



Salcombe

Preparatory School

An independent, co-educational school for children aged 3 to 11



The school's warm and welcoming atmosphere is highly appreciated by pupils, parents and carers. The pupils are polite, articulate and courteous and show very positive attitudes to learning."

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Welcome



Why Choose Salcombe?

Founded in 1916, Salcombe has throughout its long history inspired the love of learning through a curriculum which is enriched by academic, spiritual, cultural and sporting opportunities.

Our small classes, dedicated staff and support team ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their best and fulfil their potential in a warm, nurturing environment where success is celebrated.

Through our broad and enriched curriculum, children at Salcombe have exceptional opportunities to become self-confident, motivated and independent thinkers who are responsible members of their school, family and wider community.

Salcombe girls and boys work and learn together, as they will in their adult lives, and so are provided with a great advantage in their preparation for the future. The achievements of our pupils in all areas are testament to the success of this philosophy.

Our Key Features

- *A long history of academic success*
- *Excellent pastoral care*
- *Enriching extra-curricular opportunities*
- *Small class sizes*



The Perfect Start

At Salcombe, we strongly believe that the first educational steps should be positive and nurturing.

In the Early Years Foundation Stage, we provide a balance of free play and structured activities for children from the age of 3 years. We ensure that all learning is through exploration and discovery in an exciting, inspiring and safe environment.

Our highly qualified and experienced staff deliver the curriculum to meet the interests, needs and capabilities of every child.

Children are introduced to the timetabled subjects of French, Music and PE by specialist teachers in a fun and engaging manner through activities, songs, games and rhymes.

We aim for all our pupils to:

- ▶ enjoy positive interactions and reciprocal relationships with the teachers and other children
- ▶ explore more structured learning including beginning literacy and numeracy
- ▶ become actively involved in investigative learning, focussed on finding answers to questions they themselves have posed
- ▶ begin to experience research and independence in learning
- ▶ begin to acquire the skills in critical thinking, creativity and working with others

Pre-school – Reception: ages 3 – 5

- *Highly qualified and dedicated staff*
- *Specialist teaching from the age of 3 in Sport, Music and Modern Foreign Languages*
- *Pre-school ratios are 1 staff member to 6 pupils or fewer*





It's a real joy to see how my child has progressed since he has started at Salcombe. His confidence has grown dramatically and it's a real credit to the staff to see how they nurture the children's many other talents and skills."

Reception Parent





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The teachers make learning fun. My favourite thing this year has been our Florence Nightingale assembly when we acted out what we have been doing in History.”

Year 2 pupil



Key Stage 1: ages 5 – 7

- *Nurturing and educating the individual child through whole class teaching*
- *A rich mix of trips, visiting speakers and workshops complements the curriculum*
- *Outstanding levels of on-task behaviour and motivation*

Inspiring the Love of Learning

Our Pre-Preparatory classrooms are productive environments where children cooperate happily together.

Academic subjects are taught by the class teacher; where high academic and behavioural expectations are set from the beginning. Our subject specialist teachers continue the curriculum in Music, PE and French.

We pride ourselves at Salcombe by recognising that children learn at different rates and that every pupil has the potential and ability to succeed. By monitoring the progress of pupils closely, the teachers are able to plan a structured programme of study to ensure that children experience their learning in a natural, holistic way, allowing for a variety of perspectives.

Our children settle very quickly into the more formal routines, preparing them for a successful transition to the Prep School in Year 3.

Key Stage 2: ages 7 – 11

- *Subject specialist teaching*
- *History of sporting success*
- *Outstanding preparation for 11+ entry for both prestigious independent and state selective schools*



Preparing for the Future

From the age of 7 years, Salcombe pupils meet the new challenge of being taught by specialist teachers across the curriculum.

Building upon the strong foundations laid down at the Pre-Preparatory, teachers ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to develop their physical and creative gifts, whilst receiving a high standard of academic education, to prepare them for the next stage in their education.

Pupils at Salcombe are taught how to develop into positive, responsible people who can work and cooperate with others, while developing their knowledge and skills, so that they can achieve their full potential.

The curriculum continues to expand, to include:

- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning
- ▶ Library Skills
- ▶ Elocution
- ▶ Interview Skills
- ▶ Specialised Art and Design Technology lessons
- ▶ Additional languages, including Latin and Spanish
- ▶ Enrichment studies in English and Mathematics

To prepare children as citizens of the world, we encourage the individual development of our pupils through leadership responsibilities, teambuilding activities and residential trips. These experiences and the opportunities to build self-confidence and social responsibility help to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school and beyond.





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Well-planned and challenging extension work leads to the pupils working well above the level expected for their age and, as a result, they are very successful in gaining scholarships in local selective school examinations for secondary school. OFSTED Report

Extra-curricular Activities

- *Extended day options, from 8am until 6pm*
- *An extensive wraparound care programme*
- *Plenty of opportunities for every child to develop their individual talents*



The Extra Mile

All our pupils are encouraged to make the most out of all their strengths and talents.

Music plays an important role at Salcombe. All children are given the opportunity to participate in group performances, choirs and orchestras as well as individual tuition in a range of instruments.

Our Sports programme encourages all children to develop teamwork skills, a sense of fair play, and an ability to support one another. We have access to excellent pitches and facilities for Games afternoons and sporting fixtures with other schools.

All pupils receive coaching in:

- ▶ Football
- ▶ Hockey
- ▶ Rounders
- ▶ Rugby
- ▶ Cricket
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Netball
- ▶ Basketball
- ▶ Cross-country

At Salcombe, our extended days run from 8am – 6pm, which includes a full range of wraparound care activities at both our sites in order to support family life.

The clubs on offer give children the opportunity to develop their particular passions and talents through Sports, Drama, Karate, Dance and games clubs as well as academic extension classes, interview preparation, art and language classes.



There is a wide array of after-school clubs. Pupils also have opportunities to hear visiting speakers and take part in a wide range of visits and outings, which richly enhance the curriculum and add much to their personal and social development.” OFSTED Report





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