



Pre-Preparatory Department



The
Ladies' College
Guernsey



Welcome

Tucked away in the corner of The Ladies' College campus is the magical, homely environment of the Pre-Preparatory Department, where you can find an infinite amount of imagination, exploration, laughter but more importantly fun.

Our team of experienced, enthusiastic and qualified staff have a passion to provide a nurturing and secure setting enabling each of the girls to become independently immersed in the department's positive, spacious and exciting outdoor and indoor environments.

In the Pre-Preparatory we inspire the girls to enquire, create, and collaborate whilst exploring and experimenting with the world around them.

We provide an environment which becomes an extension to home, we have a family based atmosphere where all of the girls are able to grow and flourish socially, emotionally and physically.

The girls in the Pre-Preparatory department develop into motivated, enthusiastic and confident individuals who have a love of learning through exploration.

“ We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing. ”

George Bernard Shaw



Daily Life

The Pre-Preparatory Department fosters independence which starts from the moment that each of the girls arrive in the morning.

With the Melrose Growth Mindset each of the activities and adventures throughout the day are to enhance and develop essential lifelong traits such as resilience, perseverance and initiative, whilst never losing the constant extension of imagination and experimentation.

We have a self-registration system, and then the setting delivers a complete free flow provision within our outdoor and indoor environment. Both have resources

which can be accessed by the girls at any time.

We have a 'café system' for snack time enabling further freedom of choice, whilst providing the girls with the opportunity to socialise and communicate whilst enhancing basic family values. Each day offers a variety of different challenges and experiences through the continuous provision and opportunities on offer. What better way to spend the day than in a magical imaginary world where anything and everything is possible!!

“ Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire. ”

William Yeats



Physical Development

Our week incorporates a high level of physical activities whether it is using scissors and building with bricks, cooking, making mud pies or riding a bike, climbing trees to making dens, or simply dressing and undressing. The girls are constantly active.

We are passionate about providing each of the girls the time, space and encouragement to be whatever they want to be and always strive to reach further and higher than they ever thought they could. We add to

our weekly routine with a number of co-curricular activities such as swimming, ballet and drama adding to our exciting and active lifestyle in the Pre-Preparatory department.

“ You’re off to great places! Today is your Day! Your mountain is waiting, So... Get on your way! ”

Dr Seuss



Encouraging

In the Pre-Preparatory Department we are passionate about developing a Growth Mindset in every child. Encouraging them to strive and achieve whatever they believe and dream, and to never give up.

The positive free flow environment allows each of the girls, with the support of qualified staff, to explore and develop their own unique interests. If you visit us we may be baking mud pies, making letters out of play

dough or collecting worms, however we fervently believe at The Ladies College Pre-Preparatory the fundamental grounding of every child's development is enjoying and achieving through play.

“ Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. ”

Harriet Tubman



Creativity and Discovery

In the Pre-Preparatory Department, the focus is on fun and laughter as well as exploration, problem solving and risk taking.

There are a wide range of activities provided on a daily basis and our indoor and outdoor areas inspires an endless world of possibilities. The staff scaffold the individual learning and self-esteem of each of the girls in our care to explore and progress to their next stage.

The hands-on experiences provided foster a deep excitement and love of knowledge and exploration, as they are formed from the passionate interests of each of the girls.

“ You can’t use up creativity.
The more you use the more
you have. ”

Maya Angelou



Nurturing

We foster a strong partnership with the families of all of the girls in our care as we understand the importance of consistency and shared beliefs.

We pride ourselves on having an open door policy where parents have the freedom of discussing any worries or concerns with the staff at any point during the day. Our settling in routine is individually created, enabling each of the girls and their parents to feel happy and secure within the Pre-Preparatory surroundings. We have a Key Person system which

enables close bonds to be formed outside of the home environment. We are passionate about providing each of the girls the essential skills and an environment to develop into strong emotionally secure individuals who have a sense of worth and pride and who are eager to strive for more than life may hold.

“ Promise me you’ll always remember: You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think! ”

A.A Milne



Moving Up Through The School

Our Pre-Preparatory Department is a fundamental part of Melrose and The Ladies' College family. The girls are welcomed into the school from the age of 2½ and are given the sense of ownership in the Melrose joint community and family environment.

We have regular visits from classes throughout the school as well as their dedicated teaching team, which provides the girls with the familiarisation with all aspects of Melrose life. The girls have regular opportunities to utilise the facilities and resources within The Ladies' College whether it is the dance studio, or school hall, to the Forest School area and dining hall. We often enjoy working in collaboration

across year group classes, which benefits every pupil though the ethos of learning together on differing subjects and challenges. We have a constant transition programme running throughout the time the girls join the Pre-Preparatory Department that ensures each of the girls a seamless progression into Melrose and continuation of the growth and development in a whole school philosophy.

“ **Together we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.** ”

Jane D. Hull



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