



CLAYESMORE
D O R S E T

PROSPECTUS



*Supporting and challenging every pupil to fulfil
their potential and contribute to the world with
confidence, ambition and compassion*

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Head's Welcome

Choosing the right school for our children is one of the most important decisions we will ever have to make. Most independent schools offer great facilities, good teaching, academic success, art, music, sport and drama: so what is it that makes one school stand out from another and in particular, what makes Claysmore so special? Some parents tell us that it's the warmth, the friendliness and the way we care for every child. Others describe the way in which their son or daughter has grown in confidence and achieved beyond their wildest imaginings. And they'd be right...but none of this happens by chance.

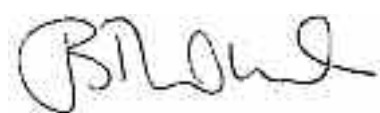
Firstly, we know that a successful school starts with expert teachers who will listen to, understand and really care about the children they teach. They will take the time to find out what each child needs to learn most effectively and to give them the confidence and encouragement to excel. To that end, we invest heavily in training for our staff, equipping them with the skills, knowledge and mentoring to ensure that your child will thrive.

Whichever school you choose, your children will be influenced more than anything else by the manner in which they are treated. With that in mind, we recruit teachers who are kind, persistent, tenacious, and have an abiding faith in the potential of young people. Our systems are encouraging, forgiving and supportive, and as a result our children do very well.

We are unusual, too, in that children can join us at age 2 and stay until they are 18 which of course is great for parents with more than one child! Our focus on teacher training ensures that we can stretch your most able child and help them on their way to the highest grades and a top university and we can also support a child who might currently be struggling at a lower level. Fundamentally, we understand and embrace the educational long game and we truly believe that every child can achieve success, academic or otherwise, regardless of their starting point when they join us.

Some of our most academically successful students have been with us for the whole of their education. Our prep school's development of, and emphasis on, key attitudes to learning gives children a very secure foundation for all that follows. Our students develop an openness to new ideas, a willingness to work hard, an enjoyment of sport and the arts, and an ability to get on with other young people that is remarkable and inspiring. It is no surprise they do well.

Do come to visit us and experience for yourself a place where children are valued by other children, where hierarchies of age give way to genuine respect however new or young you are, and in which an atmosphere of optimism and cheerfulness impacts on us all every day. It is a privilege to be a part of this very special community and I look forward to welcoming you and your family here soon.



Mrs Jo Thomson
- Head -



Pre-Prep & Prep

Reception ~ Year 8

Clayesmore Prep School is a forward-looking, stimulating and joyful place in which children grow and learn. Boys and girls aged 2 to 13 enjoy a broad and challenging curriculum designed to stimulate and excite whilst fostering those all important qualities of confidence, curiosity and a love of learning. Making the most of its stunning setting in the north Dorset countryside and located in its own corner of the school's spectacular 62 acre campus, Clayesmore Prep pupils enjoy all the resources of a much larger school while retaining the warmth, intimacy and family feel that is at the heart of all we do.

It's a glorious place to be a child!





Pre-Prep

Reception ~ Year 2

If your child is not yet 7 he or she will join the Pre-Prep. This is a warm and happy school within a school. It is child-centred and is alive with cheerfulness and creativity. All children are taught the basics well and their particular strengths will be developed to a high level: there is a strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy and writing, all taught in ways which encourage curiosity and independence.

There are, of course, opportunities, too, to leap about, make music, put on plays, enjoy art and craft and to learn how to play sport. The children hugely enjoy it, their confidence and skills grow almost week by week, and they make great friends. And why not? We have the best of facilities, the freshest of air and the widest of spaces for them to enjoy and explore!

Pre-Prep Music, Dance & Physical Development

Your children will enjoy sport, gymnastics, dance and swimming - even if they have not done so yet! We celebrate the progress and achievement of all pupils, help them feel the joy of teamwork, and realise the opportunities for personal development embedded in a wide co-curricular programme.

Our pupils make a lot of music. Whether or not they are destined one day to headline at Glastonbury or take the Albert Hall by storm, we do all we can to encourage their musical development. Class music is taught by specialists, and after-school groups thrive. From Year 2, children can receive individual instrumental lessons, and can over the years take their music to the highest possible level. We have a number of pupils in the senior school taking the ARSM diploma, sometimes in more than one instrument.





Outdoor Education

Our woodland school is a very exciting place. Wrapped up in warm coats and wellies, children make shelters, forage for food, build bug hotels, and go searching for water boatmen at the lake. The children love their time in the woodland school, gain confidence and visibly benefit by being outdoors.

