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EDUCATION & SCHOOLING

September marks the start of a new school year and, for those who will change schools the following year, it also indicates an important time to start thinking about their next step. It's vital to research and visit plenty of schools, and talk openly with your child to make sure you find the perfect fit. Here, we look at some of the country's top schools.



A BRAND NEW WAY TO LEARN PIANO

Piano Sanctuary is a warm, friendly and exciting environment for adult learners of all levels of experience

So many of us dream of learning the piano. Maybe it's that disused upright piano or electric keyboard in the corner of the sitting room, maybe the children are having lessons at school and a parent is longing to play too. For some, its memories of maybe an overly strict teacher when they did learn as a child that puts them off wanting to take the traditional route and book months, even years, of lessons to restart their piano journey.

Piano Sanctuary has been developed with all this in mind. Founder and concert pianist Andrew Quartermain has been running piano courses for adults for 17 years. "I soon realised this was about a social club as much as it was about piano lessons" says Andrew. "People from all backgrounds coming together but with one thing in common – their love of the piano, but often held back by lack of confidence and thinking they'd never get there."

Piano Sanctuary now serves hundreds of learners across the UK and beyond. There are the online courses – the Starter course for beginners or those returning to the piano, and the Adventure course for existing learners.

Both work in the same way – fast-tracking technical fluency and musicianship by entering into the incredible sound worlds of the piano immediately via creative activities that can be grasped immediately.

The courses are individually written for participants, each of whom has their own personal tutor throughout the course. Starting at just £39, the courses offer an incredibly cost-effective way to unlock your skills at the piano – and you can start right now.

Piano Sanctuary also offers weekend retreats at its idyllic home – Leiston Abbey, on the Suffolk coast – which can be booked throughout the year.

● To book your online course or retreat and complete the enquiry form: E: hello@pianosanctuary.co.uk or go to pianosanctuary.co.uk

Quote Sanctuary21 for 10% off all online courses and retreats booked in September or October



CATCH UP IN LEARNING

Parents, has the school year of 2021 been bittersweet? Are you eager for a break?

You may be concerned about your child's learning loss after a full year of school disruptions. If your child has been impacted this school year, Lindamood-Bell is here for you. It can give your child effective, fun, evidence-based instruction that will set them up with better skills and new confidence.

Balance learning and fun

Every year, Lindamood-Bell helps kids of all ages and abilities catch up or get ahead in reading, comprehension and maths. The company is uniquely prepared to help kids thrive – its expertise and dynamic instruction sets it apart. Lindamood-Bell's instruction is proven effective for students with challenges that affect learning, including dyslexia, autism and ADHD. Students make years of gains in a matter of weeks.

Proven results – in person and online

Disruptions and online learning also caused difficulties for students who didn't previously struggle. Lindamood-Bell added online instruction to its in-person services in 2015. Its Learning Centres have provided consistent, quality instruction throughout the pandemic. Lindamood-Bell's approach is proven effective whether your child attends in person or learns from home.

Engaging instruction

Lindamood-Bell's dynamic, sensory-cognitive instruction is one-to-one, face-to-face, online and in-person. Students are fully engaged. Instruction isn't screentime and it isn't more of what your child received at school for distance learning.

Safe, in-person instruction

Lindamood-Bell offers safe, in-person instruction at many locations. Enrollment is underway now so why not sign up?

● Contact Lindamood-Bell on 020 7727 0660 to learn more and get started with a complimentary screening. lindamoodbell.co.uk



AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION

Located at the gateway to the Scottish Highlands, Glenalmond College offers a truly extraordinary place to learn

Just an hour from Edinburgh and Glasgow, boys and girls aged 12 to 18 thrive in Glenalmond's unpolluted 300-acre grounds, packed with wildlife as well as endless opportunities for activities, fun and friendship.

Most of Glenalmond's teachers live on site and this is a very important factor in the support each individual pupil receives in this bustling community, where teamwork and leadership skills flourish alongside academic subjects, sport, music, drama and art.

The school offers full and flexi-boarding in its seven boarding houses and day pupils also have their own room in a boarding house. With only around 360 pupils – an equal split of boys and girls – each child is known individually and class sizes are reassuringly small; this is enhanced by an excellent house-based tutor system.

A new fleet of minibuses offers a safe, comfortable journey to school for the day pupils as well as transporting all pupils to enjoy outdoor adventures and explore the hills and lochs of beautiful Perthshire as well as the cultural opportunities of Scotland's cities.

Excellent facilities abound at the school including an Olympic-standard, water-based hockey astro and a nine-hole James Braid-designed golf course, along with a brand new indoor golf hub.

What really sets Glenalmond apart for visiting families – after the wow factor of catching the first glimpse of the school buildings when arriving via Front Avenue – is the warmth of the welcome from staff and pupils and the sense of friendliness and community throughout the school.

● Find out more and arrange a visit by contacting the friendly admissions team
T: 01738 842144
E: admissions@glenalmondcollege.co.uk

Next open days: 18 September and 2 October. glenalmondcollege.co.uk

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WHY A PREP SCHOOL EDUCATION IS BEST

It's a debate that's raged for generations – is there more value in a preparatory education or learning at an all-through school?

While a preparatory school prepares its children for entry into private secondary schools, aged around 13, all-through schools teach children in one place up to the age of 16 or 18 before they move on to higher education.

