



LANGLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
AT TAVERHAM HALL

Academic Summary September 2015 to July 2016



Welcome

Taverham Hall Preparatory School merged with Langley Preparatory School at the Taverham Hall campus in September 2016 and the School now operates under the new school name Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall.

The School is justifiably proud of its established academic reputation. The educational focus remains firmly on the individual with a continued commitment to outstanding pastoral care and small class sizes. A body of inspiring and dedicated staff, together with the breadth of opportunities on offer, makes Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall exceptional. The high standards achieved by our pupils are recognised by both senior schools and inspection teams.



Reasons families choose Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall

- Outstanding pastoral care and vibrant learning environment.
- Unique tailored preparation of pupils for senior school - personalised care and support.
- Set within 100 acres of stunning woodland with own stretch of River Wensum in Taverham – voted one of the most desirable postcodes in the UK.
- Rated 'Outstanding' in four inspections by Ofsted and ISI.
- Day school with weekly/flexi boarding options and an extensive school transport system.
- Small class sizes, dynamic teachers and breadth of curriculum.
- Pre-Prep pupils are heard to read every day and achieve significantly above the national average.
- Bespoke Nursery curriculum enabling children to develop skills beyond the current levels of expectation.
- Unparalleled Forest School lessons with practitioners at the highest level (OCN Level 3).
- Inspirational experiences in art, music and drama, with weekly performance opportunities.
- On-site swimming pool, sports hall, sports fields, netball and tennis courts, and adjacent AstroTurf.
- Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall scholarships available from Year 3 (age 7+) to children of outstanding ability.

Prep School Exam Results 2016 Year 8 Leavers' Common Entrance

15 Scholarships/Awards were offered to
Year 8 pupils by senior schools

92% of all grades above 50%

71% of all grades above 60%

47% of all grades above 70%

95% of pupils achieved at least one mark
over 70%



Pre-Prep pupils excel

Excellent National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) English and Maths tests results along with reading and spelling ages:

59% of Pre-Prep pupils achieved above national average grades for English

72% of Pre-Prep pupils achieved above national average grades for Maths.

Value Added

Over a nine-month period Pre-Prep pupils have made an average of:

13.5 months progress with their reading with the highest rate of progress being an improvement of 27 months in 9 months.

10 months progress with their spelling with the highest rate of progress being an improvement of 24 months in 9 months.

Pupils are heard to read individually every day which aids the development of reading skills and encourages a love of reading at an early age. The acclaimed Read Write Inc scheme supports the children's literacy development even further with children grouped by ability so they learn rapidly at the right level and on-going regular assessments tracking every child's progress. This has made a wealth of difference to the reading and writing skills of all of our children but in particular we have been extremely impressed with the writing skills of those in the Reception classes this year. In Maths use of the Numicon resources enable pupils to gain a deeper understanding into the logistics of mathematical thinking.

A vibrant Nursery

Our Early Years Foundation Stage facility (which includes Pre-Prep's Reception year) has been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted (2010) and ISI (2010 and 2014) inspectors.

The School's Nursery based at our Taverham Hall site became the first in Norfolk to introduce a bespoke curriculum ensuring pupils participate each day in literacy and Maths activities. Whilst drawing on the strengths of the current Early Years curriculum it crucially offers pupils further opportunities to develop their learning, enabling those who are ready, to read and write and develop their mathematical skills beyond the current levels of expectation. Children aged three to four follow the Jolly Phonics scheme, which is a fun and child-centred approach to teaching literacy, with puppets and actions for each of the 42 letter sounds. It also provides the opportunity to learn visually some high-frequency words, which cannot be decoded phonetically. Early writing skills such as the correct pencil grip and formation of letters using sand tray activities, tracing, whiteboards and pencil and paper activities are also covered. Whilst in Nursery, pupils are prepared for their move to the Reception classes by developing their skills in all areas of the curriculum, enjoying a wide range of activities such as dance, drama, music, sports, Forest School, arts and crafts.





What's new?

The School has added the following to its excellent and extensive range of facilities:

2016: Computing suite in the Pre-Prep; state-of-the-art iMac music recording & composing equipment in the Music & Art Block which has significantly enhanced pupils' creating, arranging and recording music skills set. Refurbished boarding houses. Outdoor cob pizza oven built by pupils.