Prep School (Years 3 ~ 8)

Curriculum & Learning

In Year 3 children move up to the Prep School. Your child will continue to enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum, still with a strong academic core, leading, in Year 8, to Common Entrance and scholarship examinations. In Maths, English, Science, French and Latin boys and girls follow traditional syllabuses, taught in lively and interesting ways, with a sensible emphasis on learning to use technology. In other subjects, we follow a broad curriculum designed to ensure all our pupils are ready to start their GCSE courses when the time comes.

In Years 3 and 4, your child's class teacher will look after their progress, but the children will be taught by specialist teachers in Art, Design & Technology, French, Games, Music and PE. From Year 5 the children are taught entirely by subject specialists. This is an exciting change for them and brings many benefits.

Attitudes to Learning

Communication, Consideration, Creativity and Courage

In addition to the formal curriculum we seek to develop in all our pupils the knowledge, skills, work habits and character traits that are essential for later success. Our "Attitudes to Learning" initiative embeds reflection and challenge, and discussion between the pupil, their teachers, tutor and parents makes this effective. These attitudes to learning lay the foundation for later success every bit as much as the formal curriculum. They will help your child become a thoughtful, resilient, mature learner, confident in tackling the unknown.





Enrichment

Real learning is exciting and your child will be encouraged to extend themselves in ways they might never have thought possible. They will learn higher-order thinking skills in all their lessons and in extra-curricular activities too – in the UK Maths Challenge, the Model United Nations, Japanese club, national writing competitions, in coding and cryptography. For those who think creatively, there is excellence to be found in art, music, and drama.

We are a member of NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education), and regularly enable children to achieve national recognition in, for example, their maths, literacy, and their music. But we will celebrate your child's achievements in all they do, as all such success builds confidence in other areas of their life and work.

Activities & Trips

There is excitement and challenge outside the classroom too. This year we have been fossil hunting on the Jurassic coast, become vikings at the Ancient Technology Centre, learned about William the Conqueror in Bayeux, and re-lived the battle for Pegasus Bridge in Normandy. Closer to home, we build rafts, stay in adventure centres, enjoy field work and visit the cinema, the theatre and the beach.

Prep Music & Drama

Music can be heard almost every hour of the day so if your child has any instinct for music we will develop it! There are orchestras, choirs, jazz bands, and chamber music groups. Over 70% of pupils learn a musical instrument, and every year there will be children gaining Grade 6 and above. Tuition is available on almost all instruments, even the bagpipes!

There are two major drama productions every year, staged in our 180 seat theatre. These popular productions provide a wonderful opportunity to combine acting and music, and introduce children to set design, make-up, lighting and sound engineering.





Prep Sport & Physical Education

The pupils enjoy sport throughout the week and there are matches most Wednesdays and Saturdays - with the finest match teas in England! Every child's skills are developed in a kind, skilled and encouraging way, and a number of pupils represent county and regional teams. Whenever possible every pupil is given the chance to represent the school.

The major team games for the boys are rugby, hockey, football, cricket and tennis. The girls' major team games are netball, hockey and tennis. Girls play cricket too! Pupils also compete in our successful cross-country, swimming, biathlon and athletics programmes and take advantage of the school's own facilities including a state-of-the-art dance studio, indoor swimming pool and sports centre.

You will always be welcome to watch the matches, talk to staff and celebrate with the teams both when they win and when they are learning how to get better.



Boarding at Clayesmore Prep

When your child becomes a boarder here you can be sure of two things: the pastoral care is excellent and the activities programme is very full. Every evening is cheerful and weekends are busy.

Your child's houseparents, Simon and Jess Porter, are experienced teachers and they and their team of tutors, matrons, and nurses look after every aspect of a boarder's life. You can ring, email or visit whenever you need to do so and we will always be pleased to hear from you.

At weekends, after chapel there are matches on Saturday afternoons and in the evening a film, games, pizza or time with friends, just like at home. Boarders also make good use of the pool, the pitches and the adventure playground. Every Sunday the children set off on an expedition - the coast for beach games, the Haynes Motor Museum and Monkey World have been three recent trips. Time spent on-site is equally entertaining, with activities around the grounds, including big tree climbing (with ropes), karaoke competitions, baking brownies and enjoying barbeques.

Sunday evenings are special too. When you bring your son or daughter back to school you will feel the lively cheerfulness as soon as you arrive: it really is a 'home from home'. The rooms are welcoming and the children are friendly, and there is a genuine warmth which the children love and remember long after they have left.



Senior School & Sixth Form
Years 9 ~ 13

Senior School & Sixth Form Years 9 ~ 13

Clayesmore is unusual. You will get good A Level and GCSE results and, if you wish to, go on to some of the best universities in the world. We offer a huge range of sports, drama, music, clubs and societies. But when The Tatler Schools Guide said Clayesmore is “more than a school, it’s an educational community”, they touched on its uniqueness.

