



The
Princethorpe
Foundation

Princethorpe College

Crescent School

Crackley Hall School

Little Crackers Nursery





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A shared ethos

The Princethorpe Foundation welcomes children of all denominations and provides co-educational, independent day schooling with a strong Christian ethos. We support and nurture children from age two to eighteen years through Little Crackers Nursery, Crackley Hall School, Crescent School and Princethorpe College.

The aim of the Foundation is to create a caring environment where pupils can develop to become well-educated, articulate young people, ready to take their place in society with a true sense of values and purpose.

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The nursery staff are so friendly and always take time to communicate with me about my daughter's progress and development.

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DORMICE PARENT

A journey into learning

At Little Crackers we believe that it's never too early to start on an exciting journey into learning. Backing onto beautiful woodland our light and natural nursery rooms, at the heart of Crackley Hall, give children a blank canvas to experiment, create, explore and learn.

Our mixed age groups make for a more family orientated childhood setting, with older children acting as role models for the younger ones.

Catering for children from two-years old to pre-school, the nursery day runs from 7.45am to 6.00pm, with flexible sessions available 51 weeks a year.



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When it comes to moving up to Reception, our pre-school children take it in their stride.

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SUSAN GLEN-ROOTS, ASSISTANT HEAD
(HEAD OF EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1)



New experiences

Supported by adults who care for and know them well, our children are encouraged to be curious as they encounter a host of new experiences.

Learning spaces change to reflect their interests and needs and access to our outdoor areas means they are able to work and explore on a larger scale using elements of the natural world.

Children also benefit educationally from the presence of two qualified Early Years Teachers and activities with specialist teachers such as Forest School, PE, French, Making Music and Music and Movement lessons.

If you would like to experience what Little Crackers has to offer, come along to Stay 'n' Play, our weekly toddler group session for 0-4 year olds and their families on a Wednesday morning during term-time.





Crackley Hall School



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The staff are all highly committed to developing and getting the best out of the pupils and really care for them. The ethos is definitely a strength of the school.

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JUNIOR 4 PARENT



‘the next best place to home...’

Crackley Hall has been described as the ‘next best place to home’ by its pupils.

Central to the school is its Catholic ethos, high standards of care and a compelling feeling of community, as both staff and parents work together for the good of all the children.

In this warm, dynamic and engaging environment, we see children’s self esteem and confidence grow as they discover at an early age where their talents lie.





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Our pupils are genuinely happy and I firmly believe that a happy child will be a successful child.

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ROB DUIGAN, HEADMASTER





Learning matters

A broad and balanced curriculum is taught. Small class sizes allow for more personal attention from the teacher and a better learning experience.

Initially, there is a great emphasis on the importance of developing key skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, numeracy and science. The school has a very well-developed programme for extending and challenging more able children, whilst also catering for those children who need some additional learning support.

The curriculum is based on national guidelines but goes well beyond. It is supported by a wide range of extra-curricular activities, including Forest School, outings and residential courses. As a result children do exceptionally well in their entrance examinations into local independent senior schools, with the majority moving onto Princethorpe.



Outside the classroom

At Crackley we believe that sport contributes to the overall education of our pupils by helping them to lead full and varied lives, developing their skills and understanding the importance of team work. Children are encouraged to enjoy sport and achieve to the best of their ability.

Specialist performing arts teachers inspire children to discover and explore new talents through weekly drama and music lessons. We have a thriving choral group and orchestra and pupils can take up a wide range of musical instruments with our visiting music teachers. Skills are showcased through a range of performance opportunities from community events and assemblies to school productions and concerts.



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The sense of teamwork amongst the children, both on the sports field and when performing, is just incredible.

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JUNIOR 6 PARENT





A strong foundation in learning

Learning for the youngest children at the Crescent is rich and varied. There's a traditional focus on reading, writing and numeracy, with children benefiting from specialist music, languages and sport lessons from the very start.

Structure and individual attention, including reading on a daily basis to an adult, means pupils make fast progress. Role play and creative opportunities abound and they also have great fun in our pirate-themed outdoor play area.

Many children join us from our outstanding on-site nursery and make frequent visits into school in preparation for moving into Reception.

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Our lessons are designed to have a positive lifelong effect on the children's learning.

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ALAN WEBB, ASSISTANT HEAD
(HEAD OF PRE-PREP)





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All the teachers are amazing. They look after children's individual needs so well and my son is very happy.

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YEAR 3 PARENT



Our promise to you

A special sense of purpose permeates throughout the school and is combined with a genuinely caring and nurturing atmosphere. Our community's shared values and beliefs foster and develop qualities that result in our children becoming not only good friends and good learners, but good citizens too.

