

UK Boarding Schools

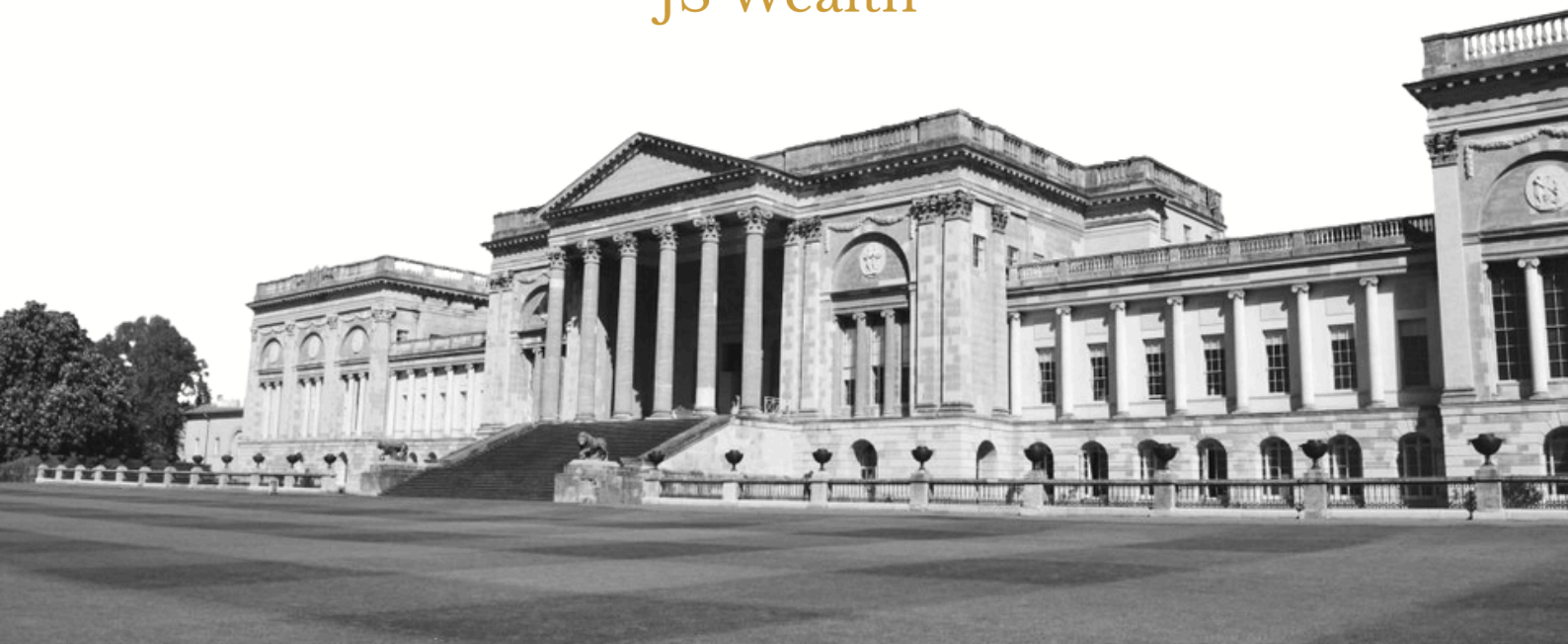


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best British institutions.

2024/25



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Wycombe Abbey School



2023 results

97.50% A/A*





Wycombe Abbey School

Wycombe Abbey fosters a culture of excellence underpinned by a strong, supportive, and richly diverse boarding community. Wycombe Abbey delivers an exceptional experience for girls, enabling them to reach their full potential through the cultivation of academic and personal skills, talents and character. Trust, encouragement and mutual respect, values emphasised by its founder, Dame Frances Dove, are at the heart of its ethos.

Wycombe Abbey enables girls to open their minds and to develop their personal passions. The learning environment is supportive, yet challenging, with a sense that pupils and their teachers are on an educational journey together.

Boarding is the key to its continued success. The School has a culture that stimulates and inspires throughout the day, seven days a week, empowering girls to achieve their best, academically and socially. In its happy and close community, each girl is known, and cherished, as an individual. Each and every girl carves out a unique learning path according to her interests and has the space to thrive within its magnificent grounds. Wycombe Abbey's approach to boarding is sympathetic to the needs of today's families. Girls have the opportunity to go home regularly and parents are actively involved in the numerous School events and activities.

