



Battle Abbey School is distinctly different. You will not come across a school quite like it. Uniquely sized, it has a real family feel and an ability to concentrate on the individual, so that he or she can be nurtured, encouraged and tutored closely. Pupils at Battle Abbey are justly proud of their school and many, quite simply, love it.

100 YEARS OF EDUCATION

1,000 years of History



Welcome from the Headteacher



Battle Abbey School is extraordinarily special. A glimpse through its enchanting gatehouse tells you that you are not only in a historically significant place, but also in a school that has an incomparable character. Battle Abbey's ideal size, wonderful pastoral care, impressive facilities, continuity of education from nursery to sixth form and holistic approach, allied to its warm, good humoured and highly supportive working environment, make for a very inclusive and unique educational establishment. The School manages to blend traditional values to new, innovative thinking in teaching and learning, whilst still providing a wide range of extra-curricular activities and many opportunities to support and serve the local and wider community. It has a proven track record in many curriculum areas and has developed an enviable reputation for adding value academically in a mixed ability setting.

I very much hope that this prospectus gives you at least a flavour of our School and I would urge you to come and visit us if you can and meet our engaging and talented students and staff.

Hannah Blake Battle Abbey School Headteacher

"What a truly wonderful place to be. From the moment my daughter first stepped through the beautiful oak door into the ancient Abbot's Hall she was hooked. It was the next best thing to getting a Hogwarts letter!"

Year 9 Parent

"Pupils are extremely self-confident and are proud of their achievements, they participate enthusiastically in a wide range of actives and demonstrate strong leadership skills and a substantial sense of responsibility towards others."

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Achieving success, curriculum continuity

Battle Abbey School is a big family of three parts – the Nursery, the Prep School and the Senior School. The knowledge and detailed information we have on each child is transferred through each stage to ensure a smooth transition both socially and academically.

Children leave the Prep School at the end of Year 6 and the majority transfer to the Senior School in Battle. This offers both social and academic continuity, a shared philosophy of education and the privilege of learning in such magnificent and historic surroundings.

“Pupils demonstrate excellent attitudes towards their work and are inquisitive and curious.”
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“I have been really impressed by the approachability of all my daughter’s teachers. They’re always available by email or phone and reply so quickly to any queries I have. It’s so rare these days to have such open communication between parents and teachers at secondary school”
Key Stage 3 Parent



Battle Abbey School Nursery

Welcome from our Nursery Manager



"Battle Abbey Nursery is an integral part of Battle Abbey School and is nestled under trees within the lovely grounds of the prep school. As well as enjoying well appointed, airy classrooms, the nursery benefits from many of the school facilities, both indoors and out. With a wide open field and shady woodland areas, children can play and learn in a safe and supportive environment."

Experienced and highly qualified staff support the children and work in close partnership with parents. Children can join us at any time between the ages of 3 months to 4 years old and settling in sessions are carefully planned to support both parents and children. We use a secure online Learning Journey system to share photographs, and observations with parents, to best support each child's learning and development both at home and Nursery.

We work closely with the Reception class to share best practice and ensure a smooth, seamless transition for each child. We welcome visitors and would love to show you around to see for yourselves our welcoming environment that feels like a home from home."

Jackie Richards BA(Ed) (Hons), EYPS Head of Nursery

'I really cannot speak highly enough of Battle Abbey Nursery. Aside from the fact that the setting and staff are friendly and welcoming, the outside space is a thing of beauty! The online Tapestry Learning Journey has really made us feel part of a partnership with the school and has provided a really wonderful insight into how she spends her days at Nursery. The fact that the Nursery is open for 50 weeks a year from 8am – 6pm is a God send.'

Nursery Parent



A positive attitude, developing self esteem and confidence

Battle Abbey Prep School and Nursery are passionate about providing our children with exciting outdoor learning opportunities. We have specialist staff trained to deliver both Forest School sessions in the school grounds and local woodland and also Beach School sessions at the nearby coast.

Our children enjoy opportunities to learn about the natural world and develop practical, emotional and intellectual skills in an environment bursting with opportunities and where all senses are stimulated.

"We've been delighted and relieved how quickly our son settled into the Prep School - all of about 48 hours! It's been a very friendly welcome and from day one, he came home telling us all about his day."

Year 6 Parent

"Pupils are confident learners who benefit greatly from the targeted support provided by their teachers, who know them well."

