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# WELCOME TO Claremont Prep School



Claremont Prep School is a happy, hardworking community where every child 'fits' and can truly be themselves. The school provides a vibrant and forward thinking learning environment, filled with joy, friendship, creative energy, inquisitiveness and above all else, a desire to always get better.

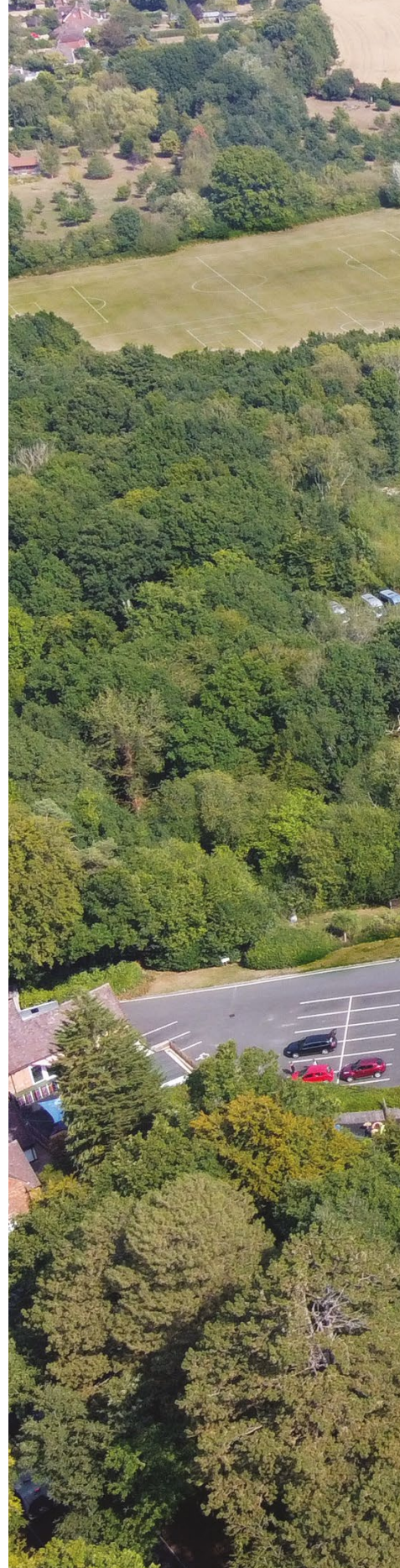
Our school is located in over 100 acres of stunning grounds

and woodland and the main house is steeped in history. 2024-25 sees the school celebrate its Centenary and we are still incredibly proud to be guided by showing respect for ourselves, each other and our environment. Our modern day curriculum is fit for a 21st Century child, focusing on a skills based education, allowing all to achieve academic excellence, whilst providing them opportunities to become globally aware citizens.

Our talented teaching team provide opportunities for hands-on learning experiences at every turn; children have the space to grow and are inspired to develop their talents, skills and abilities ready for the challenges of senior school and beyond.

Our website and prospectus provides a snapshot into life at Claremont through photographs, written accounts and videos, but nothing can truly replicate the happiness and excitement that one feels by being here, so please do come and visit us and see first-hand how wonderfully caring the staff are, and how proud the children are of their school.

**BEN MOIR**  
Vice Principal (Prep)















Thriving at Claremont means welcoming you as you are, empowering you to find your own unique path to your best, and supporting you in reaching it, then bettering it.

## Learn

Children join the Prep School already curious, creative, hungry for knowledge, keen to make friends and eager to experiment. We cultivate these natural characteristics from the outset, so that they are able to develop the skills and knowledge they need to quickly progress and contribute to all areas of school life.

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum designed to equip children for the academic, creative and sporting challenges ahead, and to help them manage their personal and social lives in a positive and fulfilling way.

Children are also encouraged to think for themselves, secure in the knowledge that making mistakes is an essential part of the learning process. They understand that it is good to aim high and, with a positive attitude and drive to continually 'get better' at all they do, there are no limits to what they can achieve.



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The School's well-planned curriculum enthuses pupils about learning and prepares them exceptionally well for the next stage of their education.

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# Through School

At Claremont we offer a 'through school' student experience, which not only ensures a continuity of educational ethos, but also a shared value system and approach to overseeing the social and emotional wellbeing of all students.

Many prep school teachers have trained and worked in secondary education, so they are extremely knowledgeable about the challenges that lie ahead. Embedding a sound academic foundation and building confidence in how to prepare for formal examinations is therefore another area of strength for our school.

