



# Llandoverly College

PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
Reception to Year 8

PROSPECTUS





## OUR MISSION

We warmly invite you and your family to visit our unique school

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Llandovery College seeks to provide a truly transforming experience in which intellectual, artistic, sporting, spiritual and social development is at the heart. Llandoveryans and their parents join a caring community that recognises and nurtures the innate ability in every individual

The College aims to produce grounded young men and women capable of tackling life's challenges with confidence, determination and cheerfulness



## PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT, SERIOUS ABOUT EDUCATION



Dominic Findlay  
Warden

**W**elcome to Llandoverly College located in the heart of the stunning Welsh countryside and on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. The school is set in 45 acres of grounds including extensive sports fields and a nine-hole golf course.

Our students enjoy excellent facilities, first class teaching in small classes and wide-ranging opportunities for intellectual, social and physical development. With extensive co-curricular activities available including the Combined Cadet Force, students perform at the highest levels, be it academically, on the sports field or on the stage.

At Llandoverly College students build the confidence and skills to be outstanding young men and women who stand out and make their mark in the world, securing their first choice of university including Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group.

Passion for sport is unrivalled with students competing at regional, national and international levels in no less than 17 sports in recent years. With an outstanding rugby heritage and success in producing world class rugby players, fifty former pupils have been awarded over 550 caps for Wales alone; this is a record which eclipses any other school in Wales.

Come and see the difference a Llandoverly College education can make.



Official Partner of Scarlets Rugby and Llandoverly Rugby Club

# Gwell Dysg Na Golud

## Our Education is Our Wealth







## NURSERY



Llandovery College Nursery provides the perfect start for babies and young children from 0 to 4 years in a kind and caring setting.

At Llandovery College Nursery we educate and nurture the whole child, providing opportunities for each child to discover and develop their own unique talents and abilities.

Children are welcomed and cared for in a safe, happy and stimulating environment and in the hands of trained and dedicated practitioners.

Our vision is for children to learn through positive reinforcement in a stimulating environment and to become confident and independent learners.

Registered with the Care Inspectorate Wales, the Nursery is located within the beautiful setting of Llandovery College and, in addition to its own outstanding facilities, benefits from the use of all that the College has to offer such as the extensive grounds, sports hall and medical centre.

Llandovery College Nursery is dedicated to providing a first class childcare and education facility. For the older children, this is achieved through structured activities based on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS Wales).

### AREAS OF LEARNING

Personal and social development, well-being and cultural diversity

Language, literacy and communication skills

Mathematical development

Knowledge and understanding of the world

Physical development

Creative development

Welsh language development

We found that children attending Llandovery College Nursery were positively occupied, actively engaged and stimulated

*CIW Inspection Report*





## PRE-PREP Reception, Years One and Two



**E**arly experiences in school are key to establishing and embedding a love of learning and a respect for good conduct.

In Pre-Prep a formal approach to learning is introduced within a framework of play and exploration. The building blocks of Literacy and Numeracy are secured in these early years and our pupils are encouraged to be positive about every aspect of their learning and involvement.

The principles of Harmony and sustainability form an integral theme in our learning and our pupils' interaction with nature reinforces and expands knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom.

Outstanding early years teaching at Llandovery Prep provides a secure foundation for intellectual and social growth and the essential building blocks for a happy and successful journey through the school.

### THE SCHOOL DAY Every day is filled with a wide range of academic and co-curricular activities

<b>8.30am</b>	Arrive at the school playground by car, school bus or from the Junior Boarding House. Time for the morning run, to settle into class, read quietly or prepare for Warden's Chapel
<b>9am</b>	Assembly time. Here we learn about the wider world and spirituality, sing hymns, share a performance and recognise outstanding achievements or contributions
<b>9.30am</b>	The first lesson of the day and it is usually Literacy and Numeracy
<b>10.30am</b>	Break time may consist of kicking a ball around or a Club activity, such as Recorders, Keyboards, Needlework, Zumbatonic or Chess
<b>11am</b>	Back to lessons for more learning
<b>12pm</b>	Family dining in the Great Hall
<b>1pm</b>	Time to learn again
<b>3.30pm</b>	Co-curricular Clubs, a time for Triathlon, Mathematics or English Challenge Group, Nature Club, Chamber Choir, Philosophy & Debate, Command Tasks, Rugby or Hockey
<b>5pm</b>	Day pupils are collected or are escorted to the school buses. Boarders return to the Junior Boarding House and the evening activity programme begins



