



Tormead *Prep*

Small Steps Today
Bright Futures Tomorrow

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You made it easy for us
to choose Tormead
as the school that would
bring opportunities,
challenge, friendship and,
above all, happiness to our
daughter's life.

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Our fantastic
all-weather
Reception play area
affectionately known
as 'Teletubby land'.





Welcome to Tormead Prep





Welcome to Tormead Prep School

Where we provide an
exceptional all-round
education in a vibrant and
happy atmosphere.

In our all girls' environment, we will inspire your daughter to become a successful and self-assured young woman. We will empower her to take risks, be bold and understand that making mistakes is an essential part of any learning process.

With a future women leaders' ethos, we provide an educational setting that dispels gender bias and stereotyping. We will encourage your daughter to celebrate her achievements, be she four or eleven years old, by asking her to be her own best advocate, speaking openly and proudly about her accomplishments in all fields within our broad and balanced curriculum.

At Tormead Prep, we are passionate in promoting fluid, creative and outside the box thinking. We encourage curiosity and a lifelong love for learning, preparing our girls for their future beyond school.

I trust that this prospectus gives you a flavour of life at Tormead Prep, where purposeful and creative learning alongside outstanding pastoral care are equally valued. However, the best way to connect with our school is to arrange a visit. I would welcome the opportunity to meet you and show you in person why Tormead Prep should be the first choice for your daughter's educational journey.

—**Nicki Fry**
Head of Tormead Prep





Academic Life

Inspiring confident girls and learners

Academic life at Tornead Prep School is purposeful and exciting, with a strong focus on academic progress and achievement.

Our dedicated and inspirational teachers are passionate about teaching and bringing all subjects to life. They will build and nurture your daughter's individual talents and skills whilst helping her to understand that mistakes are an essential part of any learning.

A Digital Curriculum developing expertise and confidence in using technology

As an Apple Distinguished School, your daughter will develop expertise and confidence in using technology. From Reception to Year 4, class sets of iPads support learning in lessons and from Year 5, the girls use their own devices. We are proud of the creativity and intellectual curiosity our girls display and, by using technology safely and responsibly, IT lessons build up the skills and confidence of our girls in areas such as coding, e-safety and data handling.

Higher Order Thinking is at the core of our educational philosophy at Tornead

We believe that all pupils have the potential to succeed as high performers given the right encouragement and supportive learning environment.

Each girl at Tornead Prep is unique and the school's academic programme reflects this. Our teachers engage their classes with activities that require fluidity, creativity and outside the box thinking. Building on the firm foundations set in Pre-Prep, the girls take an active part in their own education. Using learning skills such as curiosity, creativity, collaboration, reflectiveness, resourcefulness and resilience (taught and modelled by the teachers), the girls are encouraged to build on their knowledge, through a multi-faceted approach to their understanding.

'Gutentag, Bonjour, Ola and Salve!'

In Pre-Prep, girls will be taught German. In addition, French will be introduced in Year 3 along with Spanish and Latin in Year 5.

Specialist Teaching

All girls enjoy specialist teaching in Music, Languages, Games and Gymnastics, and from Year 2 to Year 6 in Design Technology.

"Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think"

—Albert Einstein

Critical Thinking

From Year 1 girls are taught 'Critical Thinking'. This covers a broad range of topics encompassing Philosophy and independence of thought.

STEM

The teaching of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is an intrinsic part of daily life and teaching at Tormead Prep School.

A cross-curricular approach to planning and delivering our programme of study ensures that the girls have multiple opportunities to understand and apply the skills of inquiry-based learning used in STEM subjects.

This interdisciplinary approach to learning equips girls for a world where the ability to think critically and to evaluate is crucial. Visits to museums, guest speakers, and a range of school clubs, such as coding, art, Lego and science clubs, develop and extend the opportunities for girls to make links between the classroom and the real world.

“Curiosity keeps us moving forward, exploring, experimenting, opening new doors”

—Walt Disney

We aim to foster a real love and enthusiasm for STEM and each year, the whole school takes part in Inquisitor Week. Through visiting groups, speakers, activities and lessons, the emphasis is on developing further knowledge and understanding of STEM skills.

At Tormead Prep we aim to teach the girls that education is not just for school.



We prepare girls for the future, ensuring they leave us confident in using new and emerging technologies.











Pastoral Care

How do we provide outstanding pastoral care for your daughter?

We are passionate about creating a warm and supportive environment where the wellbeing of our community members (girls, teachers, support staff and parents) is at the very heart of everything we do. We nurture the Tormead values of respect, tolerance and inclusivity and our girls develop good friendships because kindness is at the core of our pastoral success in our very close-knit community.

Tormead Prep's pastoral care is second to none.

Tormead Prep is a safe learning environment where the girls feel happy and comfortable. The Form Teachers are friendly and approachable and provide the outstanding pastoral care your daughter requires over the year. They will be your contact point should you need to discuss the emotional wellbeing of your child in addition to her academic progress. The Form Teachers aim to develop a strong partnership with you through parent meetings and consultations and together you will connect as a team to support your daughter as she journeys through the academic year.

