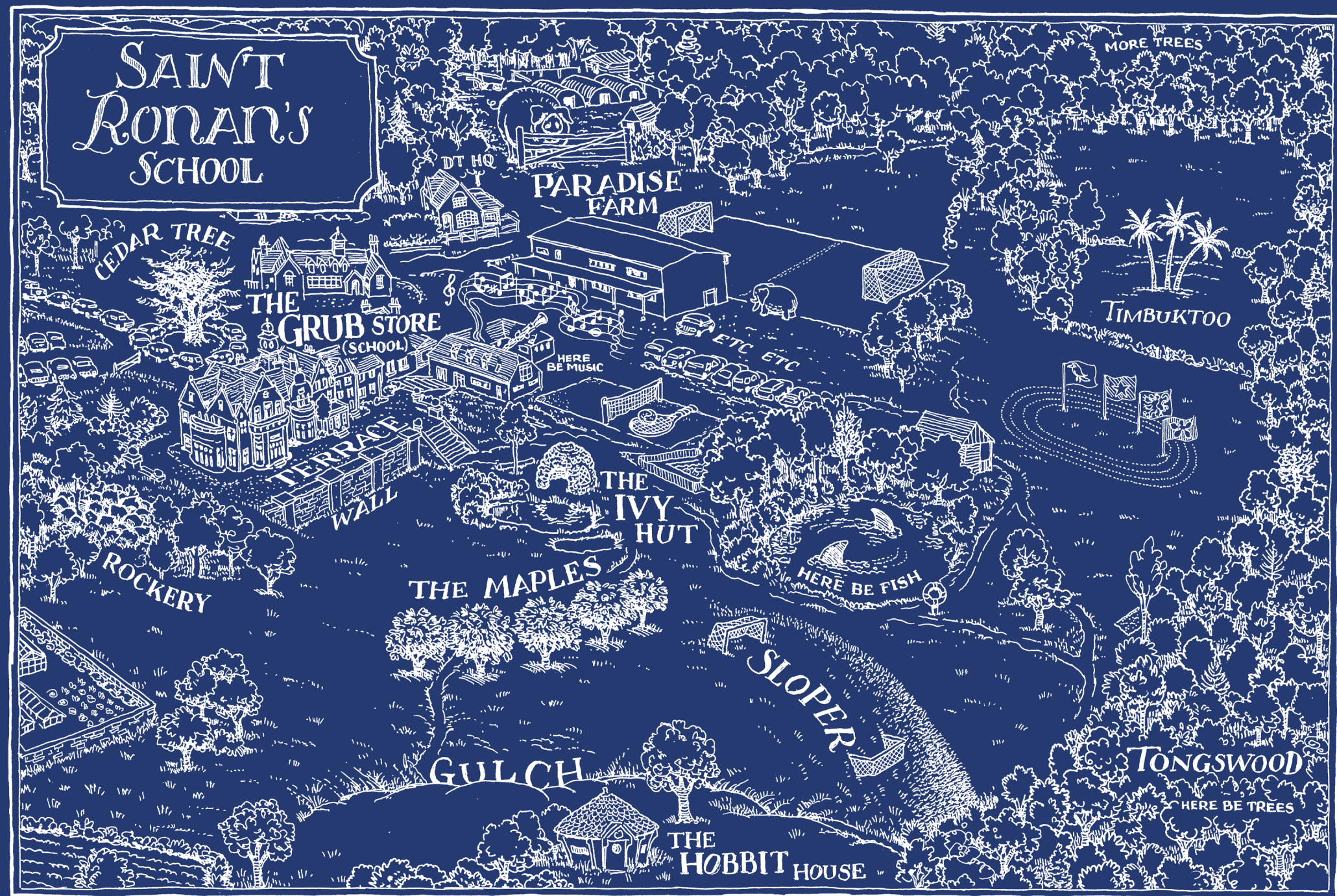


SAINT RONAN'S SCHOOL

Supplementary Information



Headmaster

William Trelawny-Vernon (Mr TV to all) was appointed Headmaster of Saint Ronan's in January 2003 and frequently tells us that he has the

“ best job in the world! ”

Educated at the Dragon, St Edward's
Oxford and Exeter University

The teaching “bug” soon took hold and in true family tradition (his Father was a Prep School Headmaster) he found that teaching was where his heart lay. William spent the next 12 years at Stowe School, Buckinghamshire, where he taught Biology.

