



**NORTHBOURNE
PARK SCHOOL**



A Magical Childhood

Inspiring in EVERY child the confidence to succeed



Northbourne Park is a genuinely unique school, where our core values of loyalty, respect, kindness, courage, tolerance, and love are lived out by staff and pupils every day of the week. From our outstanding Nursery and Pre-Prep, right through to the Prep School and Section Française Bilingue, Northbourne Park is an environment where each and every child can flourish, achieve, and find joy.

We are passionate about protecting childhood for as long as possible. We are intentional in limiting screen time, actively fostering real relationships and connecting deeply and meaningfully with the great outdoors. Children at Northbourne Park are able to climb trees, build shelters, and cook on open fires as a regular part of their free play and structured curriculum.

At the same time, whether pupils are preparing to take the Kent Test at 11, sit Common Entrance at 13, take Cambridge English Language exams or study for the CNED, children at Northbourne Park gain confidence through inspirational teaching. Children's outcomes at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage are far above national norms and our pupils consistently win scholarships to a range of top senior schools.

We are passionate about Sport, Music, Drama, and Art and aim to give every child the opportunity to develop enjoyment and skill across a broad curriculum offer.

Northbourne Park is a safe and nurturing environment with a real family atmosphere. Pupils are well-known for their excellent manners, their good conduct, and respect for others. Our outstanding boarding facilities provide a home-from-home for both UK and overseas boarders; we are globally minded whilst being rooted locally.

I hope that you enjoy browsing our prospectus and take the opportunity to visit for a personal tour.

Mark Hammond



"Children at Northbourne Park Squirrels Nursery thrive in a specialist Early Years setting."

A nurturing start

Our Nursery provides a happy, safe, and stimulating environment, where children aged between 2 and 4 years old thrive and learn, supported by qualified and experienced staff. Our children benefit from small group sizes and a dedicated team of specialist Early Years and subject teachers who provide a diverse range of child-led, enriching activities every day. Northbourne Park is an "outdoor school", where children enjoy our secure

and well-resourced gardens, woods, and surrounding countryside. Squirrels enjoy weekly Forest School, Music, French, and P.E. activities. Specialist teachers deliver ambitious and inspiring sessions, with the children benefiting from their subject expertise and enthusiasm. All of this makes for a seamless transition to our Reception Class, with abundant opportunities for our oldest Nursery children to meet the teachers and spend time in the Reception, 'Rabbits', classroom.

Squirrels Nursery

Reception - Year 2



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Early years, bright beginnings

In Reception Class, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage with a focus on engaging, child-led topics, and opportunities to explore and learn in the outdoors. We believe in giving children a voice in their learning, fostering a love for discovery and creativity from the very start.

The Year 1 and 2 curriculum is designed to provide a rich learning experience, fostering pupils' academic, social, and personal growth. Daily reading, writing, and Maths, alongside specialist subjects

such as Music, French, and Sport, ensure a rich and meaningful learning experience. Opportunities for outdoor education and play are abundant, and the children enjoy a broad programme of clubs and extra-curricular activities as well as their timetabled lessons.

As the oldest children in the Pre-Prep, children in Year 1 and 2 take a leading role in looking after and mentoring the children in the Early Years, preparing them for the next stage of school life.



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Building knowledge, confidence and independence

Years 3 and 4 are an exciting time for the children as they move from the Pre-Prep into the Prep School. In addition to an ongoing focus on English and Maths, there is a true sense of awe and wonder as they begin Science lessons every week in the Science Laboratory with our specialist staff. They also enjoy an innovative programme of Art and D.T. in the Design Studio that includes pottery, printing, sculpture, and textiles, and weekly Drama, Music, and Computing lessons.

As pupils settle into this new stage, they relish the broader range of experiences

that Prep School life offers. From exploring our beautiful grounds during outdoor learning sessions to taking part in exciting trips and co-curricular clubs, children in Years 3 and 4 have countless opportunities to develop new interests and friendships. These formative years help them grow in confidence, independence, and resilience, building the strong foundations they will carry into the intermediate years.

