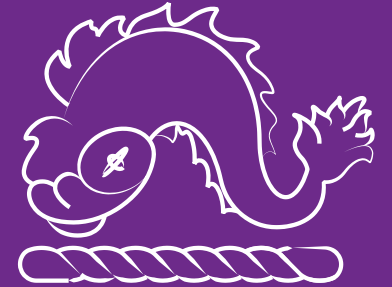


# Hilden Grange Preparatory School



*The Joy of Learning*





# Welcome to Hilden Grange

**Hilden Grange is a warm, friendly and purposeful learning environment full of enthusiastic and positive children and staff.**

Our thriving co-educational IAPS Preparatory School caters for children aged 3-13 years. It was founded in 1929 and is now part of the Alpha Plus Group, 'the Gold Standard in educational provision'. The school enjoys more than twenty acres of attractive grounds, on the northern fringe of Tonbridge, Kent. It is fortunate to inhabit wonderful buildings for an educational setting, many of which are purpose built and tastefully contemporary in design.

We provide a stimulating learning experience in which each child's potential may be realised in the academic, creative, physical and spiritual areas. Pupils strive for high standards, both inside and outside the classroom, take pride in their achievements and develop resilience, tenacity and self-confidence to prepare them for an ever changing world. They lay firm foundations as they embark on their journeys to become leaders of the future, whatever the field they eventually choose to enter. Children enjoy participating wholeheartedly in the life of our very busy school.

The next few pages will give you a 'taster' of what makes Hilden Grange such a special community. If you like what you read and see, please visit the school. You will be very welcome.

Malcolm Gough BA, LLB, LLM, PGCE







## *First steps...* in the Nursery

The Nursery provides a happy, caring, safe environment where the children enjoy learning. Teaching and activities in the Nursery are fun and varied and follow the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Close liaison with the Reception staff helps to ensure that the transition to the Pre-Prep is seamless.

“Self esteem is high because pupils are valued as individuals.”

*ISI Report*







## Next steps... in the Pre-Prep

Our aim in the Pre-Prep is to enable every child to achieve his or her full potential by developing confidence, enthusiasm and enjoyment for learning.

Our children are taught in small classes by their own class teacher, supported by Learning Assistants, with specialist teachers for PE, Music, Drama and Computing. Our Outdoor Learning area for the Early Years children (Nursery and Reception) is very popular and provides a wonderful resource for exploration and learning. Children enjoy a huge range of after school clubs, from Ballet to Taekwondo.

“The quality of the pupils’ achievements and learning is excellent.”

ISI Report





# Bigger steps... in the Prep School

## Broad Curriculum, Specialist Teaching

In the Prep School our children enjoy a broad curriculum and specialist teaching in all subjects from Year 3. Teachers are highly committed and inspirational. The school prides itself on the highest academic standards and results, which are evidenced by superb results in the Kent Test and unrivalled scholarship awards to independent senior schools.

English and Mathematics are taught in sets, allowing each individual to progress and develop at his or her own rate within a stimulating environment. All other subjects are taught in mixed ability groups until age eleven (Year 7), where setting is extended to Science, French, Spanish, Latin, History and Geography. Religious Studies and PSHEE are also taught, as well as a full range of creative subjects and physical education. The curriculum is enhanced by a wide range of events and visits, both home and abroad.

We believe in the provision of specialist teaching in many subjects, and further down the school than happens in most cases elsewhere in our sector. This is a major contributing factor to the securing of our top academic results.