William is married to Emma, who he met at University and they have four children, all of whom have been through a Saint Ronan's education

He eventually ran Chatham House, a boarding house for 13-18 year olds for 7 happy years.

A move to Prep Schools was always hoped for, and William now enters his 14th year at Saint Ronan's where the School has grown from 160 pupils to over 400. Numbers have increased, facilities have improved, but the same happy family ethos is as present today as it has always been. There is still magic in the air

The *History* of Saint Ronan's

Saint Ronan's was founded as an all boys boarding school in 1883 in Worthing by the Rev'd Crick. A small school, it prospered and quickly outgrew its small beginnings in Selden Terrace. It moved to Mill Road in Worthing and was eventually taken over by Headmaster Stanley Harris. Stanley was a keen sportsman and a fine scholar. He had, what was at the time, a revolutionary approach to teaching, preferring “to convince, rather than compel”. His ideas were laid out in his book “The Master and His Boys”. Sadly, Stanley's time at the helm was cut short by illness and he touchingly approached his brother WB or “Harry”, to take over running the School. Harry, a Housemaster at Lancing, honoured his brother's wishes to become the next Headmaster. It was Harry who took the boys down to Bicton in Devon during the war and then Harry who brought them back up to their new post war home in Hawkhurst.

Since Harry's death in 1957, there have only been four Headmasters. An enviable record and an indication of the fact that this is a very special place indeed.



Our Aims

To provide the children with an excellent all-round education and extra-curricular opportunities

To provide inspired teaching which promotes both learning and achievement

To encourage the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development

To provide highly effective pastoral support and guidance

To maintain a constructive relationship with parents and carers

To "mind the magic"

What really matters to us

We are gentle - we don't hurt others

We are kind and helpful - we don't hurt anybody's feelings

We listen - we don't interrupt

We are honest - we don't cover up the truth

We work hard- we don't waste our own time or others

We look after property - we don't waste or damage things

We treat each other as we would like to be treated

What makes us different?

So much about Saint Ronan's is in the place, that indescribable "something" you get as part of our special community.

That is why a visit is essential



We do things rather *differently* here!

The structure of the school

We are ONE school, albeit in 250 acres

Nursery

We take children in the term that they are rising three years old. They can join us for half or full days, for one day a week to every day a week. The Nursery is situated in the Stable Block and has its own self-contained garden.



Pre Prep

From Reception to Year 2, the Pre Prep is in the purpose built Harris Building. Each classroom has its own wet area and access to the outside. Developing the children's literacy and numeracy is, of course, the cornerstone and the children also benefit from a broad range of subjects, PE, Music, an integrated Forest School, regular visits to the Farm and the challenge of achieving twenty things in the Prep School (from fetching eggs to going on a mud slide)



Prep School

This is largely situated in Tongswood House. Academic excellence is important, and each child should be supported to do his or her best, and we work hard to achieve this. From Year 4, children have specialist teachers and as they rise through the school, setting becomes more common. We prepare children for Common Entrance and Scholarship papers and have an enviable record here. We have had 100% pass at CE and 100% pass to Cranbrook at 13+ for several years.

Communication is key and parents are encouraged to liaise with their child's tutor. We have interim grades measuring effort and achievement. We write full reports in the Autumn and Summer Terms and we also have at least one Parents' Evening a year, depending on the stage of the children. William likes to meet all parents in Year 5 to map out the route for the next step.

We track each child as they progress through the school through formal preps, classroom assessments, examinations and external testing.



Boarding

We offer boarding on Mondays to Thursday nights and cater for up to 48 children a night. There is no Saturday School and most children flexi board at some point in their school career. Tim Fox is the Head of Boarding, ably assisted by Night Matron M'Julie and , this year, by resident Gappy Bertie Pedrick from King's Canterbury.



Drama

The School is particularly well placed for Drama and we have had considerable success at Scholarship level. We opened a new Drama Studio, Bumblebee, in 2016. We have curriculum drama lessons up to Year 6 and a Musical is held every Spring Term, recent examples are "Mulan", "Aladdin" and "Into the Woods". In the summer we always have a Junior Shakespeare play and there are several opportunities during the year for performance.



Pastoral Care

Saint Ronan's has an excellent team and pastoral care is at the forefront of all we do. Alongside the "normal" pastoral routines, we also have the "over and above". Sitting alongside our Student Council, we have a tradition that the Prep School children vote for their preferred Head of School each term. We have pastoral year group assemblies. In 2016 we introduced a mindfulness programme called "Phew, it's Friday". We were the first Prep School in the area to adopt AS tracking, an external measurement system for emotional wellbeing, which informs our pastoral care. William has an "open door" policy for parents.



