



THE ROWANS SCHOOL



An Independent Co-Educational Pre-Prep School
for Children aged 3-7 years



Welcome

We pride ourselves on offering a nurturing introduction to school life, especially during those early years when key social skills and attitudes towards learning are developed and acquired for life.

The principal aim of the School is to provide a broad and balanced curriculum in which all the children can thrive, developing a love of learning and reaching a high academic standard according to their individual potential. This is achieved within a stimulating, creative, happy, caring and respectful environment where the children are encouraged and motivated to try new challenges.

At The Rowans School we promote a Growth Mindset approach in all we do. We want all our children to relish challenges and understand the importance of effort. We guide them to view mistakes as a valuable part of the learning process, to listen and respond carefully to feedback and to take inspiration from others. This will help

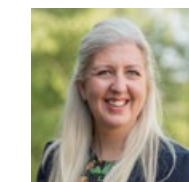
them to achieve, not only with us, but also in the next stage of their educational and future lives.

We joined the Shrewsbury House School Trust in September 2017 and we are extremely proud to be part of a well-established educational provider with such an excellent reputation.

As you browse through this prospectus, I hope you will gain a sense of the happy, enthusiastic and curious children we have at The Rowans School.

Elizabeth Spratt

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Head





...to Inspire

The School is situated in a large attractive house in Drax Avenue, a quiet road off Copse Hill in Wimbledon. It is set in beautiful grounds, with a landscaped garden and a tennis court on which to play.

The School's facilities and surroundings give the children a wonderful opportunity to develop their learning further and make it relevant and meaningful to their everyday lives. Lessons and play activities take place throughout the year in our inspiring and spacious garden. Our varied sporting, music and arts programmes give each child the opportunity to experience the enjoyment of participation and competition at any level. We offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities, from chess and construction to archery and judo, which form part of the extended school day. We will build your child's self-confidence when tackling unfamiliar experiences, both through challenges we set them at school and through outings and visits further afield. These enriching experiences help them to become confident and independent individuals.

As your child progresses through the School, more is expected of them in the way of self-discipline and independence. Every child works hard and contributes fully to school life. Your child will be encouraged to be involved in the day-to-day activities, with the expectation to do everything to the best of their ability. At The Rowans School the teaching of skills and knowledge goes hand in hand with the happiness and well-being of each child.



...to Educate

Our curriculum is designed to build strong and secure academic foundations and enhance your child's natural curiosity.

The recognition that children learn best through play and discovery underpins the education in the Early Years. This ethos lays the foundations and allows your child to develop the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary for the more formalised teaching and learning methods that take place as they move through the School.

We aim to achieve the highest academic prospects for your child through well-structured teaching and learning techniques. The teachers are dedicated to providing your child with the level of attention and support they need to shine, constantly encouraging them to think, to challenge, to question, to share and to use their imagination. We embrace educational research and regularly refresh our curriculum to ensure that we are providing the best possible learning experiences for each child.

Individual progress is monitored to ensure that your child has the opportunity to fulfil their potential, and the detail of progress and academic achievement is shared regularly with parents. Parents are very much part of the learning process and an open and trusting dialogue is nurtured.

...to Prepare

Our curriculum in the later years is designed to meet the requirements of the 7+ examinations to all future schools.

We are proud of our successful track record of sending boys to King's College Junior School, Shrewsbury House School and St Paul's Junior School among others. Our girls have progressed to Lady Eleanor Holles, Putney High School, Surbiton High School, Rowan Prep School, The Study Wimbledon and Wimbledon High School. Families are also able to send their children on to a range of local co-educational schools including Danes Hill, Feltonfleet and Milbourne Lodge. We are particularly successful in matching every child's academic standard, aptitude and character to the best suitable school, ensuring that they continue to thrive in the next stage of their education. This is done in partnership with parents through formal meetings in Year 1 as well as regular follow-up sessions to ensure that every child and their parents are fully informed and supported throughout the 7+ process. We work together to ensure that your child moves to a school which will suit them and we continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum throughout this period so that your child continues to flourish.



...to Care

We are a kind and caring community with an ethos of compassion and mutual support in which every child feels secure and grows physically, socially, emotionally and academically.

Your child will be supported to develop self-confidence, good manners and consideration for others. Every child joins a House, which enables them to be part of their year group and the wider school community.

Our homely atmosphere ensures that your child will feel safe and valued as they take their first steps along their journey of learning. The small structure of the School reinforces the sense of community and ensures that each child is well supported and staff know them and their families well. Individual care and attention will be given to your child to help nurture and develop their potential and harness their talents. Our aim is to bring out the best in every child through a passion for learning and discovery.

Children at The Rowans are well-behaved and polite, and expectations with regards to kindness and empathy for others are high. We will encourage your child to work hard and enjoy the challenges presented to them in all areas of school life.

We take great pride in the achievements of all of our children, whether these are in school or out of school. The children make friends quickly and they are always busy and involved. Close co-operation between parents and staff also helps to achieve these aims.

Time at The Rowans will provide a breadth of experience in those important early years – hopefully leading to life-long interests and lasting friendships.





...to Apply

We would encourage you to visit the School. There are opportunities for you to get to know the School better to help you make your important decision.