Academic and pastoral leaders at the Prep and Senior School work together to ensure smooth transition and clear routes of progression for each child. We also share resources and facilities across school sites, so when children move up to the Senior School in their established friendship groups, they are already familiar with the building layouts, and even know some of their new teachers.

Many of our parents enjoy the convenience of having both young and older siblings at the same school. They also take full advantage of the extended school day and complimentary link bus service between our senior and prep school sites.









# Experience

Whether in the classroom, on the stage, out in the community or on the sports field, children at Claremont are encouraged to be courageous and experience learning in all its guises.

Our school is situated in over 100 acres of stunning grounds and woodland which provide the perfect backdrop for learning adventures beyond the classroom. Our imaginative Outdoor Learning programme and Forest School offering provide endless opportunities to 'learn-by-doing'.

We are proud of our Green Flag status, which recognises and celebrates excellence in ecological action and learning, whilst the ongoing work of our aspiring young journalists on the student newspaper, The Arrow have earned Claremont 'BBC Young Reporter School' status.

During Science Week, children research, build and present their own experiments and models at an annual interactive science fair. Being able to practise Spanish speaking skills with children in other ISP schools is also one of the many benefits of being part of an international network of over 80 schools.

'Hands on' learning experiences such as these enable children to spend more time learning and less time being 'taught'. They place children at the centre of their own learning - the best place to be!







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# Discover

We offer an exciting curriculum enrichment and after-school club programme which gives children the opportunity to do more of what they love, and to develop new skills and interests. Inevitably we discover a few hidden talents along the way!

Favourite activities on the programme include writing for the student newspaper which is run by a bestselling author, Lego, robotics and coding clubs, eco warrior work, cross-stitch and print making, history and Spanish clubs and working with animals in Zoology club. There are also numerous sports clubs on offer, whilst art, musical theatre and the opportunity to become a member of the school chamber choir and orchestra cater for our many performing artists.

The broad mix of academic, creative and sporting clubs at Claremont really broaden children's horizons and help them develop crucial life skills such as team building, problem-solving and communicating effectively with others.







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High standards of behaviour, good manners and respectful relationships throughout the school make a strong contribution to pupils' learning.

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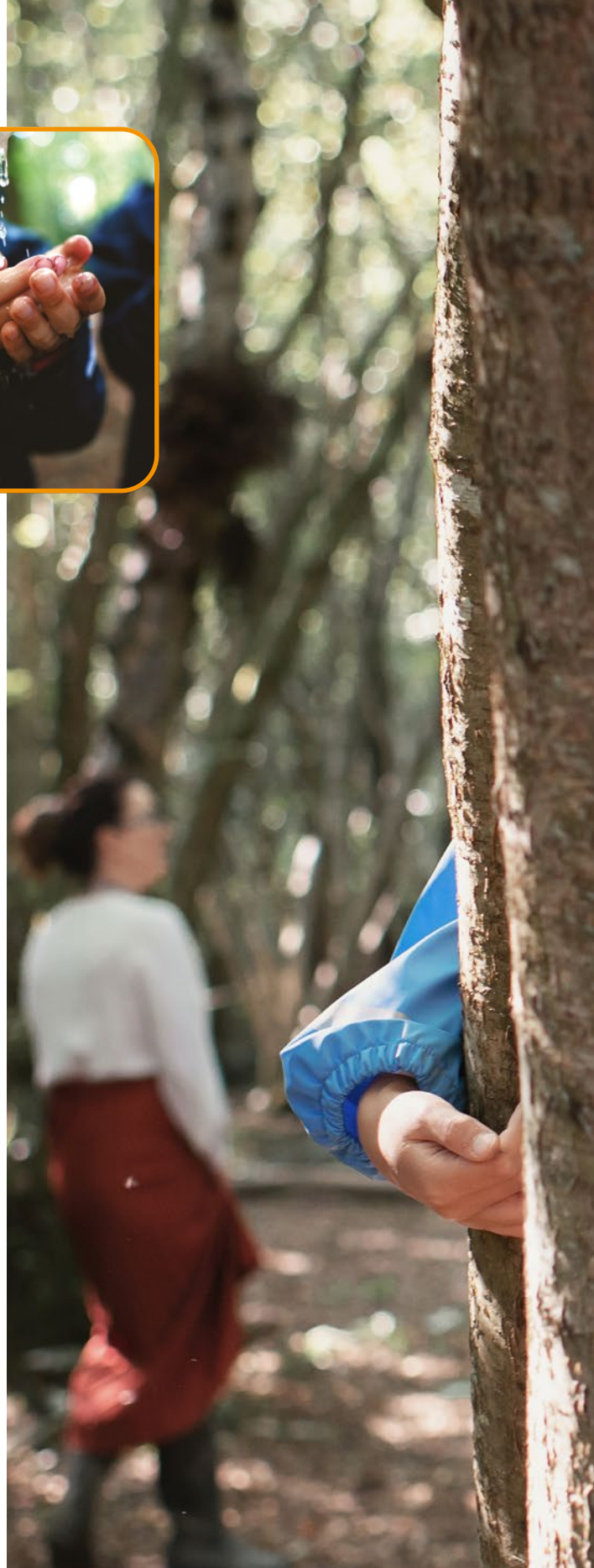