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"Lily is always really happy and keen to go to Nursery in the mornings and always speaks really positively about her time there. For me, that makes me so happy to see and gives me great peace of mind that she feels secure and content in the Nursery environment. You have created such a supportive atmosphere for all the children. I am very grateful to you all for taking such brilliant care of Lily, thank you so much everyone for your hard work and dedication.'

Nursery Parent



Battle Abbey Prep School

Welcome from The Prep School Headmaster



'I would like to welcome you to our Preparatory School where boys and girls aged four to eleven enjoy a breadth of exciting and challenging activities, both inside and outside the classroom.

Our priority is to foster natural curiosity and enthusiasm at the start of a journey towards a lifelong love of learning. We value each and every child as an individual and ensure their unique qualities and talents are nurtured. Our wide, innovative, and varied curriculum is full of opportunity and enables our whole community to flourish in the very safest of environments. The values of Belonging, Aspiration and Service permeate through every fiber of our school. They provide our incredibly talented staff team with the vision to passionately provide real-life, purposeful and exciting learning opportunities. Our enrichment programme, of clubs, themed days, visiting speakers, and trips further inspire the children's Battle Abbey School journey. We appreciate the need for flexible arrangements and our staff lead before and after school care is also fully included within our offer to all families.

The children of Battle Abbey Prep School are welcoming and supportive of each other, and they thrive on celebrating each other's successes within a happy and caring learning community. All pupils belong to a House, to support teamwork, reciprocal learning and the development of healthy competition within our community. With charity initiatives and projects, we help to support the wider community, realising the value of our contributions. Pupil voice is valued greatly, and our School Council representatives share ideas and shape experiences.

If you decide to visit us remember to ask about our national title winning swimmers, the incredible opportunities for musical performance and drama, how we have developed our grounds to be more sustainable and finally our commitment to the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) curriculum.

I very much look forward to meeting you and your children at Battle Abbey Prep School.'

Jonathan Elms Battle Abbey Head of Prep and Nursery





Happy pupils, confident learners

Our caring and encouraging atmosphere at the Prep School promotes independence, self-confidence and respect.

The happiness of our pupils is all important. Happy children are confident children, ready to tackle the most challenging of tasks with enthusiasm. The Prep School is characterised by the friendship and respect shown by the children towards each other and the warmth of their relationships with all the staff.

Each child is treated as an individual, with their own special areas of talent and we measure our success by each child achieving their potential. The children follow an exciting and wide-ranging curriculum which stimulates and challenges young minds. Children are inspired to develop a love of learning and investigation and to combine the acquisition of both traditional and modern skills to equip them for the future.

The Prep School provides a strong foundation enabling children to move on to the next stage of their schooling with the confidence to make the very best of their abilities.



Caring family atmosphere, long term friendships

All the pupils benefit from the holistic approach to education on offer here. Our children develop as part of the school family and as individuals. They become confident young adults with a high level of social skills, aware of the importance of good conduct. They learn the rewards that are the result of hard work both in and out of the classroom. They learn to serve and think of others. The very positive relationships that exist between staff and pupils are an essential part of this development.

The greatest care is taken to ensure that pupils settle happily and remain so. Children cannot grow to their full potential unless they are in a safe and supportive environment. House Staff, Form Teachers and Sixth Form Tutors look after each pupil's welfare, and senior pupils, through the Peer Support System, also play a vital role in the pastoral life of the school.

