



Milbourne Lodge School



Welcome



For over a hundred years, Milbournians have been prepared at this school for the challenges that await them at the next stage of their education. Much, of course, has changed over the years, but some of the guiding principles have remained constant. We continue, as ever, to set the academic bar high, to value sport and extra-curricular activities, to instil a sense of responsibility and good manners and to develop children who are resilient and confident.

But much, too, has changed. I know as a parent and a teacher how precious your child is - which is why my aim, and that of all of us at Milbourn, is to make the school a happy place for them to be, with every child cherished and cared for. We know that there is far more to education than academic achievement and so the school provides an environment where other talents can be nurtured and celebrated in such a way that your child's full and individual potential can be fulfilled. Our objective is to develop in your child a love of learning and a capacity for thinking independently, to help him or her to strive to do their best, to enjoy success and to deal with disappointment. As teachers we will help them to build on their strengths and support and help them when they stumble.

The staff here are very special. I am proud of them; of their commitment, their intellectual rigour and the quality of their teaching which is inspirational. Every day, I see how much genuine care and effort goes into their preparation, and I know they share with me a passion to give your child the very best education.

Children of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome at Milbourn and all are expected to be tolerant and to appreciate and respect differences. The school comes together at a regular morning assembly where we engender a sense of the school as a family and celebrate the achievements of our pupils. In everything they do the boys and girls learn to work and play together harmoniously, supporting and encouraging one another.

As a parent of two old Milbournians, I am aware that friendships that develop here continue into life after school and university. I like to think that it is Milbourn's very special atmosphere of comradeship and team spirit and one where others' skills and talents are appreciated that has created these bonds and that the years of shared and enjoyable experiences have built the foundations for these long-lasting relationships.

Our overriding objective is to prepare your child for his or her next school. We will prepare each child to be ready to relish the experience of their new school, to be confident in their own skin and to be eager to take the next steps. That is our task.

Please do come and meet us. You will receive a warm welcome.

Mrs Judy Waite
Head



Introduction

Milbourne Lodge is a Pre-Prep and Prep School for boys and girls aged 4 to 13.

Founded in 1912, the school has a long-standing tradition of preparing children for Common Entrance and Scholarship exams to the country's most prestigious and well known public schools. In 1948 the School was bought by Norman Hale who was Headmaster for over fifty years. During his tenure Milbourne Lodge became recognised as one of the country's preeminent prep schools, renowned for its outstanding academic achievements. In 2007 Milbourne Lodge became part of the Cognita Schools Group. The Pre-Prep department opened its doors in 2009.

Located in Esher, Surrey, the School is situated in a quiet, leafy suburb yet within easy access of the A3 and M25. The Pre-Prep and Prep year groups are taught in separate, adjacent buildings and the School enjoys considerable grounds of some eight and a half acres of Surrey countryside, with the additional facility of adjoining woodland.

Milbourne Lodge is co-educational. Traditionally, the School attracts a higher number of boys than girls. Nevertheless, many parents of girls who are looking for a strongly academic school education also choose Milbourne Lodge and girls are well-catered for socially, pastorally and academically.

Entry to the Pre-Prep School is non-selective with progression to the Prep School determined by on-going class assessment. Children wishing to join the School in the Prep department undergo an admissions test.





Achievements

Milbourne Lodge has an outstanding record of results at both Scholarship and Common Entrance level to the most prestigious public schools.

In the past five years alone over fifty scholarships have been awarded to our pupils and indeed the Honours Boards in the School's front hall tell an impressive story. Scholarships have principally been awarded for academic and musical achievements, but also for art and sport. To ensure this high rate of success, our Scholarship programme is overseen by a highly experienced Master of Scholars.

In addition, excellent Common Entrance grades by our pupils are maintained annually. The school also excels in preparing pupils for the Pre-testing that the majority of selective senior schools now require. Our record of securing pupils a place at their first choice school is outstanding. The Headmaster maintains close links with senior schools so that he can advise and assist in the choice of future schools.

Milbourne Lodge pupils also regularly win national and regional competitions for art, music, ICT, chess, mathematics and general knowledge.