# Explore

Forest School is an integral part of our Outdoor Learning Programme, with timetabled sessions for children up to Year 6.

Whether planting hedgerows to attract birds and bees, making garlands for May Day, using bow saws to cut rounds of hazel to make wooden toys, learning knot-tying techniques, weaving friendship bracelets or making dandelion honey to spread on outdoor toasted bread, children at Claremont are able to develop essential lifelong skills through a tangible connection with the wilderness.

As part of our cross-curricular activities, science and agricultural enthusiasts also learn about crop life cycles by planting seeds and harvesting vegetables ready to be prepped in our school kitchen.







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# Protect

Environmental consciousness is firmly embedded in our school culture. Children of all ages regularly learn about eco issues on a global scale and are empowered to make real change.

A determined band of Eco Warriors drive their own initiatives to educate and empower the whole school community to play their part in safeguarding the environment. Eco issues are addressed in science, art, maths and even French lessons. Older pupils research the world of Fairtrade as part of the geography curriculum, there are regular beach cleans at nearby Hastings and the Claremont Eco Store opens its doors every week to sell environmentally friendly products directly to parents and friends.

At Claremont we have been on a journey to embed principles of sustainability in all that we do and we are extremely proud to have the much coveted Green Flag status. We continue to work hard to ensure we live up to this accreditation and are proud to raise the next generation of innovative and inspirational environmentalists.







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Your fantastic work has really demonstrated, on a national level, that young people care about the state of our nation's waters and hopefully you will prove to be at the forefront of change

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# Challenge

Sport is a fundamental part of a well-rounded education and an integral part of life at Claremont. We believe fun and enjoyment are the launch pad for a lifelong love of sport, so our coaches nurture an environment of inclusion where everyone feels valued and supported, no matter their skills, talents or abilities.

Every pupil has the opportunity to participate and develop skills in a wide range of sporting activities at school, whilst a full fixtures calendar enables them to test out their skills on a more competitive level. We offer a mixture of team-based sports such as rugby, hockey, cricket and football, whilst enabling individuals to shine in our indoor and outdoor swimming pools, on the athletics field and on our beautiful cross country course, considered locally to be one of the most challenging on the circuit.

We believe in developing a healthy competitive spirit, and being humble in victory as well as gracious in defeat.







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Clubs, sporting tournaments and other events make a strong contribution to pupils' enjoyment of school and to the development of healthy lifestyles.

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# Refuel

Hungry minds need the right nutrition. Our seasonal menus introduce children to an array of local and internationally inspired meals and make lunchtime a much anticipated part of the Prep school day.

From the bold, colourful salad bar that invites children to try new and interesting flavour combinations, to high protein hot meals, which incorporate tastes from around the world using locally sourced ingredients, our talented catering team keeps a close eye on food trends and updates weekly meal plans with balanced options that inspire children to be adventurous and expand their palates.

Whatever your child's dietary requirements, we ensure they receive all the nutrition they need to learn, play and perform to the best of their ability.





# Connect

As a part of the International Schools Partnership, we are connected to a learning network of enormous scale which means we are able to offer children unrivalled opportunities to connect and learn with their peers from all over the world.

Closer to home, we pride ourselves on our close links with the local community and encourage pupils to get involved in the many charity fundraising activities and events throughout the year.

Ongoing projects include growing our own vegetables to donate to a local food charity and visiting community care homes and hospices with our musicians to perform and meet the residents. Fundraising Week is also an eagerly anticipated annual event in the Claremont calendar when the children are challenged to think up new and inventive ways to raise money for their chosen charities.

