



St Bernard's Preparatory School



LOVE

WORK

PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT



Love Work Prayer

With God as our shelter and Christ as our guide, the mission of St Bernard's Preparatory School is to educate towards love and service to God, each other and the wider community. Through our broad and balanced curriculum we will develop an understanding of each faith and the values we share. We will treat each other with respect knowing we are special and unique.

AIMS

To achieve this the school will:

Initiate worship, celebration and prayer within the curriculum as a natural part of school life.

Nurture a love of learning and to develop, as fully as possible, each child's academic potential and talents.

Generate an understanding of the need for care and consideration for others within our community and the wider world.

Provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum enriched with wider curriculum experiences and opportunities for learning; differentiated to and appropriate to, the needs of the individual child enables them to achieve their full potential academically, spiritually, morally, socially and physically.

Value each individual as unique and individual, made in the likeness of God, happy with the person they have become.



St Bernard's Preparatory School is a happy and vibrant environment where children come first. I am extremely proud of this school and welcome you to experience the warm ethos and high academic standards, which are so important to us all. Our recipe for success is not a complicated one; if a child is happy they will learn, if they are happy learning they will enjoy success and want to learn even more.

I invite you to join us as a member of the St Bernard's Prep family.

Asha Verma, Headteacher

EARLY YEARS

Our Early Years Department provides a nurturing stimulating and enriching environment for children aged between 2 ½ and 5 years.

The Foundation Stage consists of a Pre Early Years Class for our 2½ year olds, a Nursery Class for our 3 and 4 year olds and two Reception Classes.

The Early Years Department has four purpose built, well equipped, bright, open plan classrooms. We are extremely well resourced and planned activities are varied to meet the learning and discovery needs of all children. Learning takes place through practical, child initiated play combined with adult directed activities. High staffing ratio ensures the children within our care benefit from personalised learning tailored to suit their individual needs. Our outdoor play area is second to none and includes a large outdoor classroom.





YEARS 1 & 2

Our Key stage One classes offer focused teaching and creative learning. Through the vibrant delivery of the curriculum, we strive to develop the whole child and create independent and self motivated learners. The nurturing and friendly classroom environment ensures that learning is fun and progress is made. The children benefit from a wide range of multisensory and practical learning opportunities. The class teachers, alongside specialist teachers in French, Music and PE, provide a curriculum that is enriching and personalised to meet the needs of each individual child.



YEARS 3 & 4

Years 3 and 4 enables your child to build upon their current knowledge, with a view to expanding their horizons. A healthy balance of class and specialist teaching maximises learning and allows the children to develop bonds with members of staff. Each child is encouraged to build firm foundations, focusing on breadth of knowledge and skills before reaching their next goal. We believe there is no ceiling to an individual's learning. Immersed in our secure and spiritual ethos children continue to flourish.



YEARS 5 & 6

As an outstanding school, we offer a rigorous and challenging curriculum. This enables children to take increased responsibility for themselves and their learning, as they prepare to make the transition into senior schools. Our children enjoy a wide range of experiences and opportunities through our creative curriculum and the specialist teachers. The children participate in national competitions in Maths and English with great success. To celebrate the end of the 'Preparatory School Journey', children experience a week's residential trip to France. This is followed by a Prize Giving ceremony to recognise their personal achievements, culminating in a Leavers' Mass.