Here every child is valued and respected. We teach you in ways that will help you do well academically and socially, so you can flourish not just at GCSE and A Level but at university, at work and in their wider life too. We consciously develop the personal skills and human qualities needed in adult life, and the attitudes that will enable a young person to flourish long after they have left school.

This is mainly achieved through ensuring teachers have a programme of continuous professional development, that we have a strong relationship with parents, and that the relationships between teachers and pupils are always encouraging, optimistic and forward-looking. These three things help create an atmosphere that is happy, ordered and focused on helping young people grow well.

We have none of the hierarchies that permeate some schools: here all pupils are valued from the day they join us and they live and grow in a warm, friendly, genuinely open and tolerant atmosphere. You will feel this as soon as you visit. When anything unsettles this atmosphere we act quickly, kindly and alongside parents to put things right.

Clayesmorians throw themselves into everything: they have a go! We welcome students who want to work hard and try new things, who want to learn how to learn. You could play in an instrumental group, engage in debate in the Model United Nations programme and join the Clayesmore Theatre Company, in all of which you will be with pupils from all year groups, all in your very first term. It’s a great opportunity both to try something new, or to hone an existing area of interest. Clayesmorians are given the freedom to choose these activities, and to play their part in the school community and beyond it, developing increasing independence as they progress through the school years.

If you like to have a go at lots of things or have a particular interest you really want to pursue intensely or have not yet found what you really like then come and meet us, see what we have to offer and what we can do to help you achieve.





The House & Tutor System

When you join Clayesmore, you will join one of our five houses. Each of these is run by a team of house staff, matrons and tutors, and has its own distinctive atmosphere. There are common rooms and kitchens to hang out in, and areas for work and play. For boarders, your House will be your home away from home. You will eat with friends from all the other houses in the main school dining room - where the food is fantastic.

Day pupils are full members of the houses. As a day pupil you are welcome to join in with House activities and events in the evenings and weekends, can be a prefect and even Head of House. We do not offer flexi-boarding but if you have to stay for a school event we can offer a bed if there is one available.

Your Tutor

You will get to know your tutor well. When you are new he or she will help you get to the right place at the right time but as you become more settled your tutor will be able to advise you on managing your work, sorting out any problems which might arise, choosing subjects for GCSE, A Level or University and generally being someone you can count on for good advice while you are at school. You will see your tutor briefly most days and have a longer tutor group meeting every Friday morning. These are enjoyable moments in the weekly timetable.

Of course, we take all aspects of your well-being seriously, not just your academic progress. If you are ill, or just feel a bit worried about something, we have friendly nurses, school doctors - both male and female - and a counsellor as well as senior staff, your house staff and tutor to look after you. Everyone is ready to help should you need anything.

Senior Academic Curriculum

In Year 9 you will try everything, including three languages for a short time. By February you will be able to choose a selection of GCSEs which suit you. Additionally, you will enjoy team-building activities, an enterprise programme, share the excitement of working with friends in film-making and the theatre. You might already be confident with IT but we will take your knowledge and experience to new levels - in coding if you want to or just as a highly proficient user. All students use laptops for their work and are taught how to get the most from them.

