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Solefield School



Announcing the Sevenoaks Family of Schools

We are delighted to announce that Sevenoaks School and Solefield School are coming together to form the Sevenoaks Family of Schools.

Our exciting new partnership will enrich opportunities for pupils in our community and ensure confidence and choice in independent education for local families. Together we offer a world-class independent education in the Sevenoaks area for children from age 3 through to 18.

Sevenoaks School and Solefield School are neighbours, and our close links and long-standing relationship make this a natural partnership. Our shared values, outstanding pastoral care and commitment to academic excellence will ensure ongoing educational innovation and enable the future development of our schools alongside each other.

Like Sevenoaks School, Solefield joins the new Sevenoaks Family of Schools from a position of financial strength with record pupil numbers and a healthy waiting list. It will continue to operate independently, led by its existing leadership team, and will retain its individual identity and character to the benefit of our whole community.

Signed by:

Jesse Elzinga Headmaster of Sevenoaks School
Helen McClure Headmistress of Solefield School





Our vision

The Sevenoaks Family of Schools aims to create an environment where every child can flourish, both academically and personally. We will continue to 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 both 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 two 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.”



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 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 Solefield School 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 Solefield School will apply and be assessed in the usual way.

For further details about the admissions process please visit:
www.sevenoaksschool.org/admissions/welcome
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/overview
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 leading IB schools, having taught the International Baccalaureate Diploma since 1978.

Sevenoaks is one of the leading UK independent schools and among the world's top ten IB 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

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-ed 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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