Llandovery Prep School provides children with the best of starts and is a very special place





### MIDDLE PREP Years Three to Six

With a positive attitude to learning secured in the early years, Middle Prep develops curiosity and enthusiasms and seeks to begin pushing the boundaries of knowledge and self-assurance.

Whether it is experiencing what life was like for an Iron Age Celt; carrying out experiments in the science laboratory; getting lost in the joys of reading; creating a piece of ephemeral art with the picturesque Towy Valley as inspiration; or playing the harp in a music concert, a new confidence is forged in these important years.

Conventional learning is coupled with innovation and a growth mindset whereby pupils are encouraged to embrace challenge and risk as important aspects of successful development. Subject specific teaching provides increased focus and specialist tuition in sport, music, science, languages and ICT begins to nurture real expertise.

Opportunities for public speaking and debating, welcoming visitors, creative performance and representing the school on the games field develop a modest and grounded confidence that typically emerges throughout the Middle Prep years, enabling pupils to adapt effectively to a variety of increasingly challenging situations and occasions.



### UPPER PREP Years Seven and Eight

Years 7 and 8 are included in our Prep School provision in order to provide a smoother transition into the Senior School as well as to ensure a firm consolidation of progress made most significantly in Literacy and Numeracy.

The Form Teacher remains the focus of provision in the Upper Prep, providing an essential overview of academic progress as well as outstanding pastoral care. Increased specialised teaching delivered by Senior School staff broadens and deepens academic interest, preparing pupils well for the rigours of secondary education.

Retaining Years 7 & 8 in the Prep School means that we can deliver 50% more Literacy and Numeracy over the course of a week with negligible impact on other disciplines: we maintain our healthy diet of Welsh, Science, French, History, Drama, Geography, IT, Music, PE, Art and so on – we even have time for Classical Studies and Latin.

Educational benefits have inspired this plan, but there are clear social advantages too. Spending two more years at the top of a school



instead of two more at the bottom prolongs childhood and allows for greater social growth.

The Llandoverly College model – unique in Wales – allows our pupils to benefit from greater opportunities for leadership and personal development in a secure and sensibly monitored environment, whilst managing a smooth and seamless transition into the Senior School.





Parents can be assured that  
their children will be treated  
with dignity and respect

*CIW Inspection Report*





## SCHOOL LIFE

Excellent and wholly committed teachers in the classroom are the key to our academic success. Passionate, knowledgeable and sympathetic teaching ensures that the roots for learning are firmly embedded and that the correct habits and attitudes prevail.

The curriculum is delivered through small classes and is regularly reviewed to ensure it is interesting and relevant, with the principles of Harmony and sustainability interwoven throughout to encourage our pupils to develop a deeper appreciation of the world in which we live.

Expectations for attainment are high, fostering enquiring minds that relish the challenge of discovery. Pupils are immersed in an active and stimulating learning environment benefitting from an exceptional range of learning opportunities within a caring and supportive atmosphere.

Academic aspiration is a priority at Llandovery College and the grounding our pupils receive in the Prep School is second to none.



An outstandingly caring ethos engenders a highly supportive learning environment

*Independent Schools Inspectorate Report*





## SCIENCE



Great emphasis is placed upon the practical, investigative approach to Science, encouraging enthusiastic and enquiring minds. The aim is for each child to enjoy the learning process, enhance self-esteem, increase confidence in the subject and have a sound understanding of core scientific concepts.

Through Science pupils obtain a set of skills and a body of knowledge essential for life. They are taught in a stimulating, hands-on environment that encourages their innate curiosity to evolve into understanding.