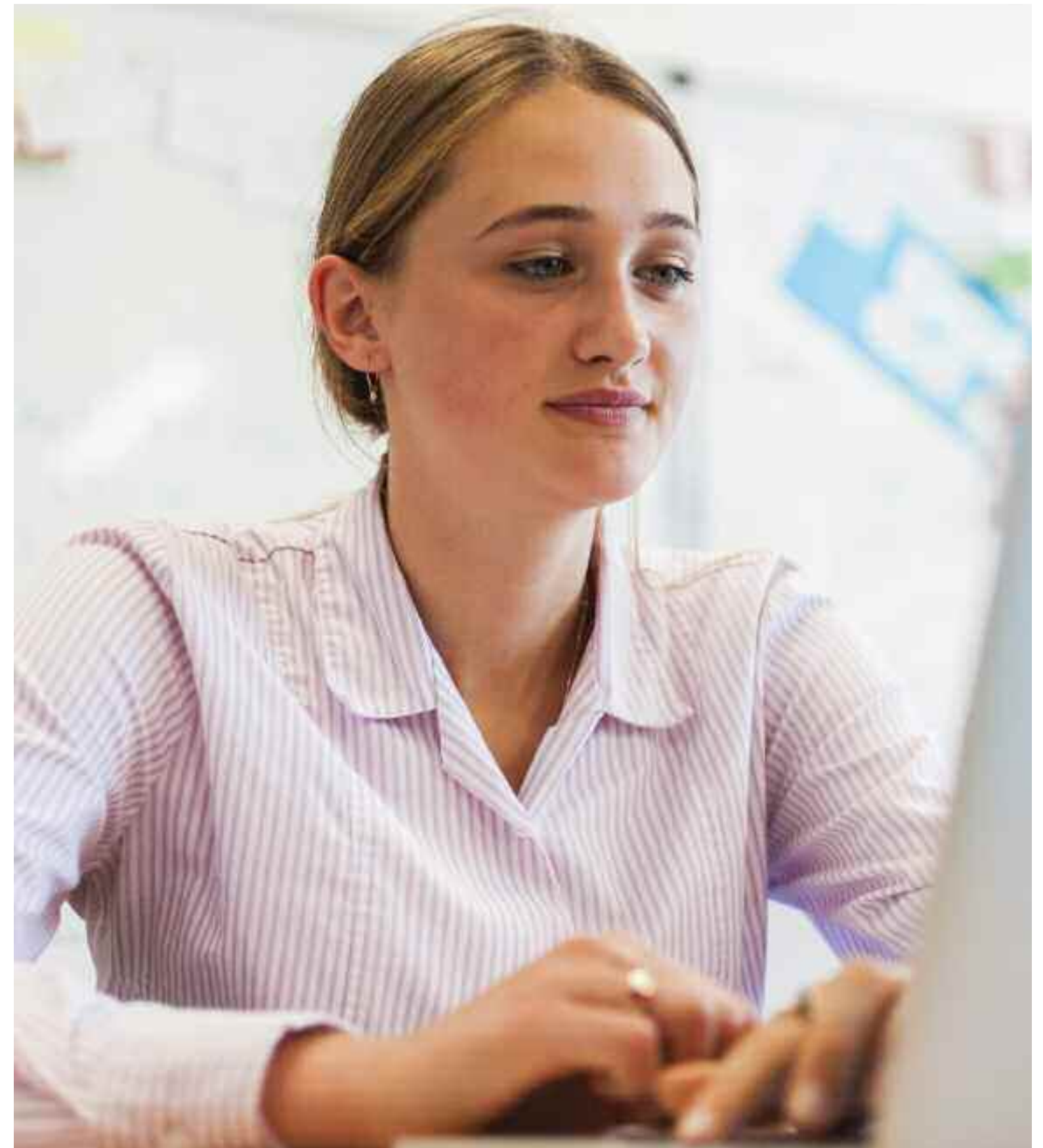
At GCSE if you are ambitious academically you might take Latin, separate sciences, computer science, and two or three modern languages. If you are mainly creative you might opt for some art, music, drama, design technology, or cooking. And of course there are all the other subjects you would expect too - English and English Literature, History, Geography and Religious Studies. PE can also be taken to GCSE. We create our timetable by asking you which subjects you would like to do and then do all we can to make your choice work!

In the Sixth Form you can take A Levels in all the facilitating subjects for Russell Group universities: Mathematics and Further Mathematics, English Literature, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, History, French, German, Spanish, and Latin. You can also take Art, Economics, Psychology, Design Technology or Business. Results in all these subjects are excellent and students go on to do very well at university.

We also offer seven BTECs, each replacing one A Level. You can do these in IT, Sport, Music Technology, Hospitality and Event Management, Travel and Tourism, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, and Performing and Production Arts. These are accepted by all UK universities, and admissions tutors on vocational courses often prefer them to A Levels. You can, of course, blend A Levels and BTECs if you wish.

Additionally, students can take the Extended Project Qualification, have help preparing for entrance to Oxford and Cambridge, to medical and veterinary school and to universities in Europe, the US and China. We also offer a very popular Business Diploma to recognise pupils with aptitudes and interests in this area.

Running through all our academic work is a clear-sighted view of your potential employability, and all our assessment processes are designed to be helpful, to raise attainment and to focus on the skills that really matter. We will keep your parents informed of all you are doing so they, too, can help you if necessary. The careers and PSHE programmes are embedded in all we do to ensure no one loses sight of the bigger perspective and the possibilities life offers.



Sixth Form

When you join the Sixth Form your world opens up dramatically. Whether you have been at Clayesmore for a few years or are new to the school everything changes. You will be taught in small classes, pursue the subjects you really like and can do well in, and have more opportunities, options and freedom than in the junior years of the school. There are added responsibilities too of course! With help you will prepare either for university, degree-apprenticeships or the world of work.

This is a great time to try new things. You can run your own business, chair debates in Model United Nations, be a leader in House, in the Theatre, the CCF, Sport, Music or as part of the community service programme. You can do work experience, network with former pupils, enjoy an internship and generally gain the skills and confidence for adult life. If you enjoy sport, you can take this to the highest level or you may like to get some coaching qualifications.

The Head of Sixth, Head of Careers and your academic tutor will guide and support you through the two years of Sixth Form, and mentor you through the university application process. You will be given opportunities to lead others, and to make a positive and active contribution as prefects, mentors and leaders within your house and the school.

You can read more about the courses which are available, and life in our Sixth Form, in the Sixth Form Prospectus & Course Directory.