International students are fully integrated into all areas of school life. They bring cultural diversity to the Claremont community, and enrich the student experience for all. Claremont is a local school, with a truly global outlook.





# Network

As part of the International Schools Partnership, we are able to offer our students unrivalled opportunities to connect and learn with their peers on a global level. An evolving programme of exciting international learning opportunities includes the ISP Maths Challenge and Chess tournament, the ISP Big Read and Futures Programme, and 'I am an ISP Scientist'. The increasingly popular ISP Buddy Exchange Programme, which gives our senior school students the opportunity to travel and study in ISP schools across the world, is offered as a virtual experience to children in the prep school.



INTERNATIONAL  
LEARNING  
OPPORTUNITIES

SCAN TO WATCH



# Explore a World of Learning with

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My chess skills have really improved. I love the challenge of playing online against my ISP buddies, especially when we are up against the clock.

YEAR 6 STUDENT

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Where confidence **grows**







# Nurture

We know our children very well. The combination of small classes, and focus on the individual learning needs of each child, means we are well placed to spot any subtle nuances in progress and behaviour and swiftly intervene to offer help and support.

Pastoral care at Claremont is not just a complementary practice: it is an ongoing caring approach that is fully woven into the fabric of all aspects of school life.

An individual pastoral leader is assigned to each year group, so children know exactly who to speak to should they have any worries or face challenges that might impact their learning. We also work closely with parents and pupils to proactively identify any barriers to learning and agree strategies that will ensure children are able to quickly get back on track.







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The School's broad curriculum ensures that pupils develop a mature and outward-looking view of the world and of their place in British society.

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## Speak

Student voice plays a prominent role in shaping the learning experience at Claremont.

The Student Council is a peer-elected group of pupils who meet regularly with the headteacher and members of staff to share valuable feedback on key issues that influence decisions made at a higher level. In recent times, the group has met with a local MP to voice their views on environmental issues within the community and has been instrumental in the decision to introduce girls' football to the sports programme.

Other examples of student voice in action include the award winning school newspaper, which gives children the opportunity to write and read about issues and topics that really matter to them, and the pupil-run Eco Store; which continues to expand its product lines as the children research new ways to be kind to our environment.









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A strong academic focus is complemented exceptionally well by a myriad of opportunities for pupils to develop sporting, artistic and personal skills throughout the school.

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## Create

The creative talents of our pupils are always celebrated at Claremont and beautiful artwork adorns the walls throughout the school.

Our wonderful woodlands and many nearby historic houses and beautiful gardens provide perfect backdrops for reflective thinking, and for pupils to flex their creativity and experiment with different techniques and modes of expression. A recently refurbished bright and airy art studio provides the perfect space for new-generation 2D and 3D projects.

For those who demonstrate talent, commitment and potential in the creative arts, there is also the opportunity to enter national and regional competitions, to include the opportunity to see their work exhibited at the Royal College of Art. Art Scholarships are also offered in Year 7 to particularly gifted students.



# Perform

There is a genuine creative buzz at Claremont and it is quite common to hear music and the sound of joyful singing around the school during lunch and break times.

Drama is extremely popular with many children keen to perform on the O'Byrne Theatre stage. All pupils are given the opportunity to take part in the annual school production, whether performing, helping with set design or managing sound and lighting as a member of the Claremont 'tech team'. Poetry celebrations and themed 'all school' assemblies offer further opportunities for performance, and we have an excellent and highly successful London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) provision.

There are many opportunities to join a musical group at Claremont. The chamber choir, school orchestra and flute ensemble are particularly popular and regularly perform to live audiences in assemblies and informal concerts, whilst a team of specialist instrumental and vocal teachers offer one to one lessons catering for most musical interests.

Children who show particular aptitude in the performing arts can apply for a scholarship in Year 7, and often go on to develop their talents further at the Senior School, which was awarded the ISA Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Performing Arts in 2023.



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The LAMDA teaching and school performances are fantastic. My daughter has really flourished on the stage at Claremont.

YEAR 7 PARENT

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# Celebrate

Throughout the year, parents are invited to many formal and informal events to chat with teachers and share in the achievements of their children and the school as a whole.

One of the most popular events is Claremont Day when the whole school community comes together to reflect on another busy year and reward great learning in all its forms. It is a relaxed, happy and a much anticipated highlight of the school calendar, particularly cherished by our Year 8 pupils as it gives them a chance to say goodbye and let their hair down one last time before they leave for Senior School.

As part of the festivities, we all enjoy performances from our LAMDA students and talented musicians who set the scene for an uplifting day of celebration and fond farewells.