Years 5 and 6 are also a key time for parents to discuss Senior School options with the Headmaster. As a fully independent Prep School, we offer the flexibility to support a wide range of next steps.

Juniors & Intermediates

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A launchpad for life

A 14+ education is a unique benefit to children and the Senior years at Northbourne Park are, in many ways, the most rewarding and beneficial period for pupils at the school. We are specialists in catering for early adolescence, in an environment where childhood is preserved that little bit longer, and where early teenagers can find their self-confidence and identity before moving on to a larger setting.

Our rigorous academic curriculum follows the Common Entrance programme, while pupils also enjoy a varied timetable which includes

Computing, Games, Drama, Spanish, French, Music, Art, and DT. Pupils form lifelong friendships with children from around the world and enjoy opportunities to develop language skills with peers from our unique Section Française Bilingue.

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Section Française Bilingue

The Section Française Bilingue (SFB) combines the best of both the French and British education systems, with the rigour of the French academic programme of French, Mathematics, and History-Geography, augmented with the broad curriculum of Sport, Drama, and Music that you only find in a British boarding school. We offer separate CM2/ 6ème, 5ème, and 4ème courses accredited by the Lycée de Londres, following the CNED programme of study. Children in the SFB can expect to make quick progress with their English language learning, enjoying regular English lessons at an advanced level as well as benefiting from the immersion of living and studying in the UK alongside British and international peers.

Class sizes are small, and the learning philosophy is to inspire in each child the confidence to be successful ('Inspirer dans chaque enfant la confiance de réussir.'). While the school recommends children join us for at least a year, trimestre taster courses are also a possibility. For more information, please request a copy of our SFB Prospectus.

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Boarding

Boarding is integral to Northbourne Park School, with a strong 'home-from-home' environment flowing throughout each of the boarding houses. Our dedicated boarding team provides sensitive guidance and pastoral care of the very highest quality to support all the pupils. There is a weekly programme of activities and excursions, and the children are encouraged to build lifelong friendships and develop many skills, in particular independence and organisation. We offer supervised travel to Gatwick

Airport and London St Pancras for the Eurostar. While there is ample opportunity to travel home in term time, there are no compulsory exeats, and the boarding house is only closed in the school holidays.

Boarding options include full boarding, weekly boarding (with children returning home at the weekend), and flexi-boarding (a bespoke package of a certain number of nights per week). Sleepovers, and a one-night stay in the boarding house, are both very popular with day pupils!



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Wraparound Care

We offer a comprehensive Wraparound Care service to help busy parents. Wraparound Care at the Pre-Prep begins with Breakfast Club at 8:00 am and ends with Late Club which runs between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, with breakfast and tea provided.

At the Prep School, pupils can join boarders from 7:30 am onwards for breakfast. After school ends, Prep, a free homework club runs daily until 5:30 pm. If required, children can eat dinner and stay until 7:30 pm.

In addition to our Wraparound Care service, we have a minibus pickup and drop-off service which serves the local area, including Dover, Deal, and the surrounding villages.

