

Oundle School

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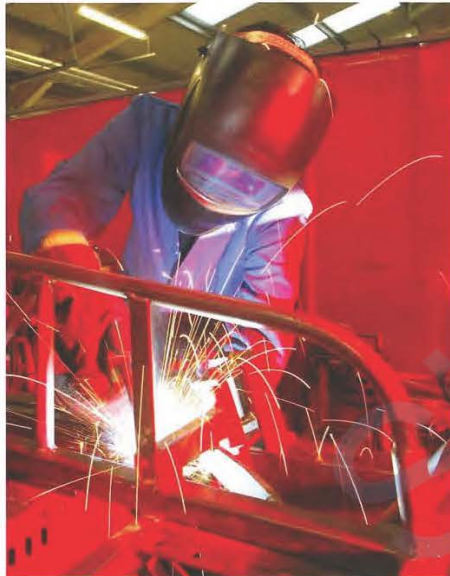
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Oundle School is one of Britain's leading co-educational boarding and day schools for pupils aged 11–18. It is situated in the quintessentially English market town of Oundle, about 130 kilometres north of London. Its buildings, dating from the 17th to the 21st centuries, are dispersed throughout the town, giving the School a unique and vibrant town-based campus feel.

The history of the School

The School's history dates back to 1556 when Oundle's strong links with the Grocers' Company of the City of London were established. At the beginning of the 20th century, Oundle was put firmly on the map of leading English public schools by its most famous headmaster, F W Sanderson. He established its reputation as one of the great science and engineering schools, a reputation still renowned today. In 2007, a major and ground-breaking new science complex called SciTec opened, housing 16 state-of-the-art laboratories. The final phase, the SciTec Campus, is now underway and set to open September 2016. It will link the STEM subjects both philosophically and physically, with enhanced Design, Technology and Engineering facilities and a new purpose-built Mathematics Department. The School has also embarked on an ambitious Sports Masterplan.

The third largest independent boarding and day school in England, Oundle has 860 full boarders and 250 day pupils. Renowned for its full boarding ethos and its traditional British education, Oundle attracts boarders from all corners of the UK. It is also proud to welcome around 10% of its pupils from over 20 countries overseas.



Community and houses

One of the greatest strengths of Oundle is its community and the strong relationships between the pupils and the staff. The house system is at the heart of School life, with each pupil being a member of either a boarding or a day house. It is within these warm and family-run communities that most pupils find the confidence and sense of purpose that lead to fulfilment in the larger community of the School. Each house has around 60 girls or boys and is run by a housemaster or housemistress, supported by an experienced team of resident staff. In addition to the senior boarding houses there is a mixed junior house for younger pupils joining at 11+ or 12+.

A reputation for excellence

Oundle has a worldwide reputation for academic, musical and sporting excellence. Strong academic leadership combined with outstanding teaching extends and stretches pupils beyond exam results. Every year around 15–20 pupils win places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities, with many more gaining places at top Russell Group universities. Twenty-seven subjects are offered in the Sixth Form at A-level or Pre-U standard. Seven languages are timetabled, including Arabic and Mandarin. Over half of all pupils play musical instruments and benefit from a unique partnership with the Royal College of Music in London. Sport has always been an integral feature of Oundle life, with the major sports for boys being rugby, cricket, soccer, hockey and rowing, and, for girls, hockey, netball, rounders, rowing and tennis. Options for extracurricular activities are vast.

Scholarships

A variety of scholarships is available at 11+, 13+ and 16+ entry, including academic, music, art, drama, design & technology and sport. A number of General Scholarships (for all-rounders) are also offered each year. Further details can be obtained from the Registrar.



Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding and day
Age range 11–18
Number of pupils 1,110
Number of boarders 860
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8
Religious tradition Anglican
Fees per term Boarding £8,440–£11,100;
Day £5,410–£7,115
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