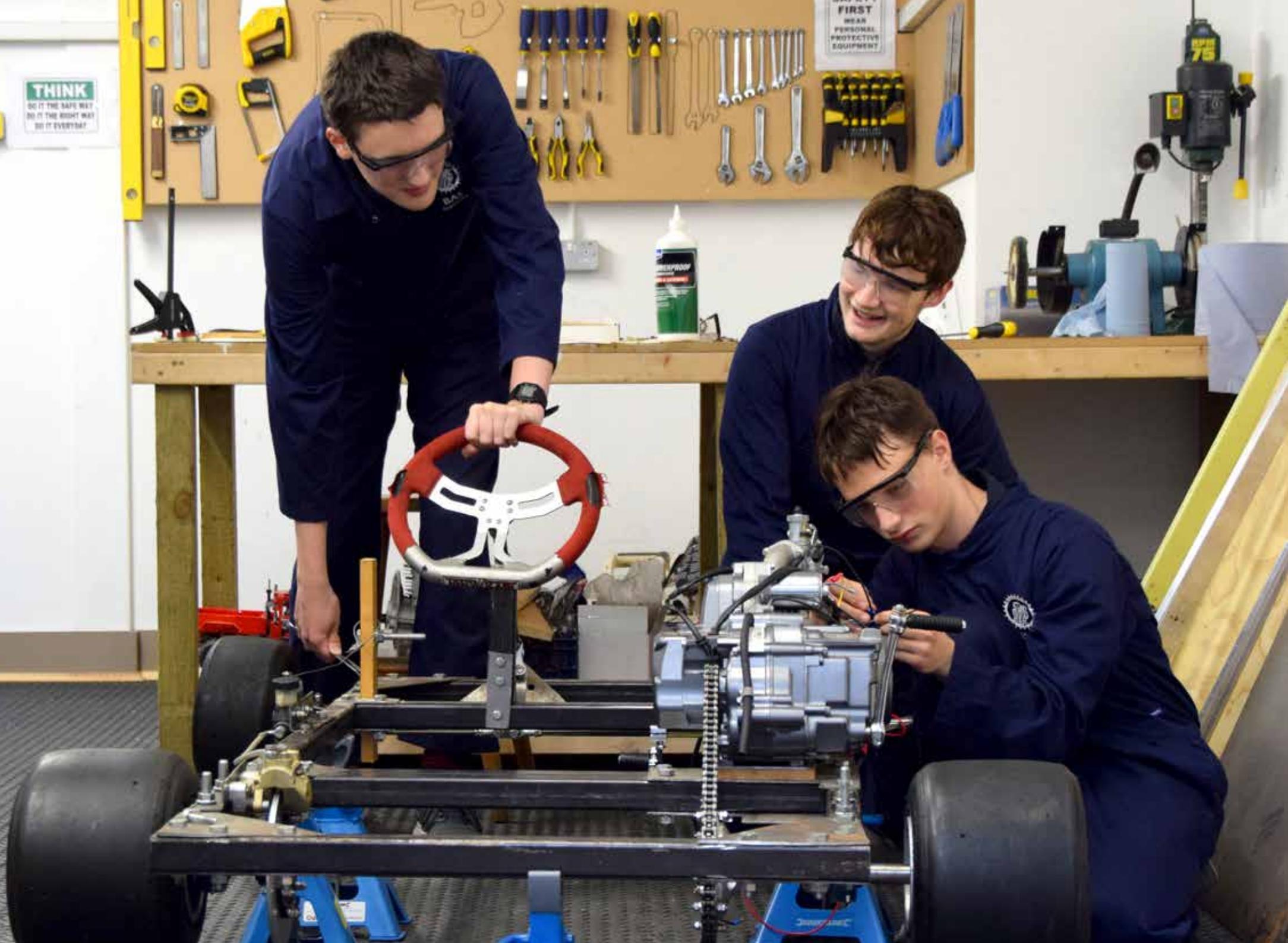
In essence, Battle Abbey is one of the kindest and most caring of schools where the personal development of students is outstanding.

"After several house moves and a disrupted start to primary school education, we were delighted to find Battle Abbey Prep School, where our two daughters settled in almost immediately and declared that it was like joining a family. We were extremely impressed with the warm, caring nature of all the staff, and the support they give to the children. The seamless transition from the Prep to the Senior School prepared them for the next stage of their education, in turn giving them the confidence to welcome and support their peers from other prep and primary schools, as they moved up through the various year groups. Both girls thoroughly enjoy all aspects of life at Battle Abbey School, and we believe their experiences here will equip them with the skills to go out into the world and face all the various challenges of life thereafter."

Prep and Senior School Parent

"Pupil' attitudes to learning are excellent. They appreciate the supportive atmosphere in lessons, where well-planned actives enable them to work both independently and collaboratively as appropriate to the tasks."

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THINK
DO IT THE SAFE WAY
DO IT THE RIGHT WAY
DO IT EVERYDAY

FIRST
WEAR
PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT

DRILL 75

Battle Abbey Senior School

Firm foundations, forging the future



School is a preparation for life not just for work, therefore, the academic programme is complemented by a range of additional, enriching activities. At Battle Abbey School pupils will not follow a narrow path, but be offered a broad education to equip them for future career choices.

We have an excellent balance of the traditional and the modern in terms of our curriculum and our students enjoy studying Latin and Further Maths as much as Computing, Photography and Economics*. The nature of the learning is very engaging too, as Battle Abbey teachers are particularly innovative and creative in their methods, whilst giving students all the additional support they need to prepare them fully for public examinations and assessments.

Academic standards are high and we expect pupils to develop interests and passions both inside and outside the classroom. There is an emphasis on academic enrichment and students are encouraged to participate in different clubs and societies that further enable them to expand their horizons. Exposure to many visiting speakers also adds a valuable dimension to their wider education.

