



BRANWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Committed to excellence in education

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Headmistress's Welcome

As the Headmistress of Branwood Preparatory School, it is my privilege to introduce you to our wonderful school community. Branwood has a rich history of providing an exceptional education to young minds, where every child is nurtured to achieve their fullest potential. Our mission is to create a warm, supportive, and stimulating environment where academic excellence goes hand in hand with personal growth and development.

At Branwood, we believe that education is about more than just acquiring knowledge; it is about fostering curiosity, creativity, and a lifelong love of learning. Our dedicated and passionate staff are committed to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum that challenges and inspires our pupils. We encourage them to explore their interests, develop their talents, and cultivate the confidence and resilience needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We pride ourselves on our close-knit community, where every child is known and valued as an individual. Our small class sizes ensure that each pupil receives the attention and support they need to succeed, both academically and personally. We work closely with parents and families, understanding that education is a partnership, and together, we strive to create the best possible experience for every child. Branwood is such a special place to learn and grow.

With warm regards,
Tanya Davie
Headmistress



"My daughter had a late start to Branwood Preparatory, as we just moved to the country last year. We couldn't have made a better choice as we've felt that this school is so welcoming, safe, well organised and well rounded. Since September my daughter has grown both academically and socially and has been exposed to a variety of activities outside of the classroom, such as forest school, violin, recorder, gymnastics, debate club and more. My daughter is excited to go to school each day, as she has built great relationships with both the pupils and staff. I highly recommend this school as I am super pleased with everything it has to offer."

Chauntée Thompson (Feb 2023)

Medieval

Renaissance

up to 1450

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'Renaissance' means 'rebirth' and at the time. Composers wrote a style that was clearly



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
1756-1791

Counterpoint and other

- Unaccompanied just intonation
- Used for: Mass, Motet



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Aims & Ethos

At Branwood we place great emphasis on a broad and inclusive education, in a nurturing and supportive environment, whilst striving for excellence in all that we do.

In celebrating each child for the unique qualities they bring to our community, we encourage them to explore and develop their interests, gain confidence in their abilities, and seize the rich opportunities life offers.

We seek to prepare all our children for a life of learning and fulfilment, and for the fast-changing world of the 21st century as responsible, active, and compassionate global citizens.

In all that they do, we encourage our children to 'Educate, Develop, Explore', and to be the best that they can be.



The school's motto, which helps us to achieve our aims, is **SCORE**:

Scholarship – to foster a love of learning, intellectual curiosity, independence of thought, and effective learning habits.

Character – to develop resilience and confidence, and to inculcate integrity and to foster a vibrant school community, built on trust and respect, and instil a sense of social responsibility.

Opportunity – to provide a rich and stimulating school experience, where our pupils can explore and develop their interests, gifts and talents, and discover new ones.

Resilience – where all are valued as individuals; one which provides the opportunity for participation in a rich and diverse co-curricular programme and which is underpinned by a culture of respect for ourselves and others.

Environment – to provide a safe, stimulating and supportive school environment, where each pupil can feel inspired, challenged and valued.

At Branwood we dream our goal, see our goal, work together towards our goal and **SCORE** our goal.



"The school does an excellent job of ensuring that the children are challenged, but also really happy. This is such an important balance and I will never regret the decision to move the children to Branwood."

Mr Blackwell (Feb 2023)

Core Values

Our school curriculum is underpinned by the values that we hold dear at Branwood School. The curriculum is the means by which the school achieves its objective of educating children in the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need in order to lead fulfilling lives.

The main values of our school, upon which we have based our curriculum are:

We are a fully inclusive yet independent preparatory school.

The schools prime focus is preparation for independent senior school and grammar school examinations.

At Branwood we aim to achieve academic excellence in English, Mathematics, Languages and Music but at the same time develop a broad and balanced curriculum including Science, Computing, Art, PE, RE, PSHEE and other foundation subjects.

That punctuality, appearance, behaviour and manners are the bedrock of the school.

That the quality and presentation of both classwork and homework is a high priority for our school and we look for all stakeholders to support us in this.

That taking part in our school and in everything that we do should be at the forefront of our minds.

