

BEDALES

Prep, Dunhurst



8–13yrs | Co-educational | Day | Flexi-boarding | Full boarding

Welcome to Bedales Prep, Dunhurst

I am proud to be Head of Dunhurst, and to share with you here just a little about our forward-thinking and ambitious school. When I arrived as Head I wanted to better understand what was special about the school and 'the Dunhurst purpose'. So, I asked pupils, parents and staff what it meant to them. The feedback we had resulted in deep reflections and a mountain of Post-it notes! Reading through, I found five compelling themes which, alongside academic rigour and passionate pastoral care, clearly articulate what is the heartbeat of our school: collaboration; creative endeavour; individuality; innovation and challenge; and inspirational opportunities.



Colin Baty
Head of Bedales Prep, Dunhurst

The feedback gave me a real insight into the unique way in which Dunhurst educates young people. I feel it is invaluable to share our current parents' reflections of Dunhurst with you in this prospectus.

If you are looking for a school with a difference, I think you may have found it...





“The atmosphere reflects a collaborative style of teaching with openness and kindness across parents, teachers and pupils.”

“The focus is on happy children, who then achieve academic results. The team of inspirational teachers is there to support each child – not just academically, but physically and emotionally as well.”

“Dunhurst allows children to be themselves, to try everything and to follow their particular passions in a supportive and non-judgmental environment.”

“Having four children with very different personalities and abilities, we wanted a school in which they could all flourish and achieve their unique potentials. They are part of a diverse and outward looking community.”



“Dunhurst allows children a childhood. The outdoor work lessons are essential to enrich our children to grow into happy, healthy adults.”



“Here, our children thrive as known individuals in a safe yet challenging environment, with an aim that this will result in confident adults who know their own voice and have a sound moral compass.”



“Dunhurst is a school with true heart and soul. When your child begins at Dunhurst, they are not just joining a school, they are becoming part of a family.”

“We chose Dunhurst for its passion and open-mindedness in education.”

“The environment is one of letting children ‘be children’ as well as allowing them to be individuals and developing them into independent learners.”

“Simply put, Dunhurst is outstanding with an extraordinary team of talented and happy teachers, and dynamic and gifted leadership.”



“Each child is given the opportunity and encouragement to shine whatever their unique talents and gifts.”



“I wanted a school to prepare my child for an unpredictable future – one in which flexibility, adaptability and resilience are likely to be key. Dunhurst is that school.”



“Dunhurst offers an environment unlike any other school. Creativity and respect for others and enjoying school are given equal weight with academic achievement. Children explore their interests, are exposed to new ideas and endless opportunities to try new things in an environment that celebrates effort as much as outcome.”

“Having checked out all of the London schools we knew there had to be another way. After our first visit to Dunhurst, we both came away and breathed a sigh of relief. Finally, here was a school with no pointless tests and where children were not measured in percentages. We felt like they actually had space to be themselves.”



“There are many schools that claim to nurture the individual, but very few deliver on that promise. Dunhurst truly does.”



“Dunhurst is one of the rare schools that sees each child as an individual, allows space for each child to grow at their own pace, and celebrates and encourages every child to be themselves. This, in turn, creates happy children. When you start from happiness anything is possible, and learning blossoms. I have seen this transformation first hand.”



“Dunhurst doesn’t limit children’s horizons, it offers the opportunity to go beyond them.”



“As a parent, you feel your child is genuinely known, appreciated and celebrated for who they really are.”

“Dunhurst provides an extraordinarily diverse and exciting curriculum and multiple opportunities. These have enabled my child to excel within the Arts, surpassing his own expectations while, importantly, building his confidence.”

Bedales Prep, Dunhurst is located in the village of Steep in the beautiful South Downs National Park in the South of England. The market town of Petersfield is close by with a regular train service to London, with journey time of an hour.

The school is conveniently located for the airports of Gatwick, Heathrow and Southampton. We run a morning minibus to the school from surrounding towns and villages.

Seeing is believing

It matters to us that a Dunhurst education should allow children to enjoy the journey, rather than simply focusing on the destination. We firmly believe that young people should be encouraged to aim as high as they can whilst also enjoying their childhood, and benefitting from as many experiences as possible.

Pupils are supported to work out who they are, and given the belief in themselves to explore new and challenging opportunities. A warm and friendly atmosphere makes school a safe place for children to thrive, grow and make mistakes and learn from them.

Mutual respect between pupils and staff is key to this. However, no one person is bigger than the community. We strive to give our pupils both roots and wings – roots so they feel grounded and safe, and wings, with which to fly with a belief in an 'I can' attitude.

By the end of their time at Dunhurst, pupils are well prepared for the step up in their education to our senior school – with a rigorous and inquisitive approach to their studies, and the strong friendships they have formed at Dunhurst.

Every day is an Open Day!

A prospectus can only give you a glimpse of who we are. We would love to meet you and your family and show you around our magical school, so you can see and feel for yourself why we are so passionate about the education and childhood we offer.

For more information and to arrange a visit, please contact our Admissions team on **01730 711 569**; email: **admissions@bedales.org.uk**; or visit **bedales.org.uk/prep**

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