



YEARS 7&8 AT THE PREP



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Despite missing part of the school year in Year 8 due to Covid, Years 7&8 were my most enjoyable years at The Prep. A smaller year group during these years led to tighter friendships, many of them are still intact today.

I thoroughly enjoyed the sports, since on the senior side of the school the matches felt more significant and were played at a high standard. My favourite sport was rugby and I remember playing in the Culley Cup which was great fun!

Academically I enjoyed all the subjects and the teachers significantly helped me improve in maths which benefited me entering Year 9 at my new school.

Learning Spanish at The Prep also helped me going into Year 9 as many people hadn't studied it before so I had a head start!

Some of my favourite memories from Sevenoaks Prep were the trips, particularly Bushcraft which was brilliant!



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Sevenoaks Prep holds a very special place in my heart. Friendships were made, days were filled with fun, disappointments were overcome and confidence was built. It was also in Years 7&8 where I developed a sense of responsibility and a desire to achieve my best in everything.

I was incredibly lucky to have some wonderful teachers that encouraged me and help guide me through not only my exams but my final years, preparing me for my next school.

It was an honour to be Deputy Head Girl which came with responsibilities including touring visitors around the school, mentoring younger pupils and taking the lead on some assemblies.

I was taught how to build resilience and respect in a brilliant Bushcraft week; the value of teamwork through sports; to be brave and courageous enough to perform a lead role in the school play.

The post Common Entrance course was a fun filled few weeks followed by our leavers prom; the perfect way to finish my time at The Prep with all of my friends.

I am sure the friendships I made during my time at The Prep will stay with me for life. I have created so many amazing memories and achieved so much. It really is a very special place. I wish I could have stayed for longer...but it was time for me to move onto my next adventure, safe in the knowledge a piece of Sevenoaks Prep is etched into my heart.



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I have very fond memories of my final two years of The Prep, they helped me prepare for my secondary school and resulted in many lasting friendships.

When I entered the final year of my education, I gained additional responsibilities which enabled me to interact with the younger years creating a greater sense of community. I had to speak in front of the upper school in assemblies which made me a better public speaker and increased my confidence levels.

In the Common Entrance I received fantastic results which I was very happy with. This was only possible due to the ongoing support of the teaching staff who helped me throughout the two years both in and outside of lessons.

The Centenary Centre has many amazing facilities, especially the science department which allowed pupils to take part in a variety of experiments enhancing your knowledge. The new building provided a friendly environment to learn and socialise in.

The extra co-curricular activities were also exceptionally good and provided us with lots of non-academic options. A highlight being Bushcraft at the beginning of Year 8 which included many fun activities and learning new skills.

Sevenoaks Prep really helped me prepare for my secondary school. This included Saturday School which was a helpful addition to familiarise myself with the concept, so when I went to my secondary school it wasn't a shock!



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As a former pupil and Head Girl from Sevenoaks Prep, I look back fondly at my time spent at the school.

My favourite sport at The Prep was hockey, however I was able to play a range of sports and we were all encouraged to learn new skills. Playing in a team at The Prep was a big part of my sport enjoyment and this helped me learn new attributes, such as leadership and resilience.

During Years 7&8, lessons were challenging, engaging and enjoyable and the teachers encouraged you to reach your full potential. They gave up their time, before and after school, to help me prepare for my scholarship exams. I learnt how to be resilient, even when I got something wrong and this was especially helpful when adjusting to a new school and more academic pressure.

The co-curricular activities were a large part of my enjoyment at The Prep. Throughout Years 7&8, we had many trips, such as the French trip to Normandy in Year 7 and Bushcraft in Year 8. These were not only fun, but they tested our leadership, resilience and teamwork skills which will be useful for the rest of our lives.

Sevenoaks Prep prepared me extremely well for my next school. This was mainly due to how challenged I was with the academics during Year 8 as this helped me feel more confident when going to a bigger school, as well as the way the teachers at Sevenoaks Prep taught me to revise, take notes and to be resilient throughout my school life.



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When I think back to The Prep all that comes to mind are fond memories. From supportive teachers to the team spirit on the rugby pitch, in particular the Culley Cup and being proud of our win.

The opportunities in Years 7&8 left me well prepared for life ahead; Prep Idol gave me the confidence to perform in front of a crowd, while being Deputy Head Boy taught me about responsibility.

The close community of The Prep made it feel like a family, especially on sports day with everyone cheering for their house to win.

The Bushcraft trip at the start of Year 8 made me even closer to my friends and gave me memories which I will never forget and friendships for life.

I learnt so many values at The Prep which has helped to give me a great start in life.



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From the very first moment I started at Sevenoaks Prep, I felt the warmth of the teachers and students. Although I was a student from another country, I was immediately made to feel at home by all.

I was able to witness the completion of the new academic and sports facilities which were a fantastic addition to the school. Coming from a city I was amazed at the beauty of the campus which is immersed in green.

I enjoyed the language courses such as Spanish and French. The history syllabus was really interesting and made me develop a passion for this subject.

I was given the chance to have a leading role in the school play which I thoroughly enjoyed. My dream is to become a singer; by participating in the school choir I was able to develop my musical ear and awareness and I was given lots of opportunities to perform including Prep Idol.

We had some brilliant trips in Years 7&8, one of my favourites was the beautiful trip to Normandy where we visited the textile works and the D Day beaches.

The school encourages inclusiveness and respect among pupils and I made some really good friends at the school, especially in my last two years.



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My time at Sevenoaks Prep, especially in Years 7&8, will always mean a lot to me as those last two years allowed me to fully appreciate my time as a pupil of The Prep.

I made friends I have kept and hope to keep for the rest of my life. Years 7&8 brought you closer as a whole year group and were really important years for building these friendships.

Without those extra two years I would not have had the pleasure of enjoying Mr Collings's English lessons, which I still miss to this day, and the other incredibly supportive staff which set me up perfectly for life at my new school.



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As a former pupil of Sevenoaks Prep, I cannot articulate enough the incredible impact Year 7 and 8 had on my educational career.

I am extremely grateful for all the opportunities and memories that I have taken with me from Sevenoaks Prep into later life.

Throughout Years 7&8, I believe the unwavering support of the teachers instilled me with the confidence to face new challenges and adapt to a more independent learning environment. I entered senior school with a sense of readiness, thanks to the strong foundation laid by Sevenoaks Prep School.