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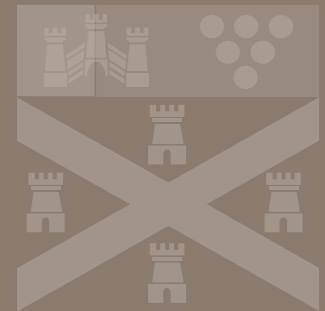
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Welcome to Plymouth College Preparatory School



Plymouth College Preparatory School has a long tradition of providing a happy environment in which all pupils are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Choosing a school for your children is one of the most crucial decisions you will ever make on their behalf. With excellent staff and facilities our school has a reputation for providing an outstanding all round education, making it one of the most successful Preparatory Schools in the South West.

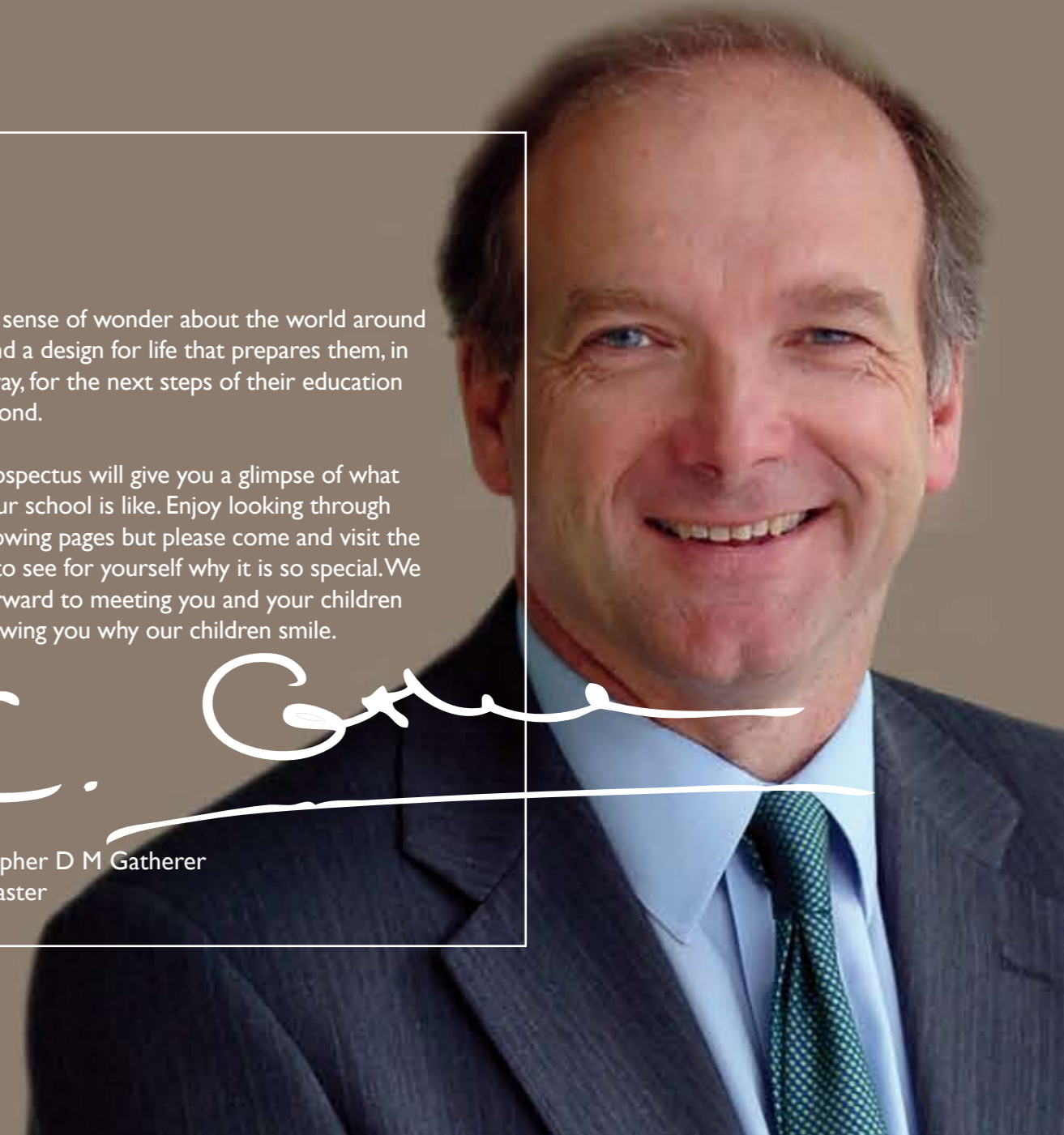
At the heart of our educational philosophy is a belief in the importance of educating the whole child. Extra-curricular activities complement work in the classroom and are crucial in helping develop a child's confidence. Every measure is taken to encourage our pupils to develop the academic, sporting, artistic and spiritual sides of their nature. We aim to offer our

pupils a sense of wonder about the world around them and a design for life that prepares them, in every way, for the next steps of their education and beyond.

This prospectus will give you a glimpse of what life at our school is like. Enjoy looking through the following pages but please come and visit the school to see for yourself why it is so special. We look forward to meeting you and your children and showing you why our children smile.

A large, white, handwritten signature of Christopher D M Gatherer.

