



Eaton Square Schools

# Absolutely Education – January 2022

## ABSOLUTELY EDUCATION

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To start the New Year and celebrate the upcoming United Nations' International Day of Education, **Mrs Watt, Headmistress of Eaton Square Prep School**, shares her insight into what a true 21st-century education really means.

Located in outstanding surroundings in a quiet corner of Belgravia, **Eaton Square** educates boys and girls aged 2-11. Renowned for its academic excellence and strong 11+ results (pupils win places at top UK senior schools including Eton, Harrow, Cheltenham Ladies College, Francis Holland, Westminster and more), there's more to this exceptional prep school than academic success.

**Describe an Eaton Square education in 3 words.**

Springboard to success.

**What should a true, all-around education achieve?**

There are so many ways one can answer this question! If I had to choose just one I would say that, for the individual child, **a true education is one that enables them to fulfil their own, unique potential** (be it in academics, sport, music, art and/or another sphere) in a happy, healthy way and equips them with the skills, knowledge and self-awareness required to go out and make their mark in the world. Here at **Eaton Square Prep School**, aside from our outstanding **academic curriculum**, a key way in which we help children achieve this is through our vast range of extra-curricular clubs. From **Coding to Cookery, Gardening to Debating, Chess to Ballet**, all are fantastic ways for children to broaden their horizons, boost their social development and – ultimately – discover who they are, what they enjoy and what they're good at.



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Secondly – and in many ways, a result of the above – **a true education should benefit wider society.** How? By nurturing a cohort of individuals eager and able to benefit both local, national and international communities and industries. At **Eaton Square**, aside from our **passionate charitable endeavours** (scarcely a week goes by without a fundraiser of some sort!), our popular ‘**Eaton Cares**’ series – a programme of talks given by members of our school community, each following an overarching message of **inclusion for All** – particularly helps drive this sense of responsibility in our pupils.

### **What aspects of education are particularly important in today’s world?**

Without doubt, **mental health, environmental responsibility and digital skills** are vital parts of a modern-day education. All are high on our **Eaton Square** agenda.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH**

The **happiness of our pupils has always been a priority.** Our pastoral care is repeatedly rated ‘Excellent’ in all ISI reports and The Good Schools Guide even said of our pupils, *“Children are happy here as they have the freedom to be themselves”*. We are very proud of our in-house programme for pupil wellbeing, ‘The Listening Space’. This spans solo and group sessions, confidence workshops, mindfulness, problem solving and even a ‘worry post box’ where pupils can post any concerns they may have in total confidence.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

As last year’s COP26 summit highlighted, we must ensure today’s young people are aware of – and campaigning for – the environment. This is a key part of an **Eaton Square** education. Impressively for a central London prep School, we have achieved **official ‘Eco-School’ status.** Led by our very own pupil-driven Eco Committee (whose enthusiasm for protecting and preserving our planet is remarkable), school life here includes **recycling competitions, building bug hotels and participating in nationwide campaigns such as Forest of Promises and Clean Up Your Act.** It’s of no surprise that we were shortlisted for the 2021 Dukes Education Sustainability Award!



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### DIGITAL SKILLS

It goes unsaid that in today's modern world, **an education that lacks digital learning is no education at all**. While our **Eaton Square** academic curriculum maintains a natural emphasis on the core subjects of Maths, English and Science, we hold digital skills in particularly high regard. Pupils explore **coding, computer programming and algorithms** during timetabled lessons – they particularly enjoy learning with their Bee Bots (floor robots). In addition, from Year Three all pupils have their own individual **Surface Go Tablets**, enabling familiarity, skills and confidence in the computing skills they will require for life.



*How can I find out more about life at Eaton Square Prep School?*

Visit Us! We warmly invite you to one of our upcoming Open Mornings (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – to sign up simply [click here](#)). I would be delighted to welcome you into our wonderful school and very much look forward to meeting you.

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