As well as formal lessons there are co-curricular activities such as the Science Club and Nature Club. Our annual Themed Day allows pupils of all ages to take part in extended activities and practicals, and aims to harness natural enthusiasm and interests. Senior School staff and guest scientists are also invited to share their passions and give our pupils access to inspirational and exciting hands-on experiments.

## LANGUAGES

All pupils throughout the school learn languages including Welsh, French and Mandarin. Emphasis is also placed on increasing pupils' cultural awareness through study of the traditions and ways of native speakers.

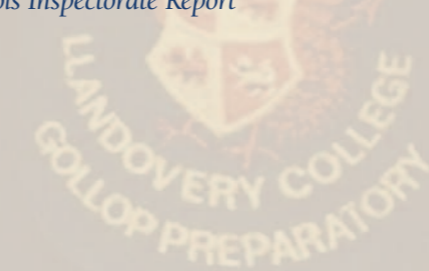
It is important to acquire language learning skills from the earliest schooling age, when children are more receptive to learning different languages. For our younger children, languages are taught orally through songs and games, with the emphasis on activities that the children all enjoy.

As well as formal lessons, linguistic skills are also developed through a number of co-curricular clubs. Spanish and Latin are introduced in the Upper Prep, gifting our pupils a rich choice of languages as they journey into the Senior School.

As a school in Wales, we are proud of our Welsh heritage and tradition. Many staff are fluent Welsh speakers and we encourage the children to converse in Welsh when possible, and draw upon the expertise of Senior School teachers to take Welsh lessons throughout the school.

Pupils are keen and active learners

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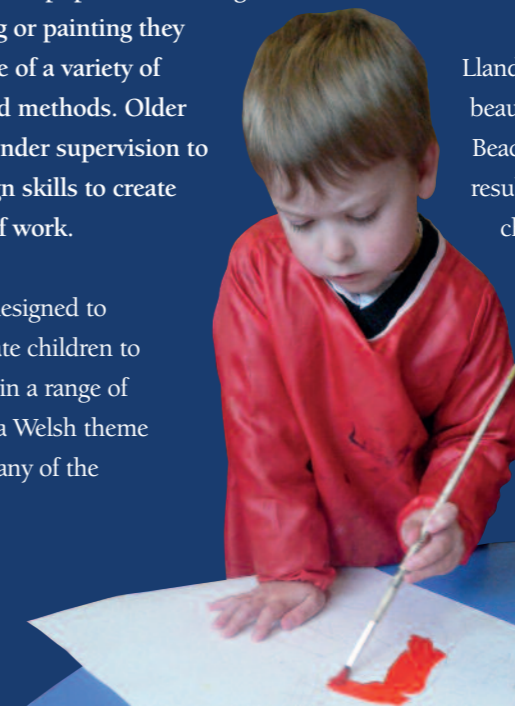
## ART AND DESIGN

Children are encouraged to express their creativity through Art & Design. Whether our pupils are drawing, modelling, building or painting they will gain experience of a variety of resources, tools and methods. Older pupils are taught under supervision to use tools and design skills to create functional pieces of work.

The curriculum is designed to inspire and invigorate children to express themselves in a range of mediums. There is a Welsh theme running through many of the

activities and we use the Cwricwlwm Cymreig to foster a love of local and national culture and the immediate environment.

Llandoverly is in the heart of the beautiful Towy Valley with the Brecon Beacons sitting on our doorstep. As a result, we provide opportunities for our children to use natural materials and work outside, in all seasons, to create artwork inspired by nature, establishing a strong relationship and synergy with our surroundings.







## MUSIC AND DRAMA

Music and Drama play an important role in developing confidence and self-esteem and the Prep School endeavours to nurture a lifelong love and appreciation of creative performance.

Our pupils have many opportunities to develop their passions, through instrumental lessons, the Chamber Choir, Drama Club, Zumba dance and LAMDA Speech and Drama and all children are encouraged to engage fully and enthusiastically.

The Prep Choir practises weekly and performs regularly at school concerts, musical extravaganzas, festivals and competitions such as the Urdd. The Prep Band rehearse on a weekly basis, providing an excellent opportunity for pupils to hone their performing skills.