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Students have high aspirations for their future and are determined to succeed.

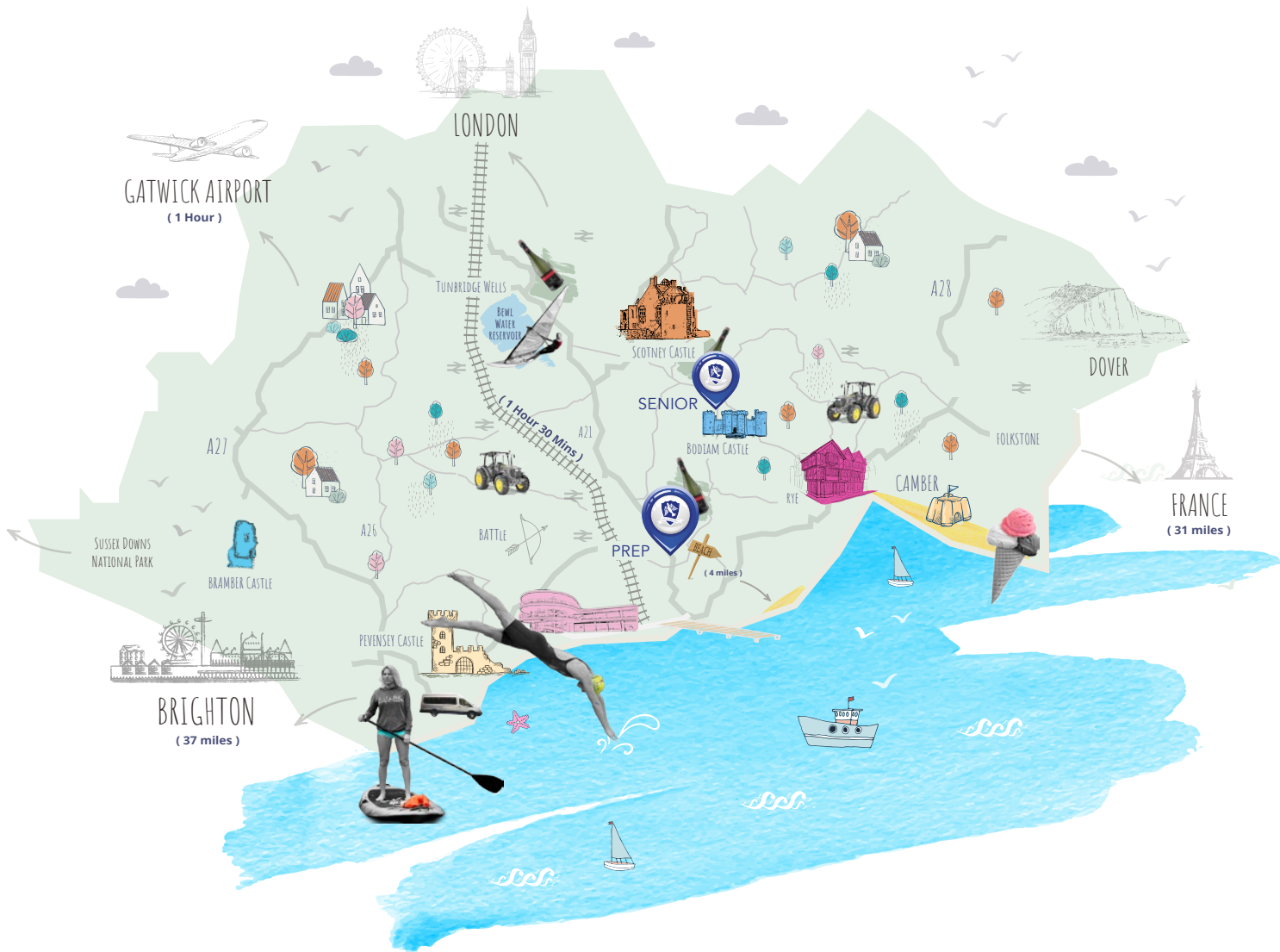
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For more information about Claremont School or to speak to a member of our admissions team, please get in touch.

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## iSP International Schools Partnership

As a member of the International Schools Partnership, we are plugged into a growing network of schools from all over the world, with over 80,000+ students, operating in 22 different countries and offering 24 different curricula. It is a learning community of enormous scale, with central departments dedicated to improving student pathways, developing and sharing education innovations and technologies, and delivering an evolving programme of unique international learning experiences.

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