



CF SCHOOL

Creating Foundations



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Our Leadership Team

OES report Nov 2023

“Leadership was excellent, characterised by a high degree of effectiveness among senior leaders who demonstrated professional competence, passion, and unwavering commitment to the school's values and vision.”



Nicola Sowerby
Founder /Director

Nic graduated from Lancaster University with a Bachelor's Degree in History and RE followed by a PGCE. Having worked in the UK for two years as a teacher, Nic moved to Grand Cayman in 2000 to join Cayman Prep & High School as a Humanities teacher.

During her career at Cayman Prep & High School, Nic became a vital member of the school's senior leadership team when she was appointed Head of Middle School.

After 16 successful and rewarding years at Cayman Prep & High School, Nic fulfilled a dream of creating her own school that provides rigorous academic standards, coupled with a priority on personal well-being, happiness and, most of all, a focus on kindness.



Stephanie Rasmussen
Head-Teacher

Steph graduated from Birmingham University with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Classics followed by a QTS. She worked in several private schools in the UK both in academic and pastoral leadership positions.

Steph's love of Classics has impacted our small island; all our children study Latin and we are the only school to do so on the island.

Steph firmly believes in ensuring all students, parents, and staff feel supported and cared for.

Steph has been at CF School since its inception as a home school, and alongside Nic is committed to offering a top-quality education coupled with exceptional standards of pastoral care.

Our Foundations

OES report Nov 2023 *“CF School fostered a family ethos where all members were valued and supported. Capable and dedicated leaders effectively led the school with shared values and vision”*



Clever Fish opened in 2016 as an After School Programme. Soon parents, whose children were not seeing success in larger, more formal schools, approached Clever Fish about homeschooling. We started as a small homeschool and in 2020 were licensed as a school offering full-time education to children in Years 7-11.

From our humble beginnings, we have established a solid reputation as a caring school that prioritises individual well-being and happiness. Children are measured from their individual starting points and are always reminded that kindness, happiness, and resilience are as important as their academic grades.

In Sept 2025 we will transition from Clever Fish to the new CF School in Buttonwood Park. The new school will accommodate approximately 45 children per year group, around 15 children per class. Our school's name 'CF School' echoes our original name of Clever Fish, adapting it to reflect our ethos in our new name '*Creating Foundations*' for children to thrive.

At CF School we **Create Foundations** for children to thrive

CF School provides a nurturing and supportive high school environment for children in Years 7- 11.

We take our lead from the English National Curriculum leading to the two-year Cambridge IGCSE syllabus in Years 10 and 11.

Personal well-being and happiness are valued by us, as much as academic success. We truly believe that happy, healthy children thrive.

We offer a modern school day where children can be dropped off at 7.45am and collected up to 5.30pm.



Our Students

OES report Nov 2023 *“Support and guidance were excellent. Robust systems were in place to ensure quality provision for all students, including those with additional learning needs.”*

**Work Hard
Be Kind**

We expect all members of our school community to **work hard** and be **kind** each day in everything they do.

Small class sizes of around 15 children allows each child to make exceptional progress.

We **welcome** children with additional learning needs who would thrive in our school.

Strong relationships rooted in **mutual respect and kindness** bring out the best in everyone.

When students leave us, they will be prepared **academically** and **emotionally** for their next educational step.



Our Curriculum

English based curriculum leading to Cambridge IGCSEs at the of Year 11.



At Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) all children study the following subjects, with each subject being taught by a subject specialist: **English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Latin, Spanish, Art, Drama, Music, and ICT.**

Three days a week children have a scheduled PE lesson ensuring time is dedicated to outdoor play and physical activity.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) children are prepared for **up to 10 Cambridge IGCSEs** (International General Certificate of Secondary Education)

Mandatory IGCSEs: English Language (1) English Literature (1) Maths (1) Co-ordinated Science: Chemistry, Biology, and Physics (2) and Latin/Spanish (1) = 6 IGCSEs

Option Choices: Spanish/Latin, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Travel & Tourism, Business Studies, ICT, and Marine Science (up to 4 option choices of IGCSEs).

"Academic achievement that comes at the expense of students' wellbeing is not a full accomplishment." OECD PISA in focus 50

Why Latin?

