

St Catherine's shortlisted for the Independent Prep School of the Year Award



St Catherine's, outside Guildford, has been shortlisted for the Independent Prep School of the Year Award 2023. The Chair of the Independent Schools of the Year noted the excellence in student experience evidenced by shortlisted schools. Naomi Bartholomew, Headmistress, noted "I am so pleased that we have been recognised for our approach to teaching science."

Our philosophy is that scientific learning should be hands-on and occur throughout the curriculum. We support our specialist Science staff to keep learning and ensure our girls have strong role-models. In doing so we encourage girls' career aspirations in scientific fields. Our Prep School alumnae include girls currently studying Medicine at King's, Natural Sciences at Durham and Computer Science at Southampton. Alumnae in Science include Natasha, an immunology research scientist at UCB, Alisa, a Metallurgy Lab Manager and Daisy heading to Lancaster to study Zoology. We also enjoy working with local schools to share in scientific discovery with events such as our 'Super Science Camps'.

Awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) Gold Award (Outreach) in 2022, we have already been recognised for our commitment to girls' education in Science and my team and I are very excited to be shortlisted and would be thrilled to have the honour of being named Independent Prep School of the Year 2023. As parent Dr Lowe said "I love to hear her teacher say .. 'Sorry we are late out, we got carried

away in our Science Experiments!’” it is wonderful that St Cat’s reputation for science teaching and young scientists has been recognised in the Independent Prep School of the Year Award 2023 shortlist.