2015: Laser cutter and 3D printer for the DT Department; science and wildlife pond; refurbished Prep School pupils' and boarders' Common Room and Outer (entrance) Hall

2014: Refurbished Netball/Tennis Courts & Computing suite; School website & social media platforms

2013: Outdoor woodland classroom; refurbished DT block & zip wire and ropes course

2012: Two new Prep School classrooms and high spec Astroturf

2011: Purpose-built Nursery extension

Overseas trips

In addition to numerous educational visits and excursions which enhance pupils' curriculum from Nursery to Year 8, each year Prep School pupils are offered educational trips abroad.

- **Spring 2015** 5-day Ski trip to Switzerland (biennial)

- **Autumn 2015** 5-day residential to France

- **Summer 2016** Bay of Naples, Italy

- **Planned for 2016/2017:**

Senior Hockey and Rugby Sports tour to Ireland (biennial)

Ski trip to Fiesch in Switzerland

Year 6 residential trip to activity centre Caythorpe Court

School's Awards & Accolades

The School's most recent ISI inspection report (June 2014) rated the overall provision of EYFS as outstanding once more in all areas, which complements the three outstanding inspection reports undertaken in 2010 and 2011 as well as the Healthy Schools Award, demonstrating the importance the School places on emotional health and well being.

Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall's holistic education is further enhanced through its Forest School lessons which provide pupils with an outdoor resource across the curriculum and freedom to explore the 100 acres of the School's beautiful wooded parkland. This unique learning environment is enhanced by a wonderful outdoor classroom.

"The surrounding parkland is a paradise for pupils."

"The curriculum is significantly enhanced by Forest School sessions" (ISI)

OCN Forest School Leader award, since 2009

A number of the School's staff are qualified to deliver Forest School teaching to the highest standard by Forest School practitioners: level 3 of OCN Forest School Leader Award. Learning follows 'enquiry through exploration' principles. Forest School encourages children to learn and develop socially, physically and emotionally. It boosts their self esteem, confidence and ability to work with others and allows children the opportunity to make choices for themselves.

Sainsbury's School games Gold Mark 2015

The Sainsbury's Gold School Games Mark is the highest grade of this national award. It recognises Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall's 'sport for all' philosophy, the high level of attainment, inclusivity and provision for sport in the School, as well as the School's contribution to the wider community and the leadership opportunities for pupils.

The Good Diabetes Care in School Award 2016

This award from the UK's leading Diabetes charity recognises the School's commitment to providing appropriate care and inclusion of children with medical conditions such as diabetes ensuring they are not in any way inhibited or held back from reaching their potential because of their condition.

Healthy Schools Award 2012; reaccreditation 2015

Langley Preparatory School at Taverham Hall meets criteria in four core themes which also cover the emotional, physical and learning environment that the School provides: personal, social and health education, healthy eating, physical activity, and emotional health and wellbeing.

Woodland Trust Gold Green Tree School Award 2015

Pupils participate in green activities such as tree planting, reducing carbon emissions, recycling and various Woodland Trust activities.

RHS Campaign for School Gardening, Level 3 2015

Pupils develop and actively use the School garden areas.

Best School Food Project 2013

The School was listed as 1 of the 4 finalists at the Norfolk Food & Drinks Awards and received a Highly Commended certificate.

Centre of Excellence for Norfolk Youth Cricket & home venue for Premier League Netball

The School's Sports Hall facility is the Centre of Excellence for Norfolk Youth Cricket. In addition, it is used as the home venue for Norfolk United and Thoroughbreds netball teams.

Highlights 2015-2016

Introduction of the School's new Enrichment Programme for Years 5 to 8 which offers a carousel of exciting activities to further extend pupils' skills. Senior pupils are actively involved in the shaping of this stimulating programme, which offers opportunities to try out new things, learn new skills and discover more about the world around them, all included within the normal School day. This year covered: public speaking, advanced DT, maths puzzle club, newspaper writing, town planning with Lego, music dub remix, code combat, debating, reasoning skills, art portfolio, cine club, music scholarship, chess club, pool, board games, balloon making and forest school.

English

A number of Y7 & Y8 pupils' entries into the Young Writers competition were selected and published within a special anthology called 'Spine – Chillers- When Darkness Falls'.

A Year 8 pupil was awarded 1st place for her creative writing entry (poem) in the Intermediate Category of the Young Writer Competition. A further two Year 8 pupils were awarded Highly Commended certificates.

The School's Senior Quiz team reached the quarter finals of the East Anglia Schools' Challenge whilst the General Knowledge Team for Years 3 to 6 finished 3rd out of 8 teams in Norfolk.

Year 8 pupils attended a creative writing workshop with the extremely successful fiction author Tim Bowler.

