



Godstowe
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Journey of a **Lifetime**



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*Godstowe girls are stretched
without being stressed,
leading to brilliant
achievements both
academically and in sport,
art and music.*

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Talk Education



Welcome

From the moment your child joins us, they will embark on a journey filled with possibility, guided by expert teachers within a warm, supportive community.

We are proud to be the UK's only girls day and boarding prep school up to age 13, with a nursery and pre-prep for boys and girls aged 3-7. We provide an exceptional start to every child's educational journey, helping them build independence, resilience, and a love of learning.

Godstowe is a place where children feel valued, safe, and inspired to achieve their best. Our outstanding academic outcomes speak for themselves, with pupils gaining places at leading independent senior schools and grammar schools at both 11+ and 13+. Beyond academics, we offer an unparalleled breadth of experiences, from sport and the arts to leadership and outdoor learning – giving every child the chance to find their strengths and passions, and develop skills for life.

Our school is more than just a place of learning – it is a community where lasting friendships are made, and where our core values are at the heart of everything we do. I do hope you will be inspired to join us!

Kate Bailey

Kate Bailey
Headmistress



The girls are happy, full of smiles and also competitive in a good way. Godstowe is a magical environment for the girls to find and develop what's special about themselves. My daughter is truly growing in confidence and is inspired to be the best version of herself.

Godstowe parent



Vision and Values

Our vision is for every child's education to be a journey of joy, self-assurance and personal achievement, making them confident, happy and successful.

At Godstowe, we are guided by the values of kindness, integrity, respect and balance - values that are lived as well as learned. Kindness shines through in the way pupils support one another and celebrate each other's successes, while integrity and respect are nurtured through a culture of honesty and mutual understanding. A balanced education ensures that academic excellence is complemented by creativity, wellbeing, and personal growth.

Godstowe is 'traditional' with respect to its values, but progressive in the way it identifies and prepares its girls for the big themes of the future.

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Godstowe parent





This is an outstanding Nursery with wonderful resources and facilities. The Nursery staff are extremely knowledgeable and caring. I couldn't leave my child in better hands academically and pastorally.

Parent Review, daynurseries.co.uk



Nursery

The journey begins in our Nursery, where a world of exploration and learning unfolds for boys and girls aged 3-4. In a nurturing environment, children develop curiosity, creativity, and key early skills through play-based learning, storytelling, and outdoor adventures.

Our dedicated staff create a stimulating setting where children feel happy, safe, and inspired to learn. Through music, movement, and hands-on discovery, we build confidence and social skills that form the foundation for future success.

With individual attention, every child is encouraged to take their first steps into education with joy and excitement.



Pre-Prep

In Pre-Prep, girls and boys aged 4-7 take the next step in their educational journey, developing a love of learning in a dynamic, caring environment.

Small classes ensure each child is known and supported as they build strong foundations in reading, writing, and numeracy. Creativity flourishes through art, music, and drama, while hands-on science and outdoor learning spark curiosity about the world.

We nurture confidence and independence, ensuring that when boys move on to their next school at age 7, they do so with enthusiasm and resilience, while our girls continue their journey into Prep School – ready for the exciting challenges ahead.





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Dedicated staff have gone over and above in making our little girl feel very welcomed and settled, especially as this was her first experience of a formal setting. A nurturing, warm and supportive team, coupled with a fun, learning environment has allowed our little girl to thrive.

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Godstowe parent



Prep

Our Main School (Prep) is where girls aged 7-13 truly begin to shine. In a single-sex setting, freed from stereotypes, they feel empowered to explore every subject. Girls excel in science, technology and maths, as well as languages, humanities and creative subjects.

The Godstowe difference lies in our belief that education is about more than just academics; we teach our pupils the softer skills they need to thrive in our ever-changing world. Competencies like critical thinking, risk-taking, emotional intelligence, and working collaboratively. Leadership opportunities abound, and whether tackling a challenging project, guiding a team, or expressing their ideas, Godstowe girls develop the qualities, mindset and enthusiasm to succeed in life.

When the time comes to leave Godstowe, every girl is ready to embrace the next chapter.



Parents who love the English prep school traditions will fall in love with Godstowe. The non-selective cohort and small class numbers will appeal to many. Sporty types will be in heaven though art, DT, music and drama are equally celebrated.

Muddy Stiletto



Boarding

Our boarding community is vibrant, inclusive, and full of fun. Girls can board at Godstowe from Year 3 onwards, and for many, it is a highlight of their school life. With options for full, weekly, and flexi-boarding, girls experience independence in a warm, family-like environment.

Girls enjoy a rich programme of evening and weekend activities, from movie nights to outdoor adventures, while also benefitting from structured prep time and support from caring house staff. Boarding fosters wellbeing, friendships, and a sense of responsibility that provides excellent preparation for life beyond Godstowe.



Our daughter joined at age eight as a full-time boarder and had never been away from home. She has blossomed into a confident, responsible, happy and kind young lady. We will always cherish the lifelong friendships made and the priceless memories of the years spent at Godstowe.

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Godstowe boarding parent







The Arts

Creativity is at the heart of Godstowe, with exceptional opportunities in music, drama, and visual arts.