Academic Life

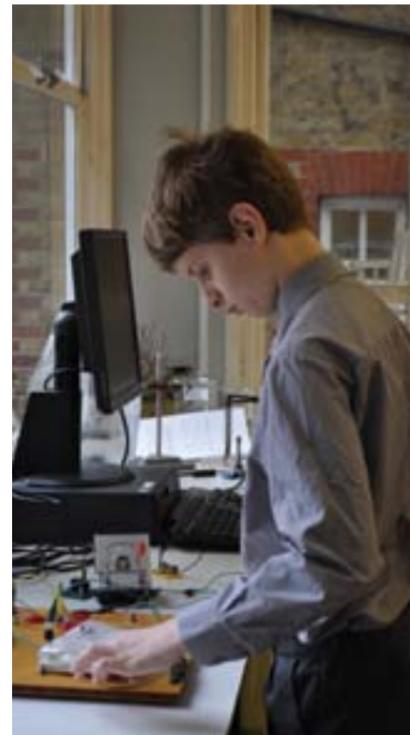
The academic side of school life at Milbourne Lodge is rigorous and varied. Our curriculum is a broad, traditional one, designed to be stimulating and demanding but still flexible enough to allow each child to develop at the appropriate rate. Our goal is to instil in each boy and girl a love of learning and an enquiring mind. We offer them ample opportunity to achieve both.

English, Maths, French, Latin, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art & ICT are all taught by subject specialists throughout the school in small classes of no more than 18 pupils.

From Year 4, the classes are divided into two streams. This enables pupils to work with others of similar ability and it is quite normal for pupils to move between streams as their progress requires.

From Year 6 onwards, one stream is geared towards Scholarship work whilst the other concentrates on the demands of the Common Entrance syllabus, although pupils sometimes win Scholarships from the Common Entrance class.

Preparation in verbal and non-verbal reasoning as well as interview technique is undertaken in Year 6 for the Pre-Testing that the majority of senior schools now adopt.





Pastoral Care

We consider the health and happiness of our pupils to be of paramount importance. Only when a child feels valued and secure can they then do well and enjoy their school life. To this end, we place enormous emphasis on individual care and attention, striving to provide the happy, purposeful environment necessary to encourage confidence.

There is a carefully structured pastoral system in place centred around the Form tutor who is responsible for all academic and pastoral matters. The tutors are overseen by the Deputy Headmaster who takes overall responsibility for ensuring that all the children's pastoral needs are met.

The PSHE curriculum is underpinned by regular assemblies when the whole school meets together. Form Tutors write a general report in December and July, as does the Headmaster, in addition to Parents' Meetings that take place throughout the School year.

Children are encouraged to develop their interpersonal skills and there is a strong emphasis placed on good manners, mutual co-operation and consideration for others at all times. It is important that a child learns how to make friends easily and to get along with others whatever their particular interests or differences.



Sport

There is much to be gained from the challenges of sport: self-discipline, physical fitness and the ability to work in a team. At Milbourne the whole school participates in games every day and sport is an essential part of our school life.

Our major sports are football, rugby and cricket for the boys and hockey and netball for the girls. We also offer athletics and swimming in the summer and tennis supplements the games programme throughout the year.

Competitive fixtures against other schools take place regularly for all sports and for all levels of ability. Many Milbourne pupils have competed at local, county and even national level.

Sporting facilities include extensive pitches, an open air swimming pool and an all-weather surface. The woodland adjoining the school grounds is used for cross country where runners head for the 'Ups and Downs', the 'Black Pond' or the 'Tree Graveyard'. Other activities include Ambush a 'wide' game using military/espionage tactics. In the Summer term games include Puttocks, a version of continuous cricket with complex and mysterious rules and traditions.





The Arts

Music, Art and ICT play an important part in our school life and are all taught to a very high standard. Pupils are encouraged to explore their creative sides and there are countless opportunities for them to develop skills through a variety of mediums.

Music is accessible to every boy and girl and each pupil is encouraged to play a musical instrument and to join the Junior or Senior Choir. There is also a string quartet and recorder group for the younger children. Several peripatetic music teachers cater for almost every instrument and there are termly concerts allowing pupils to showcase their talents.

We believe that Art and Design are tremendously important components of a rounded education. All pupils are taught a broad and challenging programme which strikes a balance between theory and practise. We also encourage an interest in the culture, history and traditions of Art.

There are strong links between the Art and ICT departments and numerous joint projects are undertaken, across all age groups, providing exciting and new techniques such as film making, animation and design media.

Numerous Music and Art scholarships have been won in recent years to a variety of schools.



Outside the Classroom

The school offers a diverse range of extra-curricular activities, designed to give each pupil the opportunity to develop his or her own individual skills and interests. In short, they can never get bored, and the children thoroughly enjoy the variety of pursuits that they can take part in outside of the classroom.