There is no formal school on Saturday but day pupils are required to attend if there is a match at the weekend or other extra-curricular commitment that needs their support.

*Further details of the GCSE and A Level courses we offer are contained in the relevant Sixth Form and Key Stage 4 booklets.

"This is the friendliest school I have ever been to! When I started in Year 7 my form group were quick to include me as a pupil who had joined from another school."

Key Stage 3 Pupil





Nurturing talent, developing creativity

Minds are opened at Battle Abbey in many ways and creativity is not confined to the art room. Pupils compose and play music and learn to co-operate in dance and drama. They are encouraged to think creatively, to broaden their vision and extend their minds in all areas; writing a poem in a quiet moment; working as a group to create sets and costumes for a drama production; solving a mathematical or scientific problem; composing a speech for a public speaking competition; planning an essay or researching new ways to programme software.

Our purpose built STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) facility provides for a host of more practical activities with recent projects including building a fully operational Go-Kart, and experiments in Rocketry.

We believe that everyone has the ability to excel, every child is gifted and talented and every child matters. Top class results are regularly achieved and the excellent teaching is supplemented by regular trips and visits to many places of interest.

"The feeling of tradition really makes you feel like you are part of an ongoing legacy. Just to be surrounded by all this history. It's quite something to go to school in such a nationally important building."

Ameya, Year 13

"When I have had problems, the staff have been really quick to help me. There is always someone to listen and they are never 'too busy'."

Key Stage 3 Pupil



Creating opportunities, directing potential

Performing before an audience and the preparation that lies behind it are life skills we consider to be very important. Effective communication lies at the heart of successful relationships in all aspects of our lives. The average Battle Abbey pupil quickly develops confidence, self-assurance and the ability to stand up and be counted.

Both music and drama exist as curriculum subjects and there are productions and concerts on a regular basis. Most pupils will have the chance to be in a play and all will be given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. One of the four School Houses host an assembly each week and the School regularly trains teams for public speaking and debating competitions.

The Abbot's Hall and the Library offer our performers and public speakers very special venues which are frequently sought by outside groups.

The Performing Arts Centre opened by Joanna Lumley, who is our patron in this area, provides first class opportunities to develop practical and technical skills as well as giving the environment for drama, dance and music to flourish. Regular theatre visits are also a feature of school life.

Effective communication lies at the heart of successful relationships in all aspects of our lives.

"Our daughter is in Year 13 so it's nearly the end of our time at The Abbey. She has loved her experience. Her academic results have been great and we have been delighted with the support and guidance she has received. It's a beautiful environment to learn in and has a wonderful family feel - the year groups mix and it's lovely that the younger ones can approach the older pupils and that the older ones can get the experience of helping the younger pupils."

Year 13 Parent

"The School feels like my second home and I'm always surrounded by support and encouragement."
Hope, Year 13



Recognising star quality, pursuing personal best

At Battle Abbey, we believe in 'sport for all' whilst also nurturing natural talent and encouraging sporting excellence. As a result, everyone has the chance to represent the school at a sport - either team based or individual - and all pupils, not just the talented, receive the benefit of top quality instruction.

We offer coaching and playing opportunities in all the mainstream sports and we also offer students the chance to play or participate in the likes of martial arts, dance, archery, basketball, table tennis, weight training, skiing, sailing and horse-riding.

We have a first class indoor swimming pool, which we use extensively both for coaching and recreational swimming, two excellent astro-turf pitches and access to many high quality indoor training facilities.

Competition lies at the heart of much human endeavour and progress. We encourage pupils to compete hard and achieve their best, not only in the classroom but in all areas of school life.

"Pupils across the school enjoy considerable success in sporting, drama, creative writing, public speaking and music competitions, both locally and nationally."

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"The best part of life at the Abbey for me is the independence that students are granted and the fact that no two days are ever the same."
George, Year 13



Building the individual, exploring life's challenges

There are many trips for pupils to extend their horizons with exciting visits both local and abroad.

Field work in Geography and History regularly takes students out of School to explore the local environment. Most years see residential trips to France, Germany and Spain for different groups and sporting tours closer to home. Equally, Drama trips to New York, Language trips to Spain, History trips to the Battlefields of Europe and Geogrphy trips to Iceland (among others) all form part of the exciting diet of exploration available to pupils at the School.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is popular at Battle Abbey and gives students the chance to develop key skills in team work, outdoor pursuits and resilience. Each year students go on to gain gold awards and have the privilege of collecting those awards from Kensington Palace.