A number of Year 6 pupils attended The Biggest Book Show on Earth in Norwich which celebrated reading around the country. The pupils met authors Holly Smale (Geek Girl) & Steven Butler (The Dairy of Dennis the Menace) who entertained, engaged, enthused and inspired them.

The School's Poetry Festival 'Fantasy, Fables and Fairytales' took place in the Spring term with every pupil from the Pre-Prep and Prep School performing a poem.

A Summer Diary Writing Competition which challenged pupils to write five different diary entries over five different days.

Termly Book Fairs & Talks for pupils providing tips and advice on reading books with World Book Day celebrating reading from Nursery to Year 8. The Headmaster enjoys weekly Story Times with the Nursery children.

Science

Year 6 reached the semi-finals of the Top Class Inter School Science Competition.

Year 7 pupils hosted a Science Busking event for showing off their science skills.



History

A Hands on the Past 'James I' themed workshop as well as workshops based around Ancient Egyptian pottery techniques, a Roman Soldier and WW2 Evacuees all brought history to life for pupils in the Prep School. In the Pre-Prep past rural life was brought to life at the Gressenhall museum.

Geography

- A whole school Town Planning and Lego Team Building workshop was provided by specialist Phil Garside which focussed on logical thinking, creativity and practical design skills.
- Year 8 on-site river field studies as part of their CE exam preparations.

Computing

- Two Year 7 pupils finished runners up in the UEA Scratch Off computing competition competing against secondary schools around Norfolk. In addition, a Year 5 and 6 pupils entered the primary age group and came 3rd with their project.
- A Year 7 pupil finished overall runner up after qualifying for the finals of the 3-day Sync the City computing competition for ages 16+ which gives entrants the opportunity to pitch their business concepts to leading industry figures. The Year 7 pupil was invited to meet the founders of Kano in their London HQ.
- Coding and Robotics were introduced as a new after-school activity for Pre-Prep and Prep pupils.

Languages

- A 1-day French language workshop for pupils in Year 3 to Year 7 was delivered by Onatti Theatre Company testing pupil's language skills.
- The Eurotalk Junior Language Challenge: pupils under 11 years of age are given the opportunity to enter this national competition. Pupils have entered for the past 9 years learning the basics of languages such as Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Chichewa, Portuguese, Kazakh, Greek, Korean and Dutch through a number of online games. Each year pupils have qualified for the regional finals held in Cambridge and in 5 out of the past 9 years pupils reached the ultimate final in London. This year another pupil qualified for the national final after finishing joint first at the regional finals (Mandarin). At the London finals (Arabic) this pupil finished in 22nd place out of 1,100 participants that entered originally. A further 5 pupils have since qualified for the next round of regionals taking place in September 2016 having learned Romanian.
- Gifted & Talented programme: a number of pupils took part in a local Language Detective Day focussing on non-verbal communication, repetition, memorisation techniques and links between languages.
- This year's Prep School Languages Day offered French, Romanian, German, Mauritian, Thai and Zimbabwean workshops.

Maths

- The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge 2016: 10 pupils received the following medals: 1 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze. The Junior Challenge 2016 thresholds scores were: Bronze 51-61 Silver 62-77 Gold 78+ (= top 6%) Kangaroo Qualifier 88-104.
- The UKMT Team Mathematical Challenge 2016: the School's team finished 14th in the regional round. In 2013 the team won the Regional Finals and were one of 80 schools who qualified for the National UKMT Finals 2013 where they finished in 41st position out of 80 schools.
- A whole school annual Maths Day focused on problem solving and teamwork challenges and encouraged pupils from Pre-Prep and Prep to think outside the box and have fun with Maths.
- Year 8 pupils taught Year 3 pupils how to create 3D and other Maths shapes whilst Year 4 pupils enjoyed an action-packed Maths Day at Fakenham Racecourse developing their estimating, weighing and measuring skills.

UK Schools Chess Challenge

This new and hugely popular initiative saw 24 pupils from Years 3 to 7 competing in the Norfolk Chess Mega Final qualifying tournament for the Delancey National Schools Chess competition. A total of 14 pupils qualified to go through to the Delancey competition, one of whom went through to the Northern Giga Final in Manchester where this pupil finished in the top 15% and as a result went on to the National Plate Competition.

The School also competed in the 14th Norwich Junior Chess Congress and secured 1st and 3rd places in their division whilst finishing second in the team event.

