



# LYNCROFT HOUSE

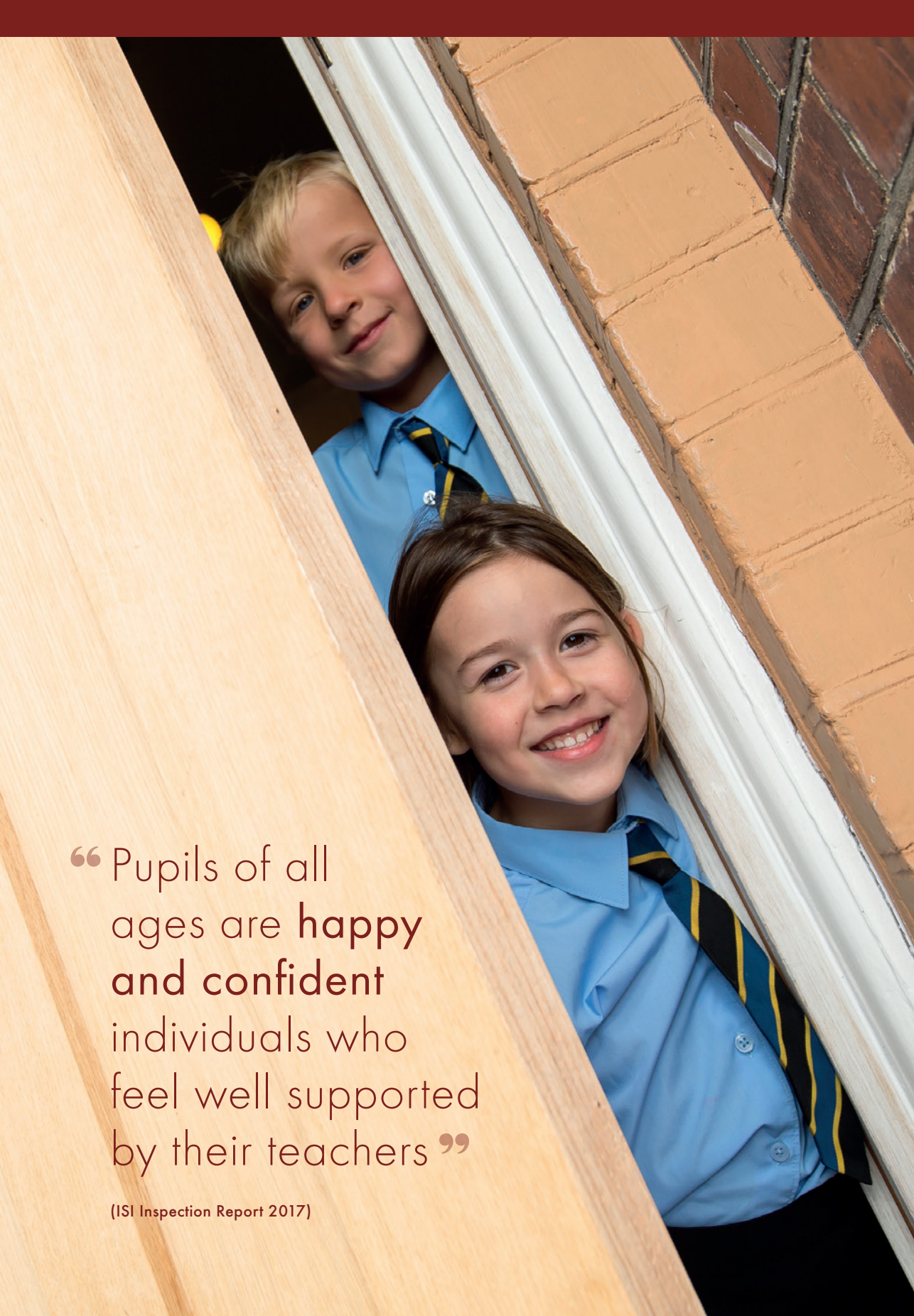
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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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PROSPECTUS 2017



“Pupils of all ages are **happy and confident** individuals who feel well supported by their teachers”

(ISI Inspection Report 2017)



# Welcome to...

Lyncroft House Preparatory School, is part of Chase Grammar School, an independent, co-educational boarding and day school for children between the ages of 2 and 19. At Chase Grammar School we encourage our students to:

**think** for themselves and become excellent decision makers

**discover** a passion for lifelong learning

**thrive** on the many enriching opportunities available in a happy and caring environment

At the heart of the education we provide is a love of learning, which is supported by a healthy body and healthy mind. When students have completed their education at Chase they will be happy and confident individuals, able to make a difference in society. We celebrate international awareness and highlight the similarities we share as a community:

- a commitment to academic excellence through focus on scholarship and hard work
- a focus on character building that will serve the students well in all situations
- the building of life skills through spiritual, social, cultural, intellectual, physical & creative activities
- an emphasis on the individual to take personal responsibility
- a belief in voluntary service and compassion towards others
- respect for cultural diversity and international awareness

Children start their journey with us in Lyncroft House Preparatory School from the age of 2 up to 11, where our role is to build the solid foundations that will enable every child to develop very close relationships and make the most of every opportunity offered in our community.

We look forward to welcoming you to our friendly and happy school.

**Dr Paul Silverwood**  
Principal

**Ian Sterling**  
Head of Preparatory School



## Early Years Foundation Stage

Children up to 5 years of age follow the Early Years Foundation Stage framework through play-based learning to encourage skills such as interaction, co-operation, turn-taking, sharing and thinking skills. The emphasis is on the children growing in confidence in their speech, play and relationships.

From an early age they are introduced to books and reading, numbers and counting, music and dance, materials and drawing, speaking and listening.

