



CHAFYN
GROVE

ENJOYABLE CHALLENGE

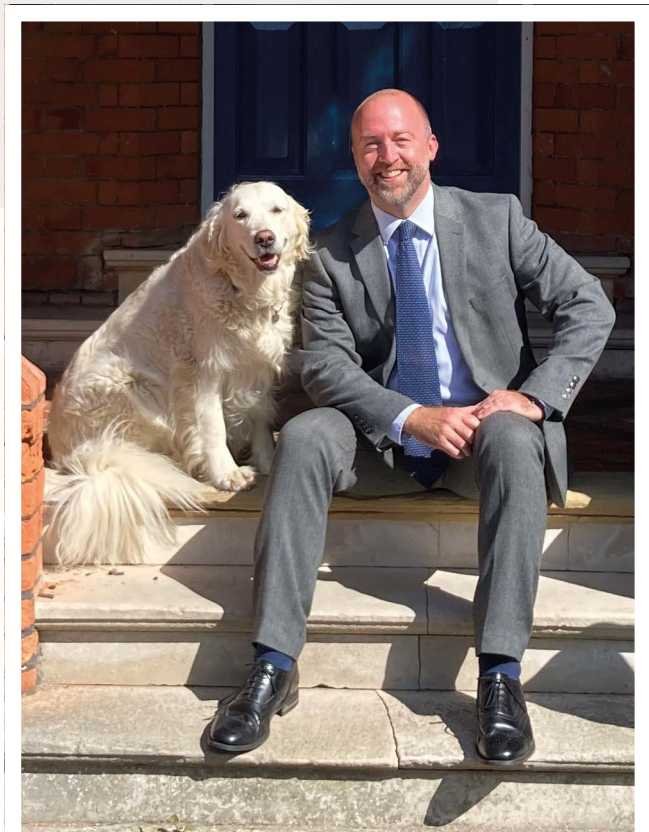


Unrivalled *Opportunity* For All

Too much challenge is stressful, too little is dull. In between there is a sweet-spot where children thrive. They enjoy the right amount of challenge and Chafyn Grove is dedicated to delivering that level in as many ways as possible for every child. We are large enough to provide a wealth of opportunity for our pupils, but agile enough to ensure that it is tailored to each one. I hope the following pages illustrate some of our distinctive strengths for you, but the only way we can truly demonstrate them is in person. Thank you for your interest in our school; I hope that I can look forward to welcoming you into it soon.

Simon Head

Headmaster of Chafyn Grove





Academic

Chafyn is an academically non-selective school which successfully sends its children on to the full range of academically selective senior schools. Average class-sizes of twelve and first-class teaching staff ensure that individual attention is given to each child's progress across the curriculum. Both French and Spanish are learned from the start of Pre-Prep, with Latin introduced in Year 6. Science is taught in one of our laboratories from Year 4 to ensure that the full range of scientific skills is exercised and developed. Reading passports and a spacious, expertly-stocked library help children become avid readers.

'The attainment of pupils of all ages and abilities, including those with SEND, EAL and those who are more able, is high.'

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Arts

Creativity is encouraged across the curriculum at Chafyn, and Art, Music, Drama and Craft are particularly good vehicles for this. We regularly gain Scholarships at Senior level in these fields, but just as importantly there are regular opportunities throughout the year to showcase their skills. In addition to the timetabled Music, Art and Drama lessons, there are individual instrumental and LAMDA lessons available. All children have the opportunity to be in a play every year. Our Performance Hall staging also enables the older children who want to be involved behind the scenes to do the sound, lighting and backstage jobs.

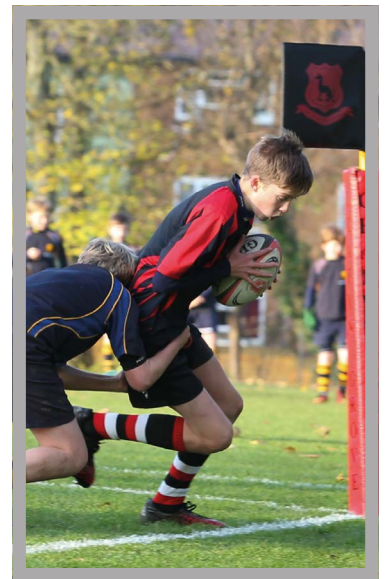


'Pupils' communication skills grow rapidly through the wide range of music and drama activities provided.'