Music and Drama

- An abundance of performance opportunities took place through 29 music assemblies, 6 musical soirées, a Hall Rock Cafe performance and the House Bullard Music competition featuring original compositions, class work and solos.
- Over 100 pupils received extra-curricular music tuition each week at the School including new drum kit & neat beatz ensembles as well as funk and jazz bands.
- Pupils took practical ABRSM music exams and maintained the School's record of a 100% pass rate, with several gaining merit and distinction.
- A number of pupils performed at the Norfolk Music Festival and gained Highly Commended Plus, Highly Commended and Commended certificates whilst the School Choir were awarded a Commendation.
- Pupils used the new music and recording iMac suite and recorded a CD for charity and featured on a local television channel.
- Senior Prep School pupils performed in a Pantomime production of 'Jack and his Amazing Multicoloured Beanstalk' and Year 6 Drama hobby pupils performed 'Ernie and his Incredible Illucinations'.



- Pre-Prep children have weekly class lessons with a specialist music teacher in which they sing, learn basic music notation, play percussion instruments, compose and listen to music as well as learn about different composers.
- Pre-Prep pupils performed in a Christmas play called The Grumpy Sheep, and Nursery had its own Christmas nativity play.
- Pre-Prep pupils performed in a Dance Show called 'Strictly Taverham Dancing' and Nursery pupils performed in a Dance Show too.

Art

- Pupils produced artwork for the School's annual summer art competition; theme 'Flying Creatures'
- Pupils entered the Headmaster's annual photography competition; theme: 'from Gargoyles to Windmills'.
- Year 7 pupils visited the National Portrait Gallery to focus on Tudor paintings and drawing techniques.
- Year 7 pupils undertook a Willow Art workshop with artist Maggie Campbell who specialises in outdoor sculptures and installations.
- Year 8 pupils visited the Sainsbury Art Centre for a sculpture workshop led by artist Artist Educator Rebecca Greathead.
- Pre-Prep and Prep School pupils designed their own hats for the School's Easter Bonnet Parade.
- Year 3 pupils made puppets with our Nursery children.

DT

- Year 8 pupils designed and created toys for Harford Manor School.
- The Year 8 team secured 3rd place at the annual Rotary Club Technology Competition.
- Several pupils took part in a DT Activity Day at Felsted.
- A number of Year 7 & 8 pupils visited Swift Engineering and explored the engineering world of aeroplanes.

PHSE

- A wide range of information was shared with pupils in the areas of Myself & Relationships; Health and Citizenship.
- The Year 8 Leavers' Programme included PSHEE related topics such as keeping safe with The Matthew Project, First Aid, Orienteering and Survival skills and career development visits.
- Pupils chose 3 charities to support: Nelson's Journey, Dogs Trust and EACH.
- Pre-Prep children enjoyed their 'Get Active' Activity Week learning all about how to stay fit and active including a specialist circus skills workshop.

Sporting achievements

Pre-Prep & Nursery

In the Pre-Prep department pupils have been offered Kuk Sol Won as a new sports hobby, as well as their usual activities of Fencing, Tennis, Football, Cheerleading, First Steps & Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Cricket and Contemporary Dance.

Pre-Prep children continue to work towards the national accredited ASA Scheme in their weekly swimming lessons provided by a specialist teacher in the School's indoor pool. They also receive weekly PE lessons and all take part in the annual Pre-Prep Swimming Gala and Sports Day.

Yoga and meditation sessions were introduced as a new activity for our Nursery children in addition to their normal Dance and PE lessons, mini Hockey, Tag Rugby, Tennis and the annual Nursery Sports Day.



Prep School

Prep School pupils take part in weekly sports lessons and fixtures as well as their annual Sports Day. In addition, swimming galas and extra-curricular sporting activities take place throughout the year. The School represented Norfolk successfully in sport with teams reaching the national finals in hockey, cricket and football. In addition, county cups were secured in cricket. Individual national representations were made in athletics, swimming and kayaking. Pupils from Year 3 onwards have the unique opportunity to take up the hobbies of fishing, waterskiing and canoeing during the Summer Term.



Specialist coaching workshops

- Masterclass netball workshops for Years 3 to 4 and Years 5 to 8 girls' teams were provided by netball coaches from Norfolk United Netball Club whose top level teams play in the National Premier League.
- Prep School girls were offered the opportunity to watch the England netball team play against Australia at the Copper Box in London.
- Pupils from Years 5 to 8 in the Prep School's Athletics Hobby were taught by a CoNAC (City of Norwich Athletics Club) coach.