'There really is something for everyone in our Sixth Form. It will provide you with the memories, the skills and the confidence to take on the challenges of the wider world.'

- SarahJane Newland, Assistant Head (Sixth Form) -





Clayesmore & The Arts

If you are a creative person you will love what is on offer here. The range of art, drama and music, particularly, is exceptional. And what is unusual is how much of it is student-led.

Students regularly go on to the top Art schools in the UK - to study fine art, photography, fashion or ceramics.

You can pursue music to the highest level - recent leavers are studying music at the Royal Academy, Royal Holloway and the Royal Northern College of Music. There are lots of opportunities to perform, if you wish to, and students regularly take Grade 8 in one or more instruments. A number gain the ARSM diploma too. Less formally, you can take Trinity exams or just enjoy your music with your friends. We will help you arrange your practice times and for those learning two or more instruments can make adjustments to the timetable to help you manage your commitments.

You might join the Clayesmore Theatre Company - unlike many schools you can get involved from the very start of your time in Year 9 - or submit work for the Clayesmore Film Festival, or write and direct your own play. If you enjoy the technical side of theatre and film you can do this too. We have students at Guildhall School of Music and Drama studying lighting design and one recent former pupil was part of a team winning an Oscar for computer animation in Disney's *The Jungle Book*. Recent leavers have gone on to RADA and The Bristol Old Vic.

Whatever your creative interest, you will be encouraged by skilled, patient, enthusiastic staff who will help you take it to a high level.

Sport

Whether you are a very sporty person, someone who just enjoys playing in a team or simply know you need to keep fit and healthy you will enjoy your sport at Clayesmore.

We work with elite athletes and those with the potential to represent regional and national teams to develop a bespoke training programme that fits alongside the main school games if possible. This will keep all your options open while allowing you to specialise at the right time. If you are able to play at a regional or national level we will find ways to help you meet all these commitments too.

We have lots of teams in all the major sports and regularly do well in local and county tournaments. Our senior girls have been county champions in netball for a number of years, regularly beating all the local independent schools, and our junior boys this year have a strong winning record in almost all sports. You'll receive great coaching, from committed and expert staff, who will encourage and train you to compete at the highest levels while never losing sight of the importance of enjoying the game!

We particularly excel at cricket, hockey, netball, swimming and athletics. We are regularly one of The Cricketer Magazine's top schools and both boys and girls enjoy the sport. The boys, and some girls, enjoy playing rugby and football too.

When you join us in Year 9 you will have a go at the major games - rugby, hockey and cricket for boys, and hockey, netball and tennis for girls. However, from Year 10, or if you are already very good at something, you will be able to choose your own programme, which can include sailing, cross-country running and squash.

One recent leaver is currently playing first class cricket for Hampshire, while current pupils hold national dressage titles, and national eventing honours. We also have pupils and recent leavers in national and international development squads for hockey, netball, rugby, squash and Olympic trap shooting.

But, it is very important to us that students who do not excel at sport can play it for fun with other like-minded people, or can keep fit in the gym or the pool. Being fit for life is every bit as important as winning a match!





Activities

Outside lessons and sport, you will be able to choose from a wide range of activities taking place both in the week and at weekends.

These activities are open to you from the day you join the school - there is no age-based prejudice here! Take part in the amazing Model United Nations programme - a huge international role-playing game in which students research, debate and negotiate current issues. Get technical in our robotics club, teach French to children at a local primary school, or take time off lessons to build a shepherd's hut.

Music, drama and art are all part of the activities programme so you can do almost all that is on offer and you will very rarely be forced to choose between things - unless we or your parents think you might be doing too much! Busy, happy people do well so grab every opportunity you can!

During the week you might also play a part on the charity committee, in an environmental group, or join Amnesty International. You might join the Army or RAF Cadets, and, if you wish, learn to parachute or to fly. This year over a third of our Year 13 students achieved Gold in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. This is a great achievement - and you could do it too.

But that's not all, you could also find yourself on an adventure trip to Montenegro (we have already been to Borneo, Madagascar, and Everest Base Camp), on a language visit to Biarritz or Granada, and on curriculum-based visits to Oxford, London, Bristol, and the nearby coast. Recent sports tours have been to Sri Lanka, South Africa, Spain, India and the Netherlands.

Clayesmore offers all these opportunities, and more. You, your parents, tutor and house parents will be able to advise you on which of these things will suit you best. But whatever you do we will help you develop into a well-rounded person ready for life after school.

Teaching & Learning Centre Prep & Senior School

The teachers at Claysmore are experts in their specialist subjects, of course, but they are also very interested in how young people learn most effectively. For example, we know that students do best in a wholly encouraging environment and so we ensure that is what we have here. We will teach you the basics well, and help you to get a good number of GCSEs but we will also help you collaborate with others, use the latest technology well and develop your own learning skills in order to do the best you can.

