies is part of this, and pupils enjoy producing their own adverts, film trailers and music videos.

We have recently introduced a portable TV studio where pupils can learn to produce, edit and manage sound and lighting for film productions. They can also create music videos and DVDs.

MUSIC
We aim to inspire all our pupils to reach their full musical potential, whatever their starting point. This takes more than just specialist teaching and excellent facilities, it means building a positive atmosphere and broadening pupils' creative horizons.

There are 19 music ensembles, orchestras and choirs for our pupils to join and our thriving music calendar provides almost weekly performance opportunities. As well as traditional concerts, we have introduced innovative events and workshops with professional musicians (such as the BBC National Orchestra of Wales and Renewal Gospel Choir). Pupils also have ample opportunities to perform externally and recent venues have included London's O2 Arena, The Birmingham Genting Arena and Wells Cathedral. In addition to this, we have an international music tour to Salzburg and Munich scheduled for Christmas 2020. Inspiration is just the beginning and our large, newly refurbished Music department provides the perfect environment for lessons and practice. We have 16 teaching rooms with pianos, plus two classrooms fully equipped with 16 iMacs for composition work and Yamaha grand pianos. For performances, we have our own purpose-built Recital Hall with seating for 200 people.





ACTIVITIES

Our Activities programme gives our pupils the opportunity to try new experiences, discover different interests and build self-confidence. There are over 130 indoor and outdoor clubs and activities on offer, from practical to creative, adventurous to reflective. Most clubs have no cost other than those requiring specialist materials or external tuition, such as Dance or Sailing.

EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES

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| American Football | Mandarin Chinese |
| Art Club | Model Making |
| Athletic Development | Music Theory |
| Brass Group | Orchestra |
| Bushcraft | Percussion |
| Chess | Photography & Arts Award |
| Choir | Pony Club |
| Clay Shooting | Pottery |
| Climbing | Prop Making |
| Coding & Programming | Rock Band |
| Cookery | Run/Shoot Club |
| Dance | Russian for Fun |
| Drama | Sailing |
| Fencing | Shooting Range |
| Golf | Show Dance |
| Grow Your Own Food | Soft Toy Making |
| Guitar Group | Spanish for Fun |
| Gymnastics | Stage Craft |
| Handwriting & Keyboard Skills | Strings Group |
| Jazz Band | Swimmers' Pilates |
| Judo | Table Tennis |
| Karate | Trampolining |
| Kit Car Club | Wind Band |
| Latin for Fun | Woodwork |

CHARITY & COMMUNITY

From our youngest children in the Pre-School through to our Year 8 pupils, community spirit is at the heart of school life at Millfield Prep.

We support a number of diverse charities as a whole school, and the children choose a local, national and international charity close to their hearts to raise money for during the year. Fundraising initiatives include running miles, baking cakes, growing money through business ideas and mufti days. These events go a long way to make our pupils aware of wider issues in the outside world and consider how they can make a difference.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the world and teaching pupils about sustainability is important to us. Our pupils have the opportunity to get involved in conservation work at a local nature reserve, be part of a pupil-led Eco Committee and take part in Eco Days, which highlight the process of waste, recycling and management of important resources.

We are delighted to have been awarded our fifth Green Flag, as part of the Eco-Schools programme.