Hockey

- The U13A boys recorded an unbeaten fixtures season and finished Bronze medallists (3rd place) at the National IAPS Hockey Cup Finals with the U13A captain awarded Player of the Tournament. This team also finished in 3rd position at both the County Championships and Regional Finals in the lead up to this.
- The U11 boys also remained unbeaten all season and qualified for the National IAPS Finals where they finished Bowl Winners after reaching 4th place at the Regional finals prior to this.
- The U9A boys were crowned winners of the Beeston Hall tournament.
- A Year 6 boys was selected for the Norwich City Hockey Club JAC (Junior Academy Centre) U13 group.
- A Year 8 girl was selected for the U15 JRPC (Junior Regional Performance Centre) for England Hockey. This same pupil was part of the U14 NCHC team who qualified for the national finals in London.
- The U11A girls only lost one out of six games at the County Championships and finished in 4th place. They also finished in 4th place at the Framlingham College tournament and runners up in the Taverham Hall indoor tournament.
- The U11 B and C girls recorded unbeaten fixtures seasons.
- A Year 4 and Year 5 pupil formed part of the U10 NCHC team who finished runners up in the In2Hockey East Championships finals.



Cricket

- The U13A team were crowned County Champions for the second year in a row.
- The U11A team were crowned County, Regional and National Champions at the finals of the English Schools Cricket Association Saracens Cup – U11 Hardball Finals 2016.
- Each year a number of pupils are selected to play for the Norfolk County Cricket Squad. A further 8 pupils were selected: 3 U10, 2 U11 and 3 U13 county cricket groups.



Swimming

- A Year 5 pupil finished 10th at the National IAPS UK Sport Swimming Finals.
- A Year 8 pupil won the 75m Blakeney Regatta Open Swim 2015 for a second year in a row.



Athletics

- School records were broken in the Girls' U14 triple jump, U11 and U12 100m, U11 long jump and U13 and U14 shot put and the Boys' U13 discus and U13 shot put.
- Pupils have qualified for the national finals at the Prep School's Athletics Tournament in Birmingham for the past 11 years. A further pupil qualified after competing at the East Area Prep Schools' Athletics Championships in Bedford for the U13 shot put (1st place) and secured a silver medal (2nd place) at the nationals.
- A Year 7 pupil was crowned county champion in the boys' U13 discus. A Year 5 pupil became a double county champion in the U11 girls' 150m (new record) as well as the U11 girls' long jump.
- At the Langley Senior Athletics meet pupils secured 14 first places, whilst at Gresham's Senior Athletics meet the School secured 6 first, 3 second and 3 third places.
- At the UEA 2016 Junior Athletics Championships pupils secured 6 first, 1 second and 4 third places.



Rugby

- The U13A team recorded an unbeaten fixtures season.
- The U13 7s team finished Plate Runners Up at the Small Schools Rugby 7s tournament.
- The U12 team finished runners up at the Great Finborough Rugby Tournament 2015 and one of the U12 players won the Player of the Tournament trophy.
- The U11A and U10A teams both completed an unbeaten fixtures season.
- Six Year 7 pupils formed part of the U12 North Walsham Rugby Club team who were crowned winners of the Land Rover Cup.
- Two Year 5 pupils formed part of the U10 Holt Rugby Club team who qualified for the Prima Cup.



Football

- The U13 boys were crowned winners of the IAPS Eastern region Football Tournament and went on to the National Finals where they finished in 11th place.



Netball

- A Year 7 pupil was selected to train with the Norfolk County Netball Satellite Academy squad , the first step that forms part of the England Netball Pathway.
- The U11A team were crowned Plate Winners at the Norwich School netball tournament and finished in 3rd place at the Langley indoor netball tournament.



Squash

A Year 4 pupil won both the regional and County Squash U11 Championships.



Fishing

- A Year 5 pupil won his section catching a total of 24lb of carp and bream at the Norfolk Inter-schools Coarse Angling Championships organized by West Norfolk & Dereham School Partnership.



Cross Country

- The U9 girls' and U10 boys' teams finished in 3rd place at the Norwich School Cross Country competition. In addition, an individual gold medal was won by an U9 girl, bronze by an U9 and U10 girl as well as an U9 boy.

'An excellent all-round education. The well-planned, wide-ranging and stimulating curriculum enables all pupils to reach high standards in relation to their age and ability.' *ISI*

'Many pupils succeed at sports and other activities at county, national or international level, as well as in school, reflecting the very high standard of achievement in these which are a major factor in the promotion of personal qualities.' *ISI*

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