



GLEBE HOUSE
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Glebe is for everyone

Welcome to our family of learning where we develop
happy, curious, aspirational and well-rounded individuals

Thank you for taking an interest in our school and for taking the time to read this prospectus.

We are an independent school that welcomes children aged from 4-13 years. We are proud of our reputation as a caring and happy school that values achievement and, importantly, effort, in all areas of school life. The pupils who come to Glebe House School are encouraged to develop an enthusiasm for learning and are consistently challenged. When they leave at 13, they are ready for the next step in their education and the adventures to come. From our youngest children starting in Reception to our confident young adults in the Prep School, small class sizes and specialist teaching mean that each pupil has the opportunity to experience something very special at Glebe House School.

I am pleased to welcome you to the school and I hope you find the information in this prospectus helpful. If you are considering Glebe House School for your child, I warmly invite you to come and meet with me, have a look around the school on a busy working day and discuss how we can provide the very best education for your child.

I look forward to meeting you soon,

Louis Taylor, Headmaster



Shaped by our values

A clear sense of purpose, shared by pupils and staff lies at the heart of everything we do

At Glebe, children and adults alike follow our easy to remember set of values, the 'Glebe Five-a-Day'. The default position for all members of our community is kindness, following these rules and referring to them to improve how we behave towards one another.

Our small class sizes and specialist subject teaching ensures that pupils receive the academic and pastoral one-to-one support they need to feel safe, happy and inspired.

We encourage our pupils to aim high and challenge themselves to be the best they can be, learning from their mistakes and never giving up if things go wrong.

Pupils also take full advantage of our unique location on the North Norfolk coast. With extensive playing fields and within walking distance of the beach and private woodland, we have a healthy focus on outside learning and activities. We aim to develop responsibility and care for the environment and the world around us.

We are a school that embraces equality and provides opportunities to all, regardless of gender, race, additional needs, faith and all other protected characteristics.



The Glebe Five-a-Day

Always follow instruction straight away

Bullying is not ok!

Care for each other and everything

Do your best and join in

Everyone is polite and has good manners

We are proud to be a school where happiness and wellbeing thrives under encouragement and exceptional pastoral care.



Inspection excellence

Following the 2018 ISI inspection the school achieved a clean sweep of the highest possible scores on each aspect of the education and pastoral care it provides. According to the Independent School Inspectorate, our pupils 'acquire high levels of knowledge and understanding so that they demonstrate secure skills for learning'.

The school was assessed on the quality of teaching, pupil achievement and learning, pupils' personal development and the governance leadership and management of the school itself. It secured the highest 'excellent' grade in all categories.

We continue to uphold these high standards in all we do at Glebe House School and strive to develop and improve all aspects of the school through open communication with parents, staff and the wider school community.

'A notable aspect of pupils' behaviour is their great sensitivity and empathy for their peers.'

ISI Inspection Report 2018



Pre-Prep Reception

Building foundations
and gaining confidence

Children join our Reception class in the September after their fourth birthday, and those transitioning from our Nursery will already have spent time getting to know their new surroundings in the summer term.

With small class sizes throughout Pre-Prep, we are able to provide exceptional pastoral care, according to each child's individual needs. Building a strong foundation through reading, number skills and the development of letter formation, teaching in Reception follows the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and as they progress through the year, informal group activities such as singing, cooking and outdoor learning are combined with working towards the EYFS goals.

Children enjoy a wide range of subjects including French, Art/DT and PE with specialist staff.

Our small class sizes and careful planning allow us to identify each child's strengths and areas for development.

Division I and II

In Division I the children will experience more structured class time and the further introduction of more advanced written work. Should your child need additional support, our SEND department can provide support to ensure progress is made and difficulties are addressed.

In Division II, children enjoy an early taste of responsibility as they are encouraged to help younger children during lunch, which is served in the school dining room.