We know that children can find navigating friendships tricky and errors will be made. Just as in any family, there will be times when the girls may require help from an adult. Here at Tormead Prep, we take the time to mentor and guide the girls with their friendships through teaching and encouraging them to learn from their mistakes. Teachers will discuss and model how to make the correct choices in the future.

Specialist Support Team

We are fortunate to have specialist pastoral staff at Tormead. Our School Nurses, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and School Counsellors can support our Prep School girls should the need ever arise.

Kindness and care outside the Tormead Prep community

We are keen to ensure that the girls are thoughtful to others in our wider community. Our House Captains organise events to raise money for different charities over the year. We are proud to have connected with Age UK Surrey and continue to work to support the Guildford Foodbank. We want our girls to have empathy and understanding of issues in the real world, be that locally or globally.

Sport

Prep School sport aims to develop the girls' skills and understanding, along with a passion for a wide range of sports.

In the Autumn and Spring Terms, girls in Key Stage 2 participate in cross country, gymnastics, hockey, netball and swimming. We encourage the girls to take part in the many clubs we offer and aim to help them find their 'forever sports'. For our youngest sportswomen in Key Stage 1, we focus on building a solid foundation of core physical skills through a programme of multi-activities, games, gymnastics and swimming. In the Summer Term the focus switches to athletics, cricket and tennis.


All girls are encouraged to focus on being the best that they can be, whatever their ability. We teach the rewards of hard work and perseverance and we challenge girls to try new things and not be afraid of making mistakes. Most importantly, we support the lifelong benefits of taking part in a sport with like-minded girls, having fun and being part of a bigger team.

The girls have access to a range of competitive inter-school and intra-school House competitions in all our major sports. Girls develop a strong sense of team pride and belonging, and build their communication and teamwork skills whilst always demonstrating the highest levels of sportsmanship.

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A young girl with freckles is shown in profile, reading a book. She is wearing a blue and white patterned shirt. The background is a bookshelf filled with many colorful books. The lighting is soft and focused on the girl and her book.

**Together,
empowering girls
to be confident
and ambitious**



Performing Arts

Music

All Tormead Prep and Pre-Prep girls participate in music lessons with specialist teachers from Reception to Year 6.

Extra-curricular music at Tormead Prep is lively and flourishing, and involves pupils from across the whole age range of the school working together. We offer a wide range of opportunities in which all girls are encouraged to participate at a level appropriate to their ability.

Prep girls have the opportunity for solo and group performances in our informal Year Group Concerts. In addition, the Pre-Prep Spring Concert gives our younger pupils the chance to show their music performance skills and the Prep Spring Concert showcases the Prep co-curricular music groups, ensembles and choirs.

Individual Music Lessons and M-Tech

Individual instrumental tuition is available from Year 1 onwards on a wide choice of instruments.

M:Tech is a group instrumental lesson (6 pupils maximum) teaching creative composition digitally with a clear graded learning curve.

Drama

All Tormead Prep and Pre-Prep girls enjoy drama lessons within the curriculum. Lessons encourage girls to be imaginative and to think and act creatively, to explore and to speak, listen and respond to each other. We aim to develop the lifelong skills of self-confidence, enquiry, empathy and collaboration. In curriculum drama, all the girls can become involved in the process where they make decisions and shape their own work.

Performance is an important part of drama and all girls from Reception to Year 6 will 'trip the light fantastic' on our Prep school stage in class assemblies and in the annual House poetry event.

In addition, each year group presents a performance/production staged in the Prep School Hall or the Senior School Hall/JCS Theatre.

We actively incorporate visiting theatre groups and external visits to theatre productions in our calendar thus providing our girls with a love of the performing arts.

Speech and Drama

Speech and Drama lessons are aimed at developing girls' confidence, communication and performance skills through small-group drama tuition.

The main focus of the lessons is preparation for graded exams (which are the drama equivalent to music grades) and performances in Performing Arts Festivals. Students take part in a range of fun drama activities that develop skills in acting, voice-work, posture, teamwork and self-expression, and build confidence for situations such as public speaking and interviews.

In Years 3-5, Speech and Drama is taught in small groups before or after school on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Year 6 have lessons in pairs during the school day on Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Speech and Drama is taught by Ms Rachel Stanton, an experienced drama teacher and formerly a professional actor and director. Ms Stanton is passionate about the benefits of drama in education. She aims to pass on her love of performance, theatre and literature to her students and to help them 'find their voice'.





Extra-curricular Activities

We aim to offer clubs that appeal to all tastes and interests.

Our girls' understanding of and enthusiasm for the world is explored and extended through the huge variety of clubs and activities on offer.

Grab your wellies and take a walk in our Wild Side outdoor learning area.

We can offer the girls unique and hands-on experiences for learning in our outdoor classroom and woodland area with opportunities to build shelters, learn bushcraft skills, to go bug hunting and to gain an appreciation of nature and the wild. An emphasis is on playful and meaningful activities, which encourage and teach the girls to become risk aware and to collaborate to overcome challenges.

We extend our girls' learning by enriching the subjects we teach through a range of exciting day trips and fun curriculum days in school.

The curriculum is enriched through school trips linked to topics and several times throughout the year, we have whole school outings.