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vision

Plymouth College Preparatory School seeks to produce happy, knowledgeable and caring young pupils who gain confidence in learning and who strive to reach their full potential.

We aim to provide a diverse and enriching education that promotes self-discipline, motivation and excellence, in addition to consideration for others. This is underpinned by a belief in the importance of respecting ourselves and one another, appreciating individual differences and encouraging each other.

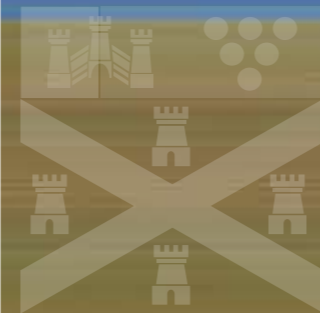
Above all, we wish to see our pupils become independent and self-sufficient citizens who will succeed and contribute responsibly as members of a global community.



Location

Plymouth College Preparatory School is a co-educational school for pupils aged 3 to 11 years. It is based in the bustling maritime city of Plymouth with the magnificent moorland, countryside and coastal landscapes of Devon and Cornwall close to hand. We have extensive grounds at The Millfields that include a sports field and a variety of outdoor play areas.

Founded in 1877, Plymouth College is a forward-looking school with a successful history.



happiness

Every parent wants their child to be happy at school. Our experience has shown that a happy environment requires both friendly, approachable staff and a calm atmosphere where enjoyment, friendship and teamwork are allowed to flourish.

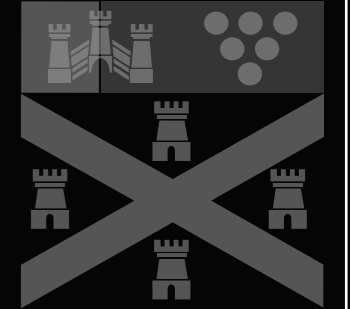
Our ability to create a warm and caring environment for every child underlies our track record in nurturing personal achievement, self-discipline and self-confidence.



learning

Our excellent academic reputation rests on our ability to help every pupil to reach his or her full potential. While we recognise the importance of preparing children for the challenges of Senior School, the syllabus of the Preparatory School is also about developing pupils' natural curiosity and allowing them to experience the fun and excitement that learning can bring.

The curriculum includes specialist teaching in a wide variety of subjects, backed up with exceptional facilities such as our fully equipped science lab, IT suite, performing arts centre and sports hall. Of course, we also acknowledge that academic subjects don't exist in isolation – we promote cross-curricular study wherever possible.



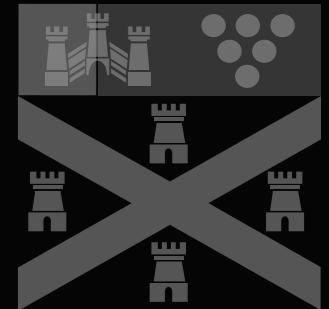


o p p o r t u n i t y

Every pupil at Plymouth College Preparatory School is encouraged to take on new challenges and explore new ideas both inside and outside the curriculum.

Academic study is enriched by a broad range of extra-curricular activities both during and after school hours, from team sports to clubs in ballet, computing, sketching and fencing to name but a few.

We also encourage travel with frequent field trips as part of the academic programme.

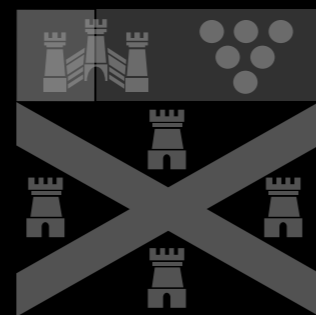


community

The importance of community at Plymouth College Preparatory School cannot be overstated. Children come to us from all backgrounds, countries and religious beliefs – all children are treated on equal terms and given the same opportunities during their time with us.

Friendly staff and a strong tradition of pastoral care provide every pupil with emotional support and a sense of belonging, while our well-established House System builds camaraderie and teamwork.

We encourage pupils to behave with kindness and respect to each other and to the people they encounter both inside and outside the school, as well as helping them to understand the importance of charity and care for others in the broadest terms.



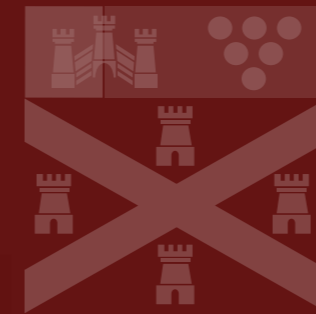


confidence

One of our most important tasks is to inspire all children who attend Plymouth College Preparatory School with a belief in themselves and in their ability to develop their potential to the full.

Confidence can be a difficult attribute to define – and sometimes even more difficult to instil. To that end, we ensure there are a range of opportunities within the curriculum and beyond to allow individuals to shine, whatever their talents.

Public speaking, music, drama and team sports are just some of the ways in which pupils can develop self-confidence, while leadership skills are promoted with positions of responsibility within the day-to-day life of the school.





success

We believe in helping our pupils to become well-rounded individuals and guide them towards achieving the best for themselves, whether that is through academic performance, sporting prowess or success in the performing arts.

Whatever area your child excels in, we feel that our main contribution to our pupils' success is in giving them the best possible start in life and preparing them for the challenges of the future.