That the school is a safe and happy place for our pupils to achieve their true potential.

At all times we will keep these core values at the heart of all that we do and hope to achieve.

We value children's uniqueness, we listen to the views of individual children, and we promote respect for diverse cultures.

We value the spiritual and moral development of each person, as well as their intellectual and physical growth.

We value the importance of each person in our community, and we organise our curriculum to promote inclusion, cooperation and understanding among all members of our community.

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Sports

At Branwood Preparatory School we are very proud of our sporting abilities and the wide variety of opportunities offered to our pupils.

All children are given P. E. and sporting tuition with a view to learning both individual coordination and co-operative teamwork. Our Sports Specialists provide all classes with a well planned, varied and progressive curriculum.

Our aim is to increase the opportunities available across a wide range of sporting disciplines. Through our ISA membership we provide many sporting competition opportunities and have had many success in National Finals at swimming, Cross Country and five-a-side-football as well as successes in netball and lacrosse.

A selection of the sports offered include football, netball, cross-country, hockey, gymnastics, dance, tennis, rounders, cricket, handball, volleyball, badminton, lacrosse, multi-skills, athletics and handball.

All children in Upper School participate in swimming lessons.





A young girl in a school uniform is playing a violin. In the background, there is a music classroom with various instruments and a large graphic of a musical note.

Music

We have an extensive music department which boasts a full time music teacher and two peripatetic music teachers, who provide individual tuition in a wide variety of musical instruments:

- Piano
- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Guitar
- Trumpet
- Keyboard
- Recorder

There are also opportunities for talented musicians to explore music theory lessons.

Each class has a weekly group music lesson and are given the chance to explore the world of music with a music specialist.

We also offer opportunities for:

- Brass Group
- String Group
- Recorder Group
- Choir

Our musicians regularly take part in musical performances for the parents and participate in the ABRSM pathway.





Forest School

We believe that it is important to consider the whole child and in order to give them the best possible opportunities we have teamed up with Forever Wild Forest School.

The sessions aim to broaden our provision and to support the on-going health & well-being of the children.

The sessions are delivered to the children on a fortnightly basis and allow them the freedom to explore the outdoors while being in a safe and secure environment. The range of activities is age appropriate and the Forever Wild Forest School have extensive experience in running these sessions.

The children are able to experience :

- Cooking on a campfire
- Teamwork and problem solving
- Mud kitchen
- Den building
- Mini beast hunts
- Natural arts and crafts

We are extremely lucky to have such an extensive site and all the activities take place on the copse area to the rear of the school grounds.



"Our children have settled really well into school life at Branwood, and their transition from Nursery to pre-school has been wonderful. It is very much like an extension of my family – it is a 'family' orientated school and there is always a member of staff happy to help."

Mrs Authe -Martin (Feb 2023)

Curriculum

Our curriculum offers not only the full range of academic subjects but also a wide variety of physical and creative experiences through art, design technology, drama, music, physical education, swimming and sports. These interests are further catered for in terms of our high-demand lunch time and after school clubs, which change on a half-termly basis.

Our fundamental approach is to ensure that every child, regardless of their starting point is able to fulfil their potential through dedicated and enthusiastic teaching, setting a high standard for all.

Across School, the curriculum is enriched through the activities and opportunities offered and it is delivered using a variety of teaching styles. The acquisition of skills and knowledge is planned carefully to excite and stimulate young minds.

All children follow a broad and balanced curriculum and staff are continually looking for new and exciting opportunities to widen their learning experiences, capturing their interests and making each day challenging and engaging. We want our children to be excited about lessons and fully engaged in all of school life and strive to offer personalisation to our learning programmes.

"Fantastic school, with staff who focus on learning through play (KG1). My son has so much fun each and every day, but equally is developing great skills through counting, phonics, writing his name and also in his overall creativity and imagination!"

Heather (Feb 2023)

School Meals

We are extremely lucky to have our very own experienced chef at Branwood. Together, with his dedicated team he produces delicious home cooked meals every day from scratch using wholesome and where possible locally produced ingredients. The diversity of our school is celebrated through the meals offered. The supervising staff are dedicated to each class so are able to build relationships with the children.





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