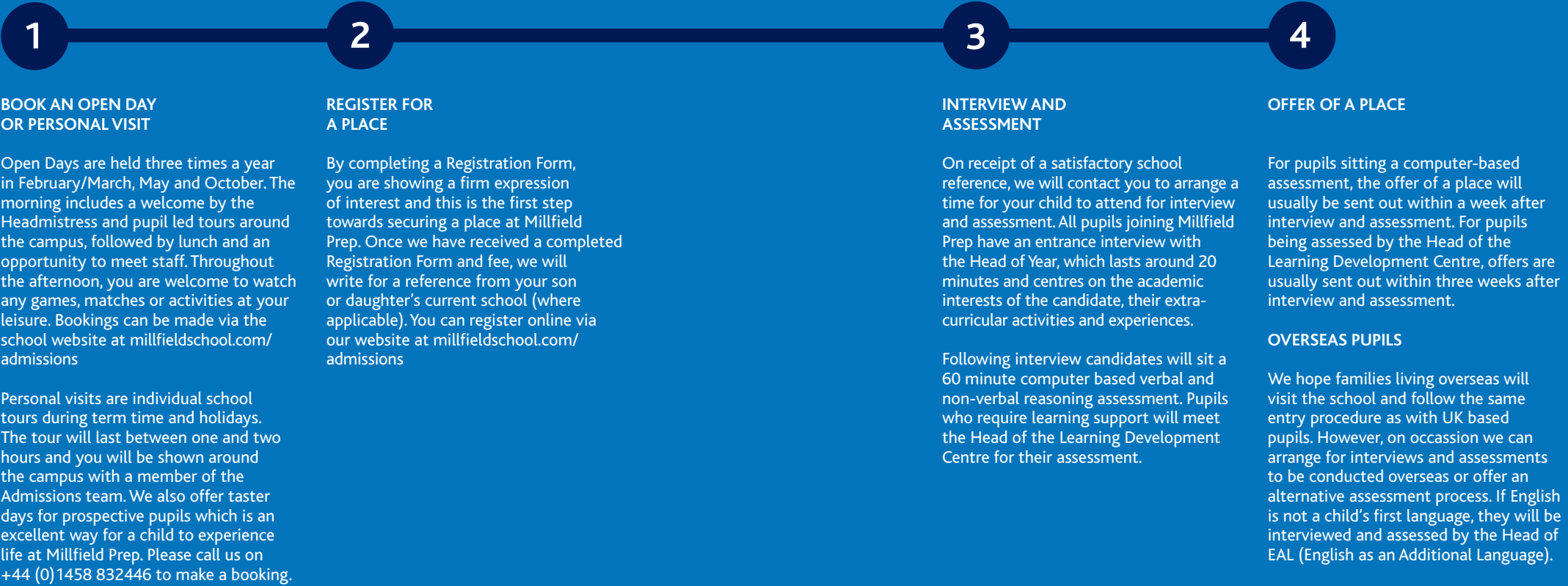


APPLYING

Entry to Millfield Prep is possible into all year groups, with the largest intake at Year 7 (age 11+). We will consider entry in January and April, as well as in September.

Our selection process is designed to identify pupils who are able to benefit from our balanced and well-rounded education and to make a positive contribution towards the life of the school. We are looking for well-motivated boys and girls with a genuine interest in education in the broadest sense of the word, and interests that stretch beyond the academic curriculum.

Our admissions process involves the following steps:



FEES

Millfield Prep’s fees are as inclusive as possible and extras are kept to a minimum. The day fee includes tuition, most activities at school, lunch, games and prep, textbook loan, pupils’ personal accident insurance, contribution to travel and accommodation when representing the school and internet access. The boarding fee includes all of the above plus breakfast, supper, healthcare and laundry.

REGISTRATION FEE
A non-refundable Registration Fee of £175 is payable when a pupil’s name is first registered for entry. There is no Registration Fee at Pre-School and Pre-Prep entry.

ACCEPTANCE FEE
When a place is offered, an Acceptance Fee of £750 is required to confirm entry. Of the total amount, £250 is non-refundable and £500 will be credited on the final extras bill. For those pupils who do not take up their place, Millfield will retain the whole Acceptance Fee. There is an Acceptance Deposit of £100 for the Pre-Prep School which will be credited on the final extras bill.

DEPOSIT (overseas pupils only)
In addition to the Acceptance Fee, an additional deposit equal to one term’s fees is payable before entry. This deposit is refundable, less the final term’s extras, when the pupil leaves the school.

FEES IN ADVANCE
The school operates a fees in advance scheme which offers a discount for fees paid in advance for future terms. Further details are available from the Fees Office.

Full details of our fees and charges can be found on our school website: millfieldschool.com/fees

TERMLY FEES		
Autumn 2019 – Summer 2020		
PRE-PREP SCHOOL		
Reception, Years 1 and 2		£2,835
PRE-SCHOOL		
(Tadpoles and Frogs)		
Full time		£2,175
Daily session		£45.85
Morning session		£28.20
8.30am –12 noon		
Morning session		£32.95
8.30am –1.30pm		
(including lunch)		
Minimum sessions per week on separate days: 2 for Tadpoles, 3 for Frogs		
PREP SCHOOL		
Day (Year 3)		£3,605
Day (Year 4)		£4,120
Day (Year 5)		£4,635
Day (Year 6)		£5,150
Day (Years 7 and 8)		£6,235
Boarding		£9,460
(Full and Weekly, Years 3–8)		
Flexi-boarding (per term)		
2 nights		£1,090
3 nights		£1,635
4 nights		£2,180
Occasional boarding		£59.00
(per night)		

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We offer Academic, Art, Chess, Music and general Sport Scholarships, as well as specific Golf, Riding, Swimming and Tennis Scholarships. We also welcome applications for scholarships from good all-rounders; boys and girls who have reached a good standard academically and show promise in specific areas such as Music, Art or Sport.