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Sport

Sport is a distinctive strength at Chafyn: every child is in a team and every team has a teacher as its coach. From Year 3 there are weekly fixtures against other schools and we regularly compete at National level as well. The main team sports are Netball, Hockey, Rugby and Cricket. In the summer, cricket teams are streamed by ability not gender. In addition, there is a weekly PE lesson as a class, healthily enabling boys and girls to do sport together. Alongside the team sports, we also compete in Swimming, Athletics and Cross-country. One-to-one cricket, tennis and squash lessons are also available. In combination with the Activities programme you can easily do sport every day. Our heated outdoor pool is used for half of the year, but younger pupils have their weekly swimming lesson indoors in winter! Sports reports for every team's performance are read out to the whole school in Friday assembly, ensuring that everyone's contribution is celebrated.

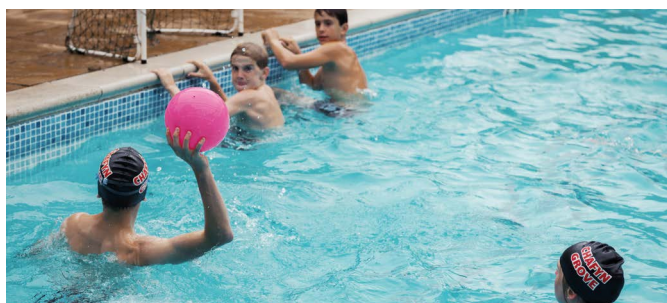
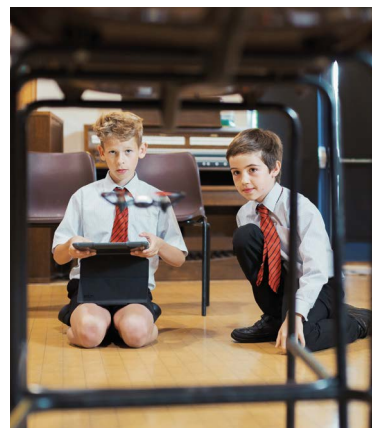


'Pupils are adept at working collaboratively. They learn that working together in teams is an effective way of solving problems. As such, they feel confident to take risks in their learning and to approach a problem from different angles in order to solve it.'



