

# Education & Learning

## Pupils thrive at Merchant Taylors'

**MERCHANT TAYLORS'** enjoys a campus of 280 acres of parkland, with easy access from the Metropolitan Line, M1 and M25. It also runs coaches over a huge area from St John's Wood and Hampstead to Beaconsfield and Ealing.

In conjunction with Merchant Taylors' Prep, MTS offers boys a seamless school experience from 3 to 18 years old. The school has exceptional pastoral care, with a unique tutorial system whereby each boy is assigned a tutor who looks after him throughout his time at the school.

The school is academically strong - it sends about 20 boys to Oxbridge each year - and looks to develop pupils' intellectual strengths in an atmosphere that is challenging, exciting and enjoyable. There is a varied and full programme of sport, music, drama, cultural activities and



charitable work. Facilities are superb and give every boy the opportunity to find subjects and activities at which he, personally, can excel. *The next Open Morning is on 22nd September, 10.00am-12.30pm.*  
**admissions@mtsn.org.uk | 01923 845514**  
**mtsn.org.uk**



**MERCHANT TAYLORS'**  
School

## The whole person is the whole point

**THIS YEAR**, Rugby School celebrated its best ever A level and GCSE results. But we are about so much more than academic success. Here at Rugby, we have opted for a quantum model where all facets of life - academic and artistic, spiritual and sporting - form part of an indivisible whole. Our students have every opportunity to become the best version of themselves, which is why at Rugby, the whole person is the whole point.

'Pupils are achieving big things; they're celebrating a run of cracking academic results, but that's just one part of the package,' Tatler Schools Guide 2019.

Just 48 minutes by train from London - come and see us.



**Book a 13+ Open Day in 2018**

- Saturday 6th October
- Saturday 17th November
- Saturday 1st December

**admissions@rugbyschool.net**  
**01788 556274**

**rugbyschool.co.uk**



## The alternative to traditional schools

**ROCHESTER INDEPENDENT COLLEGE** is a co-educational day and boarding school offering a distinctive alternative to both traditional independent education, and highly selective local grammar schools.

The average class size is 8 students, with up to 40 A level subjects offered in sixth form, from traditional academic ones to creative options like Film, Photography and Music Technology. The Good Schools Guide says: "It's hard to imagine better provision for an artist."

There is no uniform, no bells ring and students and staff are on first-name terms. But that doesn't stop RIC from being in the top 5% of UK schools for progress at A-level. Students win places at a range of leading universities for subjects ranging from Medicine and Dentistry, to Law and English Literature. The focus is on exam success, without



unnecessary pressure. At RIC, students learn and achieve more because they enjoy school and feel positive about themselves.

**rochester-college.org**  
**01634 828115**



**ROCHESTER**  
INDEPENDENT COLLEGE

## A strong community of free-thinking girls

**ST ALBANS HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** is consistently in the list of top schools in the country.

A mere 13 minutes from West Hampstead by train, St Albans is a small but buzzing city full of cafés and independent shops, leafy green spaces

and packed with period charm. Girls used to the city will feel at home in the vibrant city centre, a stone's throw from the school, but might also relish the open spaces and safety that a smaller city offers.

Ours is an unstuffy school with a strong community of free-thinking girls, grounded by a sense of social responsibility and inspired by a lust for life and adventure. We encourage them to look up, to look outwards and to step into the world with purpose.

Our students love learning and achieve excellent results, but the real success is that girls leave us with enquiring minds, big hearts and a sense of adventure.

**stahs.org.uk | 01727 853800**



**St Albans High School**  
— for Girls —

## A school to fulfil their potential

**AT CUMNOR HOUSE SCHOOL**, children are given opportunities to reach their academic potential, where success is based on personal achievement. Our long-held school values, 'The Cumnor Way', encourage pupils to share, listen, and do their best. These principles, and more, underpin the ethos and curriculum of Cumnor House School. Our children strive to achieve their academic potential by expanding their sense of curiosity, understanding the importance of perseverance, critical thinking, objectivity and reflection.

Starting their journey in our nursery before moving into our two single-sex Preparatory Schools, our pupils develop skills as lifelong learners; to be resilient, courageous and to endeavour to succeed. Our co-curricular provision



**Autumn Open Mornings**  
**Boys School: 20th September, 18th October**  
**Girls School: 18th September, 16th October**  
**Reception Boys: 18th September, 16th October**

in the arts, music and sport are second to none, with success at national level in cricket, swimming and football, and an illustrious alumni across our main sports. Our scholarship results at 11+ and 13+ speak for themselves, with 73 senior school scholarships awarded in 2017/18 to leading senior schools across the south of the country.

**cumnorhouse.com**

**020 8645 2614**

**admissions@cumnorhouse.com**



## Alderley girls have the Edge!

**ALDERLEY EDGE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS** is a top-performing independent school for girls between the ages of 2-18 years.

With outstanding pastoral support, innovative teaching, a broad curriculum and a fantastic

array of extra-curricular opportunities, each girl is nurtured and supported in small classes.