Pupils are encouraged to look beyond themselves and the school by participating in regular charitable activities. Funds are raised for our chosen charities through the School's House system, with pupils suggesting and voting on which charitable causes to support annually. Our pupils have learned that not everyone in the world is as lucky as they are and that giving time, effort and money, or all three, to help others is a very enriching experience.

"The best part about being at the Abbey is all the opportunities we are given - I have had the chance to do things I never thought I could, whether that's singing, Duke of Edinburgh, or travelling as far as New York."

Corbyn, Year 13

"The size of the school ensures that pupils are known as individuals by the staff. Pupils are extremely self-confident, aware of their own abilities and able to identify those areas in which they need to improve."

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Added responsibility, preparation for life

In a school like ours, students are able to develop as individuals and are given the chance to make a mark on those around them. They have more of a chance to be a team captain, a school prefect, a peer listener and they are more likely to be in the cast, in the orchestra or in the sporting team. Not surprisingly, their self-esteem increases and, as their confidence grows, they become more adept at public speaking and their interpersonal skills improve. The personal development gained helps to set them up for the challenges of university and life beyond in a tangible and enviable manner.

Battle Abbey Sixth Formers take their school responsibilities seriously and form an important part of our pastoral care provision. For example, we have a student support body made up of volunteers trained to resolve conflicts, listen to others and observe key body language helping them to sensitively deal with any issue a student may have.

Our Supra-Curriculum, run through the School's Societies and PSHE system, sees pupils learn the soft skills which are increasingly important in the competitive modern world. Sixth Form students learn how to speak publicly, present confidently and conduct themselves as young professionals.

Our Martlet House Sixth Form facility, which is separate from the main school building, provides our Sixth Form cohort with dedicated spaces in which to study independently, work in groups and relax. The facility features a gym, conference space and cafe and is highly regarded by our students.

Overall, the personal development of our students is outstanding, helping to prepare them for the many challenges that they will face in the years ahead.

"The role of Guardian has allowed me to take on a range of responsibilities and has been an exciting opportunity to represent the school and be a role model for younger students."

Hope, Year 13





Life at the Leeford Lodge, the boarding family

'Set in a former hotel and short ride from the Abbey, our boarding house is a home from home—a place where pupils from across the UK and around the world live, learn, and grow together. We pride ourselves on the warmth and inclusivity that our boarding experience offers.

As Head of Boarding, my role is to ensure that every pupil in our care feels safe, supported, and inspired to make the most of their time with us. Whether they join us as weekly, termly, or international boarders, our young people become part of a vibrant family where lifelong friendships are forged, independence is nurtured, and pastoral care is central to everything we do.

Our dedicated boarding staff live on-site and work closely with the academic and pastoral teams to provide consistent guidance, encouragement, and care. From evening activities to weekend excursions, boarding life at Battle Abbey is rich with opportunities for personal development, community spirit, and fun.

We understand that choosing boarding is a significant step, and we are here to support both pupils and parents throughout that journey. I warmly encourage you to come and visit, speak with our boarders, and experience the unique atmosphere of our boarding house for yourself.

We look forward to welcoming you into our community'.

Rob Mercer Head of Boarding



Long term growth, building on past success

'I hope you have enjoyed reading about our unique school.

Built on the site where modern English history began, it actively seeks to preserve the best of our past traditions, while eagerly embracing the challenges of the modern world. Pupils, teachers and parents work closely together and that co-operation gives the school its special atmosphere.

Boys and Girls are present in equal numbers. As a result of the quality of pastoral care and the palpable warmth of the relationships that exist between the staff and pupils, our young people achieve their best. We believe in the children, in their right to think for themselves and to express their opinions freely. We embrace their personalities and individuality and their latent talents, which are celebrated, valued and developed in our inspirational surroundings.

I would therefore encourage you to visit us and to experience our special ethos for yourselves.'

Hannah Blake Battle Abbey School Headteacher

"One of the many benefits of the Sixth Form at Battle Abbey is the extensive support and encouragement the staff offer throughout the two years, allowing all of us to reach our full potential."

School Sixth Form Guardians (Heads of School)

"We couldn't be happier with Battle Abbey School. Our daughter goes in with a spring in her step and comes out at the end of the day full of smiles and chatter about all the things she's done each day."

Year 9 Parent



Pupils age 3 months to 4

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Pupils age 4 to 11

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Pupils age 16 to 18

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