We can do this because our teachers are genuinely friendly and forward-looking, and we have a comprehensive and very unusual programme of staff development - every teacher has training every week - and we invest heavily in ensuring we understand how children learn, how the memory works, and how technology helps. Our classrooms are places in which you will be encouraged to contribute and enabled to flourish. You will enjoy your lessons and quickly find yourself gaining in confidence.

We think of ourselves like skilled gardeners - creating the right environment, intervening at the right time, not rushing the natural process, and being patient. We will not force you to compete - we prefer a collaborative model, believing that over the long term this produces the best academic results for you and a set of skills that will set you up well for life.

If you are already an able pupil you will be challenged. For example, younger pupils will be given the opportunity to work with older students and older pupils are extended through small class teaching, specialist tutoring, the extended project qualification and connections with universities. This openness and flexibility contributes to real, growth and good academic results at A Level and at university. Other schools might force the pace but we believe there are enough stresses and strains to manage in adolescence without school adding to them. Lasting success comes most readily from skilled teaching and genuine interest and encouragement.

Students who need help with their work have additional lessons in our Teaching and Learning Centre. Our staff work across Prep and Senior schools, thereby ensuring a seamless transition for pupils as they progress through Claysmore. Our method is to identify weaknesses and put them right as quickly as possible, and to ensure the teachers of each academic subject know how best to help each and every student. Those who have additional lessons in our Teaching and Learning Centre rarely miss a curriculum lesson to do so.



International Students at Clayesmore

Each year we welcome a small number of international students from across the world. You will join a house and play a full part in everything we do. You will quickly make friends with boys and girls already in the school and we will want you to try everything on offer that takes your interest.

We can adjust the academic timetable to suit your needs and if you need help improving your English we will do this as soon as possible. We will assess how to help you best, and will arrange language lessons to suit your level. These will either be one-to-one or in small groups. You will be encouraged to work towards a recognised English language qualification, and as well as GCSE we prepare our pupils for all the main Cambridge English examinations including, PET, FCE, CAE and CPE. We also help students prepare for IELTS and with SATS for US university admission.

International students can enter any year group but for those who are 15 and coming for one year only we offer a special programme in which you will take five GCSEs and lessons in up to four other subjects.

When you need to travel home, we arrange travel to and from London and other airports. International students return home or visit their guardian at half-terms and for the long holidays, but on exeat weekends we offer accommodation and an enjoyable programme for those who choose to stay at school.





Employability

You will be taught about a lot about careers as soon as you join Clayesmore. In Years 9 and 10 your tutor will help you find your way around all the different sources of information on-line and in our up-to-date careers library. We will also help you and your parents when you are choosing your subjects to ensure you keep open the widest possible number of options that might suit you. In Year 11 and the Sixth Form you will be in a small group of friends learning about many different opportunities you might wish to pursue. All of this takes place in our Careers Centre, located in the heart of the Business School, a centre for business, entrepreneurship, economics and employability.

In order to help you develop people skills as well as academic ones you will follow a programme of service activities in Year 12. You may find yourself chatting to the residents of a local care home, volunteering for the National Citizenship Service, or at work with the National Trust, or perhaps hosting students from the nearby Forum School and helping to teach them how to cook.

The school's strong connection to the Old Clayesmorian network provides opportunities for work experience, and the annual Back to the Future Day is a great chance for Year 12s to gain insights from recent leavers about what they would tell their 17-year-old selves.

Many Clayesmorians go on to major universities in the UK and abroad, others study degree apprenticeships, and many start their own successful businesses. There is a comprehensive programme in place to help you apply to university - and to provide information to parents too. Furthermore, all our careers and university advice services are available to you after you have left school.



Beyond Clayesmore *The Old Clayesmorian Society*

The Old Clayesmorian Society is a worldwide network of former pupils. They keep in touch with you and help you to keep in touch with your friends and the school. OCs offer a number of work-experience opportunities, make grants to help students with interesting projects and they also support the school's development programme. When you are successful later in life you will want to help others benefit from all this too, and we will ask you to do the same!

A Dorset Education

Clayesmore is a great place to go to school. The landscape is beautiful and the area is among the sunniest in England. It is rural, unspoilt and peaceful, yet accessible from everywhere,

The school is part of Iwerne Minster, a picturesque village halfway between the small market-towns of Blandford Forum and Shaftesbury, at the heart of the Blackmore Vale. There are places to stay and to visit, good pubs, and plenty of countryside to explore. The Jurassic Coast, Poole Harbour, Sandbanks and Studland are all nearby. The beautiful city of Bath with its classical terraces and Roman remains is within an hour's drive and Oxford and London are near enough for us to make educational trips to both.