For the academic year 2024/2025, fees are:

£16,975 Boarding per term

£12,900 Day per term

Registration Fee: £350

Acceptance Deposit: £2,500

For all entry points an Acceptance Deposit will be payable when parents accept the offer of a place. The Acceptance Deposit will be refunded when a pupil leaves the School, subject to settlement of her final fees and other charges

Additional Deposit: £14,475

For those pupils whose normal residence is outside the United Kingdom, or those who require a Child Student Visa, the Acceptance Deposit plus an Additional Deposit of £14,475 is required, making a total Deposit of £16,975.



Wycombe Abbey School

Admissions

Wycombe Abbey main entry points are at age 11, 13 and 16 and it offers bursaries and scholarships at each of these stages. Spaces may arise from time to time in other year groups, and it encourages you to contact the Admissions Team to discuss occasional places. It is looking for potential rather than prior attainment and welcome girls whatever their background and education. It wants bright, motivated, engaged girls with an enthusiasm for boarding – girls who will enjoy contributing to all areas of School life. We also offer a limited number of day places each year for candidates living within 15 miles of the School.

Open Mornings are an excellent chance to get a general feel for the School and are usually the first contact that prospective parents and pupils have with Wycombe Abbey. You are able to attend an Open Morning at any time but it particularly recommends these events for parents and daughters in Year 4 and above for 11+ entry, Year 6 for 13+ and Year 10 for 16+. Note that numbers for onsite Open Mornings are limited and those seeking entry in the next two years will be given priority. The next Open Morning will be held on 13 September 2025. Please complete the form below to join our interest list

Coffee Mornings are designed to be small gatherings where prospective parents and their daughters can chat informally over coffee with a range of staff, before having a tour of the site on a working day. Coffee Mornings are held each term, for approximately 30 families. Places are limited and often we are oversubscribed, therefore it encourages families to complete the [form](#).

Registered families for the coming year are welcome to organise a private visit to Wycombe Abbey, which are typically held on Friday afternoons during term time. These visits include time with both the Headmistress and Director of Admissions, as well as a tour of the school. Contact the Admissions Team to arrange these appointments.

Virtual Tour

To be considered for a place at Wycombe Abbey, you will need to register your daughter by completing the online registration form (see link below).

The registration deadline for 11+ and 13+ is 1 June in the calendar year prior to entry.

Registrations for 2025 entry are now closed.

Applicants are required to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £350.

For 16+ entry the registration deadline is 1 June in the calendar year prior to entry. No registration fee is required at this stage.

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Westminster School



2023 results

96.30% A/A*





Westminster School

Westminster is a highly academic school where individual and institutional excellence are expected and promoted in an atmosphere of open-minded enquiry without dogma, prejudice or unthinking conformity. Central to Westminster's approach is the open dialogue between teachers and their pupils, both inside and outside the classroom. This dialogue inspires passion for the subject, conveys knowledge and develops skills of informed, rational, independent thought which sustain a lifelong love of learning.

Westminster pupils are all individuals, but they tend to share a commitment to the pursuit of excellence, critical engagement and ethical action. These qualities equip them for admission to the top universities worldwide, and for success and fulfilment in whatever careers they choose to pursue as well-informed, well-rounded and kind, responsible adults.

The atmosphere at Westminster is happy, busy and purposeful. The pupils are intellectually, socially, morally and politically engaged. They enjoy opportunities to articulate their views, and to listen to other perspectives – in the classroom, society meetings, twice weekly services in Westminster Abbey, and in Latin Prayers. Everyone is welcome, and all may have a voice.

13+ Fees for 2024-2025

Pupil Type	Per Term	Per Year
13+ day pupils	£12,291	£36,873
13+ boarding pupils	£17,496	£52,488
13+ King's Scholars	£12,291	£36,873

Parents of those who are applying for a 13+ place at Westminster will be asked to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £300 using a credit or debit card. In addition, those whose daughters or sons are offered places will be asked to pay the following:

- An entrance fee of £2,000 is payable on acceptance of an unconditional place. Please note that this fee is not offset against the final term's fees. This fee is refundable only if the prep school considers the 13+ candidate to have failed to demonstrate the expected continued good conduct and academic progress and is consequently not admitted to the School. The entrance fee is not offset against the final term's fees. Parents of pupils who enter Westminster Under School at the 11+ stage do not have to pay the Entrance Fee. Candidates who apply for and are awarded a bursary of 100% do not have to pay the entrance fee.
- An acceptance deposit of £4,000 is also required to confirm the place, payable by 1 September when a child is in Year 8. This deposit will be returned to parents at the start of the term after the pupil has left the School. The deposit will only be refunded if the school fees account has been fully settled.