Outdoor play and physical activities are key components of our programme in order to develop healthy minds and healthy bodies.

Activities are play based, but planned and structured to provide the best springboard to the Infant and Junior departments.



The Early Years children in Lyncroft House Preparatory School are divided into four groups, based upon their ages.

### **Adventurers**

From their second birthday children can join our Adventurers class where they will begin to form new friendships, learn to play and share with other children, understand boundaries and routines, and express their own preferences and interests through communication and language. They will be encouraged to show more independence in self-care and toileting. All learning is individually based around indoor and outside play, including mark making, and creative activities.

### **Explorers**

From their third birthday children move into our Explorers class where learning is still based around fun, creative and child-led activities, although some are adult led to include more numbers and sounds. Language skills are further developed and children begin to take some lessons outside of their classroom including swimming, gymnastics, drama, dance and music.

### **Nursery**

From the September after they have turned three children move on to our nursery class. Here the children continue to play but also have more structured activities involving phonics work, numbers and counting, and knowledge of the world. Children continue to build on their personal and social development and language skills, including more independent thinking and asking questions.

### **Reception**

This is the final EYFS class before they move on to infants. Children join this class from the September after they have turned four. Here we start to prepare them for the move onto infants by having structured adult-led Mathematics and English lessons, including reading and writing, joining the rest of the school for certain events including assemblies, and being encouraged to take more responsibility for themselves and their learning and for others.

During your child's time in the EYFS we will build up a learning journey, a unique book individual to each child to show their personal journey through Early Years. It will include some of the child's work, photographs and 'wow' moments showcasing their achievements in all areas of learning and development. It will build a personal story that will be shared with parents.

“Pupils of all ages have outstanding oral communication skills and read and write well”

(ISI Inspection Report 2017)



# Lyncroft House Preparatory School Infants and Juniors

From Year 1 -5, the children follow the English National Curriculum, which we supplement with additional learning opportunities. Each class has a dedicated Tutor or Teacher who oversees the personal development of each child in their care and teaches them their core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, and Religious Studies.

Year 6 is a transitional year in which pupils begin to prepare for entry into senior school, with considerable input from specialist teachers in all subjects.

## Specialist teachers provide the following classes:

### From Year 1

Languages ..... French  
 Performing Arts ..... Music, Choir, Dance & Drama  
 Physical ..... Gymnastics, Swimming  
 and Physical Education  
 Technology ..... Computer Science

### From Year 3

Languages ..... French, Mandarin  
 Performing Arts ..... Music, Dance & Drama  
 Physical ..... Swimming, Physical Education,  
 Games at Chase Park  
 Technology & Arts ..... Computer Science, Art



# Chase Grammar School

Following their time in Lyncroft House, we expect all children to move on to our senior part of the school.

**Here we offer a range of academic courses, dependent on the age of the students:**

- English National Curriculum (age 11-13)
- GCSE Programme (age 14-17)
- A Level Programme (age 16-19)

**At Chase Grammar School we are proud of our:**

- high academic standards and results
- excellent teaching and our modern and varied learning programmes
- broad education and large range of course options for students to study
- expectation that students capture a deep understanding of their academic subjects
- preparation of students for higher education and entry to the world's top universities
- numerous enrichment clubs and activities
- personalised Tutorial System
- house system that includes children of all ages





# Additional Information

## Assemblies

Assemblies are a time to gather collectively, celebrate achievements, be inspired by others and be as one with the wider school body. Assemblies are as follows:

**Monday** – Prep Assembly which includes awarding ‘Star of the week’, ‘work we are proud of’ and individual performances in academic, sporting and extra-curricular interests.

**Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** – House Assemblies for all children from juniors upwards in the school

**Friday** – Whole School Assembly - led by the Principal and focusing on inspirational people and events which can shape our lives and reflecting the school’s Christian foundation and multicultural and international profile.

## House System

All children in both Lyncroft House Preparatory School and Chase Grammar belong to one of three Houses: Tylecote, Parton or Lee.

## Trips and Visits

Trips and visits are included in the curriculum to bring learning to life. Whilst this may be as straightforward as visiting the local fire station, visits also take in local museums, events and festivals. In Year 6 a residential end of year camp marks the transition between the Prep school and the Senior School.

## Mealtimes

Children eat together in the dining room, choosing from a range of healthy options and choices.

## Qualified Nurses

We have our own Medical Centre staffed by two qualified Nurses for all eventualities and sickness from 08.00 - 20.00.



**TYLECOTE**  
WITH COURAGE WE DISCOVER



**PARTON**  
TOGETHER WE THRIVE



**LEE**  
I THINK THEREFORE I AM





## Games

With our own Sports Hall and the facilities of Chase Park on our doorstep and a fleet of buses to move children efficiently to Chase Park and other schools to offer competitive fixtures at a range of schools and venues, we offer competitive sport in soccer, cricket, hockey, netball, rounders, swimming, badminton, athletics, cross-country.

## Buddies

All children in Y1 and Y2 act as buddies to the very youngest children in Lyncroft House Prep School. They help and guide them, take responsibility for their belongings and at an early age learn the importance of helping people whatever their needs and abilities are.

## Gymnastics

Children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 have a weekly Gymnastics lesson at Birches Valley Gym club where they are taught by qualified coaches using the facilities of this nationally known club.

## Swimming

All children go swimming weekly at Cannock Leisure Centre and are taught basic water safety alongside competitive stroke technique and fitness development.

## Technology

At Lyncroft House Prep School we emphasise the traditional whilst embracing the best that the modern world has to offer. Class sets of ipads and computers are available to supplement learning, either individually or as part of whole-class teaching in order that children experience as many different ways to consolidate their understanding of all curriculum areas.





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