

COUNTRY LIFE

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School Life

December, as well as a 50m pool, water sports on a stretch of the River Huntspill, renowned equestrian facilities with cross-country course and polo field, sailing on Chew Valley lake, caving, climbing, canocing and hearty-sounding British Military Fitness sessions. Next open day: October 3
www.millfieldschool.com

Brymore Academy, Somerset **Acreage 60**

This state boarding school for boys, lying beneath the Quantock Hills, offers the atmosphere of an agriculture college with mainstream education that includes GCSE agriculture and land use. There's strong emphasis on fitness, with a weekly 'Chad's Hill' run and mountain biking, and on practicality: pupils can learn tractor driving from age 13, plus beekeeping, blacksmithing and welding and have their own fruit-and-vegetable plot. They will join in calving, lambing and milking, looking after beef and dairy herds, British chickens. Milk is sold through eat and eggs in the farm shop.
brymoreacademy.co.uk

Malvern College, Devon

A co-ed school, which majors is set between Exmoor and thus enjoys all the natural and rugged coast; surfing especially in the big waves Cornish coast. Activities nearby National Trust property hydrock, hiking, rowing, ant-balling, go-karting, cycling the Tarka Trail.
malverncollege.co.uk

Truro School, Cornwall

Although the school is next to the cathedral city, it makes full use of the county's natural gifts, especially the coast—the sports centre is named for a distinguished former pupil, Olympic gold medal sailor Sir Ben Ainslie. The DoE award and Ten Tors, at which Truro excels, are big parts of school life. Clubs and activities include military fitness training, kayaking, surfing, riding, sea-fishing and snorkelling and marine identification. A 'Green Finger Group' looks into sustainability, growing vegetables and upcycling.
www.truroschoo.com



The long ridge of the Malvern Hills is open to pupils of Malvern College, Worcestershire

Belhaven Hill, East Lothian **Acreage Compact, but access to near-infinite space**

An exceptional setting beside the beach and a golf course. Activities include, obviously, golf, plus riding, fly-tying and a walled garden in which pupils can have individual plots.
www.belhavenhill.com

Prep schools

Belhaven Hill, East Lothian **Acreage 20**

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Aysgarth, North Yorkshire **Acreage 50**

Much-garlanded, high-achieving, all-boys prep in an idyllic location at the gateway to Wensleydale and the Dales. It's renowned for its outdoor life—'where boys can be boys'—whether it be building dens, fishing, sailing, riding, golf, bike riding or climbing.
www.aysgarthschool.com

Mowden, Northumberland **Acreage 50**

There's a strong emphasis on outdoor pursuits at this predominantly boarding prep, where the largely wooded grounds, which house a BMX track, are made for camping and adventures. Clubs include climbing wall, river scrambling, gardening and croquet.
www.mowdenhall.co.uk



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