Westminster School

Each year Westminster School offers places to boys and girls at both 13+ and 16+ entry, while Westminster Under School admits pupils at the 4+, 7+, 8+ and 11+ entry points. Information regarding 4+, 7+, 8+ and 11+ entry can be found on the [Under School's website](#).

The first step in the 13+ entry process is for a parent to register their child when they are in Year 5 (the academic year of their tenth birthday) online; registration for the relevant year of entry will open on 1 October of Year 5 and will close on 30 September of Year 6.

To get a sense of what being a pupil at Westminster School is like, parents are encouraged to bring their child to visit the School when they are in Year 5. Every year there are three 13+ Open Days and there are also regular tours of the School each term in groups of no more than five families. For more information about Open Days and to arrange a 13+ visit, please [enquire online](#).

- While a candidate is in Year 6, Westminster School decides whether to offer them a place. To help the School make a decision, candidates first take a pre-interview test in Mathematics, English and Reasoning, at their prep schools during October or November. These tests are online and no special preparation is necessary. Raw scores are adjusted to take account of a child's date of birth so that younger candidates are not disadvantaged.
- Westminster School uses the Independent Schools Examinations Board (ISEB) Common Pre-Tests. For more information about these tests, please refer to the [ISEB website](#).
- In addition, the School attaches great importance to the report received from a candidate's present school. Report requests for all pupils sitting the pre-interview tests are sent to schools in November of Year 6.
- Boys and girls who attend primary schools that finish at the end of Year 6 should be registered for 11+ entry to [Westminster Under School](#). The system described above is for boys and girls who can remain at their prep schools until they are 13.

In mid-December of Year 6, the School contacts the parents of those candidates who have performed well in the ISEB Common Pre-Tests, to invite their son or daughter for an interview. The interview stage comprises further tests in Mathematics and English (40 minutes each) in early January, followed by a separate interview scheduled in January / February.

After the interviews and further tests, the School carefully considers all the information gathered before deciding whether to offer an unconditional place. An unconditional offer is made on the expectation of continued good conduct and academic progress at a child's existing prep school, including an unreserved reference of support from their school in March of Year 8. The School's intention at this point in the process is to ensure that Westminster is the right fit for a child, so that when they start at the School, in addition to their academic work they can take full advantage of all the extra-curricular activities that make school life richer and as rewarding as possible.

[Lower Boarding](#)

[Upper Boarding](#)



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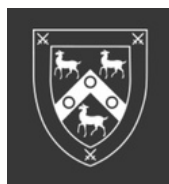
St. Paul's School



2023 results

96.19% A/A*





St. Paul's School

As the country's top academic school for boys, St Paul's School cares about exam results, but its real motivator is inspiring joy in learning and cultivating deep scholarship. The focus is on bringing together leading experts in raising young men and thinking deeply about what that entails: character development and rich opportunities for growth within and beyond the classroom. Its belief is that by building integrity and providing opportunities for service, encouraging its pupils to lead purposeful, socially responsible lives.

Fees 2024-2025

St Paul's Juniors – Lower First to Upper Third Years

£8,306 per term

St Paul's School – Fourth to Upper Eighth Form per term

£10,390 per term

Boarding Fee (including tuition fees)

£15,636 per term

The basic fee covers tuition, games, loan books, stationery, libraries, medical inspection, careers aptitude tests, certain school publications and lunch, which all boys are required to attend.

In the Senior School, charges are made for the purchase of some books (which become the personal property of the boy) and public examination fees.



St. Paul's School

St Pauls' School considers overseas candidates applying for day places at all entry points. Full boarding is often a popular choice for overseas students entering at 16+.

Its boarding house is predominately home to senior boys who join as full boarders at 16+ for their A Level studies, often from overseas. A small number of places may be available for Year 9 pupils.

Boarding is not available for pupils below Year 9.

For 13+ admissions, boys currently at school overseas may sit the ISEB online pre-test at their school if it is willing to administer the test. If the school is unable to administer it, then the test should be taken at the local British Council Office.

If, following the review of the pre-test result and school report, the candidate is selected to sit the written assessments, these can be taken at a British Council Office, or similar approved invigilation centre. Having reviewed the examination results the school will advise if the candidate will be called for interview. If so, this must take place in London at St Paul's School. The school will endeavour to interview overseas applicants between January and March so that, should they be offered a place on the Main List, parents can secure a place at a UK prep school for the two years before joining. This ensures that all boys joining in year 9 have reached the necessary standard across the same curriculum.

Overseas applicants for 16+ for whom English is not their first language will be required to provide an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Academic Profile as part of their application. The school would expect candidates to achieve a minimum standard of IELTS level 7.5. Depending on university choices, applicants may need to re-sit the IELTS as the test expires after 2 years. To arrange a test, you must first register online at www.ielts.org.

