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The Independent Association of Prep Schools (IAPS) is the membership association for head teachers of leading prep schools throughout the world.

IAPS exists to support head teachers as they strive to deliver excellent standards of education and care. Our aims are to advise and support our members; promote and defend the sector and to inspire and define excellence.

Your child's head teacher is a member of IAPS, which means the school has been awarded a prestigious kitemark of quality. All IAPS schools have to meet strict standards before they can be accredited into membership and must continue to pass regular inspections. You can be assured that the school

is among the most prestigious prep schools in the world, with links to an international association that allows its members to share best practice, take advantage of continuing professional development courses and benefit from excellent links with senior independent schools.



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The benefits for you and your child

Although IAPS is a head teachers' association, both you and your child will directly benefit from the school's membership in a variety of ways.

By being granted the IAPS kitemark of quality, your child's school has made a commitment to maintaining excellent standards. This includes guaranteeing ongoing training for both the head teacher and school staff; keeping up-to-date with new legislation and policy guidance; sharing best practice with other schools both in the UK and worldwide; and above all promising to deliver superior standards of education and care.

The very best teaching, management and administration staff are attracted to our schools because of their quality. This means your child will benefit from excellent teaching delivered within a well-run school.

To keep you up-to-date, the Association publishes a free termly magazine for parents and staff at its schools. Attain

magazine is designed to inform readers of the latest issues in the prep school sector. It includes topical news and features, details



and results of IAPS sporting events and high profile interviews with leading figures in the education sector. Attain is available free from your child's school. For more information, visit the website at www.attainmagazine.co.uk

The IAPS website has also been recently relaunched and now has a dedicated section for parents, where you can access tailored information and resources. Visit www.iaps.org.uk to find out more.

When it comes to choosing the best senior school for your child, our schools have a wealth of experience. Your school's head teacher and staff will be able to advise you on the best options for your child's continuing education.



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Quality

- All IAPS schools must meet strict membership criteria.
- To be accredited into membership, the school must be inspected by an approved government inspectorate.
- IAPS monitors all aspects of the school, including quality of teaching and learning, management, governance, buildings and facilities.
- Inspections continue on a regular basis to ensure standards are maintained.

Continuous improvement

- Staff at IAPS schools are given access to an extensive array of continued professional development courses. More than 2,500 school staff pass through the IAPS course programme each year.
- IAPS offers a range of advisory and support services to members, including helplines and approved consultants on issues such as appraisals, inspection, curriculum and assessment.

A united voice

- Together, IAPS schools represent a £1billion plus enterprise. Our schools educate more than 180,000 children and employ more than 18,000 staff.
- As the voice of prep school education, IAPS actively defends and promotes the interests of its members by lobbying the government and promoting prep school issues on a national and international stage. We work directly with ministers and national policy advisers to make sure the needs of the prep school sector are met.