Even at this early stage, children become a member of one of the school's three 'houses' - L'Estrange Barbers and St Edmund's - developing involvement and participation and of course, healthy competition, at an early age.

After the school day finishes children are welcome to enjoy a variety of activities including sports, arts and craft and dance. Wraparound care in the form of our Teatime Club is available if required for all Pre-Prep children.



What our parents say:

"Since starting at Glebe, my son has gained in confidence and is maturing in to a fine young man. It is a pleasure to pick him up on a Friday evening and to be greeted by a smiling, happy and poised young boy, full of the joys of life and stories to tell of his last few days of school".

What our pupils say:

"The best bit about being in reception is seeing my friends every day and having fun...we always giggle and take it in turns".

Pupil - Reception

"My favourite lesson is French. I can count all the way up to ten"

Pupil - Division II





Prep (Division III - VIII)

Developing talent, discovery and aspiration

At the Prep School we are committed to helping children develop as confident, happy, interested and aspirational individuals. We encourage Prep pupils to express themselves, communicate effectively and develop self-esteem through a good work ethic and a willingness to always give things a go.

As children join Division III they enter the Prep School and start to enjoy more lessons with dedicated subject teachers. As they move around the school they become more independent and learn to work as a team in class, at play and in their house groups.

Every class in the Prep School has a dedicated Form Tutor who provides support, dedicated pastoral care and

effective communication links to parents. When they meet in their houses and other situations, pupils mix from different years, becoming well-known to each other and fostering friendly relationships.

Class sizes remain small, enabling teachers to tailor lessons and tuition to a child's individual needs. Our academic curriculum exceeds the National Curriculum to meet the requirements of Common Entrance Syllabus, and many of our children progress to achieve scholarships to Independent Senior Schools.



What our parents say:

'I am so pleased that my daughter stayed at Glebe until 13 as she had the maturity and self-confidence to handle a bigger senior school that she simply wouldn't have had if she had left at 11'

What our pupils say:

"The teachers are very kind and encouraging. They are always trying to help us improve in whatever we are doing."

Pupil - Year 5

"You get to know and look after the pupils from all the other years really well, we are like one big family!"

Pupil - Year 7



Our unique curriculum also allows pupils to fit seamlessly into the state sector at 13, ready to tackle GCSEs with confidence in themselves and most importantly, an understanding of how they learn best as an individual.

Building on the early foundations of Pre-prep, children study French, with after school activities providing an opportunity to explore other European modern languages. Alongside core subjects, children enjoy weekly Music, Art/DT and Computing with specialist teachers. Academic, Sport and Art scholarships are available for talented and able pupils.

Once children reach the senior years at Glebe House School they are given roles of responsibility and develop commitment to personal and team goals.

Our Prep School pupils have the self-belief that their individual talents and abilities can be developed through a positive outlook, effort and perseverance.

Shortly before leaving at 13, Division VIII enjoy a unique Leavers' Programme which includes adventures locally, nationally and overseas, charity events, a 25 mile walk and a formal dinner which provides the perfect finale to their journey through Glebe House School.





10 sports teams
play matches on a
weekly basis

16 different
sports played by
both girls and boys

9 inter-house
sports competitions
throughout the year

Being a good sport

An inspired approach to sport, teamwork and a healthy lifestyle

Sport is an important part of our weekly programme and we focus upon excellence, inclusiveness and personal attainment to ensure every child plays and enjoys a wide range of activities.

We strongly believe that Sport plays a vital role in the education of our children. By the time children are in the Prep School, they have at least four hours of sport a week - not including optional clubs that they wish to join.

'I like the teamwork and working together with my friends. We all get a chance on the pitch and even the less confident ones get to play.'

Pupil - Year 6

Sports Scholarships are available for the most able, giving them additional coaching and sporting opportunities. All Sports and PE lessons are taught by specialist coaches and teachers.

All pupils participate fully in all sporting activities and will have numerous opportunities to represent their house and school in competitive fixtures. In addition to this, development matches are organised so that all pupils can take part and learn in match situations.

