STRETCHING HEARTS AS WELL AS MINDS
WE WELCOME YOU MOST WARMLY TO LORETO PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At Loreto Prep, you can expect to find outstanding academic provision and pastoral care for your daughter. We believe in educating the ‘whole child’ so every aspect of your daughter’s learning journey will be nurtured.

Loreto Prep is a joyful place where your daughter will develop a lifelong love for learning and where the unique value of each pupil is recognised and celebrated.

Our school has a distinctive ethos and family feel, ensuring that from her first moments with us until she leaves, your daughter will experience an enriching and empowering education.

- Excellent standards of teaching and learning in a supportive atmosphere
- An education centred in God
- High standards of academic and personal achievement
- Fostering a life-long love for learning
- Outstanding history of successful preparation for entrance exams for the top secondary schools in the country
- Nurturing every aspect of our pupils’ development so that they can become their best selves and make a positive impact on our world
Loreto Prep is a Catholic independent primary school for girls aged 3 to 11 years, under the trusteeship of the Loreto Sisters. The Loreto Sisters are a worldwide network, with schools in most continents.

The foundress of Loreto was Mary Ward, a woman of great vision who, in the late 16th century, believed in education for girls. Her teaching was based on the Gospel values and was inspired by the life of St Ignatius Of Loyola. She upheld the principles of Excellence, Joy, Truth, Justice, Sincerity, Freedom and Internationality which we recognise in our Mission Statement and aspire to in our school life.
FUTURE POTENTIAL

We are proud of our heritage and are forward thinking in our approach, providing the best education and experiences for our pupils. Our aim is to deliver a broad and exciting curriculum to enable your daughter to reach her full potential.

Our curriculum gives pupils a thorough understanding in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical, aesthetic and creative education.

Core academic subjects, including literacy and numeracy, are robustly taught to ensure that pupils’ learning is comprehensive. A specialist French teacher teaches French to all year groups.

We develop pupils’ unique passions and gifts in a large range of after school activities and clubs designed to progress their learning beyond the classroom. Children are able to challenge themselves and aspire to excel in their chosen hobby. Clubs on offer range from Chess to Streetdance, from Spanish to Art.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Enquiry and exploration are encouraged and pupils are supported in seeking the answers to challenges. We focus on setting the highest standards of academic and personal achievement.

Academic excellence is greatly valued and it is the result of high expectation, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skilful execution. Our small class sizes allow pupils to excel and our academic success is clear to see. Since 2013, over 80% of our pupils have accepted places at grammar schools.

An individually tailored approach, teamed with excellent teaching and support, ensure that all the pupils are encouraged, extended and inspired to reach their full potential. High expectations in behaviour, conduct and effort characterise a Loreto Prep classroom. While there is an emphasis on academic excellence, achievement is celebrated at all levels of ability and in all areas.

Our most recent ISI inspection said that “the quality of pupils’ academic and other achievements is excellent” as well as, “the quality of the pupils’ personal development is excellent.”
TAILORED INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

Learning at Loreto Prep is a joyful experience where pupils flourish in an environment in which their unique value is recognised and celebrated. In this supportive atmosphere, pupils develop a lifelong love of learning.

We develop our curriculum in the best interests of our pupils. Unique talents and skills are recognised and fostered, which allows all passions and strengths to thrive. Subjects are taught by specialist teachers and experienced staff, who deliver targeted support and extension for individual pupils. A range of curricular and extracurricular activities and opportunities are available to ensure that all pupils have the chance to shine.
Religious Education based on the principles of the Gospel is central to our teaching and permeates all aspects of school life here at Loreto Prep, encompassing moral and spiritual development.

Mindful of our Ignatian heritage, we introduce pupils to a reflective way of thinking and living, encouraging them to find the truth in different situations. We guide and support them to search critically for answers to the great questions in life.
CARE AND COMPASSION

Loreto Prep has a family atmosphere where close bonds are made between year groups as the children go out of their way to support and encourage each other. All pupils are required to demonstrate good manners, compassion and care for each other.

Our buddy systems pair older and younger pupils, providing the younger pupils with aspirational role models and giving older pupils valuable leadership opportunities and responsibilities. The system develops self-motivation, communication and decision making skills to equip pupils with the resources and challenges for senior school and beyond.
SPORT AND FITNESS

In addition to promoting a healthy lifestyle, participating in sports allows our pupils to accept success and failure graciously. They learn to co-operate with others using their best qualities to contribute to the greater good of everyone.

Sport and fitness are essential to school life at Loreto Prep. Our pupils participate in a wide range of sporting activities from netball to judo and cross country to dance-drama and they represent the school at many levels, including nationally. We participate and achieve outstanding results in sporting competitions including athletics, netball and many others.

Our pupils are encouraged to develop individual sporting goals and aspirations and learn how to be effective team players. These skills are built upon in the classroom where pupils take on leadership roles and learn to be responsible and resilient.
MUSICAL BEGINNINGS

Our pupils are offered an extensive range of opportunities to develop and explore their musical ideas and can learn to read and play music. We offer tuition in a variety of orchestral instruments.

A team of experienced peripatetic and specialist Music teachers provide these sessions and every year our pupils achieve outstanding results in their music exams. The school orchestra, our talented choristers and other instrumental ensembles are offered many exciting opportunities to perform and showcase their talents.
CREATIVE ARTS

The Arts are essential to life at Loreto Prep as we recognise that they can shape and define who we are and how we understand ourselves. We view dance, drama, music and visual arts as vital to cultural engagement and personal development.

Artistic experience for our pupils fuels their imagination and creativity. Arts at Loreto Prep aim to create transferable skills and boost overall academic achievement, enhancing well-being and self-esteem. There are many opportunities and competitions for our pupils to showcase their talents.
HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY

Computing capability is an essential skill for life and enables our pupils to participate confidently in a rapidly changing world. It gives them immediate access to ideas and experiences from a wide range of people, communities and cultures.

ICT is taught by a specialist teacher in a state-of-the-art ICT suite allowing our pupils to explore the world safely and develop and extend their digital skills.
GLOBAL CITIZENS

We encourage our pupils to be responsible global citizens and to strive to make a positive change in the world. We support them to use their gifts and talents with courage to make a difference both locally and globally.

During the year, we support and raise funds for many charitable organisations so that pupils can see the impact of their efforts and understand that they can make a difference. Our older pupils attend an annual Loreto Leadership Conference, where they report on student leadership in Loreto Prep.
BEYOND LORETO

Age appropriate preparations for entrance exams are ongoing throughout a pupil’s time at Loreto Prep. High expectations are set for all pupils, with dedicated teachers carefully planning the curriculum to allow excellent progress to be made each year.

Weekly sessions in VR and NVR start in Prep 2 (Year 1) and culminate in Prep 7 (Year 6) where a rigorous programme is employed in VR, NVR, Maths and English to ensure that pupils are fully prepared for any entrance exam they choose to sit.

Prep 6 pupils are offered After School Study Sessions each week to help them hone their technique and improve their accuracy and confidence in exam situations. Small class sizes and individual programmes of support and extension throughout the school mean that Loreto Prep pupils have the best possible preparation for both selective examinations and life beyond our school.
DESKTOPIONS

The majority of our pupils leaving in Prep 7 attend Loreto Grammar School. Other secondary schools our pupils attend include Altrincham Grammar School for Girls, Sale Grammar School, St Bede’s College, Alderley Edge School for Girls, Cransley School, Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College, St Nicholas Catholic High School and North Cestrian School.