

SEVENOAKS

FAMILY OF SCHOOLS



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BICKLEY PARK
SCHOOL

 Solefield School



Tom Quilter
Headmaster of Bickley Park School



Jesse Elzinga
Headmaster of Sevenoaks School



Helen McClure
Headmistress of Solefield School

Bickley Park joins the Sevenoaks Family of Schools

I am delighted to welcome Bickley Park to the Sevenoaks Family of Schools.

With this exciting development, our family now offers an exceptional independent education within the south-east, supporting children from age 2½ to 18 with world-class learning, outstanding pastoral care and a broad, enriching co-curricular programme. The addition of Bickley Park strengthens our shared mission: securing a resilient future for independent education within the region and offering a breadth of choice for local families.

Our newest partner has enjoyed a warm and long-standing relationship with Sevenoaks School. Bickley Park has sent more pupils to Sevenoaks than any other prep school outside our local area. Its close ties and shared ethos make this a natural addition to the family.

Our aligned values and commitment to educational excellence ensure that, as the family grows, we do so with clear purpose and unity. This partnership will enable further innovation, collaboration and development across all our schools.

Bickley Park joins the Sevenoaks Family of Schools from a position of financial strength. It will continue to operate independently, led by its current leadership team, and will retain its distinctive character and identity, enriching the diversity and vibrancy of our whole community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J R Elzinga', written in a cursive style.

Jesse Elzinga, Headmaster of Sevenoaks School



Our vision

The Sevenoaks Family of Schools aims to create an environment where every child can flourish, both academically and personally. We foster a love of learning, academic excellence and development of character, while embracing the future of education with innovation and flexibility.

Strengthened educational continuum

Daily life will remain relatively unchanged for pupils and staff, with the same outstanding teaching of academic subjects, small class sizes, co-curricular opportunities and clubs, and the same school routines.

Our combined resources and expertise will enhance educational opportunities and ensure continuity of progress for pupils so that children are even better prepared for the move from prep school through to senior school, whether at Sevenoaks School or elsewhere, and for life beyond.

As our partnership evolves, pupils will be able to take greater advantage of state-of-the-art facilities whether pursuing the sciences, humanities, the arts or sports.

Our senior students will be able to enjoy more leadership and mentoring opportunities working with younger pupils. Enhanced professional development will provide more enrichment for teachers to the benefit of pupils in all our schools.



Jesse Elzinga
Headmaster, Sevenoaks School

“In an era where educational choice is more important than ever, this merger is designed to offer a broader, more cohesive and more resilient approach to independent schooling.

By joining forces, we are uniting three leading independent schools with a shared vision of providing the highest standard of education, with the flexibility to meet the needs of all our students.”



Tom Quilter
Headmaster, Bickley Park School

“Driven by a shared vision centred on educational excellence and kindness, we are delighted to be joining the Sevenoaks Family of Schools. Together, we will continue to deliver the highest standards of education, combined with the flexibility to meet the needs of every pupil.

The longstanding and warm relationship Bickley Park has with Sevenoaks School is the perfect foundation for a collaboration of this sort and sets us in good stead to deepen the synergy of our shared values, academic excellence and exceptional pastoral care, foundations on which we will continue to build.”



Helen McClure
Headmistress, Solefield School

“Collaboration between our schools means a blending of the best practices from each institution. This includes sharing expertise in areas such as teaching, pastoral care and facilities, to create a richer, more diverse learning environment for everyone involved.

Together, we will continue to uphold the values that have defined our schools: academic rigour, character development, and a commitment to nurturing the individual needs of every child.”



Admissions

Many pupils from Solefield School and Bickley Park School have progressed to Sevenoaks School over the years. We look forward to many more doing so in the future.

We are also firmly committed to parental choice and to the importance of finding the right school for each child. Pupils at our prep schools will continue to be well prepared and supported for whichever secondary school pathway they choose to follow.

Similarly, Sevenoaks School will continue to accept many pupils from other prep and primary schools locally, nationally and internationally, recognising the value and strength of a diverse student body.

Admissions processes will be managed by each school. Any child wishing to join Sevenoaks School from our prep schools will apply and be assessed in the usual way.

For further details about the admissions process please visit:
www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions/welcome
www.bickleyparkschool.co.uk/admissions/admissions-process
www.solefieldschool.org/admissions