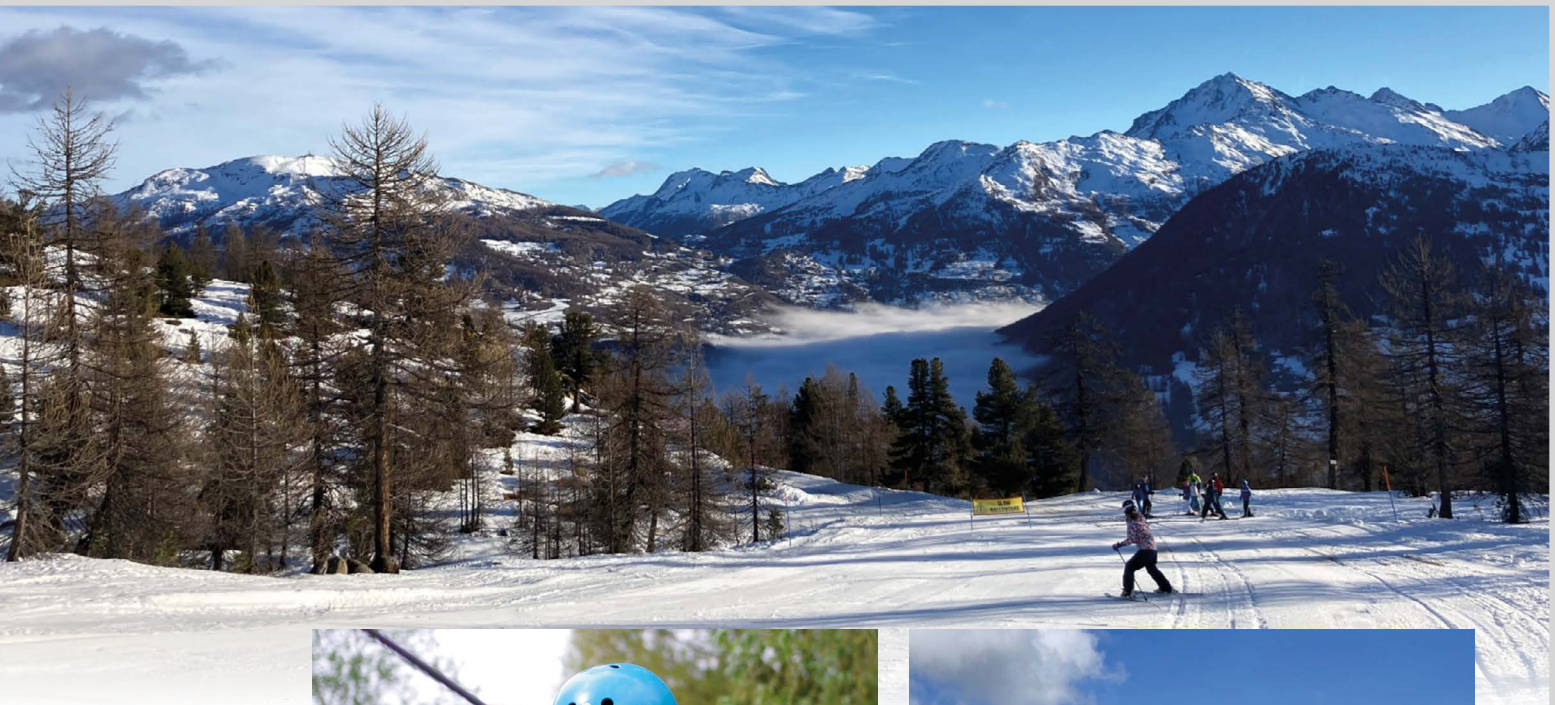
Activities

From Year 3, Chafyn embeds after-school clubs into Monday and Thursday afternoons. This ensures that everyone has access to these opportunities, and the activities themselves benefit from being at a better time of day for exploration and discovery. Well over sixty different activities are offered, with children choosing eight over the course of each year with options ranging from horse-riding, sailing, parkour or golf to cookery, bushcraft, sign-language or archery. This ensures that every child discovers new strengths and the confidence they enjoy there spreads out across the rest of the curriculum. The variety this brings to the timetable is also invigorating in itself. Activity groups are anything between five and fifteen in size and often span different year groups, allowing children to experience different learning environments to their class ones.



‘Pupils develop an acute social awareness through the many opportunities provided for teamwork, problem-solving and collaboration across year groups.’

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Trips

Chafyn children regularly go on trips to enrich their learning environment. From the Pre-Prep visit to Brownsea island to Year 8 climbing mountains the opportunity is embraced to invigorate the curriculum, broaden horizons and strengthen self-awareness. From Year 3 overnight trips are gradually introduced. Year 6 visit France each year and there is also an annual ski trip which parents can also attend.



‘Resilience, self-confidence and self-discipline are firmly embedded in the school’s culture and supported across the curriculum.’

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Boarding

Chafyn Grove is a combination of Day and Boarding education; not all of our children board, but all benefit from the presence of a boarding house at the heart of our provision. Boarding at Chafyn Grove provides a well-established and stable family environment and our exceptional pastoral care ensures a home-from-home experience for our students. Boarding house pupils are cared for by our experienced and dedicated Houseparents, who understand the importance of support, keeping in touch and having dogs! House life is busy, packed with fun activities for pupils to enjoy. As well as the sporting and extra-curricular opportunities on offer at school, our boarders enjoy a full programme of social activities during evenings and weekends. These include quiz and film nights on-site, and a range of trips to local attractions and events, all of which are included in the fees.



'Pupils demonstrate excellent social skills, high levels of initiative and independence of mind.'

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Wellbeing

Wellbeing is an integral part of everything we do at Chafyn. Above all, it is supported by a meaningful personal relationship between teachers and pupils, exercised in the classroom, on the Games field, in Activities and at lunch where staff sit with the children to chat. The breadth of our provision itself also plays a valuable role in ensuring that everyone's confidence and sense of self is as strong as possible. We have a specialist area named The Link, which offers learning support for all those in Year 3-8, whether that includes extra help with spelling and reading, maths intervention, or with more diagnosed needs such as dyslexia. Our large and comfortable library functions as the wellbeing hub for children to relax in at break-times if they wish. Chafyn teachers meet every week in groups and as a whole staff to discuss the children's development and happiness. We have in-house staff trained in specific aspects of counselling and emotional awareness for when that would be helpful too. Outdoor learning plays a pivotal role within the curriculum and our annual Wellbeing Week serves as a fun-filled experience for the whole school.



'Pupils feel safe and secure at school through a strong culture of wellbeing promoted by the staff. Pupils remarked on the positive value of having a school dog on their mental health.'