Scholarships may be honorary or carry a nominal fee reduction of up to 15% of fees. If a scholarship has been awarded, parents in genuine financial need can also apply for a means-tested bursary.

A small number of Headmistress’ Scholarships of up to 50% may also be available in recognition of exceptional excellence in a particular area or areas.

The next Millfield Prep Scholarship assessment days take place on the 16 and 17 January 2020.

Full details about our scholarships and bursaries can be found on our school website at millfieldschool.com/scholarships. Alternatively you can request a Scholarship brochure by emailing admissions@millfieldprep.com or by telephone +44 (0)1458 832446.



MOVING UP TO SENIOR

We are very much a 'prep' school in its broadest terms, preparing your child for the next stage of their education. Whilst the vast majority of our pupils move on to Millfield to take advantage of their excellent Nine at Millfield programme, we do also prepare pupils for other schools, be they local or far flung. Pupils prepare for end of year examinations in conjunction with the Continuous Curriculum which leads into the Year 9 academic programme. By following these programmes of study pupils could also sit Common Entrance or Scholarship examinations for other schools, if appropriate. We liaise closely with senior schools to ensure that pupils are given the best possible chance to get to where they wish to go.

Throughout Year 7 and 8 pupils and parents are given opportunities to familiarise themselves with Millfield. This culminates in the post exam programme in Year 8 with sports and academic sessions run at Millfield. This gives pupils in particular a chance to see what life is like beyond the Prep School. In turn, Senior School staff and pupils visit us to give pupils a chance to ask questions to help them grow in confidence and prepare for the move.



In Year 8 pupils are given opportunities to develop greater independence whilst retaining a broad outlook. Pupils are encouraged to maintain a wide range of interests spanning sports, the arts and academic challenges. Boarders return to their house to complete their prep rather than doing their work in school. They are encouraged to apply to become Monitors and take leadership roles.

Progression through the Prep School is very much centred on preparing your child for the challenges they will face at senior school. When they leave us we will be sorry to see them go but we know they are ready for the next exciting stage of their young lives.

OUR LOCATION

Millfield Schools are situated in the beautiful rural South West of England in the county of Somerset.

Within only a ten minute drive of each other, Millfield Prep is in the historic town of Glastonbury and Millfield is in Street. The schools enjoy excellent motorway, rail and air links.

BY ROAD
Leave the M5 motorway at Junction 23 and join the A39 eastwards for approximately 13 miles. At the roundabout take the third exit onto the A361 and continue for approximately 2 miles.

From the M3 leave the motorway at Junction 8 and join the A303 westwards and then the A37/A361.

BY RAIL
Castle Cary railway station is approximately 20 minutes away by taxi. The journey from London Paddington to Castle Cary is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes. There are also railway stations at Bath (30 miles away) and Bristol (29 miles away).

BY AIR
London Heathrow and Gatwick airports are only a few hours away and are well served by train connections. In addition, Bristol and Exeter airports are within a distance of 25 miles and 55 miles respectively.



Millfield Prep's facilities are world-class.
Experience them for yourself
– millfieldschool.com/prepvisualtour



THE CAMPUS

- Chapel

School Shop

Dining Hall & Library

Golf Academy

Edgarley Hall

Medical Centre

Art, Design & Technology

English, Languages & Maths

Junior Department & LDC

Junior Department, Humanities & ICT

Science

Summer House (The Hermitage)

Cricket Pavilion

Shooting Range

Athletics, Throwing & Jumping
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- BOARDING HOUSES

Hollies (Girls)

Champion (Girls)

Edgarley Manor (Boys)

Chestnut (Boys)

