



Information about the College

Frewen College specialises in supporting young people aged from 7 to 19 whose education has been adversely affected by specific learning difficulties - dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, or speech and language difficulties. Registered in the Dyslexia Specialist Provision Category of CReSTeD, Frewen College has a national reputation for dyslexia expertise, offering advice to professionals and parents. Originally founded in 1910 we believe we are the oldest such school in the country.

The College is set in 60 acres of grounds and housed partly in a Grade 1 listed mansion in Northiam, East Sussex. There are strong links with the local rural community, including the Primary school, Parish Church and local sports organisations.

About one third of our pupils currently board, however we hope to see this increase to at least a half. Girls' boarding was introduced only five years ago in our former head's house, has been extended twice, and is again nearing capacity. Boys' boarding is located in the top two floors of our 17th century main house and currently has room for expansion.

Our Prep School has been reorganised recently with its own Head and an innovative curriculum. The remit of the Prep has extended to encompass Year 7 as a transitional year preparing for the Senior School. A Sixth Form was introduced in September 2014 and main courses are offered in partnership with Bexhill College and Plumpton College with the remainder of the week spent at Frewen.

Admissions are from a wide geographic area, currently drawing pupils from 18 different local authorities. Local Authority funding for Statemented/EHCP pupils accounts for about 60% of fee income; several pupils are funded by the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office. A small number of pupils are from overseas, as far as India, USA and Malaysia.

The College has grown by 33% over the past five years and now has 111 pupils (April 2015):

	TOTAL	Day boys	Boy boarders	Day girls	Girl boarders
Years 3-6	15	9	1	5	0
Year 7	11	7	1	2	1
Year 8	12	4	4	3	1
Year 9	23	11	6	2	4
Year 10	19	12	6	0	1
Year 11	23	10	5	5	3
Year 12	8	1	2	3	2

The school has a full time SENDCo, and Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Sensory Integration Therapy and Auditory Therapy are all provided. The well-being of pupils is supported by a Child Psychotherapist. Pupils are entered for examinations in GCSE, Entry Level, OCR Nationals and ASDAN, providing a range of external qualifications across the ability range.

Frewen College is owned and operated by The Frewen Educational Trust Ltd, a registered charity. It is a member of ISA, ISC and BSA, and is a supporting corporate member of the BDA. The school is inspected by Ofsted for both education and boarding. The last full inspection took place in March 2012, when its education was found to be Good, with outstanding features; the latest boarding inspection was rated 'Adequate'. The school is also inspected by CReSTeD on a 3 yearly cycle, being last inspected in 2014. Kent Local Authority monitors the school on behalf of CCRAAG (Children's Cross Regional Arrangements Group). The school's finances are managed by the Business Manager who is also responsible for marketing and estate management. The College is projected to show a healthy surplus at the year end.

The Estate consists of the Grade 1 listed Jacobean mansion, much extended in the 1840s; a Grade 2* Victorian stable block; a Grade 2 Queen Anne farmhouse extended and converted to house our Prep School and some staff accommodation; a 1970s teaching block; a 1970s Head's house converted and extended to house girls' boarding; sundry other smaller buildings; a 17C walled garden; and about 60 acres of gardens, playing fields and grazing.

This is an exciting time in the development of the school. A new Principal, Mr Nick Goodman, took up the role in September 2014 upon the retirement of his predecessor, new Heads of Boarding were similarly appointed on the retirement of their predecessors; we have a new Sixth Form going into its second year in September; pupil numbers are growing and we are working to consolidate the school's position as a national leader in the education and support of dyslexic students. We have ambitious plans for the future, including the further expansion of the Prep School and Sixth Form, and the provision of new facilities for these and other areas.

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