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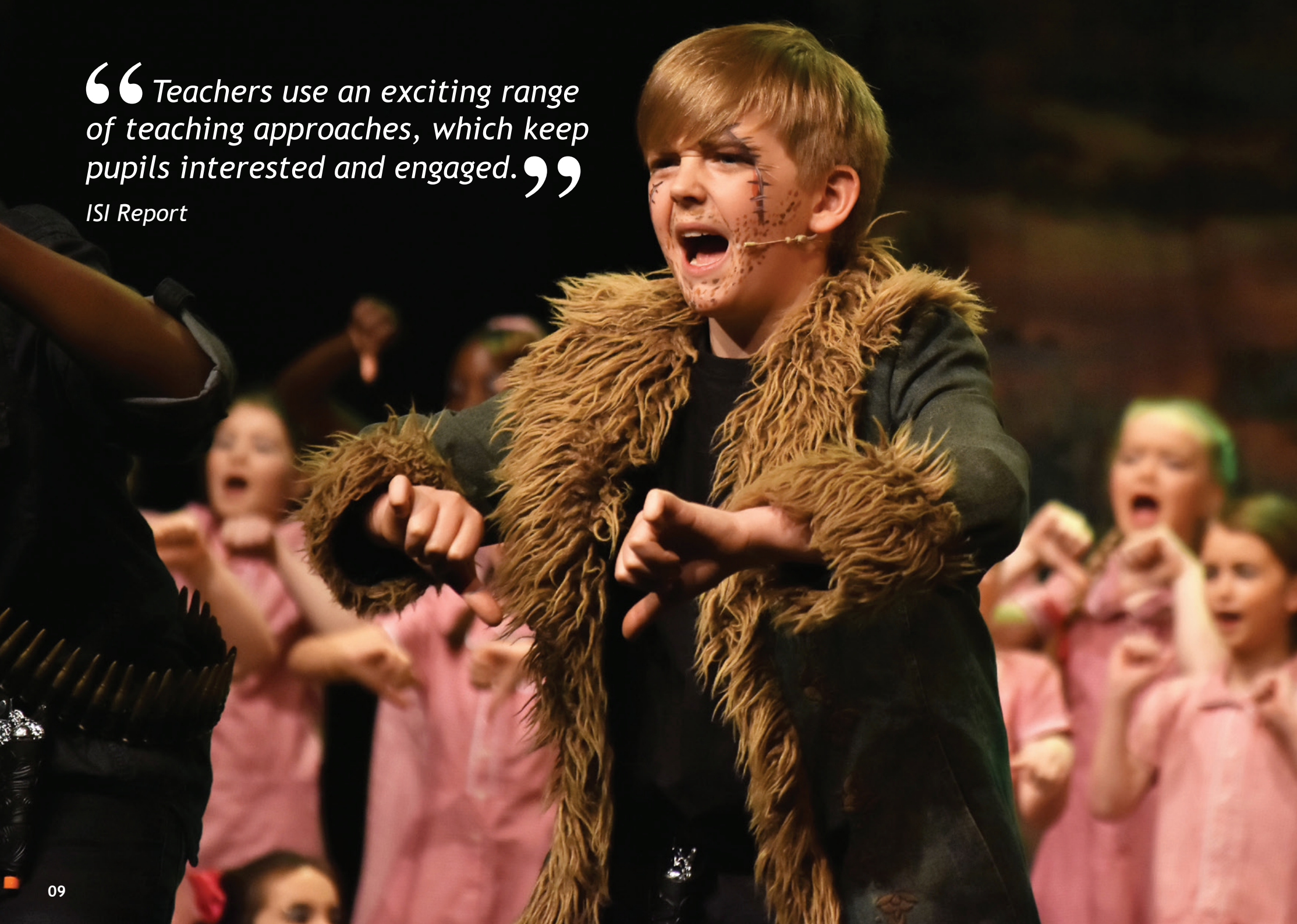
Our children are encouraged to achieve their own personal level of excellence and are given every opportunity to develop enquiring minds and self-reliance with the support of exceptional teaching staff.





“Teachers use an exciting range of teaching approaches, which keep pupils interested and engaged.”

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## Hilden Grange *Creative*

### High standards, participation and enjoyment

Art, DT, Music and Drama are central to life at Hilden Grange. Children and teachers aim for exceptional standards, but enjoyment and participation are of paramount importance. Around half of children learn an instrument and many take part in groups including Big Band, Junior Strings and the Wind Group. Our large, inclusive Choir is very popular.

There are numerous opportunities to perform at concerts, festivals and school productions. The children's artwork is celebrated in exhibitions, competitions and in displays around the school.

Each year there is a musical production by the Prep School at the EM Forster Theatre, Tonbridge School. These productions are of outstanding quality and are always thoroughly enjoyed by cast and audience alike.







# Hilden Grange *Sport*

All boys and girls enjoy a physical education programme which provides a rich variety of opportunities to participate in sport and to develop a healthy lifestyle. We encourage self-discipline and sportsmanship and whilst winning matches is important, the focus is on learning and progressing.

There are numerous opportunities for all boys and girls to participate in sport beyond the games programme. We run a large number of teams and have a full fixture list against other Prep Schools.

“*Enthusiastic participation and high levels of achievement in singing and instrumental music, in sports matches and coaching and in ambitious drama productions, characterise the success of the extracurricular programme.*”

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## Hilden Grange *Co-Curricular*

### Visits, visitors and events

The academic curriculum is enriched by a wealth of trips, events and visitors including workshops by children's authors, trips to museums, quizzes and challenges, an annual Science Week and Creative Arts Week.

Further afield, regular visits also include an activity centre in Norfolk, cultural trips to Italy and France and a Geography trip to Iceland. These all provide opportunities to reinforce learning and to have fun.





# Hilden Grange Co-Curricular

## A wealth of clubs

Pupils are offered a wide range of after school and lunchtime clubs from animation and 'Mad Science' to fencing and ballet to name but a few!

These provide our children with stimulating and challenging experiences.



“Pupils benefit from a broad range of extracurricular activities which supports extremely well the school’s aim to realise each pupil’s potential.”

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## *Final steps...* to Secondary School

Hilden Grange has an outstanding record of success. We pride ourselves on our reputation for placing our children in a wide range of high quality secondary schools, most suited to their individual needs.

At 13 it is very rare for pupils not to gain entry to their first choice secondary school, and, each year, Hilden Grange pupils regularly win scholarships to, and places at, schools in our area such as Tonbridge, Sevenoaks, Sutton Valence, Walthamstow Hall, Bedes, Lingfield and Kent College.

At 11, a high proportion of our pupils secure places to top local grammar schools, including The Judd School, The Skinners' School and Tonbridge Grammar School, as well as independent schools where the preferred entry point is at 11.

Pupils also win places at boarding schools, or schools further afield. Recent destinations have included Benenden, Eastbourne, Caterham, King's Canterbury, Ardingly, Hurst and King's Rochester.

Alumni often recall wonderful memories of our warm, nurturing and positive school, where so much was achieved and in so many areas.





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