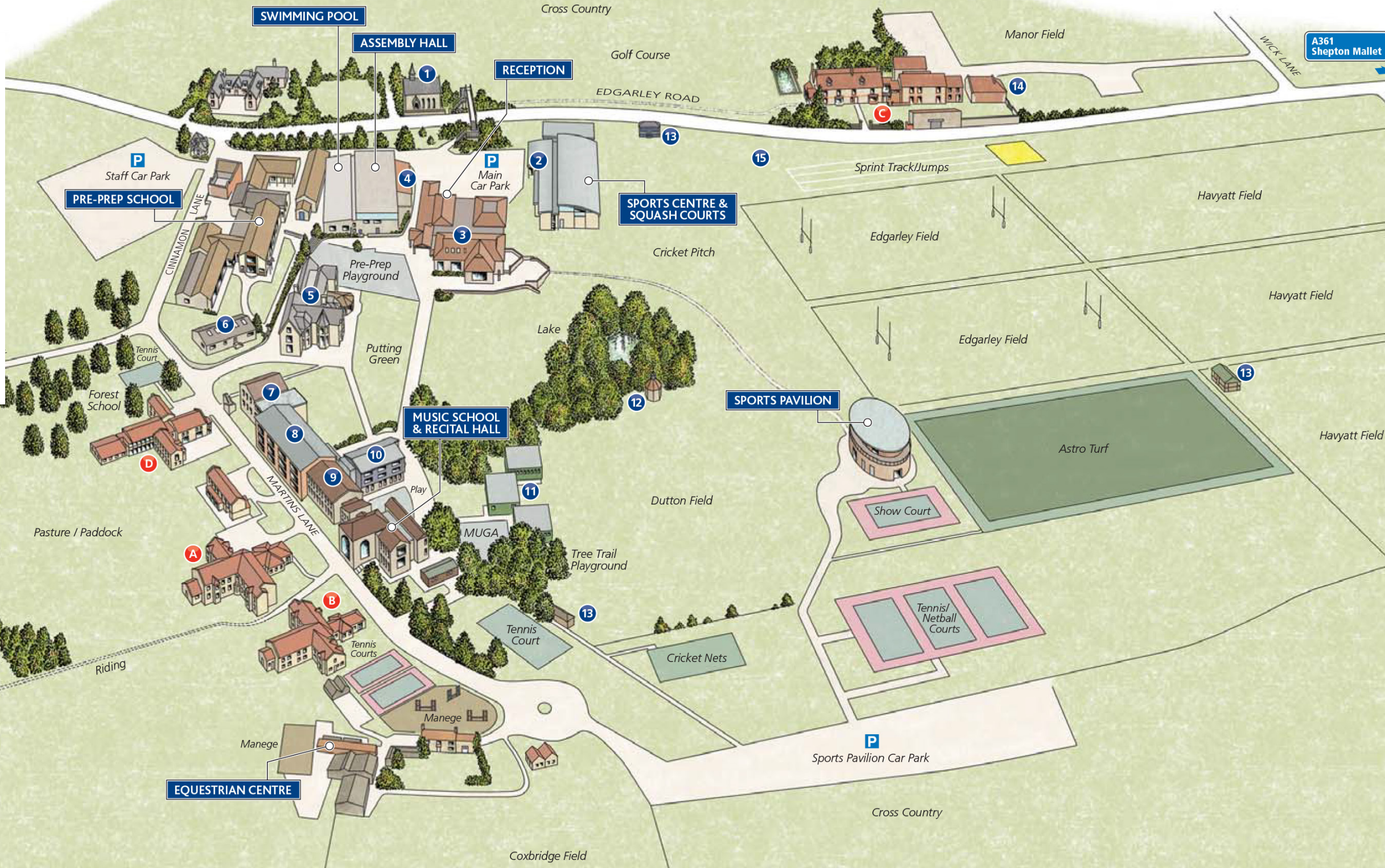
Berewall (Boys)
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SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Millfield Prep has a dedicated Travel Office on site to provide guidance and a booking service for our pupils.

BOARDERS
School coaches run to London, Fleet Services (Hampshire) and Countess Services (Wiltshire) at the beginning and end of terms and during exeat weekends. Taxis and minibuses can also be ordered, according to demand, for regional airports and other destinations.

DAY PUPILS
A school minibus service operates a daily service within the Bath/Frome, Castle Cary, Farrington Gurney, Highbridge/Wedmore, Langport, Taunton/ Bridgwater, Wells and Yeovil areas.

The routes are flexible so contact us for information.

DAY PUPILS' MINIBUS SERVICE



TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2020

Boarders return
Sunday 6 September

Term Starts
Monday 7 September

September Exeat
Friday 25 September (12.20pm) to Sunday 27 September (evening)*

Half Term
Friday 16 October (12.20pm) to Sunday 1 November (evening)

End of Term
Friday 11 December (12.20pm)

SPRING TERM 2021

Boarders Return
Sunday 5 January

Term Starts
Monday 6 January

Half Term
Friday 12 February (3.00pm) to Sunday 21 February (evening)

End of Term
Friday 26 March (3.00pm)

SUMMER TERM 2021

Boarders return
Sunday 18 April

Term Starts
Monday 19 April

Half Term
Saturday 29 May (4.30pm) to Sunday 6 June (evening)

End of Term
Friday 2 July (12.20pm)

*The school is closed on these weekends

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