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## SPORT FOR ALL



The Prep School embraces a sport for all ethos in which a rich and varied opportunity is shared by pupils.

Specialised tuition is provided in order to build confidence and improve sporting competence.

All pupils are given the chance to represent their school in a whole range of sports. Outstanding coaching, training and encouragement brings out the best in everyone whatever their level. Teamwork is paramount and pupils are encouraged to develop a competitive edge and a proud sporting ethos.



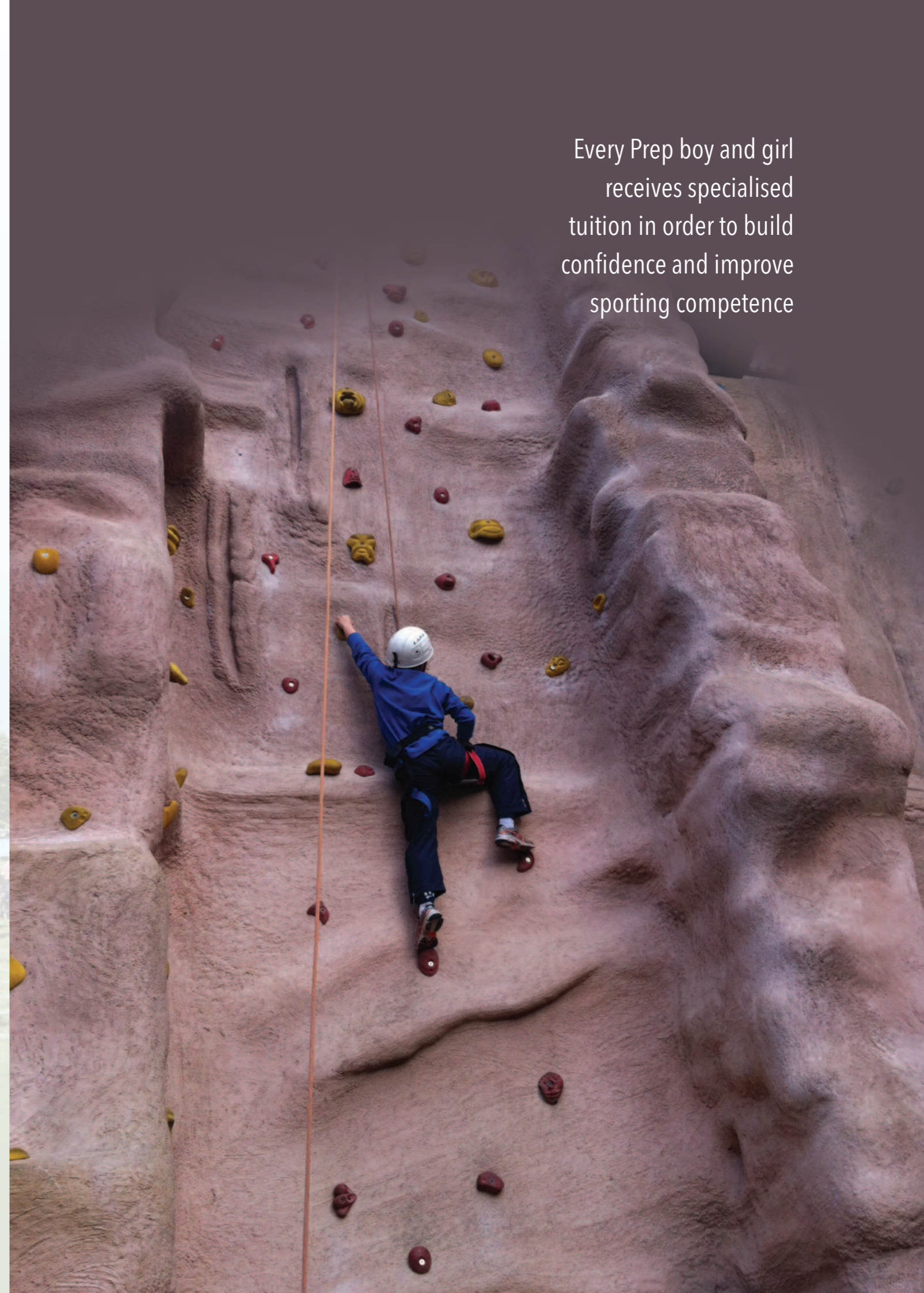
No-one is turned off sport by sessions being only for the team or conversely held back by it being entirely non-competitive.