And Clayesmore itself is a place of wonder. The main house was designed in the nineteenth century by Alfred Waterhouse, who also designed the Natural History Museum and the National Liberal Club in London as well as buildings at Balliol College, Oxford and Pembroke College, Cambridge. The grounds, including the lake give the pupils a real sense of space, and Hambledon Hill, a neolithic hill fort whose ramparts are largely intact, provides a majestic setting to our school.



Applying to join Clayesmore

As soon as you are ready to do so, email or phone us to make an appointment to come and visit either the Prep or the Senior School or both! This will give you the chance to see us in action, meet the Head and have a good look round. We have an open morning each term, but you are welcome to come on any day that suits you.

Prep School

We interview all applicants to the school and will want to see recent school reports and to receive a reference from your child's current headteacher. We want to be sure your child will be able to settle in to the school quickly, be keen to join in with all that we do, and be able and willing to learn. Students joining Year 7 will need to be able to demonstrate some confidence with literacy and numeracy.

Subject to satisfactory performance, most children in Year 8 in the Prep School move into Year 9 in the Senior School - see below.

Senior School & Sixth Form

The main entry points into the Senior School are at age 13 into Year 9, and age 16 into Year 12. There are also some admissions into Year 10 and exceptionally into Year 11. Scholarships for entry into Year 9 and Year 12 are offered by competitive examination early in the Spring term.

For entry into Year 9 students take Common Entrance and/or scholarship exams in Maths, English, Science, French, and Latin for the top sets. Assessment in other subjects is based on coursework and internal assessment by the child's current school and Head's report. We wish to meet all students who apply for a place. Students seeking a place in Year 10 or, exceptionally, Year 11 should seek advice from the Registrar.

Students almost always progress from Year 11 to the Sixth Form. Those applying for a place in the sixth form from outside the school usually take an entrance examination in three subjects, usually but not always those planned for A Level. Scholarships are taken early in the Spring Term.

It is a condition of offering a place in all year groups that parents of students who have been assessed by an educational psychologist or a specialist teacher or who have had specialist medical treatments declare this at the time of registration.

Contact

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Open Mornings

These are held each year in March, May and September and provide an opportunity to get a feel for the School, tour the buildings, and meet the Head, staff and current pupils. Our next Open Mornings will be held on:

Saturday 22 September 2018 - Saturday 2 March 2019 - Saturday 11 May 2019

This year's Sixth Form Information Evening will be held on Friday 5 October at 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to find out about the many different courses available and to talk to teachers and Year 12 students.



Entrance Tests, Scholarships & Bursaries

Prep School

Scholarships

Clayesmore is pleased to offer a range of scholarships to pupils entering the Prep School in Year 7. For more information please visit our website.

Senior School

Entrance exams and scholarships

Admission at age 13 is normally via the following methods:

- **Common Entrance Examination**
This is the usual method of entry for girls and boys coming to Clayesmore from prep schools.
- **Clayesmore Entrance Examination**
For those who have not followed the Common Entrance syllabus, a range of straightforward tests in Maths, English and Science are taken.
- **Scholarships**
A small number of scholarships are offered each year to students entering Year 9 and Year 12. For more information please visit our website.

Bursaries

The school offers a number of means-tested bursaries for cases of genuine need and these are awarded depending on individual circumstances and are reviewed annually. Sibling discounts and forces bursaries are also available. For further details of all these awards and how to apply for them please contact the registrar early.

There is more detailed information about our admissions process on the school website: www.clayesmore.com/admissions

Fees 2018-2019

Fees are charged in advance and are due in full on the first day of each term. There may be further charges for external exams, some activities, such as additional music and drama lessons, extra coaching, some curriculum trips, education magazine subscriptions and optional insurances.

For a full fee schedule, please see the school website.

Registration Fee £100

Deposit £700 for UK residents, £1,000 for International Students

Senior School

Boarding - £11,910 per term

Day - £8,740 per term

Prep School

Boarding - £8,370 per term

Boarding (Year 3) - £5,890 per term

Day - £6,250 per term

Day (Year 4) - £4,750 per term

Day (Year 3) - £4,410 per term

Pre-Prep - £2,570 per term



Useful Contacts

Clayesmore Prep School

Iwerne Minster, Blandford Forum, Dorset
DT11 8PH

Clayesmore Prep School - Admissions
prepadmissions@clayesmore.com
01747 813155

Clayesmore School

Iwerne Minster, Blandford Forum, Dorset
DT11 8LL

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01747 812122



Transport

For pupils travelling from overseas, the Transport Manager arranges taxi services to and from relevant airports at the beginning and end of term, at half term and at exeat. To help parents get day pupils to and from school, we run minibuses over a number of routes. Full details, including times and fares, are available from the Transport Manager - Email: hazel@clayesmore.com or tel: 01747 813193.

