

Woldingham School



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Woldingham School is a Catholic school founded in 1842 by the Society of the Sacred Heart, teaching key values of respect for oneself and others, social awareness, a sense of community, and self-realisation. It is also a member of the International Network of Sacred Heart Schools. Applications are accepted from girls of all faiths. Most notable alumnae include Vivien Leigh, Caroline Wyatt, Louise Mensch, Clarissa Dickson Wright and Carey Mulligan.

Located 35 minutes from the heart of London

The School is set in a 700-acre estate within the Surrey Downs (with its own train station in the grounds) providing a 35-minute connection to London Victoria station. Gatwick and Heathrow Airports are 20 and 45 minutes away respectively and junction 6 on the M25 is only seven minutes' drive from the School.

Academic achievement, focusing on value-added

99% of Woldingham girls go on to higher education, 6% to Oxford and Cambridge. The School's Oxbridge Preparation Programme assists students in every area of preparation. In 2014, 72.39% of GCSE grades were A* or A. At A-level, 55.56% of grades were A*/A, 87.65% of girls achieving A*/B grades. In 2012, the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) placed Woldingham School in its top band, 'excellent', which is equivalent to Ofsted's 'outstanding', in all areas of activity.



Facilities to encourage excellence

The School's 600-seat auditorium boasts industry-standard facilities and a professional studio theatre. The Art Department comprises two large 2-D studios, 3-D area equipped with power tools and two kilns and printmaking facilities. Design technology is taught in a fully equipped workshop and studio, using computer-controlled machinery. The Sports Department includes a hall, squash courts, fitness, dance/gymnastics studios, indoor tennis dome, swimming pool and extensive outdoor courts and all weather pitches.

Pastoral care is a key strength of our school

Much time is dedicated to creating an environment where the girls have space to flourish, supported by committed and experienced residential staff.

Boarding accommodation is impressive

The Upper Sixth centre enjoys en-suite accommodation, while the Lower Sixth centre provides single rooms and Year 10 and 11 girls have single study-bedrooms. Students spend their first two years in a welcoming junior house. We offer full and weekly boarding (Year 7 has the opportunity to leave on Friday evenings). Almost half of the boarders choose to stay at the School throughout term time, ensuring a vibrant and busy boarding community throughout the academic year.

The boarding experience is excellent and makes an important contribution to pupils' personal development.

ISI Inspection Report 2012

Key facts

Type of school Girls boarding and day

Age range 11-18

Number of pupils 540

Number of boarders 320

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:7

Religious tradition Roman Catholic

Fees per term Boarding £10,145-£11,045;

Day £6,345-£6,915

ISC association GSA

Affiliations BSA, CISC



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