Played seasonally, the core sports for girls are hockey, netball, cricket and rounders, while boys play rugby, football, hockey and cricket. Additionally, children play tennis and participate in cross-country and athletics.

After school clubs and activities include golf, table tennis, sailing, yoga and fitness training.

Fixtures are usually on Wednesday afternoons and parents are welcome to support their children to behave in a fair but competitive manner on the field and to focus on the importance of good sportsmanship and teamwork.

The school has a 25-metre heated swimming pool and from Reception upwards, children swim weekly from Easter to the Autumn half term. Building confidence over the years, the whole school comes together for the annual Inter House Swimming Gala, one of the school's most enjoyable events.

Rugby
Hockey
Football
Cricket
Netball
Rounders
Tennis
Cross-country
Athletics
Swimming
Golf
Sailing
Table tennis
Yoga
Circuits & HIIT
Dance



Art, performance & music

We value creativity, imagination and expression

Creativity, using your imagination and expressing yourself are important skills at Glebe House School and we encourage our children to explore all aspects of the arts.

Our dedicated Art Room provides a space for children across all age groups to work with a full range of media, ceramics, and design technology. The ICT provision of the school focuses on the use of touchscreen chromebooks, with pupils learning the Computing Curriculum as well as using technology as it is used in the world of work, as a tool for accessing information and working collaboratively.

As early as Reception all children are involved in on-stage performances and confidence building presentations to the school, parents and their peers, so by the time they reach the Prep School it is second nature to them.

Children are given the opportunity and support to play musical instruments and participate in the school's choir and other musical events. Many enjoy individual tuition for singing, piano, guitar, drum kit, brass woodwind and string instruments and while some learn for pleasure, others take examinations to track their musical accomplishments.

We host informal concerts each half term for musicians to build on their performance skills along with visits to other schools for musical events.

Junior and Senior drama productions throughout the year, in addition to the Christmas nativity and the Summer House Show, enable children to discover new talents and showcase their dramatic abilities. The annual Public Speaking Competition in the Prep School is another fantastic opportunity to master presentation skills to an audience.

In addition to all this, children can choose to join one of our extra-curricular singing and dancing performing arts clubs such as Eagle Performers, Ballet and Glebe Does Strictly.





'It's so much fun to sing in Eagle Performers on stage. Sometimes I feel nervous but the good thing is you have others around you to make you feel confident.'
Pupil - Year 7





Embracing our environment

Enjoying, learning and caring about the world around us now and in the future

Glebe House School was founded in 1874 and over the years has maintained a prominent position in the charming town of Hunstanton on the North Norfolk coast.

We promote a healthy focus on outside learning and encourage our pupils to take responsibility for caring about the world, the environment and our school's surroundings now and in the future.

With extensive grounds and walking distance to wide open beaches and private woodland, pupils take full advantage of our unique location on the North Norfolk coast.

We are committed to continuously improving our school environment by making environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of the school.

Environmental issues are incorporated into the curriculum and form a part of assembly discussions.

Recently, the school converted all lighting to environmentally friendly LED lights.

The school eco committee, instigated and run by the students themselves, works consistently towards ecological and environmental targets.





A home from home

A taste of independence and responsibility through our flexible boarding opportunity 1-4 nights a week

From Division III children are able to board overnight for one to four nights a week on a regular or more flexible basis. A fun, sociable experience, spending a night or two at school develops confidence, a growing independence and responsibility for themselves, their belongings and that of others. In our most recent inspection, the boarding provision was rated excellent, just like the rest of the school.

With dedicated boys' and girls' boarding houses, boarders are able to enjoy the art room, computing suites outdoor facilities in the school's grounds and accompanied trips to nearby Old Hunstanton beach on warm summer evenings. Having enjoyed a late tea with day pupils, both boarding houses have snack-making facilities, along with games and supervised access to television and films.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a boarder is spending time with friends after school, developing strong friendships and encouraging ages and genders to mix in a relaxed environment. Almost a half of our Prep School pupils board at some stage of their school life here, showing what a popular aspect of Glebe the boarding provision truly is.