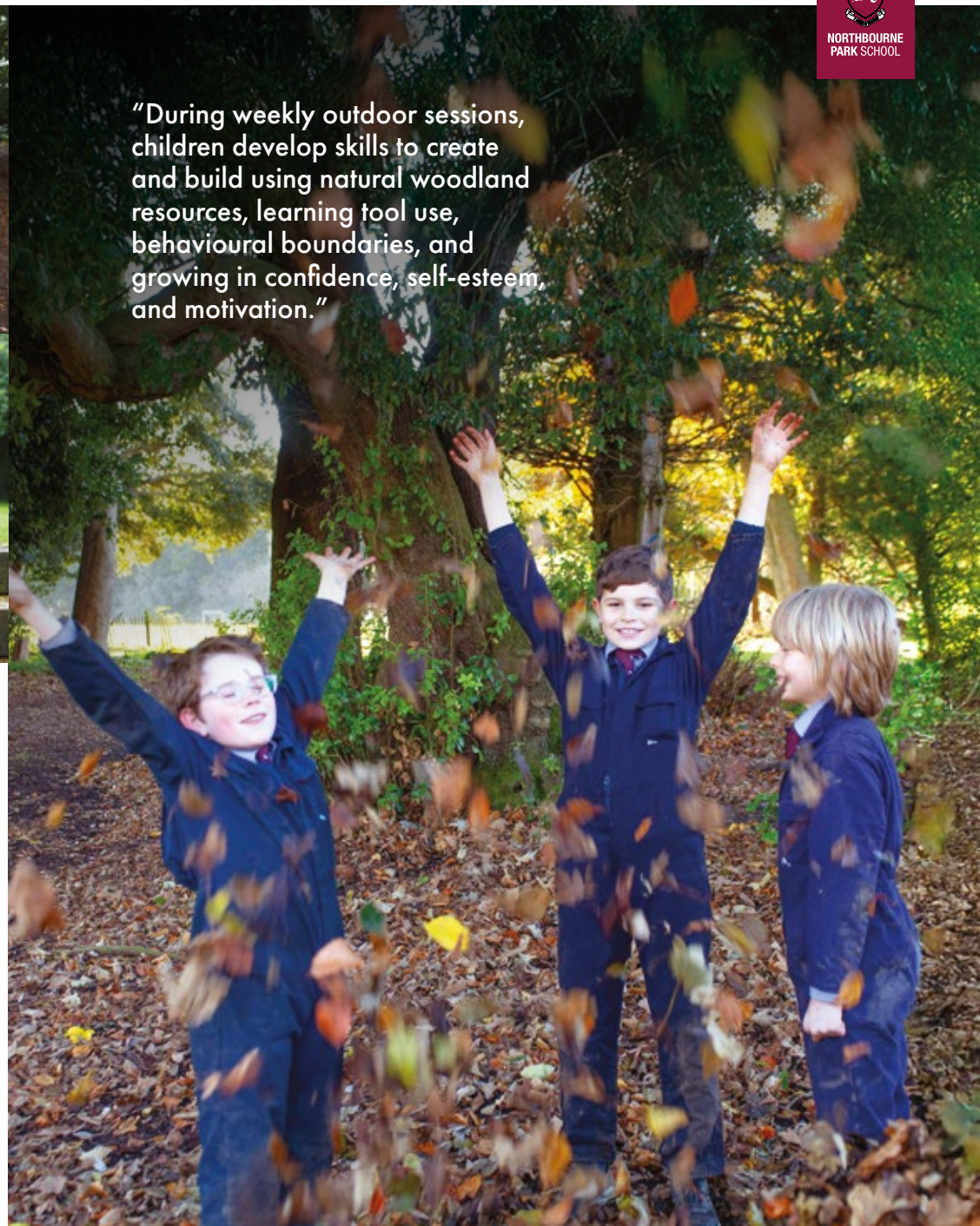
Our flexible approach to Wraparound Care ensures that every family can find a routine that works for them. Whether it's an early start, a late pickup, or transport support, we're here to make daily school life as smooth as possible for both children and parents.



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Outdoor Learning

Our extensive grounds are more than just a backdrop—they are a classroom. Children climb trees, build dens, and learn survival skills through our Forest School and Leadership Programme. These experiences build resilience, independence, and a deep connection with nature.

During weekly outdoor sessions, children, regardless of their age, develop a range of skills to create and build objects from the woodland around them. They will use tools, learn the boundaries of behaviour, both physical and social, while growing in confidence, self-esteem, and motivation. Overnight camps in the woods are a favourite of the children, a

much-anticipated activity in the Summer Term. The use of the woodland setting, grounds and local environment and the natural resources bring learning to life, creating an understanding of the balance of nature and the finite resources around us. These experiences are not restricted to the Forest School and Leadership Programme sessions: children in Pre-Prep and Prep have access to the woods during break and lunch times, and weatherproof clothing, including the distinctive boilersuit (!), is a fundamental part of the school's uniform. These immersive outdoor experiences nurture a lifelong respect for nature while fostering essential life skills beyond the classroom.