St Paul's School is currently a UK Visas and Immigration Child student sponsor and can offer sponsorship for pupils joining Year 9 and above into the Senior School.

From September 2024 the school will not provide sponsorship for new pupils joining St Paul's Juniors.

Parents must notify the school, when making a 13+ or 16+ application, if their son requires sponsorship from the school to obtain a Visa in order to study here. St Paul's School will make an administration charge of £500 for UKVI visa applications. The charge for this will be made on acceptance of a place. All applicants will be required to follow all aspects of the UKVI application process, see the website www.gov.uk/study-uk-child-student-visa for full details of eligibility and requirements for a successful visa application.



St. Paul's School



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Eton College



2023 results

93.73% A/A*





Eton College

Eton College is a charity for the advancement of education. At its heart sits an independent boys' boarding school which leads a dynamic range of educational activities and an expanding network of educational partnerships.

In order to achieve this Eton is committed to establishing a supportive and safe environment for its boys, its staff and the wider school community; this is the foundation of the trusting relationships formed between boys and adults, which is a particular feature of Eton life. The School has a competitive school culture in which boys are encouraged to pursue excellence in all its differing forms, to develop their strengths and to seek out new challenges. This often helps to drive personal and collective achievement, with the process being valued as much as the outcome.

The School is more devolved and less centralised than many institutions. This deliberately gives greater autonomy to adults and to boys, who accept that with that autonomy comes responsibility and accountability. Rigorous planning and attention to detail are central to the school's sustained success.

2024/25 School Fee

£17,583 per Half (term). There are three Halves (terms) in a year. The school fees for each academic year will be set by the Provost and Fellows in the preceding May and all current and prospective parents will be notified by the end of the Summer Half.



Eton College

Admissions

Everyone at Eton works hard to create an exciting, stimulating and caring environment, to enable each boy to reach his full potential. All our boys are also expected to make their own contribution to school life.

To achieve this the School has developed an admissions process which looks at a boy's current and potential academic ability as well as whether he will be happy in our boarding environment. Every year the School typically welcomes boys from about 120 different state and independent schools.

A boy may be registered up until 30 June of the school year he turns 10 (UK school Year 5). After this the only route of entry will be through scholarships or Sixth Form entry, which open in Year 8 (for Year 9 entry) and Year 11 (for Sixth Form entry).

Eton is committed to supporting boys with disabilities and also has a [Learning Support Centre](#) for boys with special educational needs and disabilities.

There are around 1,350 boys at the school. In academic year 2022/23, 20% of boys received financial support towards their fees (averaging a 69% award), with 105 boys paying no fees at all.

With the imposition of 20% VAT from January 2025, the spend on financial aid in 2024/25 will increase to well in excess of £10 million.

Boarding

Boys are thrown together in groups of 10 or 11 as 13-year-olds, and they grow up together over the next five intense and action-packed years. Friendships built up during this period will last for the whole of a person's life. There are typically 50 boys in a boarding House, 10 boys from each block (year group).

The Eton model of House Mastering allows those who oversee our Houses to develop a particularly close knowledge and understanding of their boys, whose general health and wellbeing depend largely on them and their House team. The School aims to inculcate and practise the highest standards of pastoral care and safeguarding in our Houses, to ensure that the boys can succeed in their academic and general development.



Eton College



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Tonbridge School



2023 results

93.56% A/A*





Tonbridge School

Tonbridge is one of the leading boys' boarding and day schools in the UK and is highly respected for providing a world-class education. It occupies an extensive site of 150 acres in Kent – just a 40-minute train journey from London Charing Cross. There are 800 boys in seven Boarding Houses and five Day Houses. One of the key strengths of Tonbridge is that it blends tradition and innovation successfully, with high achieving boys wearing their gifts lightly.

The School is renowned for its excellent teaching and for academic achievement. Each year exam results at GCSE and A-level are outstanding, with boys progressing to leading universities including Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group institutions: the large majority securing their first-choice destination. Tonbridge leavers have also recently gained places (and scholarships) at top US institutions including Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Dartmouth, Northeastern and UC Berkeley and, worldwide, at universities in Austria, Australia, Canada, China and Hong Kong.

In the Sunday Times 'Parent Power' Schools Guide 2024, Tonbridge is ranked as the sixth best independent senior school in the country. It is the highest placed boarding school nationally, and the top performing boys' school based on A-level results. In the Parent Power south-east rankings, Tonbridge is the number one boys' school and is in second place overall in the region.

