EDUCATION & SCHOOLING

With a new school year underway, now is a good time to think about supporting your child ahead of their next step. From new schools and revision techniques to tutors and applying for student accommodation, we've rounded up a number of services to help you navigate your child's time in education, whether they're seven or 17





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BOARDING IN SURREY

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showcasing work in pop-up exhibitions. Model United Nations, Mock Trial competitions and One Voice prepare pupils to research and present on a variety of topics. Curioso Week, business and enterprise opportunities and a broad range of career events ensure that pupils know that nothing is out of reach with a little hard work. Alumnae have gone on to become climate change

consultants, doctors, authors, scientists, artists, Grammy Award-winning musicians and even a horse-racing icon. They value remaining true to themselves even if that means going against the grain. There's an instilled belief that pupils can do whatever they put their minds to, but they recognise that it's not just about them. They have a duty to the wider community and those connections are as strong and important as they've ever been, with regular charity fundraising, foodbank donations and volunteering.

it may present itself, pupils have strong moral compasses, and are accepting and respectful of themselves and others. There's no mould for a Sydenham High pupil and that's what makes the school so special. It's a fitting tribute that the school has been shortlisted for seven Independent School of the Year Awards for 2022 in recognition of all that goes on in its community

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Pre-Tests with edtech partners CENTURY Tech. Delivered on a leading-edge AI assessment platform, they have developed adaptive tests with leading academics and neuroscientists. The platform combines AI and neuroscience to support candidates even further by giving them control over their test experience, such as adjustable screen colour and font size. A shared set of values around assessment design grounded in science and wellbeing has seen ISEB and CENTURY Tech commission research from Russell Group universities, the results of which will inform future developments. ISEB is also beginning to add further assessment and exam support and wellbeing resources from other leading names in education. Discover more about the future of assessment and access the free support and advice ISEB offers you and your child in the Families Hub.

 Support your child's assessment journey. Visit ISEB's Families Hub and register to receive free exam practice, revision and preparation advice and materials. iseb.co.uk/families-hub



Discover what makes Prior Park College such a special place

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journey for boys and girls aged two to 13. The new curriculum framework nurtures curiosity and global thinking fit for a 21st-century education, to develop resilient learners able to take on the challenges of the future. The Walhampton Express escorted train service, flexible and full-time boarding options make this an accessible country school for families living in

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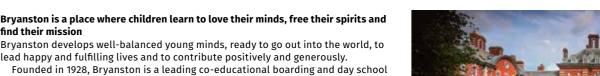
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StudyStream users have access to free digital tools and a community that

accelerator), Ali Abdaal (a productivity YouTuber) and Ilkay Gundogan (the



engage every child outside the classroom. Alongside high academic standards and expectations, Bryanston provides an emotionally and intellectually supportive environment, allowing pupils to develop independent, creative and unbounded thinking. The school encourages innovation in all areas of the curriculum, passionately believing that it's not what you learn,

for pupils aged three to 18. Set in 400 acres of Dorset countryside, the school offers more than 100 different extra-curricular activities, with something to inspire and

INTRODUCTION TO BRYANSTON





Together with Bryanston Prep, a shared philosophy of 'The Bryanston Method, matches each pupil carefully to a tutor, enabling the development of purposeful, curious and well-rounded individuals.

Bryanston's outstanding one-to-one tutorial system enables tutors to develop a mutual and deep form of understanding and trust with pupils. One-to-one tutoring starts in Year 6 at Bryanston Prep, as the school begins to equip pupils with the skills they need to become independent learners.

The school is committed to breadth and stretch both within the academic sphere and beyond, encouraging its pupils to look further to enhance their personal development and prepare for life beyond the school. Of course, academic results are important, but Bryanston also cares about what each pupil gains from their time — the success of their experience and the value that Bryanston gives them — along with the destinations they head to after they leave the school and the lives they

lead beyond that. Relationships at Bryanston are different from the conventional dynamics of pupil and teacher, and the school's culture fosters an open-minded, challenging and spiring environment for personal growth, where a space is provided for pupils to • Bryanston School, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 0PX

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settings, too," adds Will.