Prep pupils benefit from Senior School facilities which include a sports hall, all-weather pitch, a shooting range and extensive playing fields, all set within 45 acres of beautiful grounds.

Expert coaching is offered by Senior School staff in order to further develop skill sets and to give our pupils a taste of performance and expectation at the highest level.

TRIATHLON	RUGBY	DANCE
SWIMMING	GYMNASTICS	ATHLETICS
CROSS FIT	CRICKET	CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING
GOLF	NETBALL	TENNIS
HOCKEY	BASKETBALL	FENCING
FOOTBALL	ZUMBA	CORE SKILLS

Every Prep boy and girl receives specialised tuition in order to build confidence and improve sporting competence











## CO-CURRICULAR LIFE

In such a challenging and rapidly-evolving world, young people need a variety of skills at their disposal in order to lead fulfilling lives of contribution and service.

We aim to instil a modest confidence in our pupils and our co-curricular programme is integral to this, honing as it does invaluable life skills beyond those learnt in the classroom.

Whilst sport, music and drama operate at the heart of our co-curricular provision there are many other activities on offer to pupils of all ages and we firmly believe we have something for everyone.

EDUCATIONAL
Chess
Challenge Groups (Literacy and Numeracy)
Science Club
Prep Club
Philosophy and Debate
Urdd Club
Nature Club
Website Design
Design Technology Club
Modern Foreign Languages Club (Spanish, French and Mandarin)
Clwb Cymraeg

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE
Recorder Club
Keyboard Club
Zumba
LAMDA Speech and Drama
Drama Club
Performance Platforms
Music Extravaganzas
School Productions
Choir



## BOARDING LIFE

Boarding provides youngsters with unique opportunities to develop independence, self-reliance and close friendship groups within a nurturing and supportive environment. Our boarders are cared for by dedicated boarding staff who offer first class pastoral supervision within the Junior Boarding House.

The House accommodates boys and girls, and boasts comfortable dormitories, kitchen facilities and communal recreation areas, as well as easy and safe access to all College facilities.

Boarders enjoy a full programme of evening and weekend activities that stimulate and enrich an outstanding experience. Full time, weekly and occasional boarding options are available to suit both pupils and families.





## THE OUTDOORS

**A**t Llandovery Prep the classroom is not the only learning environment and we believe that nature is our greatest teacher. Every effort is made to instil in our pupils a sense of awe in their natural surroundings in order to enhance their knowledge and understanding of how the world is governed by natural processes and patterns.

Developing an appreciation of the natural world enhances understanding of Harmony and sustainability. Our weekly Forest School gives our youngest the opportunity to engage with nature and its cycles, and our older pupils grapple with more complex issues of environmental responsibility.

The Abundance Llandovery Project sees our pupils join community volunteers to harvest and distribute the seasonal glut of fruit and opens a window on appreciating the fertility of the earth and man's responsibility to care for it accordingly.



Llandovery College Preparatory School



HARMONY PRINCIPLES	
<b>Geometry</b>	Our world exists in order
<b>Interdependence</b>	Nothing exists in isolation
<b>Cycles</b>	Nothing is wasted
<b>Diversity</b>	Strength lies in diversity
<b>Health</b>	We control the health of our communities
<b>Beauty</b>	Nature is both functional and beautiful
<b>Oneness</b>	We are part of Nature, not apart from it





Passionate About Sport  
Serious About Education

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PRINCE CHARLES  
HRH Prince of Wales opening the  
Llandovery College Nursery

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall's only Welsh residence is their beautifully restored farmhouse just two miles away from the College. They have become familiar and welcome faces in and around Llandovery.





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