



Fantastic city prep

Faraday Prep School

This prep school in East London is part of Trinity Buoy Wharf, a creative community on the bank of the River Thames. The school, like the regenerated wharf, has been reimagined in an innovative way that embraces heritage and modernity – pupils are taught in a mixture of historic buildings and shipping container classrooms, and a roof-top playground provides spectacular views of the Thames. The wharf is home to many household names in the arts, such as The Prince’s Foundation and the English National Opera, and the school buzzes with the same spirit of artistic endeavour. Collaborations take place every term, from pupils creating their own animations with *Fantastic Mr. Fox* filmmaker Tim Allen to taking part in Thames Festival Trust projects with local artists. It’s a friendly school where pastoral care is a given, and pupil voice is encouraged.

faradayschool.co.uk

Other contenders:

Cargilfield Prep School
Cameron Vale School



Fantastic country prep

Bryanston Prep

Positioned in 30 acres of Dorset countryside, Bryanston Prep’s idyllic rural location means children learn far beyond the classroom. Camping out and playing in the Forest School, tree-climbing and looking after the farm animals are all encouraged. Riding is an inherent part of school life with children from Reception to Year 8 having riding lessons on one of the 13 ponies that live in its equestrian centre. Previously known as Knighton House, its merger with Bryanston School in 2021 opened up another 400 acres for children to enjoy, offering activities such as kayaking, mountain biking and climbing. This rural gem is an attractive option for those families looking for all the benefits and charm of a small country co-ed prep school alongside the outstanding facilities of a senior school just across the fields.

bryanston.co.uk/prep-school

Other contenders:

Moreton Hall
Port Regis



Great for SEN

Abingdon House School

This London-based prep school has an excellent reputation for supporting children with social-communication needs and specific learning difficulties. Its mainstream-style prep-school curriculum integrates speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and trained SpLD teaching staff and teaching assistants ensure pupils have a multisensory learning experience. The school’s pastoral care, and varied enrichment and extra-curricular programme, is adapted to meet the children’s individual needs. British sign language, cultural studies, jewellery making, music, fitness and football, led by Chelsea FC community coaches, are just some of the activities on offer. Abingdon House has a strong sense of community in which students come first and families feel supported. The school has an ethos that gives children the provision they deserve and need.

abingdonhouseschool.co.uk

Other contenders:

Bruern Abbey School
Bredon School



Great for innovation

Brambletye School

Built as a hunting lodge in grounds spanning 140 acres, Brambletye blends history with modernity. Enhancing traditional teaching methods with new technology, Brambletye has embraced artificial intelligence (AI), integrating it into its curriculum with a focus on digital literacy, creativity and safety. Teachers, transformed into Disney characters, guide pupils through creating their own e-books with AI-enabled graphic design, or constructing AI generated stage sets. In history, pupils take a virtual ride into the past to interview historical figures; and, in English, AI is being used to help children develop evaluation skills or to make individualised book recommendations. As well as increasing educational engagement, the school is championing AI fluency across educational communities and working on a development plan for state-sector collaboration.

brambletye.co.uk

Other contenders:

Windlesham House School
Monkton Prep School