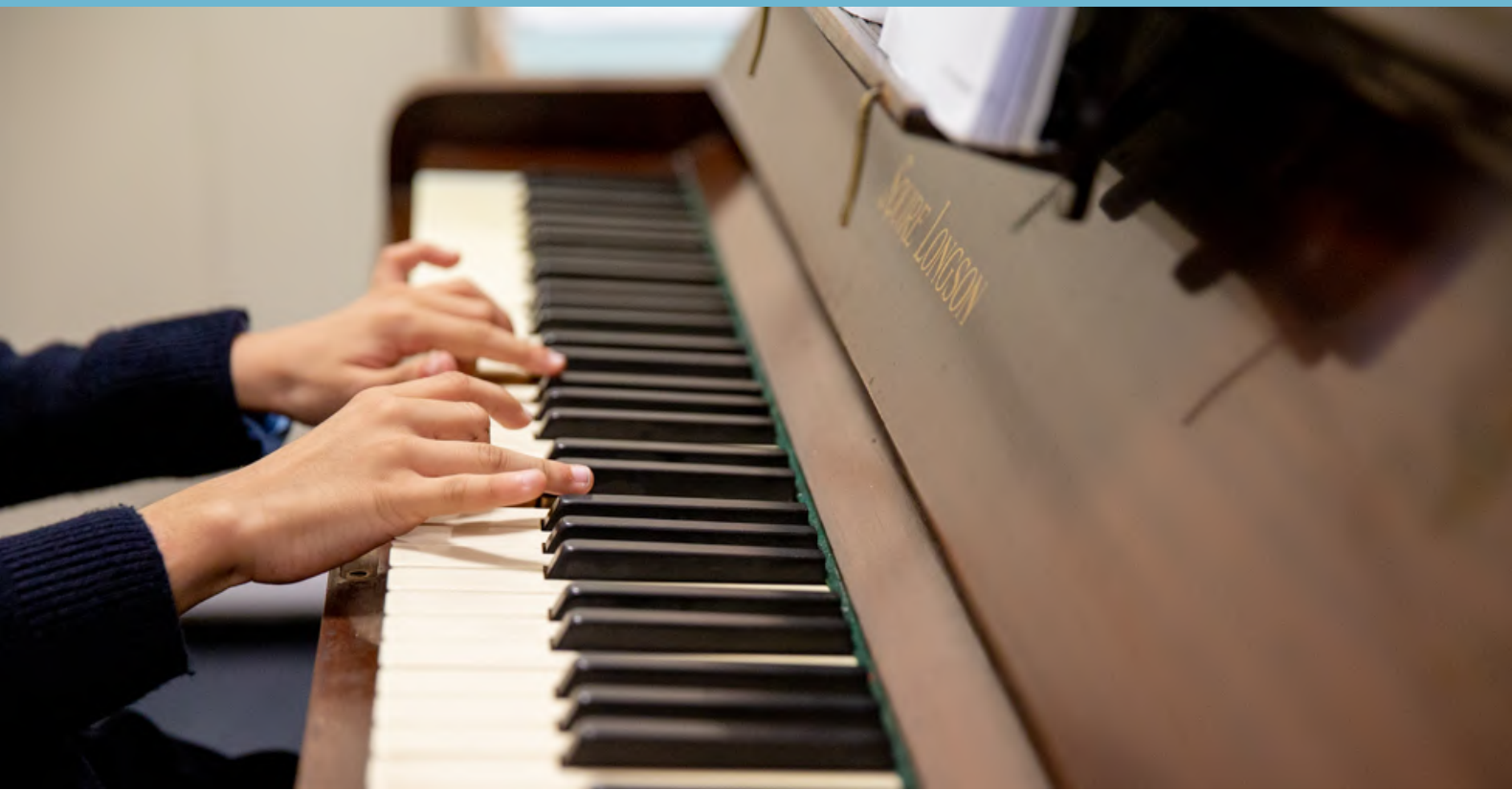
SCIENCE

With our specialist Science teacher, children experience the wonders of science through challenging practical activities. Asking questions, discovering answers and making sense of the world around them.



MUSIC

Music is an integral part of St Bernard's, where all children have the opportunity to play a range of instruments and participate as a member of an active choir.



FRENCH

French is taught across all age ranges at St Bernard's, culminating with a week long residential trip in Year 6 to France where they enjoy putting their conversational skills to the test.



ART & DT

In both Art and Design Technology children are encouraged to become creative and innovative through a variety of hands-on stimulating learning experiences.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are a unique Catholic school, where all faiths are valued and indeed celebrated. Christ's example of love and service characterises the life and work of our whole community. We follow in God's footsteps through our love, our work and our prayer.



SPORT

Sport plays an important role in the life of our children at St Bernard's, where they are all encouraged to reach their full potential in physical activities. Emphasis is placed on participation, sportsmanship and fair play.





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