The Great Space

This is a wonderful room and is used for performances, parents' evenings, presentations and once a year for our famous Christmas Feast.



Music

Our music provision is exceptional. It is led by David Force, who moved here two years ago from Eastbourne College to join Lesley Anne Hill. We have a formidable Orchestra, Chapel Choir, Chamber Choir, Jazz and Brass Bands. We have musical ensembles galore including an excellent Flute Choir, Guitar group and Junior, Intermediate and Senior Strings.



Sport

We offer all the major sports and several minor ones. We have excellent standing for Rugby, Lacrosse, Hockey, Cricket, Netball and Rounders. We have a swimming squad and have representatives who play at Junior National Level for Fencing, county level for Running and we have held the IAPS cup for Sailing.



Art and Design

We put heart and soul into our Art and Design provision. We are currently building a Fokker Aircraft with the children, alongside the other exciting projects, such as clocks, pens and croquet mallets. The children do all types of Art from Ceramics through to embellishing and Tapestry. Our fine Art is exceptional and scholarships plentiful.





Classrooms

We don't have bells between lessons and we don't have numbers for classrooms. We have character and connection. All the classrooms in the Prep School have different names, shapes and sizes.

We have names of gun emplacements in the Thames in WWII (the Ally Pally, The Crows Nest), to names that came from Bicton after the War (The Great Space), to names that transferred from Worthing (10 Downing Street, the Bear Garden and the Zoo). We have Tongswood names, such as the Still Room (where the jams were kept), to names that depict various themes- Piccadilly Circus (the busy IT office) and Bletchley Park and Colossus (IT suites)

Senior Schools and Scholarships

Our Leavers go on to a broad array of Senior Schools. In Years 7 and 8, CE and Scholarship work is challenging, but rewarding. At Saint Ronan's we want our children to become intellectually inquisitive, we want them to have developed excellent work habits, not to be afraid of exams and to approach any issue with an "I can" growth mindset.

Pastorally, the opportunities we give the children encourage a growing independence and a willingness to take responsibility. The academic rigour helps the children "hit the ground" running at their Senior Schools and we regularly hear what an asset Saint Ronan's children are to their Senior Schools and, ultimately, to themselves and us.



Extras and clubs

We run a full clubs programme in the Pre Prep- including Bushcraft and Fun Clubs. This then becomes the extras programme in the Prep School. Extras are held in the School day and range from Cake making, Bushcraft, Gardening, Mountain Biking, Judo, Sports Medley, LAMDA and Relaxing Art. These change every term, depending on demand.

Admissions

To obtain a place on the waiting list, parents should complete a Registration Form. Mr TV likes to show all prospective parents around the School himself. Securing a place is done a year before entry with a Taster Day. If the "fit" is right with the School and the child and parent, then an Acceptance Form is completed and £500 deposit paid. The School may ask for clarification on any issues which may arise, including any special educational needs, prior to the place being secured. Emma TV is the Registrar and can be contacted on emmatv@saintronans.co.uk

Forest School and the Hobbit House

We have 100 acres of Woodland and are home to a well established Forest School. From the very tiny Nursery children to the biggest children in the School, our woodland is a magical place. The newest addition is our Hobbit House, which houses 24 children and has a woodburner for snuggling up in the warm and cooking delicious food.



Scholarships and Bursaries

Depending on places being available, we run the Stanley Harris Scholarship programme in the early spring. Awards in Music, Drama, Sport or Academic are offered and these equate to 10% off the day fees and access to means tested Bursaries.



Farm

Paradise Farm is a much loved part of the School, both in the Prep School and the Pre Prep. We have long eared black pigs, multitudes of chickens in all shapes and sizes, ducks, sheep and peacocks!