Termly School Fees 2024/25

Boarding Fees £17,597

Day Boy Fees £13,202



Tonbridge School

Admissions

The main entry point to Tonbridge is in Year 9 when around 150 boys join the School, of which approximately 85 are Boarders and 65 are Day boys. Boys entering at this stage are usually aged 13 by the September of their year of entry. This age-limit is not inflexible, and slightly younger or older candidates may be considered at the Headmaster's discretion.

Most applications for Year 9 entry are made when boys are in between Year 5 and Year 6, but our arrangements are sufficiently flexible to consider those who apply later. Whilst most boys will join us from a UK preparatory school, we welcome applications from primary schools or from overseas candidates.

The Tonbridge Entrance Exams provide an opportunity for boys to demonstrate their academic potential. The majority of boys will sit the Entrance Exams in Year 6.

Visiting the School is an important step in deciding whether Tonbridge is the right fit for your son.

We run numerous Open Events and socials throughout the year, offering you the chance to experience Tonbridge, and enjoy our campus, and we hope to see you at one of them.

Every Open Morning provides parents with the opportunity to meet the Admissions Team and go on a pupil-led tour. The Headmaster, James Priory, and teaching staff will also be available to meet at most of our Open Events.

Virtual Tour

Accommodation in the Boarding Houses places focus on communality for the younger boys and nurtures their development into a cohesive and supportive group of friends. As they become more senior, they have an increased amount of privacy and personal space.

In Sixth Form, boys can become a Senior Student for one or two terms, allowing them to reside in a Senior Student House under the supervision of a resident member of staff. Senior Students remain a member of their House but has a greater degree of independence and longer periods of uninterrupted study.

Boys return to their Houses at mealtimes, except for the weekend when all boarders come together to dine in the Orchard Centre.



Tonbridge School



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Cheltenham Ladies' College



2023 results

88.29% A/A*





Cheltenham Ladies' College

The teaching and care of pupils from over 50 countries encourages us to think globally and cherish the value of diversity.

A holistic education today is a means to life in the 21st Century. It develops agility to meet the accelerating pace of change, resilience to take risks and live with less fear, bravery and courage to face the future.

At Cheltenham Ladies' College, the mission is to support and guide our pupils in becoming self-determining, fulfilled and resilient women who value, serve and enrich their communities.

The School is an independent school for girls aged 11 to 18, based in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The School offers both boarding and day places for pupils.

2024/25 Fees

Lower College, Upper College and pupils who transitioned from Upper College to Sixth Form in September 2024:

£18,450 Boarding per term

£11,940 Day per term

Sixth Form pupils new to CLC who have not transitioned from Upper College in September 2024:

£20,490 Boarding per term

£13,530 Day per term



Cheltenham Ladies' College

Cheltenham Ladies' College know that its excellent examination results at GCSE, A Level and IB might suggest that it accepts only highly academic students; in fact, it is looking for those who have potential and a positive attitude to learning. The diversity of interests, outlook and ambition, is what defines and enriches its dynamic community.

All those who join College must take entrance exams and assessments. These take place at various times depending on the year group of entry.

11+

Each September approximately 75 pupils - 50 boarders and 25 day girls - join CLC in LC1 (Year 7 / 11+) from junior schools across Gloucestershire, the UK and from around the world.

13+

Each September approximately 50 pupils join CLC in LC3 (Year 9 / 13+) from junior schools across Gloucestershire, the UK and from around the world. They join one of nine junior Houses (six boarding and three day) and are taught in mixed ability groups in most subjects, with experienced tutoring staff to help them settle in to College, and who remain with them through their GCSE exams.

16+

Each year CLC welcome 45 new boarders and day girls into the Sixth Form, and the overall year group grows to approximately 160 at this point. Settling into the Sixth Form, as a new entrant, is made easier by the fact that all girls move to different houses after GCSE and so it is a new start for everyone.

Virtual Tour

An in-person visit will help you to get a sense of College and to imagine your daughter as part of our community. A small number of Open Days per year are open to all and are listed on the website, other events are year group / admission year specific, and details are emailed to registered families.

Pre-booking is required for all admissions visits and events.

For many of the new boarders, joining Cheltenham Ladies' College will be the first time they have left home for any considerable period. Whether coming from the UK or overseas, the house system is structured to allow new boarders to settle in quickly, with older girls supporting and nurturing younger pupils in "House families".

The House is a sanctuary where girls eat, sleep, play, relax and study. There is a strong sense of camaraderie and family, with girls developing a fierce house spirit which manifests itself noisily during inter-house competitions of all kinds.

See more information about Junior Boarding and Senior Boarding.



Cheltenham Ladies' College



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