There is nothing more exciting than packing your suitcase for a residential trip with all your friends.

Residential trips take place for girls from Year 3 to Year 6.

Visiting speakers inspire and become firm role models.

Visiting speakers sharing their experiences and expertise is an important part of building knowledge to support our girls' development. A regular feature of life in Prep is a Secret Assembly, which has enriched the lives of all watching and listening. We have welcomed speakers from our Prep and Senior School staff, alumnae and parents. The talks have been truly inspiring with fascinating presentations on a broad range of topics such as women and leadership, sustainability, clinical research, entrepreneurship and architecture to name but a few!







Pre-Prep: the best start

The pastoral care and wellbeing of the girls is at the heart of Tormead Pre-Prep. We believe that happy girls will flourish. The strong, secure relationships that the girls develop enables them to become competent learners who are resilient, capable, independent and self-assured.

The Pre-Prep years are the foundation for your daughter's future development and learning. We provide an exciting and challenging curriculum enabling the girls to fulfil their true potential. We are dedicated to teaching to the preferred learning style of girls.

We have an experienced, knowledgeable and enthusiastic team of staff who are incredibly passionate about the importance of early years education.

Girls are in an environment where they feel safe to express themselves and engage. We provide experimental learning, which is how girls learn best. We focus on developing teamwork, which girls prefer, and we develop a growth mindset from a very young age with a 'can do' attitude.

Our Pre-Prep is quite simply buzzing with activity and the joy of learning. The girls are engaged, motivated and keen to share their learning experiences.

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The nurturing, happy environment and opportunities given to the girls allow for exceptional learning and development of the whole child.

Girls approach everything with fun and playfulness so we can be spontaneous and creative.

A young girl is performing a handstand on a light blue mat. She is wearing a blue leotard with white star patterns. Her head is inverted, and she has a joyful expression. The background is a simple room with a white door and a blue mat on the floor.

Celebrating your daughter

The Sparkly Jar of Fabulousness

In 2020, at the time of lockdown, the 'Sparkly Jar of Fabulousness' was born. It continues to boost our community with the sparkly and glittery nominations recognising great work, great deeds, great accomplishments and great kindness for everyone within our Tormead Prep Family.



Recognising achievement and effort in our weekly Celebration Assembly

Each week the girls' individual and team achievements and efforts in the curriculum are celebrated. At this time certificates gained for music, sports, drama and times tables challenges are awarded. Prestigious individual awards such as Beacon Awards, Commendations and Head Teacher Commendations are announced and celebrated.



The Hall of Fame for Kindness and Politeness

In a school with outstanding pastoral care, we instil the values of being kind and polite. We are a community that is inclusive and displays respect and tolerance for all. Every half-term a girl from each class who has displayed exceptional thoughtfulness or kindness becomes part of our very special Hall of Fame.

Prizegiving Award Ceremony

At the end of the year, we hold a formal ceremony which does not only recognise the achievements of the girls with cups and awards but is also a time to reflect on the very busy scholastic year within our curriculum and every day life at Tormead Prep. Here we say goodbye to our Year 6 girls as they move to the next chapter of their educational journey in Senior School.

On to Senior School

**We expect that our girls will make the
move seamlessly ‘over the road’.**

There is no 11+ assessment for our girls as their progress is tracked through rigorous testing during their time at Tormead Pre-Prep and Prep School. GL Assessments, CAT 4 tests and internal Tormead testing will indicate whether your daughter will flourish academically in the Senior School.

For those girls who are eligible to apply for academic, drama, music, sport and art scholarships, scholarship assessments and interviews will take place in January.

Moving up to the Senior School can seem daunting but we ensure that our girls (and their parents) are thoroughly prepared and feel confident about this next step. In the final term of Year 5, the girls take part in our ‘Crossing the Road’ transition programme where they get to meet some of the Senior School teachers and enjoy a series of taster lessons such as Chemistry, Computer Science, Food and Nutrition, and Art.

The girls also have an opportunity to meet with their Senior School Form Tutor and new classmates at the ‘New Girls’ Afternoon’ in the term before starting Year 7.



Visiting Tormead Prep

Attending an Open Morning event is an ideal way to get to know our school. Meet our Prep School Head, Nicki Fry, and hear from our girls as they share their first-hand experiences of life at Tormead Prep.

Transport

Guildford is easily accessible by both road and rail and our girls travel to school from the many towns and villages throughout Surrey. The School is a short walk from London Road Station and many Senior School girls travel by train.

Our dedicated Tormead coach service offers pupils and parents a convenient, safe, reliable and environmentally friendly means of transport to and from school. We currently operate eight routes,

using well regarded local coach operators, covering Camberley, Cobham, Cranleigh, Esher, Ewhurst, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere, Peaslake, Surbiton, Walton, Weybridge, Woking and the surrounding villages.

“We wanted to see our daughters thriving rather than surviving – somewhere to discover themselves and their passions.”

—Tormead parent

If you are unable to attend an Open Morning, our Head of Admissions, Mrs Jo Drury, will be pleased to arrange an individual tour. She can be contacted on 01483 796040.





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