Minibus Routes

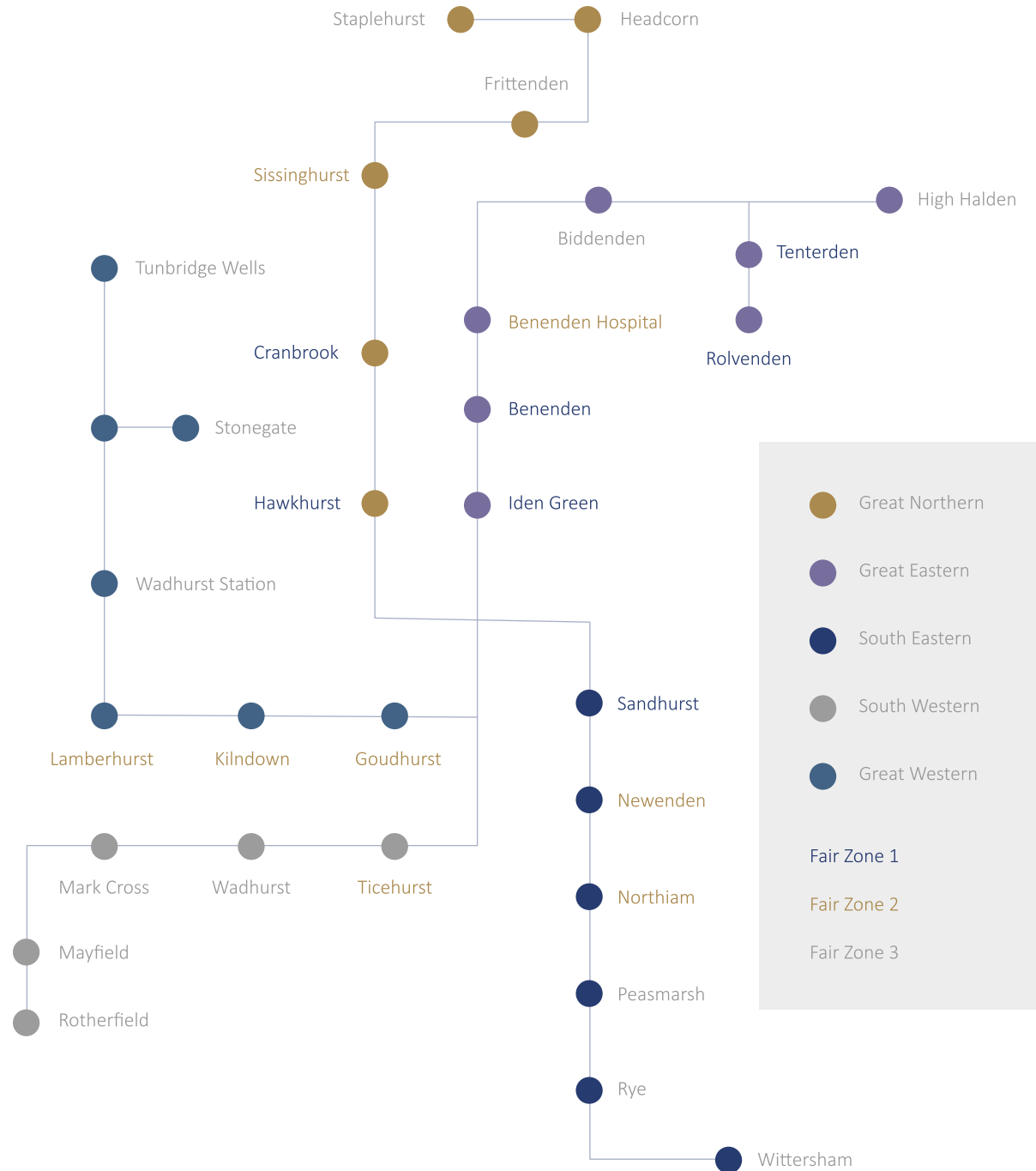
Trips into School are charged on a daily rate as follows:



The service:

- runs from Monday to Friday
- is pick up only
- is available to children from Reception upwards (please note there will only be a driver on the minibus).

The School reserves the right to adjust fares on a termly basis.



Useful links



Governors:
www.saintronans.co.uk/informations/governors



Nursery teachers:
www.saintronans.co.uk/nursery-teachers



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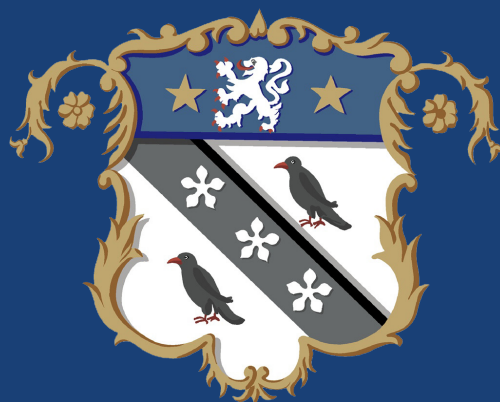


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