



Parsons Green Prep in a football tournament at Cranleigh Prep School

PREP SCHOOL TEAMS UP WITH CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION

Parsons Green Prep School recently teamed up with the Chelsea FC Foundation to provide high-quality football coaching to boys and girls across all year groups at the school. It's a first among prep schools in Fulham and it has turned out to be a massive hit with children and parents alike. The Foundation was formed in 2010 and provides outstanding coaches who are experienced, highly qualified, passionate, knowledgeable and enthusiastic about football, the most played sport across all schools worldwide.

The children have sessions with the coaches twice a week at Hurlingham Park, as well as after-school clubs three days a week for all age groups on the school's own Astroturf pitch. The children are learning various ball skills in passing and dribbling and playing small-sided games. The coaches also attend curriculum games lessons for Key Stage 2 and a few children were invited to train with the Chelsea FC Foundation squad at one of their coaching centres. These children were then coached and checked on regularly to monitor their progress, with a view to advancing to academy level.

Through the Foundation Parsons Green Prep has also been invited to two tournaments at Cranleigh Prep School with ex-Chelsea and England international Graeme Le Saux, where they had fantastic days out and picked up silver medals in 2017. The school also fielded a girls' Under-11 squad at a recent ISA tournament at LVS Ascot. It was the girls' first-ever competition and they ended up winning the U11 category.

PGP's head of sport, Mr Will, is busy building on this big improvement in the children's footballing ability and interest. 'This is fast-track learning in how to approach the mental, physical and emotional side of the sport,' he says. 'Operating as a team, communicating clearly, being responsible, increasing assertiveness, improving fitness and learning a good attitude around how to win and how to lose together—these are all life skills that do not just apply to football.' And the future of the scheme is looking very bright, with plans to run a tournament supported by the Chelsea FC Foundation on the cards.

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DO YOU THINK PRIVATE SCHOOL IS NOT AN OPTION FOR YOUR CHILD?

Choosing a school for your child can feel both exciting and a little daunting, since the range and complexity of that choice can be so broad, that it may seem overwhelming at first. 'Where do I start?' May be the first question you ask yourself when embarking on your journey to choose the right school for your child. **Finton House School**, an independent mixed ability school for boys and girls from 4-11, would advise not to dismiss the option of a private education for your child even though you may not be able to meet the cost of school fees. Twelve bright and talented children have already passed through Finton House School, who have been offered a bursary of up to 100% of the school fees. If you know a child who would benefit from a bursary place at Finton, please ask them to contact the Registrar at Finton House School: admissions@fintonhouse.org.uk

