



Eaton Square  
Prep School

# Tatler Schools Guide – 2023



## Editor's letter



I'M DELIGHTED TO WELCOME you to the 2023 *Tatler Schools Guide*, the impartial arbiter of all the best public and prep schools in the UK. We know choosing the right one for your child can feel bewildering – there are so many incredible options, and even more differing opinions – so our aim is to help you by doing all the hard work. Each year we shortlist 300 establishments, travel 2,000 miles to inspect them, carry out an estimated 873 hours of research and receive answers to nearly 2,500 questionnaires before selecting the top 250 schools to review.

Please be assured, they are not just chosen for their league-table-busting results or their world-class facilities (although these are closely looked at too). To earn an entry in the *Tatler Schools Guide*, they must offer the whole package: holistic pastoral care; a focus on character-forming as much as pure academics; and the ability to accommodate and nurture all their pupils so that they leave as well-educated and, most importantly, happy, young people.

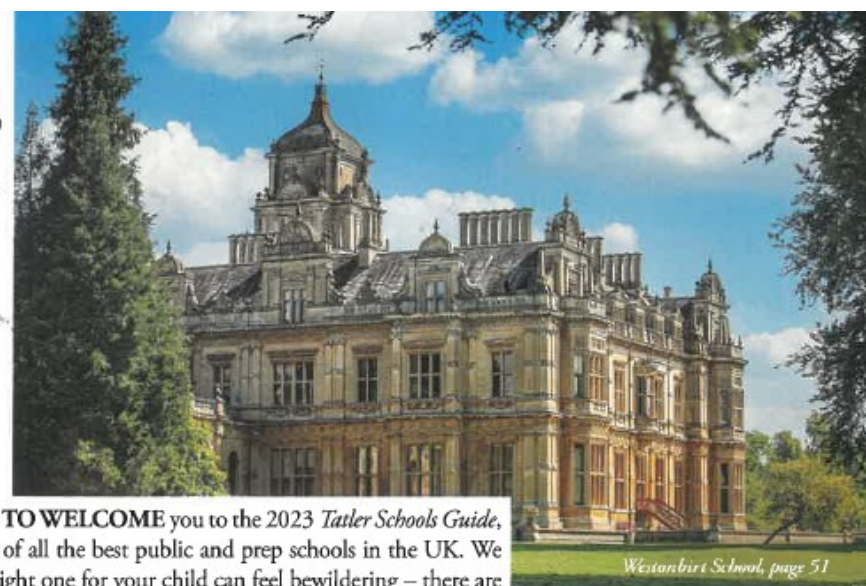
One of the best developments in our schools over recent years has been an increasing focus on diversity and inclusion. Thankfully this encompasses neurodiverse children who – once stigmatised – are now supported, celebrated and valued for their different ways of thinking. We focus on such children in this issue, and I am most grateful to the schools and neurodiverse pupils who shared their stories in our 'Student Voice' feature on page 10.

I can't think of a more inspiring way than reading these touching letters to reassure those with learning differences that their futures are bright. But, because a key dyslexic thinking-skill is creativity, I also travelled to Italy, to explore ways that young people can recreate the Grand Tours of the past (page 64), immersing themselves in the study of art and art history.

What freedom they have after the years of lockdown. As we emerge from them, Professor Peter Fonagy, one of the UK's leading mental health experts, considers the impact on the young, and what schools and parents can do to help foster wellbeing (page 68).

Finally, I am excited to announce the launch of the *Tatler Schools Guide* Teen Make-up Tutorials, with Chanel and legendary make-up artist Mary Greenwell. Head to @tatlerschools Instagram to find out more.

**TORI CADOGAN**  
Education Editor



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The Beatles performing at Sousse School in 1963, as documented in *Throwback*, page 144



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Behind the scenes of the Chanel Beauty video shoot for @tatlerschools



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### EATON HOUSE THE MANOR SCHOOL ●●

58 Clapham Common North  
Side SW4 9RU

Website [eatonhouseschools.com](http://eatonhouseschools.com)

Head Sarah Segrave (boys), Claire  
Fildes (girls) Pupils 665 day: 440  
boys, 225 girls Ages 4–13 (boys),  
4–11 (girls) Term Fees £7,560  
(boys), £6,300 (girls)

The beautiful Georgian building overlooking Clapham Common is home to a hive of activity, and Eaton House pupils form 'firm friendships' and flourish under the leadership of 'dedicated and enthusiastic' staff who want them to participate in everything on offer. With separate boys' and girls' schools on the same site, this is an excellent solution for busy parents who value single-sex education. The school 'embodies traditional values with a modern perspective', and although non-selective and absolutely 'not a hothouse', it is academically rigorous, with excellent destination schools and, more often than not, scholarships.

### EATON SQUARE SCHOOL ●●

55–57 Eccleston Square  
SW1V 1PH

Website [eatonsquareschools.com](http://eatonsquareschools.com)

Head Trish Watt Pupils 260 day:  
130 boys, 130 girls Ages 2–11  
Term Fees £7,780

Although 70 per cent of students live locally, Eaton Square is on a drive to recognise equality and diversity. Each term now celebrates a new language, while International Week has been added to the school calendar: a whirl of flamenco dancing, French theatrical workshops and pupil presentations on their own heritage. Recently, designer Anya Hindmarch officially opened the two new nursery schools which, inspired by the English countryside, were created by interior designers House of Kin and feature a three-storey beehive and tree-house. Prospective parents: prepare to be amazed by the pupil 'greeters' who will shake your hand, tell you about their lessons and answer any questions with confidence.

### L'ÉCOLE DE BATTERSEA ●●

Trott Street SW11 3DS

Website [lecoledespetits.co.uk](http://lecoledespetits.co.uk)

Head Laurent Balerdi Principal

Frédérique Brisset Pupils 257 day:

131 boys, 126 girls Ages 3–11

Term Fees £5,075

'An amazing mix of French academic rigour and the English system which promotes wellbeing, sports and activities', is how one parent describes this school. With children easily flitting between English and French, and emerging truly bilingual both linguistically and culturally, L'École de Battersea offers what principal Frédérique Brisset calls 'a gift for life'. Parents compliment the school's nurturing environment and sensitive reaction to the pandemic. 'The crisis has highlighted a challenge: how to ensure that pupils are not only developing cognitively but are also happy and resilient,' explains M. Brisset. 'It has brought to the forefront the important role school plays in looking after the overall wellbeing of its community.'



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