

# Friends' School, Saffron Walden



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## The School

Friends' is a small, diverse and vibrant school in the heart of Saffron Walden. It is a school with a rich history, resting proudly on a tradition of more than 300 years of enlightened education for both boys and girls. We are situated in a beautiful historic market town, close to London (one hour) and Cambridge (30 minutes) and with excellent air, rail and road connections. Stansted Airport is only 20 minutes away. All London airports are within one and a half hours.

## Bringing out the best

We are proud when our pupils develop into modestly confident and ambitious people with a clear sense of purpose and independence. To this end we build strong staff-pupil relationships and make the most of our small class sizes throughout the School. Pupils at every age receive plenty of individual attention and support for their studies.



## The curriculum

The curriculum is diverse and balanced, combining academic rigour with a strong extracurricular programme. The School offers a range of courses at GCSE and A-level which are required for entry to higher education and employment. Results are good with strong value added, particularly at GCSE.

## Boarding

Our boarding houses are located in the heart of the main school building and are considered a very important part of the educational experience offered at Friends'. Our international boarders bring much to the School and they lend genuine charm to our boarding community and are yet another educational resource; we learn a great deal from our overseas students.

## Sixth Form

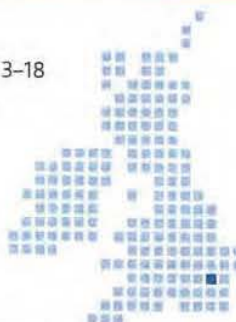
Our Sixth Form is small by design. This means that we can be responsive in meeting students' individual needs. Each student is mentored and their progress and wellbeing is carefully monitored with parents informed throughout the process. Our range of A-level subjects means that all university degree courses are open to our Sixth Formers and most of our leavers achieve places at their first-choice university. Last year's results show pupils achieved an overall pass rate of 95.4% at GCE A-level, with 72.3% achieving A\* to C grades.

*A place where individuality is cherished,  
catered for and celebrated.*

*The Good Schools Guide 2014*

## Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding 11-18 and day 3-18  
Age range 3-18  
Number of pupils 350  
Number of boarders 60  
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8  
Religious tradition Quaker, but all faiths welcome  
Fees per term Boarding £6,685-£8,915;  
Day £2,615-£5,465  
ISC association SofH  
Affiliation BSA



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