

## What parents say

Three parents tell you what they like about Parsons Green Prep (PGP), an independent prep school for boys and girls aged 4 to 11.



The Goertzen family



The Maicha family

### How and why did you choose the school, and what gave you confidence in it?

**Heather** and her family visited the school on its Open Day. She says: "We knew immediately that Parsons Green Prep was the right choice for our family. PGP has the ethos and feel of a small village school, but with dynamic teachers and the strong academics that you expect from a London day school. The teachers and staff foster a secure and encouraging environment where children are confident, engaged, and eager to learn." **Charlotte** echoes this sentiment, explaining that her family chose the school for their daughters as it has "a close community where you feel fostered by both the school and the other parents."

### Any moment that stood out for you that really describes the atmosphere/ethos of the school?

**Heather** highlights: "Every Friday at assembly, children are recognised for achievements in art, music, sport, acting, LAMDA, writing, as well as for their contribution to the school community, whether it's through roles on the Eco Committee or acts of kindness. The pride they feel and the confidence this instills is immeasurable." **Charlotte** emphasises her love of attending sports fixtures, where the entire team supports each other and provides encouragement in both team and individual events. She also enjoys musical performances, where even first graders are encouraged to perform for the school, fostering valuable experience and confidence. "The children are not afraid, and they are curious," she explains.

### What feature of the school do you particularly like?

**Charlotte** speaks highly of the school's focus on the whole child, not just academics or sports. She appreciates the prioritisation of relationships among children, creating a supportive and motivating environment for development. "My daughters have grown confident, secure, and willing to try and fail, knowing they will be encouraged to try again and supported by both staff and students", she shares.

### How well does the school prepare children for exams?

**Heather**, who was unfamiliar with the secondary school process due to her American background, praises the school for guiding her family and helping them understand the process. She states: "We have now gone through the 11+ twice and have been very happy with the process and the results. The teachers and the school do a wonderful job of preparing the children and building their confidence over Key Stage 2, so when the time comes, the students feel assured and ready."

**Triya** explains that 11+ preparation starts in Year 5 with one-on-one meetings with the Headteacher and form teacher. Sample papers are gradually introduced, leading up to 3 to 4 papers a week in Year 6. **Charlotte** adds that the teaching quality is excellent, with a high teacher-to-pupil ratio. Students become

independent and learn to 'edit' their own work, preparing them for secondary school exams. "There is a slow and lengthy build up to the 11+ exams and my daughter has not felt stressed by the process", she adds.

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### What is the feel of the school?

**Triya** describes PGP as an inviting place filled with happy children and positive energy. She emphasises the school's role in fostering confidence and strong friendships. **Charlotte** highlights the school's diversity and inclusive environment, praising the lack of exclusionary or bullying behavior.

### Priceless comment your child made one day?

**Heather** shares her son's sentiment as he approaches the end of his first year at senior school. He says: "It's like a third home now; PGP will always be my second home." She concludes: "It's a really special place."

### Parsons Green Prep

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