Fees and financial assistance

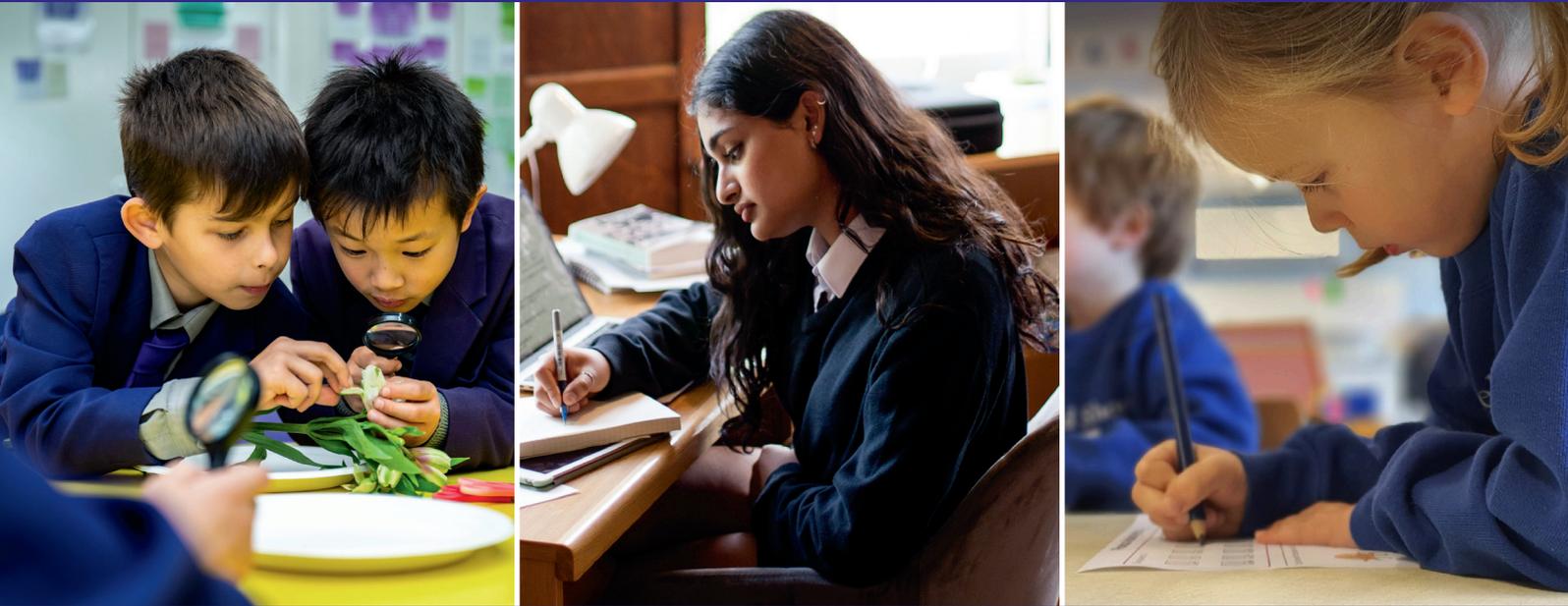
The Sevenoaks Family of Schools will continue Sevenoaks School's long history of providing financial assistance to enable young people of all backgrounds to benefit from an outstanding education. It is a key priority to significantly increase the number of pupils we support financially over the coming years.

For further details on fees and financial assistance please visit:
www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions/fees
www.bickleyparkschool.co.uk/admissions/fees
www.solefieldschool.org/fees-bursaries



Our strengthened community

The Sevenoaks Family of Schools will provide greater educational opportunities and build a stronger sense of community. Our schools have always prided themselves on their close-knit, supportive environment, and we are confident that by merging, we will foster an even greater sense of belonging and collaboration.



Together our staff will bring a wealth of experience, and we will continue to prioritise the individual needs of each pupil.

By combining the expertise, resources and commitment to excellence of each school, we will be able to enhance the educational choices available for our children, providing them with a rich pathway to success.

About the schools

Sevenoaks School

Sevenoaks School (founded in 1432) is a co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 11-18. Its superb 100-acre campus is at the top of Sevenoaks High Street, adjacent to the 1000-acre deer park of Knole.

Sevenoaks is one of the world's top ten IB schools, having taught the International Baccalaureate Diploma since 1978.

Sevenoaks is also one of the leading UK independent schools. It was the Sunday Times Independent Co-educational School of the Year 2023, and was awarded the UK Independent School Inspectorate's rare accolade of 'Exceptional' for its pupils' achievements.

www.sevenoaksschool.org

Bickley Park School

For over 100 years, since its foundation in 1918, Bickley Park School has retained its reputation for being an outstanding preparatory school. Today, the warm and friendly, family orientated, co-educational Prep School prides itself in exploring, identifying and celebrating the strengths of every child, no matter where they lie. A school with a truly broad and balanced curriculum at its heart, which gives every child the opportunity to shine.

Located on the outskirts of Bromley, Bickley Park became co-educational in 2024 and with around 300 children aged 2½ to 13, it now has a thriving Pre-School in addition to its Nursery.

Demonstrating excellent results at both 11+ and 13+, together with exceptional numbers of scholarships to senior schools, its well-

rounded learning experience, described as its 'Four Quadrants of Learning', encompasses specialist teaching and small class sizes across Academics, Visual and Performing Arts, Community, and Sports and Outdoor Learning.

It is this firm commitment to all-round success which led the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) to judge Bickley Park as 'Excellent' in March 2023 for both Pupils' Attainment and Pupils' Personal Development, giving it the highest possible grading for an independent school.

www.bickleyparkschool.co.uk

Solefield School

Solefield School is an academic day preparatory school in the heart of Sevenoaks for around 200 children aged 3 to 13 years. Founded in 1948, Solefield became co-educational in 2024, following the successful opening of Little Acorns co-ed pre-school.

Both boys and girls benefit from Solefield's very small classes, a personalised curriculum and a 100% pass rate at 13+, exceptional 11+ results and scholarships to senior schools.

Pupils enjoy a curriculum full of chess, sport, thinking skills, swimming, outdoor learning, debating, performing arts and STEM. All this whilst benefiting from the very best pastoral care including bespoke wellbeing lessons. Music, Art and Drama feature heavily and Solefield holds national titles in a number of sports.

Their most recent inspection report stated that "Pupils develop skills for lifelong learning."

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