

Smallish

SEPTEMBER 2017

FOR MODERN MOTHERS.

FIRST DAYS

STARTING
BIG SCHOOL
THE EASY WAY

PERFECT ♡♡ PALS ♡

MAKING FRIENDS
FROM PREGNANCY
to the
PLAYGROUND

THE SCHOOLS GUIDE

LEARNING JOURNEY

HALF-TERM
BREAKS
TO INSPIRE
YOUNG MINDS



SUMMER FIELDS OXFORD

A very academic school in the heart of Oxford, Summer Fields nevertheless retains a sense of fun. Boys are rewarded for outstanding achievement with a £5 credit to spend in Buzzer, the school shop, which sells everything from buzzing magnets to Lego mini-figs. Boarders live in lodges according to age, with lodgeparents and young "gapper matrons" on hand to care for them. Scholarships to Eton, Harrow, Radley, Stowe and Winchester often follow. A new pre-prep is opening in September 2018.

WEBSITE: summerfields.com
EMAIL: admissions@summerfields.com
TELEPHONE: 01865 459204
ADDRESS: Mayfield Road, Oxford, OX2 7EN
HEAD: David Faber
AGES: 8–13
TERM FEES: £7,536 day; £9,731 boarding
BOYS/GIRLS/MIXED: Boys
OPEN DAYS: 7 October



THE WHITE HOUSE PREP SCHOOL SOUTH LONDON

If the best things come in small packages (the clue's in our *Smallish* name!), then the White House should be crowing with its low teacher to pupil ratio – class size averages a sweet 16. The day prep's Victorian villa home is also basking in the glow of a new ICT suite. There's a jolly inventive edge to the National curriculum, too – last year, in science, Years 5 to 6 made DNA necklaces – but getting ready for big school and the 11+ is a serious business with scholarships to show for it. 2017 sees a new head in town as the White House welcomes Tony Lewis (ex St Nicholas Prep and Stowe). It made top 10 London

prep in *The Sunday Times* latest schools guide. Word gets round.

INTERESTING TRADITION: Racing Green Power Goblins racing car in the Goodwood annual race against 90 other UK schools. Their budding engineers, the 'White House Whizzers', built the car and practised slalom and drag races around the playground.
SPORTS DAY ETHOS: Cheering for each other. Children are competitive but supportive,

showing compassion, the true ethos of the school. Even the most sport-shy child is encouraged to have a go.
BEST SCHOOL DINNER: Sweet and sour chicken.
HEAD MOST LIKELY TO SAY: "Life is not a rehearsal."
YEAR'S HIGHLIGHT: Being awarded 'Excellent in Every Area' by the ISI inspector in February this year.

WEBSITE: whitehouseschool.com

EMAIL: office@whitehouseschool.com
TELEPHONE: 020 8674 9514
ADDRESS: 24 Thornton Road, London SW12 0LF
HEAD: Tony Lewis
AGES: 2.5–11; nursery 0–3
TERM FEES: £4,436 day (Reception and Years 1 and 2); £4,740 (Years 3–6)
BOYS/GIRLS/MIXED: Mixed
OPEN DAYS: Contact the registrar for information