On his most recent visit to The Royal School, HRH The Earl of Wessex remarked that ‘the School is clearly thriving, growing, and developing in many directions, and I feel privileged to be its Patron’.
What makes our school outstanding?

We provide the very best start in life, ensuring children are happy, well-rounded individuals.

The best schools prepare young people for life in the real world. Some of that takes place in the classroom but academic success is only part of the equation. Even more is learned outside the classroom in activities, sport, and field trips. This is where character and personality are forged which, when combined with excellent grades, ensure Royal School pupils leave us as outstanding and successful young people.

For several years now, The Royal Primary School has celebrated excellent results in Key Stage 2, having achieved a high ranking in the Sunday Times Schools Guide Top 100 Independent Preparatory Schools. Our pupils exceeding their expected grade is the norm at The Royal.

However, it is the other opportunities that we give to our pupils that sets us apart. All are treated as individuals at The Royal; we identify, nurture and celebrate each child’s strengths in order for them to exceed their expectations, taking advantage of all before them.

It is our pupils who make us outstanding.
This is a crucial time in a child’s development as the foundation for all learning and social behaviour starts at an early stage. Now is the time to discover the skills and develop the talent in each child. A great school will do this, as well as encourage children to think of others and provide the opportunities to lead and take initiative. At The Royal, we challenge and support every child while making learning fun.

Our curriculum, taking the best from the English National Curriculum and adapting the rest to suit our children, allows us to identify, nurture and celebrate each individual child. The Royal has a unique approach to assessment and adding value to each child’s potential.

As our National educational system is based around assessment of various forms, we work hard with our children and parents to dismantle preconceived myths and mental barriers. Assessment for learning should be positive and not be overly stressful. All children take the end of Key Stage tests and optional end of year tests and this information is used to monitor, support and augment the progress of the children.
Achievement & Potential

We are the only independent school in the city with such an approach to, what is ultimately, an essential component and yardstick of education. We have teacher assessed levels for each child at each stage of their time at The Royal Primary School and these are validated by the assessments carried out by the nationally recognised University of Durham PIPS scheme. These activities give us level predictions for the children based on their attitudes to learning. It also enables the teaching to be tailored to the needs of the individual at all times, and as a result, most of our pupils score higher than their predicted levels year on year. Our Key Stage 2 results are consistently higher than the national averages.

We live in a results-driven world and a society that strives for true meritocracy. Our responsibility is to maximise the potential of each and every child through selectively developing their academic and interpersonal skills, their teamwork and emerging leadership potential.

Your child will thrive with us, achieve their potential and more, with children quickly harnessing the academic opportunities in enjoying the key subjects of English, maths and science augmented by French, geography, history, religious studies, music, PSHCE, and ICT.
The Royal has a team of specialists geared to the provision of a first class, inspirational education. Our large and airy classrooms provide the perfect learning environment, enhanced by our semi-rural surroundings. We draw on a huge wealth of resources and teaching expertise for the delivery of our unique yet traditional curriculum. At our fingertips are extensive sports fields, swimming pool, library, IT suites and music rooms – as well as our very own nature trail, in our woodland area.

We provide a progressive learning environment. Interactive technology is standard in each classroom and an on-line learning platform allows constant access to key resources in the classroom or at home.
Sport for all

Physical recreation forms a vital part of the life of a Junior Royal. From Nursery upwards, our pupils swim on a regular basis and enjoy the opportunities presented by our own swimming and sports complex. Our Junior Royals have two sports lessons a week, one of which is swimming and they enjoy a huge variety of afterschool activities, as well as the chance to represent the school in competitive team sports from football, to swimming, gymnastics, dance, hockey, netball, cricket and athletics to name but a few.

Focal points in the year include our inter-house competitions, swimming galas and Sports Days.
Performance & Creativity

Each student at The Royal has the opportunity to develop their creativity whether it is through the curriculum, house competitions, or afterschool activities. Creative and performing arts are fully catered for - drama, music or dance. Individual music lessons are available in almost every instrument. Children are able to express themselves and gain confidence and self-esteem by partaking in the many performances, concerts and clubs throughout the year.
Developing the individual

Every child is unique and this is one of the driving factors of our School. Our curriculum is progressive and every lesson tailored to the needs of the children. Our small class sizes ensure that all members of staff recognise and understand the requirements of their groups.

We have an extensive pastoral and academic network to ensure that every child achieves their potential by the time they move to Year 7. We harness the strengths of positive discipline and encourage each pupil to recognise and create their own targets in both their academic and creative subjects. Our children take pride in their achievements and we champion the success of all.
Our School is a community. We work together to ensure that the learning we provide is not solely of an academic nature. We teach children about the area, society and world in which they live. Our pupils are taught to respect their peers, those they encounter and themselves. We pride ourselves on our levels of courtesy and the pupils strive to support and enhance our locale through charity work.

Our aim is for our young people to develop a sense of self-reliance, self-esteem, self-discipline and self-respect through their care and attention to others.

Traditional Values
That’s what makes our school outstanding

As you have seen, here at The Royal School we believe that there is so much more to education than just preparing children for academic results.

Our thriving extra-curricular programme ensures that valued and recognised skills such as leadership and self-reliance are part of our pupils’ everyday existence. We give our pupils the pastoral, academic and emotional skills to forge their ways forward in our ever-changing world.

Our pupils work together and foster the key ingredients of teamwork and cooperation. They work hard with our encouragement to reach out their potential and achieve the best they can, whilst at the same time developing a deep rooted appreciation of the importance of respect, courtesy, communication and compassion.

If you are looking for more than an institutional education…
If you want your child to receive a holistic, wide reaching experience …
If you want your child to exceed their potential both in and out of the classroom…
If you want your child fully equipped to lead and inspire and nurture our tomorrow…

Then come and see what makes The Royal Primary School such an outstanding school.
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