Chess, Mandarin, Speech & Drama, Tennis, Judo, Cookery and Performing Arts are all very popular and there is also a daily club for children who wish to do their homework at school.

Our House system plays an enormously important role in school life. The boys and girls are placed in one of four Houses when they join the school – Amber, Blue, Green or Red – which compete fiercely for House points in the classroom and on the games field. There are inter-House competitions in music, rugby, football and general knowledge, with the winning House annually receiving a much coveted cup. Each House also has a designated charity that they raise funds for throughout the year.

In addition, educational trips and visits to museums and theatres take place during the course of each term and, after the Scholarship and Common Entrance exams, there is a varied Leavers' programme which includes self-defence, introductory Spanish & German, bridge, cookery as well as the highly popular Leavers' Trip.





Pre-Prep

Milbourne Lodge Pre-Prep is situated within the Prep School grounds in purpose-built accommodation, with the added benefit of full use of facilities in the main school. From the age of four, children can enter the Pre-Prep department where boys and girls are prepared for entry into the Prep school at the end of Year 2.

The Pre-Prep comprises three classes: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Teachers are well qualified, experienced and caring. Each form benefits from a full-time teaching assistant, while small class sizes allow each child to have individual attention with work tailored to meet their abilities. The Reception class follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and the seven areas of learning and development. In Years 1 and Year 2 the children build on their prior learning and achievements. A broad curriculum is provided and lessons are carefully planned.

We aim high; stretching, challenging and inspiring the children to develop a love of learning. We nurture questioning, curiosity and problem-solving and provide them with the opportunities to recognise their strengths and achieve their full potential. By the end of Year 2 our children are confident and well rounded, equipped with the core literacy and numeracy skills.

Our values underpin all aspects of our school life. They help pupils develop positive relationships and attitudes, while acting as guides for behaviour. We encourage respect and responsibility as well as an awareness of citizenship through our Global Link with a South African school.

Our goal is to provide the very best start to their education. Learning should be exciting, engaging, stimulating and fun. We strive to achieve this for each and every child.



Life at Milbourne

At Milbourne Lodge we believe in traditional values, combined with a modern, energetic outlook. We are ambitious for all our pupils and, as a long standing school with a rich heritage, we celebrate the qualities that make us unique.

Please come and visit us and find out more for yourself.



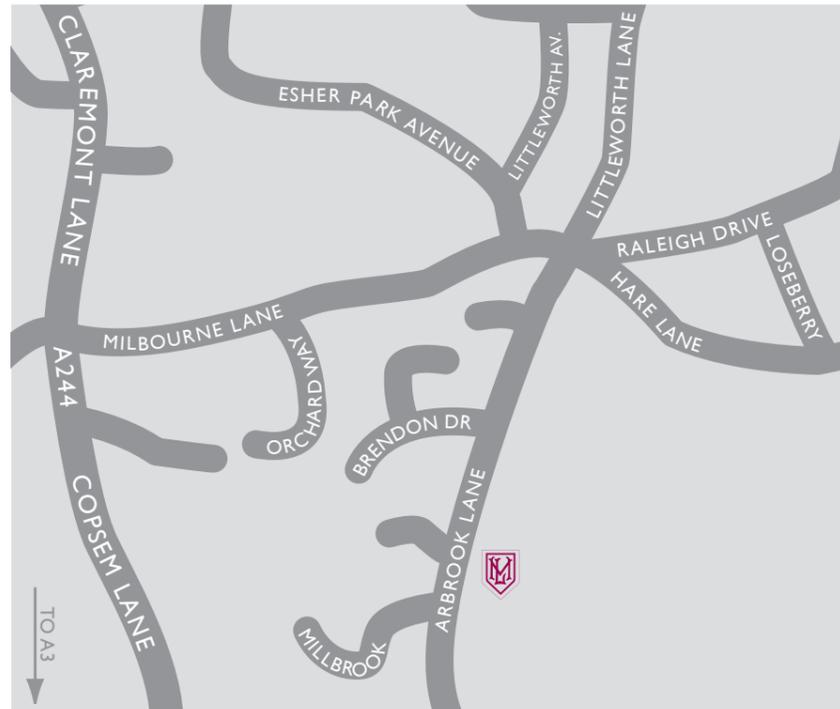
How to find us

Milbourne Lodge School is located in Esher, Surrey.

There are excellent road links to London (A3 & M25) and the South (A3).

A daily school bus runs between the school and SW London.

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