The staff who lead boys' and girls' boarding ensure that each child is happy, settled and respectful to their room-mates, making the experience enjoyable and memorable.

What our parents say:

'My son boards on a Wednesday night and for us its a 'win-win' situation, it gives him and us some freedom and independence for that one night every week.'

What our pupils say:

'I love boarding because it's fun to spend time to with my friends and I have learnt to make my bed and tidy my things. It's like a fun sleepover night with my friends but Miss Fraulo does make us go to bed on time!'

Pupil - Year 6



Opening the door to an affordable education

'Glebe is for everyone'

Louis Taylor, Headmaster

We appreciate the significant investment involved when parents and guardians choose an independent education for their children. We always welcome an open discussion of individual circumstances and aim to support families towards the best education for their children. My children attend the school - I have seen first hand as a parent, and as Headmaster, what a difference this school makes to every single child that attends.

Our means-tested bursary programme supports pupils in Pre-prep and Prep who would not otherwise be able to afford a Glebe House School education. Here are some points to consider:

- In reception, many children are eligible for Early Years Funding which can reduce the first year's school fees by over £1,500.
- We offer a 10-month interest-free payment plan, helping parents to spread the cost of school fees across the year.
- Grandparents can contribute up to £3,000 per year, tax-free for each child, maximising the potential for wider family support.
- We offer a five per cent sibling discount to second and subsequent children attending the school in the same period.
- We offer a number of means-tested bursaries that are managed in strict confidence.
- With the help of The Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) Grants Scheme, in certain circumstances we are able to offer a 100% bursary.

We always encourage parents to arrange a no-obligation visit to one of our open days or to take a tour during a normal school day to see for yourself why Glebe House School is so special. For more information about admissions please contact our Registrar Tamzine Fraulo on 01485 532809 or by emailing tjf@glebehouseschool.co.uk.



Senior schools our pupils move on to include:

Alderman Peel High School, Wells
Bedford School, Bedford
Greshams School, Holt
Kings School, Ely
The Leys School, Cambridge
Norwich School, Norwich
Oundle School, Peterborough
Reepham High School, Reepham
Springwood School, Kings Lynn
Stamford School, Stamford
Uppingham School, Uppingham
Wisbech Grammar School, Wisbech
Wymondham College, Wymondham



Striding towards the next step

Preparing young minds for future challenges and experiences

At Glebe House School the children in their final two years will follow the 13+ Common Entrance Syllabus. This provides the children with an acknowledged broad and high quality academic education.

Over the course of Years Seven and Eight, our pupils grow in independence and confidence. They tackle a much broader range of learning opportunities that provide an excellent test of the resilience that the younger years have gradually built in them. Preparation for senior school becomes increasingly important, as does being a role model for children across the school, leading by example and supporting those around them with a caring and inspiring approach.

In Year Eight, we encourage and promote leadership through positions of responsibility and regular opportunities to support younger children. Whether it is being Head of School, House or Sports Captain, leading the School Council, or being a prefect, the expectation of our children is that they lead by example and encourage those that look up to them to approach school life in the same way as they do.

We work closely with pupils and their parents/carers to help make the decision regarding which senior school is right for their individual needs and talents. We then provide full support for the admissions process and Scholarship applications.

In the last five years 92% of Glebe pupils who applied for Scholarships to their Senior School of choice were successfully awarded them.



Learn more

If you have any questions about the school or the admissions process please feel free to contact our Registrar, Tamzine Fraulo on 01485 532809 or by emailing tjf@glebehouseschool.co.uk

Stay connected



Take a tour

Come and visit us anytime, we can arrange a tour of the school on a normal school day or come to one of our open days held twice a year.

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