



**Victoria
College
Preparatory
School**



Prospectus

Where each
PUPIL'S
potential is
REALISED



A Perfect Start

Welcome to Victoria College Preparatory School where your daughter can make the best possible beginning to her education within a constructive and caring all girls environment. Pupils in our Preparatory School are confident, articulate and caring. Our core values of respect, courtesy and understanding permeate everything we do. Pastoral care in the school is outstanding and every girl is valued for who she is and encouraged to reach her full potential.

Victoria College Preparatory School is a lively, purposeful and pupil centred school which encourages pupils to develop a sense of curiosity, to value academic and extracurricular endeavour and to demonstrate positive attitudes and behaviour.

Our highly qualified staff are committed to supporting your daughter's education and to making learning fun. She will benefit from the excellent resources within the school and from teachers who are subject specialists as well as Key Stage experts. Smaller class sizes allow us to meet the individual needs of all our pupils and to stretch and support each girl so that she makes progress commensurate with her ability. Our outstanding Key Stage outcomes reflect the natural outworking of happy, confident girls who thrive in an inclusive atmosphere. You can be assured that we will prepare your daughter to be an independent thinker ready for post primary school.

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young children are
FREE TO EXPLORE
learning opportunities

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First Steps

Our Junior Pre and Pre School provide a happy and enjoyable introduction to school life where the curriculum is experienced through a range of well-planned, focused activities and structured play. We encourage children to grow in confidence, self-esteem and independence through social interactions and daily routines in a caring and nurturing environment.

In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils follow a broad academic curriculum developing key literacy

and numeracy skills through a well-resourced programme and making best use of ICT to support learning. We will quickly identify and foster each pupil's key strengths and set meaningful targets so that areas for development are addressed.

We welcome boys in our Junior Pre School and we offer wrap around day care from 8am with breakfast club for Junior Pre and Pre School children and supervised prep, activities and games for all pupils until 6pm.

Where parents enjoy peace of mind while children learn



WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS
and support each
pupil through a
TAILORED CURRICULUM
underpinned by
EXCEPTIONAL PASTORAL CARE

Moving On

In Key Stage 2 the full curriculum is delivered by highly motivated and experienced staff who encourage the girls to set and achieve personal targets, always aiming to be the best they can be. Through problem solving, researching and working collaboratively, pupils are encouraged to develop the skills and attitudes which they will carry with them when they progress to Year 8 in post primary school. Assessment for learning allows staff to tailor lessons and activities to meet each pupil's needs. Reports sent to parents provide an accurate picture of progress. We set high standards and work in partnership with our parents to provide strong academic foundations for future study balanced with a wide range of creative, sporting and social pursuits.



Making a Difference

There is a real sense of community in the Preparatory School. Links between the world of work and learning in school are fostered with pupils engaged in enterprise events and projects, and participating in a wide range of trips, visits and workshops.

Victoria pupils are encouraged to understand the contribution they can make to their school and to the local and wider community. They care about each other and know they can make a difference through their involvement in action groups.

We listen to our pupils and their opinions are considered through the School Nutrition and the Eco Action groups and through the School Council where elected Prefects act as class representatives. Our Welcome Team, Community Action Group and International Action Group support new pupils, raise funds for charities and celebrate diversity and inclusion while the Fair Trade Group promotes global understanding and encourages the girls to become active citizens.



School Council



Eco Action Group



School Nutrition Action Group



Welcome Team



Community Action Group



International Action Group



Fair Trade



iTeam

Expert Tuition

Pupils benefit from expert tuition from specialist staff in the Senior School who deliver Music, Drama, Sport, Swimming, Modern Languages and Classics. Tuition in voice or an instrument of choice is available from Prep 4 and Victoria girls participate and compete in a range of sporting events including gymnastics, athletics, cross country, hockey, netball, camogie and swimming galas.



Arts and Crafts Ballet **CAMOGIE**
COOKERY Drama **ECO**
GALAXY HOCKEY iPad Club
 Junior Choir **JUMPING CLAY**
 MINIVERSITY MULTILINGUA *Music Theory*
NETBALL NUMBER CLUB ORCHESTRA
Playball **SU STEM Tennis**

Where the Sky is the Limit

Our pupils academic performance is exceptional with Key Stage 2 outcomes surpassing the Northern Ireland average in both Communication and Mathematics. Victoria College Prep pupils excel when they progress to Senior School achieving at least 7 A*-C grades at GCSE and 3

or more grades A*-C at A level and often enjoy recognition as top candidates in Northern Ireland. Our girls go on to be successful in gaining places in the courses of their choice in top universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Key Stage 2 pupils achieving Level 5 in Using Mathematics

21%

NI Average (Girls)

70%

Victoria College Prep

Key Stage 2 pupils achieving Level 5 in Communication

18%

NI Average (Girls)

65%

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Academically, outcomes are impressively high and significantly above the Northern Ireland average

*End of Key Stage 2 Results 2015/16

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Where Pupils
HAVE OPPORTUNITIES
AND TAKE OWNERSHIP
of their future



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