# Merchiston Castle School



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Set in 100 acres of beautiful parkland, Merchiston is a Scottish school, offering the English curriculum, and has a global, outward-looking dimension. The School is located just 15 minutes from Edinburgh International Airport, which has over 100 direct routes across the world.

'It is my common experience in life that when I buy something new, after the original excitement of the purchase dies down, I often start finding small faults with it. With our children's education at Merchiston, however, it has been exactly the opposite. In every respect—academic, sporting and pastoral—the School has exceeded our expectations, and continues to do so. In particular, the staff appear to have an almost magical ability to maximise the potential of every boy, irrespective of their natural talents. But above all, it is the Merchiston "end product" that impresses us year after year; the young men who leave the School for university each year are polite, confident gentlemen, whom any parent would be proud to call their son.' Current parent

### Academic success and a value-added education

Merchiston's A Level cohort of 2014 once again gained the School the accolade of being the highest performing Scottish A Level School. Furthermore, 12 of our 2014 leavers are now attending universities ranked in the top 10 internationally. The School's priority is to develop each boy's personal achievement, boasting an impressive record of helping pupils excel far beyond their expected results at GCSE and A Level.

'Our main objective is to motivate pupils to try their hardest and to strive to achieve the highest levels possible in all areas, whilst living as part of a community. Whilst we are concentrating on the academic platform of each boy, alongside the importance of co-curricular activities, we also try to focus on developing boys who are all-rounders with a sense of values.'

Andrew Hunter, Headmaster

#### Home away from home

From its youngest boarder, aged 7, to the young men in the Sixth Form, Merchiston provides a full-boarding programme seven days a week and is an extremely nurturing school; our accommodation has a warm and stimulating atmosphere, reflecting a real sense of community.

## Links with girls' schools

Merchiston also benefits from its strong links with girls' schools for drama performances, cultural events and social gatherings.







'The School provided excellent opportunities and activities for me to participate in, which catered for my interests, as well as giving me the best teaching and tuition, which led to my gaining a place at Cambridge.'

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## There is a sport for every boy at Merchiston

In addition to the major sports of rugby, cricket and athletics, Merchiston offers over 20 different sports, with equal emphasis on recreation and excellence. Boys have gained international honours in rugby, skiing, shooting, cricket, table-tennis, tetrathlon, golf and tennis. Our UK-leading specialist Golf and Tennis Academies offer expert coaching and fitness training for talented individuals, with the aim of developing successful international players.

# Scholarships and financial assistance

A range of scholarships is available at ages 10+. Means-tested financial assistance may be available subject to application.

A balanced curriculum, excellent pastoral care and a high A-level pass rate make Merchiston one of the UK's leading independent schools.



**Key facts** 

Type of school Boys boarding and day Age range 7–18
Number of pupils 460
Number of boarders 297
Teacher/pupil ratio 1:9
Religious tradition Non-denominational Fees per term Boarding £6,345–£9,900; Day £4,540–£7,315
ISC associations HMC, SofH
Affiliations BSA, IBSC, SCIS



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