So which is best? At Highfield and Brookham Schools in Liphook, which offers nursery, pre-prep and prep schooling in glorious 175-acre grounds on the border of Hampshire, Surrey and West Sussex, the answer is clear.

Currently teaching, encouraging, supporting and moulding children from the ages of two to 13, the schools undertook a parent survey to gauge opinion on various aspects of school life, including whether to extend provision beyond Year 8.

The answer was a resounding 'no', that Highfield and Brookham, the only truly independent, co-educational day and boarding school for miles around, should retain its current status. The reasons were compelling and a big vote of confidence for highly respected Highfield headmaster Phillip Evitt and Brookham headteacher Sophie Baber.

Many parents cited a need for a change of school in the early teenage years, saying that children can become much less motivated and lose their desire to learn and develop if they stay in one place for too long, whereas a move to a senior school at the age of 13 brings fresh challenges.

Another plus was that 'children can continue to be children for longer' without the pressures and influences associated with rubbing shoulders with older children on a daily basis, while flexibility was key as 'a school chosen for a four-year-old may not be suitable for them by the time they reach 13'.

Mr Evitt, who regularly sees his charges move on to prestigious senior schools such as Eton, Harrow, Marlborough and Wellington, said: "There are so many factors to consider when selecting a school, but we're proud to be a prep and our past and present parents have overwhelmingly endorsed our ethos."

● Open mornings at Highfield and Brookham Schools
Saturday 25 September and
Friday 19 November, 10am to 12pm.

To book, visit highfieldandbrookham.co.uk/visit



LEARN, CREATE AND EXPLORE

Founded in 1748 by John Wesley, and built on strong Christian principles, Kingswood School has a long tradition of transforming lives

By striving for all-round excellence, Kingswood School makes a real difference to every girl and boy that passes through its gates. The belief in tolerance, understanding and inclusion, as well as the quality of relationship between staff and students, means every child has the support to flourish, from the youngest babies in the Nursery to the children in Prep and Senior School and those in Sixth Form. As such, students leave Kingswood empowered to lead meaningful lives. Sitting in over 200 acres of one of the most beautiful educational sites in the South West, Kingswood School's outstanding facilities for boarders and day students – plus its easy access to Bath, London and international airports – mean it serves families based in Bath, across the UK and around the world. Kingswood School is known for its warmth, with alumni, families and staff all part of the vibrant community. Of particular interest to prospective families will be:

- ISI recognition for excellence in teaching and learning, with a broad and balanced curriculum that develops lively, enquiring, well-informed minds. High academic standards and performance in public examination (2021 A-level results: 85% at A*-B) are bolstered by more than 100 co-curricular activities. The school is renowned for the quality of art, drama and music, while the PE department regularly supports talented youngsters in playing for county and national teams and progressing to professional careers.
- Exceptional pastoral care, with a house system that provides day and boarders with a 'home' at school, sharing activities, facilities and the support of tutors and house staff.
- A sixth form that prepares students for the future, with a wide range of A-levels and BTEC courses, and a vibrant enrichment programme including subject trips, volunteering and careers support. The Sixth Form Centre provides an excellent bridge towards university, with individually matched tutors for excellent academic and pastoral support.

Kingswood will run three open days this autumn:

- Prep School open morning: 21 September 10.00-12.00
- Sixth Form open evening: 23 September 18.30-21.00
- Senior School open morning: 25 September 09.00-12.00

To book a place at Kingswood School's autumn open days, go to:

kingswood.bath.sch.uk/admissions/open-mornings-taster-days-and-events
● Kingswood School: an independent co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged nine months to 18 years old. kingswood.bath.sch.uk
E: admissions@kingswood.bath.sch.uk T: 01225 734210
Instagram: @kingswoodschool

INSPIRING AND ENRICHING YOUNG MINDS

The Sixth Form at Lancing College provides an amazing two-year experience and a highly personalised journey to ensure academic excellence

The campus covers some 550 acres of the South Downs National Park. It's situated just 10 miles from the vibrant city of Brighton and Hove, and shares rapid connections with Gatwick Airport and London. It offers a unique combination of heritage and British tradition infused with a modern, cosmopolitan, outward-looking approach. With some 600 pupils, this vibrant school offers plenty of opportunity for fun and friendship, alongside a strong sense of community where everyone has their place and is well known.

Academic success

The Sixth Form offers an exciting and thought-provoking two years of A-level education and enrichment. Whether pupils are joining for the Sixth Form or moving up from GCSE study at Lancing, extensive support is available to help choose options, with the dedicated staff offering one-to-one support at this critical time.

Feeling at home

Lancing is far more than just a school. It's a home for all the Sixth Formers, whether day or boarding. The House will be the place they go to relax, socialise, find support and enjoy the camaraderie of living in a close community.

An amazing co-curricular programme

Learning beyond the classroom is also important at Lancing. The College offers more than 120 different co-curricular activities, including academic societies, enrichment, drama, music, art, sport, design and technology, and dance. While some pupils focus on developing existing skills, many others are encouraged to try and experience new things they'd never have previously considered.

"A Lancing Sixth Form education is a treasure for life, much more than the sum of its parts. At the heart of what we offer lies our value of each individual student as a unique person. At Lancing, we guide young people to become dynamic, adventurous, thoughtful, and caring individuals. They leave us determined to make a real difference in the world – and they do," said Dominic Oliver, the school's headmaster.

● Join Lancing College's Sixth Form.

Contact the Admissions Office for further details: admissions@lancing.org.uk

