



Kimbolton School
Cambridgeshire



Prep School
One school. One family



Kimbolton Prep School is an independent co-educational day school for pupils aged 4-11 situated near the borders of Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, and Bedfordshire.

Our school offers a nurturing environment where every child is cherished and encouraged to thrive.



Academic ambition is central, but we also place great importance on the overall happiness and well-being of our pupils, believing that thriving children are happy children.

*At Kimbolton Prep School, we recognise how important the first years of education are. Our vision is to provide an outstanding, modern, all-round education that challenges children to become **curious, courageous, and kind** young adults capable of making a positive impact on the world. We encourage integrity and endeavour from the moment children join our community.*

Our ethos is rooted in creating a collaborative, supportive, and inspiring environment. We view our school as a family where kindness is paramount, and pupils are always our priority. Each pupil is known and supported individually, fostering their intellectual, spiritual, physical, emotional, and social growth at every stage. The positive and collaborative relationships we foster with parents and guardians are also essential to the growth and development of every child.

Kimboltonians work diligently, embrace personal responsibility, and are willing to take risks. Our school culture is characterised by empathy, service, humour, and respect for diverse perspectives.

Our dedicated staff are crucial to our success, and their growth and satisfaction are equally important. The stunning grounds of Kimbolton Castle, which our pupils regularly use, enhance our educational environment, blending heritage

and the natural world with innovation to prepare pupils for the world beyond school.

We value our broader community connections, including former pupils and parents, and are committed to our responsibilities locally, nationally, and globally. Inclusivity is at our core, ensuring that every child feels valued and supported both in and out of the classroom.

Ensuring we have happy children who are making progress, contributing to the wider community and are ready for a seamless transition into the Senior School at the end of Year 6, are of paramount importance for the Prep School staff team.

We look forward to extending a warm welcome to you!

Claire Petrie, Head of Prep

A school where the future is shaped with integrity.



A school where everyone is free to be courageous and curious.



Why choose Kimbolton Prep School?

A strong sense of community

Kimbolton Prep School fosters a family atmosphere where each child feels valued and supported, creating strong relationships and a sense of belonging

Happy pupils

Ensuring every pupil's happiness is our priority. Our supportive environment and focus on individual well-being create a positive and engaging school

Specialist teaching staff

Our highly qualified, specialist teachers, experts in their fields, often work across both our Prep and Senior School. This collaboration ensures that pupils receive tailored instruction and support, enhancing their learning experience.

Small class sizes

At Kimbolton Prep, our small class sizes are a key differentiator that sets us apart. This intimate learning environment allows for personalised attention, fostering strong relationships between teachers and students.

Extensive grounds

Our school is set in 120 acres of beautiful countryside, providing ample space for outdoor activities, sports, and exploration, enriching the educational experience.



Exceptional sports provision

Recently shortlisted for an Independent School of the Year for sporting achievement, we offer outstanding sports facilities and expert coaching, including former England players who coach our pupils from Reception onwards.



Our sports programme, which includes Games and PE lessons starting in Year 1 and swimming for every year group, encourages teamwork, resilience, and a lifelong love of physical activity.

Find out more:



Exceptional facilities

Our Prep School features outstanding facilities, including a Digital Learning Suite, sports hall, performance space, and forest school area. Additionally, our Prep pupils benefit from access to Senior School amenities, located within and around the historic Kimbolton Castle, such as the swimming pool and science laboratories, providing an inspiring backdrop for learning.

Take a virtual tour:



Close collaboration with our Senior School

We work closely with our Senior School, ensuring a seamless educational journey and consistent support for each pupil's development.



Extensive co-curricular offering

From gardening club, puppet club and chess club, to specialist music ensembles, we offer a wide range of co-curricular activities, enabling pupils to explore their interests and develop new skills outside the classroom.

Explore our co-curricular activities:



Emphasis on traditional values

We emphasise traditional values alongside academic excellence, fostering a strong partnership with parents and carers, and ensuring each child receives comprehensive support and inspiration.

Dedicated passionate team

Our dedicated teaching and support team is committed to fostering a supportive and enriching environment where pupils are encouraged to achieve their personal best and develop a love for learning.

Meet our team:



Academic excellence



At Kimbolton Prep School, we prioritise academic excellence through a rich and varied curriculum that caters to each pupil's needs and abilities. Our approach encourages independent thinking, creativity, and a lifelong love for learning. Pupils benefit from small class sizes and personalised attention from our highly qualified teaching staff.

Our curriculum is designed to be broad and balanced, preparing pupils for the next stage of their education. We offer specialist teaching in subjects such as Music, Physical Education, Modern Foreign Languages, and Computing, starting from a young age.

We also recognise the importance of developing key skills in literacy and numeracy, and our dedicated staff employ a range of innovative teaching methods to engage and inspire our pupils.



