

# Sound prep schools

Sir, Further to your report ("Gentle goodbye' for prep schools as state primaries are flourishing", Jun 1), the idea that prep schools are in terminal decline is far from being the case. Prep schools are in fact thriving and are looking forward to the future with optimism. There are indeed threats and challenges (not least from ill-informed opinion from those who seem to want to cut off the hand that feeds them) but prep schools are adapting and innovating with new ideas for their curriculum (such as introducing engineering as part of their core curriculum), which makes them as relevant in the way that a curriculum based on Sats preparation can never be. The holistic education that children at our prep schools receive will continue to provide the life skills that they need.

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