

Brambletye ●●

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WEBSITE brambletye.co.uk HEAD
Will Brooks PUPILS 274 day and
boarding: 143 boys, 131 girls FAITH
C of E AGES 2 ½–13 TERM FEES Day:
£6,710; boarding: £8,180

Keeping Brambletye a tight-lipped secret is most parents' priority, but we'd like to get our megaphone out. Charming head Will Brooks is, gushes a mother, 'a genuine breath of fresh air' and the place hums with activity, be it zip-wiring, pig-farming or sailing on the reservoir. Home is a Victorian hunting lodge with heaps of wood panelling and roaring fires, and a new state-of-the-art 'creative hub' is in the pipeline to mark the school's centenary. Art – headed by Mr Holden – is outstanding, and pupils recently presented Mr Brooks with a bronze sculpture of his adorable dachshund Hercules. They're big on inclusivity too: girls play in the boys' football team, and last

term's whole-school musical *Guys and Dolls* was a showstopper. 'It's cool to be bright,' notes Mr B – and it shows: pupils hop off to Brighton College and Harrow. Footnote: we're huge fans of the pink uniform.