One way such inequality is manifested is in simple numbers. Across the independent co-educational sector, girls are in the minority: 45% to 55%. On top of that, research suggests that boys may absorb up to 30% more teaching time

simultaneously outperforming boys in assessment while not being given an equal voice in the classroom. Essentially working harder and doing better but with less acknowledgement," notes Will. At The Abbey, one of the country's foremost independent girls' schools from

the beginning, there's freedom from gendered expectation. In the 'co-ed world', there can be an expectation that girls need to raise their

voice to be heard. It sets a tone of negative expectation: that unless they do,

develop in an environment where that happens as a matter of right," Will explains "We see the result of that at 18. "The idea of limitation is absurd. Girls who've lived with and

With data suggesting this confidence stays with them studies have shown that students from a girls' only background continue

to be more assertive in mixed company — it seems the case for single-sex as preparation for a more co-equal future remains as strong as ever. • To learn more about The Abbey, register for one of the school's open events at

theabbey.co.uk/events





Why the case for girls-only education continues to strengthen in a co-educational world

Sceptics of single-sex education sometimes refer to a 'co-educational society' the world, they say, is co-ed — isn't that how school should be? It's a question that parents sometimes ask of Will le Fleming, head of The Abbey School in Reading — a leading academic girls' school of over 1,000 pupils. "Most of the families we meet are fully signed up to single-sex," he says. "But sometimes parents want reassurance about how a girls' only environment prepares students for the world beyond." The question itself needs a second look. "I'm not sure you can call the world

co-educational. It certainly isn't co-equal. And that inequality plays out in school

in a co-ed classroom "For 30 years straight, we've had a pernicious situation where girls are

3-18, there's a clear belief in a girls' only narrative that isn't about the segregation but the celebration of gender. That starts at the age of three in the nursery. From

"For us, the best way to ensure girls' voices are heard is for them to grow and

experienced that freedom, that respect, that sense of limitless potential — well, that's the way they go out into the world."





SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING AT GODSTOWE

Nestled in 12 acres of leafy Buckinghamshire. Godstowe has been a staple in the High Wycombe skyline for more than 120 years

Founded by two women, who then went on to establish a leading Independent senior school, the school's ethos of happy, confident and successful couldn't be Godstowe is a leading prep school for girls from ages three to 13 and boys from three to seven. Girls can board from Year 3 and many travel from all over the world to benefit from the excellent education. Teachers in the Main School are secondary school trained, which provides the girls with experienced subject teachers from a

younger age than most. Art, DT, modern languages, specialist sport coaching and

nusic teachers play a key role in ensuring the girls that leave Godstowe at 13 are

well rounded, many going on to their chosen secondary schools with scholarships in those subjects, as well as computing and drama. And it's the benefit of the Common Entrance curriculum that the staff teach that encourages the girls to stay until 13. Fiona Reynolds, deputy head for pupil development, says: "We see a huge change in girls who stay for Year 7 and 8. not just in maturity but also in self-awareness. With positions of responsibility around the school, and with the same opportunities as if they were at a senior school, they're in an environment with teaching staff and friends where they're comfortable and therefore thrive. When they leave Godstowe, they're happy and

confident young women." New headmistress Kate Bailey says that the opportunity for the girls to stay until 13 is one of the main reasons she was attracted to the school in the first place. Kate says: "The chance for our girls to stay until Year 8 as either full or flexi boarders or day girls allows them to enjoy an exceptional final two years where they can develop and grow their leadership skills, their friendships and their confidence for all that life beyond Godstowe has to offer".

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wonderful opportunities to develop their strengths through inspirational teaching and excellent facilities. At Prior Park, every child is known, valued and given room to flourish. It's a school that cares, and one where children can find out what matters to them

The school's primary aim is to provide a genuine all-round education and while academic endeavour remains at the school's core, Prior Park encourages its students to embrace all the opportunities on offer: acting and singing in first-class performances; competing for their team or House; producing

impressive works in art and design; leading its charity work. Boarding at Prior is a life-enhancing experience, where students benefit from being able to develop strong and lasting friendships, as well as their independence, in a home-from-home environment.

Prior Park is a school where creativity is valued. It looks to challenge students to be the best, and truest, versions of themselves, and the school provides this challenge in a caring and supportive way. Students emerge with a character that's well rounded, and an academic profile that allows them to make their next step in life with confidence — whatever that step might be. It's a school where your family will find a warm welcome and where your children will grow into Prior Park capable, confident and compassionate adults.



to study at the open morning on Saturday 24 September, from 9:30am. Register at priorparkcollege.com

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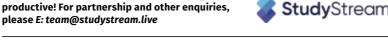


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