- ▶ Studies prove that children who study Latin perform higher in English and Modern Foreign Languages.
- ▶ Studying Latin is beneficial for any child looking to attend a UK boarding school.
- ▶ Latin is consistently a popular subject amongst children.
- ▶ A qualification in Latin can help with a route to better universities.

We have raised aspirations and offered pupils a route to better universities by levelling the playing field.

David Hogg, teacher of Latin,
Kelmscott School, Walthamstow



Percentage of pupils reporting that learning Latin has a positive impact on literacy and attainment in other subjects.

According to school surveys, of pupils studying Latin:



80% exceeded targets in Modern Foreign Languages



71% reported a better understanding of grammar



78% reported having a larger vocabulary

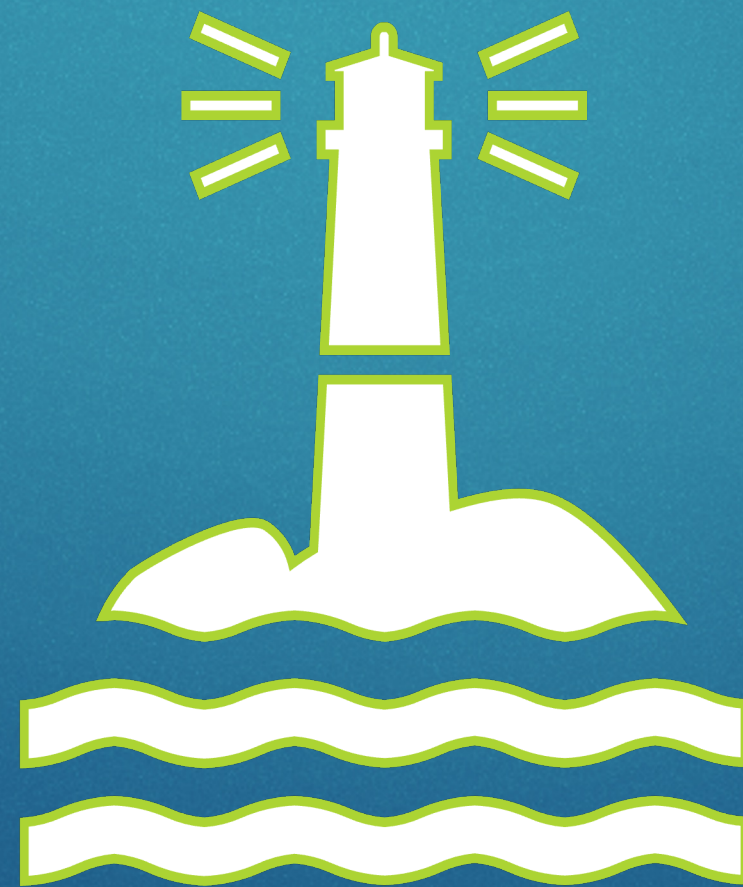
Source: Classics for all 'Impact Report 2022'

The Harbour

The Harbour will be the home of our library and wellness area.

It serves as our school library providing a quiet and nurturing place for children to read and study. It is a place always open to any child who requires a little more support. This may be academic support or emotional well-being.

- ▶ Hope
- ▶ Acceptance
- ▶ Reassurance
- ▶ Belonging
- ▶ Opportunity
- ▶ Understanding
- ▶ Resilience



OES report Nov 2023:

*“Through the effective coordination of support and dedicated teachers, barriers to learning had been successfully removed and this enabled students, including those who **may have been at risk of academic failure or social exclusion, to thrive and succeed.**”*

