



## **Hordle Walhampton School Profile**

Hordle Walhampton School was formed by the merger in 1997 of Hordle House (founded 1926) and Walhampton (1948). It is a co-educational day and boarding school of approximately 325 pupils aged 2 – 13. There are 38 full-time members of teaching staff across the Pre-Prep (125 pupils) and Prep (200) schools. In addition, several part-time members of staff are employed for learning support, music, activities and as teaching assistants. Catering, cleaning and maintenance are all looked after ‘in house’. In total we have around 100 full- and part-time staff.

The Board of Governors and each of its sub-committees meet termly to provide strategic direction. The Head Master and Bursar attend every meeting. In the running of the school the Head Master is assisted by the Strategy Group (Bursar, Deputy Head and Head of Pre-Prep) and by a wider Senior Management Team of three Assistant Heads (Academic, Pastoral Care and Common Room).

At the school’s heart is a Grade II\* listed building, set in its own historic grounds of just under 100 acres comprising woodland, lakes and games fields. Facilities include a sports hall, outdoor swimming pool, equestrian centre, performing arts centre, tennis courts and a full size all-weather surface. The Chapel plays a central part in school life and Christian values are the basis of our moral education and spiritual teaching.

Whilst the full-time boarding complement has declined along with national trends, the number of flexi-boarders has greatly increased. The boarding ethos remains important to the school, with the day for older children running from 0830 until 1800. A full programme of extra-curricular activities is arranged on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; matches are played on Wednesdays and on Friday we hold our weekly Chapel service for parents, pupils and staff from 1700 until 1800. The weekends are busy too, with activities on Saturday mornings, matches in the afternoon and an outing for boarders on Sundays.

The Pre-Prep is housed in its own purpose built area of the school and is under the direction of a Head of Department, responsible to the Head Master. There are two classes per year group from the nursery to Year Two. The most recent Ofsted inspection graded the setting as ‘outstanding’. It is expected that most children will progress to the Prep School.

In the Prep School there are at least two classes per year from Years Three to Eight. Year Groups are streamed from Year Six, and set for English and Maths. Every child from Year Six also has a Tutor, who is primarily responsible for pastoral care. In addition to the academic subjects, Art, ICT, Technology, PE and Music are taught throughout the school. The Learning Support Unit works closely with the other members of academic staff, supporting all children including the ‘Gifted and Talented’.

Hordle Walhampton sends children to a wide range of senior schools and seeks to maintain this diversity of exit. Pupils have recently been awarded scholarships to Bryanston, Canford, Downe House, Marlborough, Radley and Winchester, amongst others. We typically gain around 10 awards each year, but more importantly the vast majority of children go to their first choice of school and we strive to ensure that each of them is fully prepared for life beyond Hordle Walhampton.