



When was the school founded? 1919.

# How has the school evolved over the years?

The school began as an all-boys prep school and has since built a pre-prep and nursery. It went co-ed in 2000. Children can choose to be day pupils, or board, or do a bit of both.

What is your school motto? Work hard, play hard, and be kind.

## Can you describe the sense of community at your school?

Children often describe Brambletye as 'their second family' where they forge lifelong friendships and create lasting memories. It is a nurturing environment in which children feel a sense of belonging.

Children are very proud of their school and their friends, many of whom come from all over the world. This rich tapestry of cultures and backgrounds adds a unique dimension to the community and there is a culture of mutual respect. Children have a desire to make the most of all the opportunities which are available to them and they celebrate others' achievements alongside their own.

### How do you create the best learning environment?

Brambletye is lucky to be positioned in a stunning location where children can enjoy space and 140 acres of the great outdoors with excellent facilities including sports fields, tennis courts, an astro turf pitch, sports hall and a theatre. Passionate staff and small class sizes ensure that every individual child is celebrated and given the foundations and support to thrive. The school encourages curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, a global perspective, and kindness preparing them for the future within a school that values a joyful childhood.

What is your average class size?

## Tell us a surprising story about your school

Brambletye is not only home to children but it is also a sanctuary for a variety of wild animals: including deer, owls, foxes and in the summer hundreds of butterflies.

For many years it has been home to a flock of elegant white doves who nestle gracefully in the nooks of the school building. When



lockdown came in March 2020 the sound of children's happy voices faded away and silence fell over school. The doves also vanished. In their place, a sparrowhawk appeared, sitting proudly where the doves had once nested. The headmaster and his wife feared that the doves had gone forever.

However, when the government finally allowed some children to return to school young, excited voices and laughter filled the air again as the children were reunited with friends after what seemed like an eternity apart. And with the children's laughter also came the sound of the doves' gentle cooing. They had returned. It was as if the doves also needed the companionship and vibrant energy that only the presence of children can bring to a school.

#### At a glance

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GENDER: Co-ed

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