Our School Day

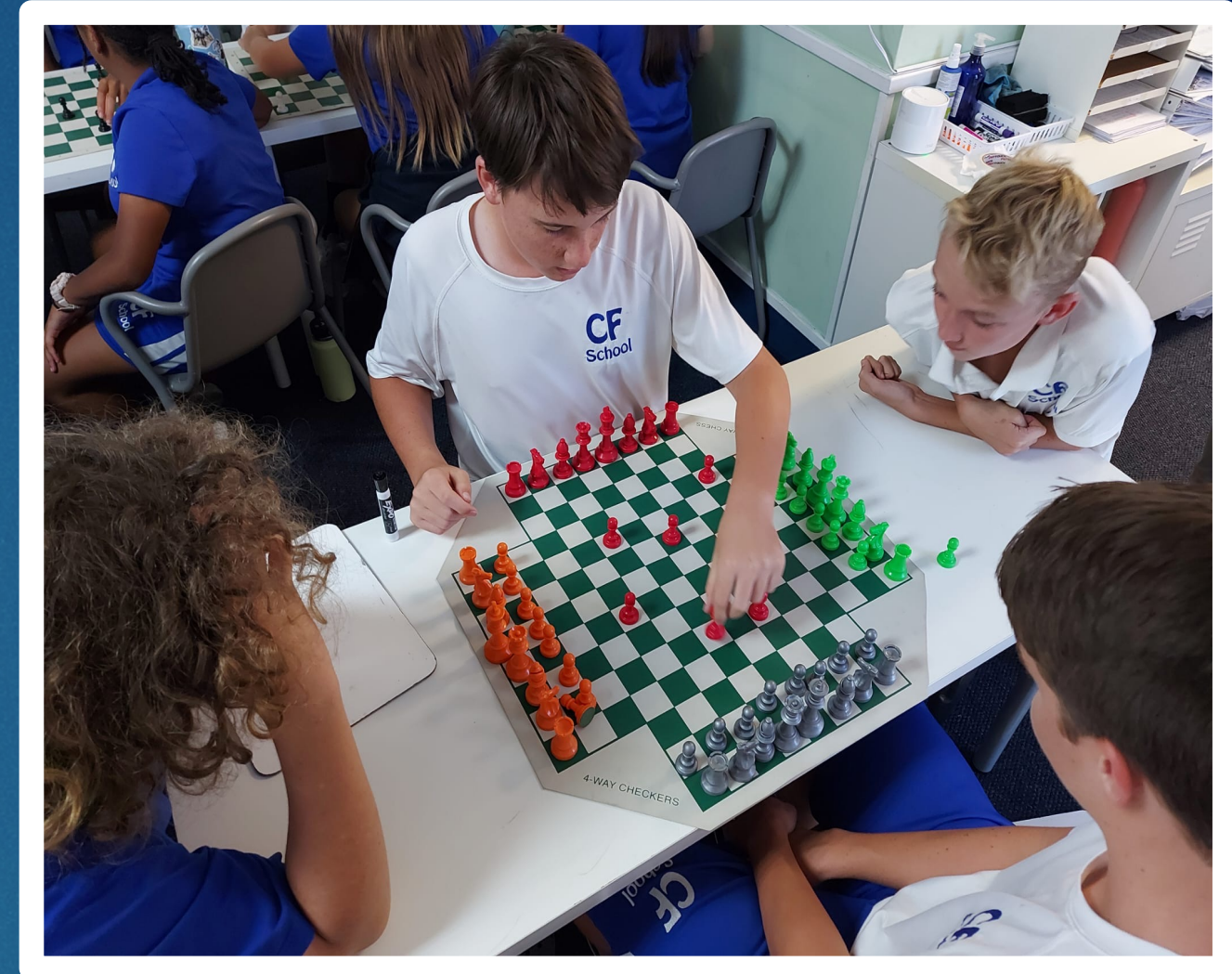
- ▶ Children can be dropped off at school from 7.45am and do not need to be collected until 5.30pm Monday – Thursday and by 4pm on a Friday.
- ▶ Our school fee includes both the formal school day and the After School Enrichment Programme.
- ▶ Within the After School Enrichment Programme, homework support is provided by teachers to ensure homework is not just completed but properly understood by each child.
- ▶ Subject clinics are offered as an integral part of our After School Enrichment Programme for children who need additional support in any subject area, either short or long-term.