You are invited to meet the Head Teacher and have a tour of the School at one of the weekly show-rounds. In addition, you are warmly invited to come to some of the events that take place during the School year, such as the Christmas and Summer Fairs. Please telephone the School Office if you would like more information about forthcoming events.

The Rowans is selective from Reception upwards. Kindergarten places are allocated on a 'first come, first served basis' where we look at the number of days between the date of birth and the date of registration with us. The Rowans is co-educational, so we aim to maintain a good balance of girls and boys where possible.

Occasional places arise from time to time in the older year groups. Parents should contact the School Office for current details of availability. Selection for places in classes from Reception upwards is based on a child's potential to thrive in our School environment, which is established through an assessment session, as well as a report from their nursery or current school.

Registrations are accepted from birth. There are a limited number of places on offer, so parents are advised to complete the registration form as soon as possible. Registration forms are sent to parents upon request or are accessible from the School website.

The School's Admission Policy can be viewed on the website (www.rowans.org.uk) or is available in hard copy from the School Office.

What our Children say...

Reception

I like the teachers.
They teach us things
and they like to learn
too.

We are allowed
to make mistakes
and the teachers
will always be
nice to us.

Year 1

We go on lots of trips which
help you to learn about the world
around you.

The Rowans is the best school with a
great playground where you can run, climb
and slide. I love it!

Year 2

I like that we learn in lots of different ways in
Maths - we use lots of different methods and
resources.

I am going to miss how lovely this school
is all the time, and all my friends. The teachers
also make our lessons really clear to understand.



What our Parents say...

“ Willow is currently in Year 2 at The Rowans School. She is the last of my five children to complete her final year at The Rowans! Lily joined The Rowans in January 2003 aged 3, and all of them have enjoyed five fabulous years at this wonderful school. Willow, like her brothers and sisters, has loved every minute of pre-prep. She has embraced the many opportunities, thrived academically, made local friends for life and will leave with a heart full of happiness and fond memories. The Rowans encourages, nurtures and challenges children to believe that goals are achievable, standards are high and social skills are of paramount importance. Manners and kindness are at the core, and Willow will be ready to start her new adventure safe in the knowledge that The Rowans has given her the best possible start to her journey through school. I cannot thank The Rowans enough; my children and I have loved our many experiences at this precious school.”

“ Choosing the right school for our son Alexander was one of the most important decisions we faced after settling in Wimbledon. While a challenging academic curriculum was a must, we knew we wouldn't settle until we found a school with ample opportunities to play sports and engage in diverse after-school activities and which had a warm and nurturing environment where our international family was welcomed. In The Rowans we found a perfect match, the School has nurtured his passion for learning yet also developed his confidence and driven Alexander to stretch himself in and outside of the classroom. Teachers have high expectations of students and we have found instruction at The Rowans focused on forming well-rounded boys and girls through exposure to sports, languages, arts, and by developing a global awareness. The faculty has been helpful in mentoring us and preparing Alexander for the next step of his academic journey. Alexander will join Shrewsbury House School in the fall and undoubtedly it will be hard to say goodbye to such a special place.”

“ We have been enormously impressed by The Rowans. It has a well-deserved reputation as an academically excellent school, but what has really stood out for us has been the rounded approach that the School takes to teaching the children in its care about all aspects of life. Our son thoroughly enjoys his time at the School and the positive effect it has had on him is obvious.”





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The Rowans is a very special place. The School has the magical combination of offering a strong academic grounding in an extraordinary, nurturing environment that brings out the best in a child. Teachers and staff take great care to really get to know each child and make the School just that much more special for them. We have seen Rehan blossom into a confident little boy who absolutely loves the School, is happy to be stretched by his teachers and always eager to take on new challenges. We also find the The Rowans to be incredibly approachable. Elizabeth Spratt is welcoming and always willing to have an open dialogue with parents. We cannot thank the teachers and staff enough – we could not have wished for a better school for Rehan.”

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We are delighted with The Rowans School.

The Rowans fosters strong community values, which enables a kind and supportive atmosphere for learning. It has an outward-looking, thoughtful and pragmatic approach which ensures that our son enjoys each day and benefits from a wide range of learning and sporting opportunities. The small class sizes have allowed our son to have confidence in his learning and he loves the School's projects about understanding the wider world.

Our son has developed strong bonds with each of his teachers during these first crucial years of his education. As a result, he has established a love

for learning and has real pride in his work and achievements. The teachers are positive and warm, which provides additional value to the wide range of skills and experiences offered to the children by the School. In our opinion, there are particular strong role models amongst the staff of The Rowans, resulting in the School community feeling rather like a family unit.

We believe that The Rowans School is a rare gem. It has superb staff who work as a close team to maximise the children's learning and personal growth. We feel fortunate to be part of the School.”



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William's energy and creativity is nurtured and developed at The Rowans School. The dynamic delivery of the curriculum and the excellent teaching and support staff constantly strive to make learning an inclusive and invigorating experience for him. And they succeed.

We have watched Lily's curiosity about her environment grow from singing about red robins to questioning what objects float and discussing the animals in the Amazon jungle. Lily is genuinely excited about what the next day at school will bring.”



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