Children are encouraged to learn about themselves, the world around them, and their place in it and to think of others. Traditional family values are at the heart of everything we do, and as a result our children are well-mannered, kind and considerate.





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Our aim is that Crescent children leave us confident, well equipped and prepared for the challenges of senior school.

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JOE THACKWAY, HEADMASTER





Little school, big ambitions

Our dedicated staff pride themselves on really knowing our pupils well and bringing out the very best in all of them. This philosophy applies in the classroom, on the sports field and in many extra-curricular pursuits, including music and drama. This breeds positivity and pupils achieve great things over the course of their Crescent school career.

We specialise in preparing children for their first choice of senior school. Many continue on to Princethorpe and we also enjoy a high degree of success in pupils gaining local grammar school places.



Princethorpe College

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We want our pupils to work hard, have the confidence to be themselves, enjoy school and have a sense of fun.

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ED HESTER, HEADMASTER





A spirit of family

The College is renowned for the way in which it looks after its pupils and is characterised by its Catholic ethos and the sense of community, which underpins everything we do.

The school has a unique history, beautiful surroundings and unequalled character. The atmosphere is warm, open and friendly, but the traditional values of courtesy, self-discipline, kindness, organisation and mutual respect are expected from all.

A love of learning

Academic success and the pursuit of excellence are key features of a Princethorpe education. Our aim is to ensure we develop all our pupils so they become resilient and have the independent learning skills they will need for life after Princethorpe, be it university or work.

A broad range of subjects and a stimulating and well-resourced curriculum is on offer, aimed at fostering a love of learning.

Our brightest pupils benefit from the wide-ranging and challenging *da Vinci* programme, which was developed at the College.





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Princethorpe is a wonderful school with a special atmosphere and if a child is prepared to work and play hard they will gain a lot from their time there.

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YEAR 10 PARENT





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Our 'sport for all' approach ensures all pupils enjoy a wide range of sporting experiences.

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LEE CASSELL, FOUNDATION DIRECTOR OF SPORT



Good sports

Sport features prominently at Princethorpe. Every pupil participates in Games and PE from Year 7 to Upper Sixth to keep them fit and give them a sense of well-being.

All the major traditional sports are offered at the College, but it's also possible to try archery, trampolining, dance, sailing, golf, climbing and basketball and to get involved in equestrian competitions.

There is an extensive programme of inter-school fixtures and the College has a proud tradition of pupils gaining county, regional and international representative honours, not least former England cricketer, Ian Bell MBE, who is an Old Princethorpean.

There is a well-equipped Sports Hall, a Fitness Centre and climbing wall. Extensive outdoor facilities include a floodlit Astro Turf, an internationally recognised cross-country course, tennis courts and over sixty acres of games pitches and fields.





A wealth of experiences

At Princethorpe we pride ourselves on the range of co-curricular activities that we can offer to every pupil. Whether it's creative writing, robotics or archery, photography, textiles or chess we cater for a wide variety of interests, which enrich and add breadth to the academic curriculum.

It's important to us that our pupils play a full part in the broader aspects of school life, whether in sport, drama, music, charitable fund-raising, community service, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or the many other activities which are on offer.

There is an enormous enthusiasm and creative energy poured into the arts by staff and pupils, from art and photographic exhibitions to whole school theatrical productions. Additionally the orchestra, jazz band and choir perform and tour regularly overseas.



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The kindness and encouragement of the teachers towards the pupils is amazing.

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YEAR 8 PUPIL



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Princethorpe is more than a school, so much more! I am so grateful for all that they have done for me.

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UPPER SIXTH LEAVER



Sixth Form life

The Sixth Form at Princethorpe offers a wide choice of subjects, quality teaching in small classes, and a vast array of sporting, co-curricular, leadership and service opportunities.

Our staff give outstanding individual support to all students and this is an essential feature of Sixth Form life.

Sixth Formers also benefit from a dedicated library and resource centre, their own dining room, study rooms and common room.



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Princethorpe is the perfect stepping stone for university, college and life beyond full-time education.

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BEN COLLIE, HEAD OF SIXTH FORM





Equipped for the future

Our Sixth Form enrichment programme, combined with the unique *Princethorpe Diploma*, provides an excellent all-round education for our students as they prepare for the future.

This is coupled with comprehensive careers guidance tailored to the needs of today's young adults.

By the time they leave us our Sixth Formers have become mature, confident, well-rounded young people, with a strong set of moral values to guide them through life.



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Princethorpe College

11 to 18 years

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Crescent School

4 to 11 years

www.crescentschool.co.uk | 01788 521595



Crackley Hall School

4 to 11 years

www.crackleyhall.co.uk | 01926 514444



Little Crackers Nursery

2 to 4 years

www.littlecrackers.co.uk | 01926 514444

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