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*“Between the innocence of
childhood and the dignity of
adulthood, we find a delightful
creature.... a child is truth with
dirt on its face, beauty with a cut
on its finger, wisdom with leaves
in its hair, hope for the future
with a frog in its pocket.”*

Barry Schwartz



BILTON GRANGE

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Anyone coming down the drive of Bilton Grange into what we call our 90-acre classroom can immediately see that this is a safe and wonderful place where a child's imagination can run free. Whenever and wherever a child's mind is thrilled, they will learn.



Here, in this environment, each child can grow up better because they can stay younger longer. Here, each child can be the hero of his or her own story because we make learning the adventure it should be. Indeed, the adventure it must be, if your child's potential is to be realised. Here, there is a gradual development of skills and abilities that is natural and unforced.



Education, rightly conceived, has two principal goals: to develop young people who will be tomorrow's leaders in diverse fields and to help them aspire to the good. Within this, a prep school's primary function is to help each and every child develop the habit of trying their best.





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"The pupils report a sense of achievement when they successfully carry out a task, which had initially seemed daunting. As pupils move through the school, they become increasingly self-aware; their high levels of resilience prepare them well for the next stage of their learning and provide a strong foundation for future success."

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE



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“Children are not there just to fulfil parental expectations and are not allowed to be mini-teenagers plugged full-time into the cyber world – they are there to experience and enjoy childhood.”

THE GOOD SCHOOLS GUIDE

“All pupils, day and boarding, thrive at the school because of its established culture of listening, care and respect.”

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Why? Because when a child tries their best, they soon find something – *in the classroom or outside it* - that they are good at. And once they have found one lesson or activity they can do well, confidence quickly grows and they become good at lots more.



Parents often talk of a sort of alchemy that happens at Bilton Grange. Indeed, there is something unique in our surroundings and in our approach to learning.





So, our children successfully move on to schools that demand much of them academically, athletically and artistically. However, this can perhaps be said of some other great schools. What distinguishes Bilton Grange is that we are equally committed to the development of character, one that is informed by spirituality, shaped by practice and celebrated by community. This education of the child's character is the whole work of the school. It never has to be forced, because it flows naturally through everything that happens here.

Here, our pupils will find many things that they are good at and enjoy and, as a result, they start to find themselves – their character and personality take shape. And this is the most important step of all. For character is not achieved through providence, but through the quality of what our children choose to do – their actions. If our children are to thrive in the 21st century, they must learn that the world is not simply about ‘*me*’ but about ‘*us*’ – although they will often be confronted by popular culture that is the antithesis of these values. Furthermore, we work to instil in our pupils a confidence that shows social skills that are often ignored these days.





A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Gareth Jones'.

Gareth Jones
Headmaster

So what does this mean for you and your child? Each year we work with every family (and the whole family is very much part of life here) to decide which is the right senior school for your child – the one that will continue best the journey that took its first steps here.

It is no surprise that for the past three years all our children went on to their first choice of senior school, many with scholarship offers. Armed with this self-awareness and belief in their abilities, our children are able to step up to senior school much more successfully. They will have learned how to navigate their school life, academically, physically, socially and emotionally. They will have learned how to prioritise the many demands that will be made on their time at senior school.

In order to seize all the opportunities that will be presented to them, your child needs the sort of preparation that will help nurture the qualities of resilience, confidence, inquisitiveness and rigour. It is these things that will lead to success on the road ahead. But it is those all-important first steps that define the journey and they are taken here, at Bilton Grange.



*“The purpose of life, after
all, is to live it. To taste
experience to the utmost.”*

Eleanor Roosevelt



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*"Don't be afraid to fail.
Be afraid not to try."*

Michael Jordan

*"When you see someone putting
on the Big Boots, you can be
pretty sure an Adventure is
going to happen."*

A.A.Milne