Getting to Clayesmore

Using Satellite Navigation

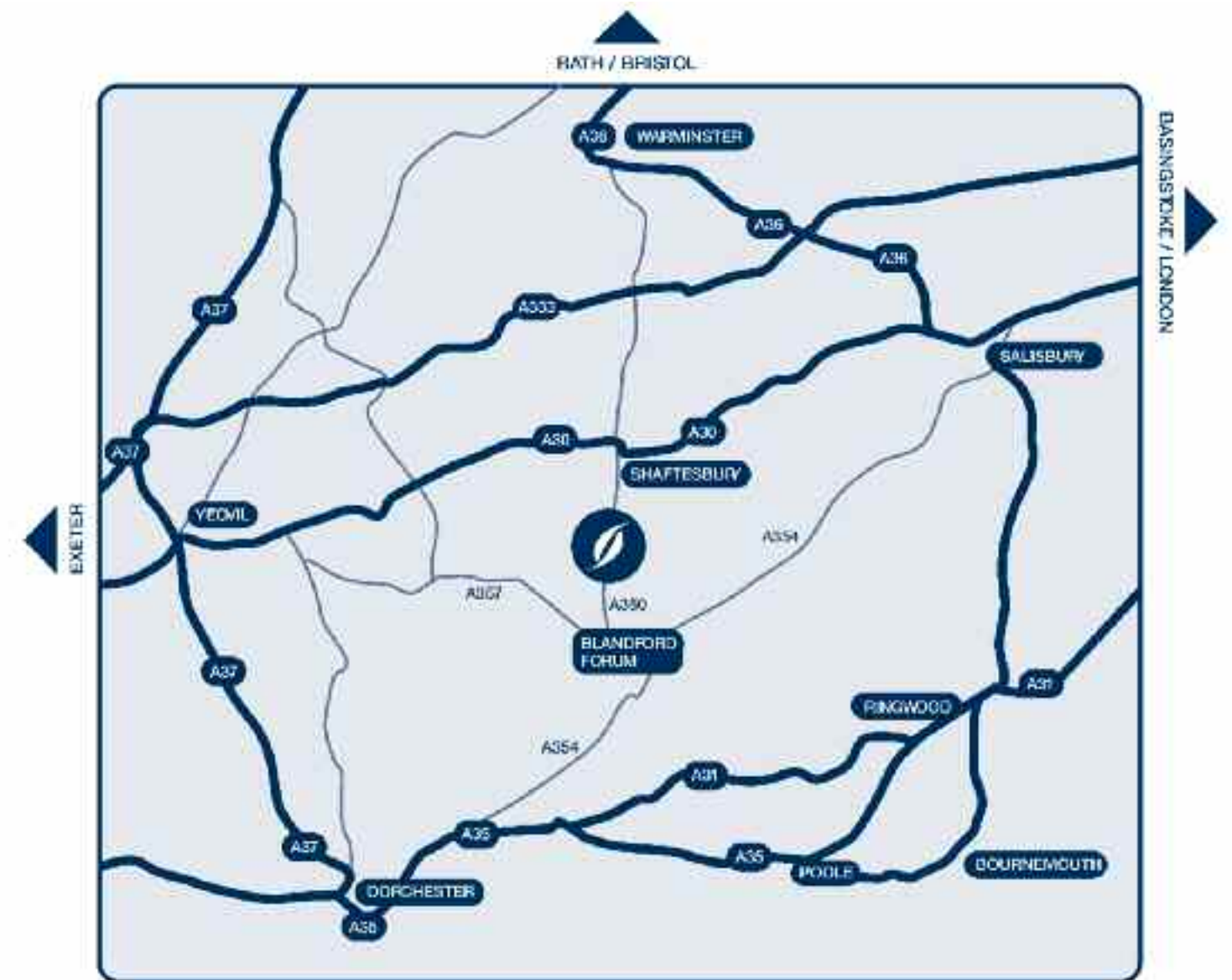
We're in Iwerne Minster. If you need a road name, try Blandford Road. The post code is DT11 8LL.

From Shaftesbury

1. Follow the signs for Blandford, taking the A350 south.
2. Keep on the A350, travelling through the villages of Compton Abbas, Fontmell Magna and Sutton Waldron before reaching Iwerne Minster.
3. Turn right off the A350 into the first entrance for Clayesmore.
4. For the Prep School you will need to turn left very soon after entering the drive, and for the Senior School, carry straight on right around the central lawns to the Main House.

From Blandford Forum

1. Follow the signs for Shaftesbury and Warminster, taking the A350 north.
2. You will go through the village of Stourpaine before reaching Iwerne Minster.
3. Pass the Talbot pub on your right and the first entrance into Clayesmore on your left. Four hundred yards later you will reach the main entrance, again on the left hand side.
4. Turn left immediately inside the Clayesmore estate for the Prep School or carry on around the drive to the Main House for the Senior School.







*'Educating the mind
without educating the heart
is no education at all.'*

- Aristotle -



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