7.45 - 8.00am	Drop off
8.00 – 8.15am	Morning registration
8.20 – 9.15am	Lesson 1
9.20 -10.15am	Lesson 2
10.15 – 10.35am	Morning Break
10.40 – 11.35am	Lesson 3
11.40 – 12.35pm	Lesson 4
12.35 – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 – 1.40pm	Afternoon registration
1.45 – 2.40pm	Lesson 5
2.45 – 3.40pm	Lesson 6
3.40 – 4.00pm	End of the formal school day Afternoon Break
4.00 – 5.00pm	After School Enrichment Programme: Sports, Clubs, Subject Clinics & Homework Help
5.00 - 5.30pm	Supervision until pick-up

After School Enrichment Programme

The CF School package is inclusive of our After School Enrichment Programme:
A daily choice of homework support, subject clinics, sports and clubs

<u>Example</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Help	General homework support supervised by teachers	General homework support supervised by teachers	General homework support supervised by teachers	General homework support supervised by teachers
Subject Clinics	Maths Clinic English Clinic Humanities Clinic Science Clinic	Maths Clinic English Clinic Humanities Clinic Science Clinic	Maths Clinic English Clinic Humanities Clinic Science Clinic	Maths Clinic English Clinic Humanities Clinic Science Clinic
Sports	Basketball	Yoga	Football	Fitness
Clubs	Robotics Ukulele	Art Model United Nations	Chess Duke of Edinburgh	Choir First Aid



Beyond Year 11

Having followed a rigorous curriculum taught by experienced and passionate subject specialists, children will be fully prepared to take their IGCSEs at the end of Year 11. Cambridge IGCSEs are considered the world's most popular qualification for 14-16-year-olds and are recognised by academic institutions and employers all over the world.

Broad Choices:



On Island:

A Levels, IB or
UCCI

CIS offers the
International
Baccalaureate
Diploma Programme

A Levels can be sat at
either St Ignatius or
Cayman Prep. Entry is
based on IGCSE
results

Off Island:

Boarding
schools: UK,
Canada & US

British boarding
schools offer A Levels
or IB. This is a good
transition for UK
universities

Canadian and US
boarding schools
often give credits for
results in IGCSEs

Our Uniform

Our relaxed and comfortable uniform is ordered from Lands' End

Children can choose from our uniform selection:

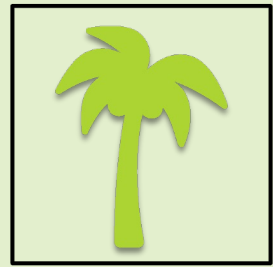
Tops: long or short-sleeved shirts, polo or crew neck, blue or white, cotton or dry fit.

Bottoms: Track pants, gym shorts, skorts or Bermuda shorts.

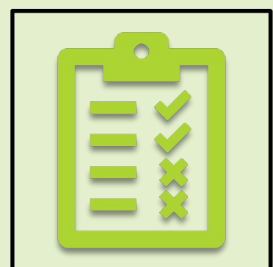
Footwear: Crocs, flip flops or trainers (trainers must be worn for PE).



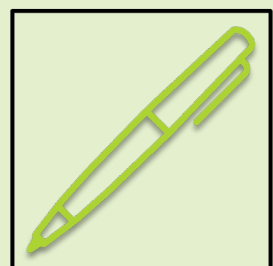
Our Feeder School



The new CF School will be located adjacent to Island Primary in Buttonwood Park, George Town.



We have partnered with Island Primary to become their feeder high school. Island Primary children will be offered priority placement in Year 7 of CF School subject to our admissions policy.



Any remaining places available will then be offered to children in other schools who are on our waitlist.



To apply to join the CF School Family

1

Complete an online application form on our website.

www.cfschoolcayman.com

2

Pay the KYD\$300 registration fee.
(non-refundable and non-transferable)

3

The child is invited to attend a 'Saturday Registration Morning' so that we can get to know the child whilst they complete some assessments.

4

If a place is offered, a KYD\$1000 place deposit is due upon acceptance. This fee will be deducted from your first school fees.

Our Fees for Sept 2025



Our tuition fees are set at \$19,740 per child per annum



Termly and monthly payment plans are also available



No plans to review our fee schedule until Sept '28

Our unique package

	CF School	Comparable schools
School Day	A full day from 8 am – 5:30 pm, is included in your fees. No need for extra tutoring and, homework support is included, as are all enrichment activities, clubs, and sports.	7.45am – 3.15pm
Average Class sizes	Approximately 15 children per class, 45 children per year group. Small class sizes to ensure all children can thrive.	Approximately 25 children per class.