49%
A*/ A - A Levels

100%
pass rate for A Levels

85%
first choice place for university

18%
GCSE grade 9

96%
GCSE grade 9-4

55%
GCSE grade 9-7



A school where
ambition and success
go hand in hand.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care is central to our ethos at Kimbolton. We ensure that each pupil feels safe, supported, and valued. Our pastoral team works closely with parents to monitor and support the emotional and social well-being of our pupils, fostering a nurturing environment where they can flourish. Pupils and parents build a close relationship with the form tutor, who always acts as the first point of contact.

Our Chaplain regularly visits children in all years and takes assemblies, providing spiritual guidance and support. Additionally, there is a nurse on-site to attend to any medical needs, ensuring the health and safety of our pupils at all times.



A sense of belonging for all.

Our House system begins in Year 3 and continues through to Sixth Form, embodying our ethos of 'One school. One family.' In our Prep School, pupils are part of one of four houses: Montagu, Fitzpiers, Wingfield, and Stafford. This system fosters a sense of community and belonging, encouraging pupils to form lasting friendships and participate in various House activities and competitions.

As pupils transition to the Senior School, they are initially grouped together in a single house for Years 7 and 8, before joining one of the Senior School houses—Balyes, Dawsons, Gibbards, or Owens—from Year 9 to Sixth Form. This progression ensures that each child is supported throughout their school journey, promoting a cohesive and inclusive environment.

We also offer a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, helping pupils to develop the knowledge and skills they need to manage their lives, now and in the future.





A school where
inquisitive minds
thrive.



Recent year 6 production

Co-curricular activities

We offer a broad range of co-curricular activities to enrich our pupils' educational experience. From music and drama to coding and outdoor education, there is something for everyone. These activities help pupils discover new interests, develop skills, and build friendships.

Our after-school clubs include Chess, Art, Science, and Gardening, while our music ensembles and drama productions provide opportunities for pupils to showcase their talents. We also offer regular educational trips and visits, both locally and further afield, to enhance pupils' learning and broaden their horizons.

Explore our co-curricular activities:



Sport

Sport plays a crucial role in the development of our pupils at Kimbolton Prep School and our dedicated team include athletes who have themselves competed at national level. Recently shortlisted in the Independent School of the Year competition for sporting achievement, our extensive sports programme includes a variety of activities such as football, cricket, netball, swimming, and athletics. **We aim to instill a love for physical activity, promote teamwork, and develop resilience in our pupils.**

Our sports facilities are second to none, with a dedicated sports hall, outdoor pitches, and tennis courts. Additionally, we have access to the Senior School's facilities, including an astro-turf pitch and a swimming pool. Starting in Year 1, our timetable integrates Games and PE lessons, with swimming offered to every year group.

We encourage all pupils to participate in sports, regardless of their ability, and our teams regularly compete in inter-school competitions and tournaments. Our experienced coaches and PE staff are committed to helping each pupil achieve their personal best, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Learn more about our sports programme:



Creative Arts

At Kimbolton Prep School, we believe in nurturing the creative potential of every pupil. Our comprehensive Creative Arts programme includes Drama, LAMDA (London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art), Art, and Music, providing numerous opportunities for pupils to explore and develop their artistic talents.

Drama and LAMDA

Our drama curriculum encourages pupils to express themselves, build confidence, and develop their communication skills. Pupils have the opportunity to participate in school plays and performances, and many take LAMDA exams, which further enhance their acting and public speaking abilities. We also have a large performance hall, and access to a full size theatre at our Senior School.

Music

Music is an integral part of life at Kimbolton Prep. Our Head of Music offers individual music lessons, ensemble groups, and choir opportunities for pupils to develop their musical abilities. Regular concerts and performances provide platforms for pupils to share their musical achievements with the school community.

Art

Our art programme is designed to foster creativity and imagination. Pupils explore a variety of mediums and techniques, developing their artistic skills and appreciation for visual arts. Our annual art exhibitions showcase the impressive talents of our young artists and we are lucky enough to have a bespoke art suite alongside specialist art teaching.

Explore our Creative Arts programme at



A school where you
can discover the best
version of you.



A highly-regarded co-ed prep school on the Cambridgeshire border in a beautiful rural setting, known for its amazing facilities, extra-curricular activities and family-orientated atmosphere.”
Muddy Stiletto

Admissions

Admission to Kimbolton Prep School is open to boys and girls aged 4-11. Our main entry points are Reception and Year 3, but occasionally we welcome applications to other year groups when spaces are available. We invite prospective families to attend one of our Open Mornings or arrange a private tour to experience our vibrant school community firsthand.

Our admissions process includes an age-appropriate assessment day where we get to know your child and understand their strengths and interests. This ensures we can determine if they are able to access the Kimbolton curriculum and thrive in our environment.

For more information on the admissions process and to book a visit, **please contact our Admissions Team:**





Inspiring curiosity, courage, and kindness.

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