This year, the school achieved its best ever A Level results, and was ranked the top-performing independent school for A Level Results in Cheshire East for A\* - B grades (The Times League Tables - 17/08/2018).

The school invites you to visit one of its forthcoming open events to find out more:  
• Open Evening, Thursday 4th October, 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
• Open Day, Saturday 6th October, 10:00am - 12:30pm  
• Sixth Form Open Evening, Thursday 11th October, 6:30pm - 8:45pm

'Aspire not to have more, but to be more.'

To join the waiting list or register for one of the school's Taster Days and events, contact us:

**aesg.co.uk**

**01625 583028**



**ALDERLEY EDGE**  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## The best start for your child

**A CARING**, nurturing primary school where each child is treated as an individual and learns at their own pace.

With a broad, creative curriculum, students thrive and achieve excellent academic results, then progress to the schools of their choice.

Children are confident, articulate, happy learners who love the school. They are taught by specialist teachers in science, sports, music, languages and art with enrichment activities offered outside the school day.

The school, based in the heart of Islington, was



rated as "Outstanding" and "Excellent" in every category following their recent ISI inspection. The school was an "Outstanding Parental Engagement" ISA national finalist last year.  
**thegowerschool.co.uk**  
**020 7278 2020**



## Reaching their potential

**SEPTEMBER SAW PUPILS** celebrating excellent results; 68% of pupils achieved A\*-A at GCSE and 76% of A Levels were A\*-B. This continuing upward trend comes as Cheltenham College welcomes Nicola Huggett as the new Head. Nicola takes the helm after a period of growth, with over £15 million invested into new facilities, including state-of-the-art science labs and a new girls' boarding house. Cheltenham College is a co-educational boarding school providing an inspiring all-round education for 3-18 year olds.

You can find out more at an upcoming Open Morning:  
**cheltenhamcollege.org/visit-us**  
**01242 265600**



**CHELTENHAM**  
COLLEGE



## Friendly community of independent pupils

**WE ARE** the city's only independent day school for boys and girls from nursery to sixth form.

Situated on a leafy campus close to the city centre, the nursery and school enjoy excellent transport links and shared facilities.

The combined campus means the school is a vibrant place, with small classes providing pupils with the attention, opportunities, confidence and ability to reach their natural potential within a happy, caring and friendly community.

We have Open Days in September and May as well as a bespoke Sixth Form Open Evening in October.

**thepeterboroughschool.co.uk**

**office@tps.ch.co.uk | 01733 343357**



## Giving students an education for life



**AT LINCOLN MINSTER SCHOOL**, we offer an all-through education, where the nurturing, stimulation and development of our pupils in all areas of school life is at the heart of what we do.

Our stunning year-on-year results with non-selective cohorts is reflective of how we cater for and exceed the needs of our pupils as individuals.

We work closely and collaboratively with a number of prominent industry specialists and leaders, and a unique partnership with the University of Lincoln offers our pupils a direct route to further study, as well as access to the highest educational standards.

**lincolnminterschool.co.uk | 01522 551300**



**Lincoln Minster School**  
An education for life

Choose the right academic path for you  
with our round-up of the best colleges,  
schools, and creative programmes



## School with a sense of community

**SINCE 1884**, The Kingsley School has had an excellent reputation for high academic standards and first-class pastoral care in the heart of Royal Leamington Spa.

A through school for girls aged 3-18, with a co-educational Prep School also taking boys aged 3-11, Kingsley is small enough for each pupil to be known and yet large enough to offer a wide selection of enrichment opportunities to develop gifts and talents in everyone. At Kingsley, you are a name and not a number.

**thekingsleyschool.com**  
**01926 425127**



## Modern skills and traditional values

**BUILT BY PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION** over a century ago at the insistence of Queen Victoria, Gordon's School is the national monument to General Charles Gordon of Khartoum and is listed as one of Britain's outstanding schools by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector.

A non-selective, co-educational residential and day boarding school, its academic record outstrips many selective schools. The progress made by students over the past three years has put Gordon's in the top one per cent of schools in England and Wales at GCSE and A2.

But while Gordon's School embraces modern ideas, General Gordon's legacy of traditional values remains. The school's ethos is that high performance without good character isn't true success.

To this end, it's not just in the classrooms where



students excel. Successes are achieved in drama and the arts, debating and public speaking, dance and sport. The school also boasts an enviable record in attaining Duke of Edinburgh awards.

While the individual is celebrated, the whole school unites for parades. Since its inception, students have marched along to a Pipes and Drums band. Dressed in their Blues uniform, the students parade around eight times a year and the school is the only one permitted to march along Whitehall - an annual tradition in remembrance of General Gordon.

Set across over 50 acres of beautiful Surrey countryside, easily accessible from major airports and roads, the school is home to some 800 students and offers day and residential (weekly and termly) boarding from only £5,378 per term.  
**gordons.school**  
**01276 858084**