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Nursery & Reception

Reception and Nursery have their own class teacher and Teacher Assistants, as well as the benefit of specialist teachers for French, Spanish, Music, Drama, Computing and Games.

They have their own spacious and recently updated classrooms, as well as access to outside play areas including Dingley Dell for on-site Forest School activities. This provides a flexible balance between indoor and outdoor activity. Playtime is shared with Years 1 and 2, encouraging invaluable interaction.

A cooked lunch is provided in the school dining room each day, in addition to snacks throughout the day. As well as a clear focus on literacy and numeracy, children learn the skills of thinking for yourself and working with others. Trips are an important component of the curriculum, ranging from visiting the post office to local farms.



‘In the EYFS, children engage wholeheartedly in their learning.’

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A large background image showing several children in a swimming pool. They are wearing black swim caps with 'CHAFYN GROVE' written on them and colorful goggles. Some are holding yellow and blue inflatable tubes. The water is blue and rippling.

Years 1 & 2

One of Chafyn's distinctions is that Years 1 and 2 take full advantage of the school's facilities. This sees them using the Art block, Sports Hall, Computer room, and Performance Hall for their lessons, as well as having their own bright classrooms in the Pre-Prep block. There is a weekly swimming lesson throughout the year – using our outdoor pool during the warmer months. Our Reception class splits into two Year 1 forms of around ten children each, with these groups growing as the years progress.

Pre-Prep join the rest of the school for Friday's assembly, as well as having their own in the course of the week. After-School clubs can be booked on the same day, as needed. Individual music lessons are available from Year 2, with everyone learning the violin as part of the timetabled class music lessons.



'Pupils of all ages and abilities rapidly acquire strong communication skills...'

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Years 3 & 4

English, Geography, History and RE are taught by the class-teacher, with the rest taught by subject specialists. Maths is now streamed into sets. Two Games lessons enter the timetable, with matches on Tuesdays against other schools. Science takes place in one of our dedicated laboratories, taught by a specialist. From Year 3 onwards, children join the Activities programme on Monday and Thursday afternoons. This allows them to choose from over 60 different pursuits, from horse-riding, sailing and parkour, to bushcraft, cookery and sign-language. This helps everyone discover new areas of enjoyment and the confidence they develop here spreads across the week.



'Pupils of all ages and abilities have highly positive attitudes to learning.'

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Years 5 & 6

In Year 5 & 6, pupils will continue to grow in independence and responsibility. Children have a stronger awareness of what is required from them, both as students and members of the community.

Further specialist teachers in all subjects begin in Year 5 & 6 and new subjects are introduced such as Latin. Year 5 have a weekly cognitive development lesson in preparation to those students who may decide to take the 11+ .

The end of Year 6 sees many children move up to our final years of Prep – Years 7 and 8 – and preparation for the Common Entrance and the opportunities and responsibilities that lie at the top of the school.



'Pupils express much appreciation of the beauty of the outdoor environment and they delight in the freedom to wander around the beautiful grounds and engage in quiet reflection.'

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Years 7 & 8

At Chafyn Grove, we welcome children up to the end of Year 8. The transformative effect of a 13+ prep school cannot be understated, allowing pupils in Year 7 and 8 to flourish as champions of the Prep School. At a time of physiological change, we firmly believe that children of this age do best when leading a school instead of sitting on the bottom rung of the ladder. All of our Year 8 pupils set the tone for the younger ones and influence the culture of the School. For some, there are specific roles of responsibility – such as Eights Leaders and Heads of School, that are rotated termly to provide opportunities to other pupils.

There are enormous advantages in staying at Chafyn Grove through the last two years of prep school. Our Year 7 & 8 pupils mature into well-rounded young people, more confident and socially aware and better equipped at 13 to face the rigours and demands of senior school, than they are at 11. An action-packed programme of events for our leavers also makes sure that the final two years here at Chafyn Grove are a lot of fun!



‘Year 8 pupils develop strong leadership skills and contribute positively to the school community.’

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Beyond Chafyn

Chafyn children go on to a wide variety of schools. Some leave at the end of Year 6, having successfully gained places at Salisbury's Grammar schools. The majority remain till the end of Year 8 before moving on to the likes of Canford, Bryanston, Marlborough, Sherborne and Clifton. Other schools regularly chosen include Clayesmore, Warminster, Dauntsey's, Godolphin and Leehurst Swan. Every year, around half of our Year 8 leavers gain Academic, All-Rounder, Art, Drama, DT, Music or Sports scholarships to their senior school.





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