Music, Drama & Art

The Arts play a huge part in the life of the school. Weekly specialist lessons in Art, DT, Music, and Drama encourage children to develop and express creativity across the curriculum. Most children learn an instrument, and each term we have informal concerts where children can perform, no matter what their level. The school choir remains ever popular and weekly singing assemblies ensure that we are a singing school. All children take part in school productions, which showcase high levels of performance and confidence.

The Art and DT syllabus covers drawing, painting, printing, sculpture, ceramics, 3D printing, electronics, and construction. Children are encouraged to experiment and, through this, discover that they can achieve more than they thought possible. The Arts at Northbourne Park inspire every pupil to explore their creativity and build confidence. Through regular performances, exhibitions, and hands-on projects, children learn to express themselves in unique and meaningful ways that enrich their whole educational experience.

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Sport

We understand that sport bridges gaps, crosses cultures and enables pupils to find their niche and learn to love and enjoy Physical Education whilst maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We do this by providing great facilities and a wide range of sporting disciplines, which includes football, rugby, cricket, netball, tennis, badminton, athletics, cross-country, and hockey.

Physical Education is a core part of life at Northbourne Park, with lessons, training and fixtures timetabled throughout the week. Whether representing the school in competitive matches or discovering a new passion, every child is encouraged to get involved, try their best, and celebrate progress.

Our inclusive approach means all pupils, whatever their ability, can find enjoyment and success in Sport, while learning teamwork, resilience, and leadership along the way. Sport at Northbourne Park builds friendships, confidence, and character.



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Where Next?

Our independent status means that we can prepare pupils for a wide variety of schools, and we aim to place each child in the best school most suited to their individual needs. This is achieved through discussions between staff, parents, and pupils, and close liaison with senior schools.

Children can leave Northbourne Park at the end of Year 6 to enter local grammar schools. The school has an excellent pass rate for the Kent Test (11+). Many pupils remain at the school to sit Common Entrance exams ready for entry at senior independent schools

or grammar schools in Year 9. We are very proud of our children's successes. Each year since our foundation we have achieved a 100% pass rate in the ISEB Common Entrance (13+) and we have an excellent record of helping our pupils get their first-choice senior school, with many gaining scholarships.

Children in the Section Française Bilingue return to continue their studies in their home country or remain in the English education system. They excel in both their entrée exams and Cambridge English KET, PET, and FCE exams.



Come and See Us

Located just 10 minutes from Sandwich and Deal, and 20 minutes from Dover, the school is conveniently located just off the A256 Sandwich to Dover Road, close to both the M2 and M20 motorways.

For families visiting us from further afield, we are 90 minutes from the centre of London and Gatwick Airport, 30 minutes from Kent's Eurotunnel, and the Dover Ferry Port is 25 minutes away.

Contact the school by email admissions@northbournepark.com, telephone (+44 (0) 1304 611215), or through our website to book a personal tour with the headteacher. If a visit is not possible, a video call can be organised to meet interested families. The virtual tour on our website gives the opportunity to explore the magical surroundings of Northbourne Park School at home!

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Admissions Process

When you make contact, we will invite you to come and visit us.

School Visit

The Head Teacher will welcome you and take you around the school to meet the staff and children.

Taster Day

We encourage your child to spend a day with us in their future class. We will assess your child informally during the day and meet up with you at the end of the day to review how your child has got on and give you some feedback.

Overseas Children

We advise a taster day for overseas children but recognise that this is not always possible. Instead we are happy to organise a video call to assess their level of English.

Provisional Entry

Families wishing to secure a place for their child should complete and send back a Provisional Entry Form. We will then confirm an offer of a place.

Confirmation of a Place

The Head Teacher will then confirm an offer of a place for your child by sending you a Final Entry Form. Please return this with the deposit to confirm your acceptance of a place.



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