Our girls perform in concerts, theatre productions, and national competitions, developing confidence and stage presence. Specialist art facilities encourage self-expression through painting, sculpture, and digital design.

Every girl is encouraged to explore her talents, whether mastering an instrument, stepping onto the stage, or showcasing her artwork.

At Godstowe, the arts are a means for every girl to discover her voice.

Pupils' skills in the creative areas of the curriculum are outstanding, particularly in art.



Most recent ISI Report



Sport

Sport plays a vital part of life at Godstowe, promoting health and wellbeing.

Competitive fixtures begin in Year 2, and we offer interhouse swimming, netball and athletics. Girls compete at regional and national levels, benefiting from expert coaching and state-of-the-art facilities. Every girl, regardless of ability, is encouraged to find a sport that she loves.

Beyond competition, sport teaches leadership, perseverance, and confidence – qualities that stay with our girls long after they leave us. Whether in a team or simply enjoying an active lifestyle, sport at Godstowe is about participation, passion, and personal achievement.

Sport on offer at Godstowe

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| — Netball | — Gymnastics |
| — Hockey | — Tennis |
| — Lacrosse | — Judo |
| — Swimming | — Football |
| — Cross-country | — Cricket |
| — Athletics | — Dance |

We are fortunate to have outstanding purpose-built facilities including a 25m indoor swimming pool, a sports hall, four floodlit netball / tennis courts, along with a floodlit lacrosse pitch / athletics field.

Godstowe Director of Sport





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Godstowe girls are go-getters: confident, courageous and community minded. A traditional 'roll your sleeves up' ethos goes hand in hand with nurturing care and prepares happy, creative girls with excellent standards across the board.

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Good Schools Guide





Extra- Curricular

With around 90 clubs and activities each week, Godstowe is a place of endless opportunities.

Pupils can take on problem-solving challenges in coding and robotics, or develop teamwork and leadership skills in debating and outdoor pursuits. A diverse range of experiences, including educational trips and inspiring guest speakers, helps broaden horizons.

These formative experiences go beyond school – they build character, nurture friendships, and shape lives.

Senior School Placement

Whether preparing for ISEB Pre-Tests, 11+ grammar school entry, or 13+ transition to top senior schools, each girl is guided on her onward journey, and given tailored support and preparation to help her choose the right destination for her talents and aspirations.

We are proudly non-selective, yet our girls consistently achieve outstanding results and many receive prestigious scholarships. Senior school Heads regularly praise Godstowe leavers for their quiet confidence, good character, and love of learning.

By the time our girls move on, they are not just academically prepared but personally ready to thrive in senior school and beyond.

Many Godstowe girls take Common Entrance at age 13, at the end of Year 8. They go on to a variety of leading independent schools, including:

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| — Benenden | — Oundle | — St Helen and St Katharine |
| — Berkhamsted | — Oxford High | — St Mary's, Ascot |
| — Bloxham | — Pipers Corner | — St Mary's, Calne |
| — Bradfield | — Queen Anne's Caversham | — St Mary's, Gerrards Cross |
| — Bryanston | — Roedean | — St Swithun's |
| — Cheltenham Ladies' College | — Royal Masonic School | — Tudor Hall |
| — Claires Court | — Rugby | — Uppingham |
| — Godolphin | — Sevenoaks | — Wellington |
| — Haileybury | — Sherborne Girls | — Westonbirt |
| — Headington | — Stowe | — Wycombe Abbey |
| — Heathfield | — St Edward's, Oxford | |
| — Marlborough | — St George's, Ascot | |
| — Millfield | | |



“What a brilliant fit the Godstowe girls are who have come to Wellington over the years. They are bright and energetic, and they get involved in everything that’s on offer.”

James Dahl, Master at Wellington College

Transport

Getting to Godstowe is easy, with excellent transport links from London and surrounding areas. High Wycombe station is a short walk away, with direct trains from London Marylebone in under 30 minutes and Oxford Parkway in 40 minutes. School bus routes provide convenient access for families across Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, and Oxfordshire, as well as West London.

We operate buses in the following areas, but routes change according to demand, so please do contact us if you live elsewhere:

- Chesham
- Amersham
- Little Chalfont
- Great Missenden
- Penn
- Cookham
- Wooburn Green
- Gerrards Cross
- Holtspur
- Beaconsfield
- Notting Hill
- Hammersmith
- High Wycombe
- Henley
- Marlow
- Medmenham





Admissions

We extend a warm invitation to families to experience Godstowe for themselves. Whether at an Open Day or a personal visit, we look forward to welcoming you and introducing you to our exceptional school.

Our Director of Admissions will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and you can book a personal visit by contacting her on 01494 429006.

Alternatively, please scan the QR code to sign up to our next open event and start your child's journey of a lifetime!



Nicky Beck, Director of Admissions

“ Godstowe girls are great role models, contributing wholeheartedly to College life on the sports pitches, on the stage and in the classroom. They are independently driven, develop strong relationships with their peers and interact well with their teachers. They are an absolute joy to have at Bradfield. ”

Dr Chris Stevens, Headmaster at Bradfield College



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