

IPSWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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International Guide

*A traditional British independent school
with a unique ethos and character*





**1 HOUR
TRAIN
JOURNEY**



Head's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to Ipswich High School, an outstanding independent school with a unique ethos and character.

The school was established in 1878 and has a longstanding reputation for academic excellence, along with a truly nurturing and supportive atmosphere which allows every individual to shine.

Our campus reflects our ethos, a mix of heritage and tradition embedded within a forward-thinking approach and a tailored curriculum from Prep through to the Sixth Form.

International pupils typically join us in the Senior School and Sixth Form, often for GCSEs and A Level study. At this crucial stage in their education, we support all of our pupils so that they can fulfil their potential. This is evident in our GCSE results, which are the best in our region and our 100% pass rate at A Level.

I encourage you to find out more by reading this international guide, speaking to one of our international representatives and getting in touch with our Registrar to discuss admissions.

Thank you for considering Ipswich High School and I hope that you will join us soon.

Ms Oona Carlin

HEAD

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Why choose Ipswich High School

With so many UK boarding schools to choose from, why consider Ipswich High School? It is one of Suffolk's leading independent schools and boasts incredible examination results along with an unmatched Enrichment Programme and pastoral care.

What we offer

A tailored education and curriculum for every pupil.

With an incredibly wide range of GCSE and A Level subjects on offer as well as HPQ and EPQ our curriculum is vast. We offer bespoke English as an Additional Language (EAL) provision to all international pupils and tailored academic support to help you reach your full potential.

Outstanding GCSE and A Level results.

We have the highest percentage of top marks awarded at GCSE level of any school in our region and a 100% pass rate at A Level. This year, a significant 64% of GCSE results were awarded at grades 7-9 (equivalent to previous grades of A and A*), with an impressive 40% of results being awarded at grade 8-9, which are above an A grade. Our strengths are evident throughout STEM subjects but also across the arts.

Location

Our 84 acre campus provides a stunning backdrop for our pupils' education in the heart of the British countryside. The rural setting is however just a few miles from the vibrant waterfront town of Ipswich and just over an hour away from London and Cambridge by train. The school's connections make it easy for pupils to enjoy their free time at weekends and during holidays.

Boarding

Our boarding facility, 'The Dairy' has just been completely renovated and restored to the highest standards. Located in a privileged position on the school campus, The Dairy is a small home away from home, offering a wonderful environment for boarders.



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Pupils are highly respectful and supportive of one another.

ISI Report, 2017

Facilities

Our spacious school campus has superb facilities including a theatre, ICT suites, a 25m swimming pool, Sixth Form suite, cookery rooms, dedicated music rooms and floodlit AstroTurf pitches. Our facilities are being constantly upgraded and improved with some exciting new additions to our campus planned in the coming years.

University progression

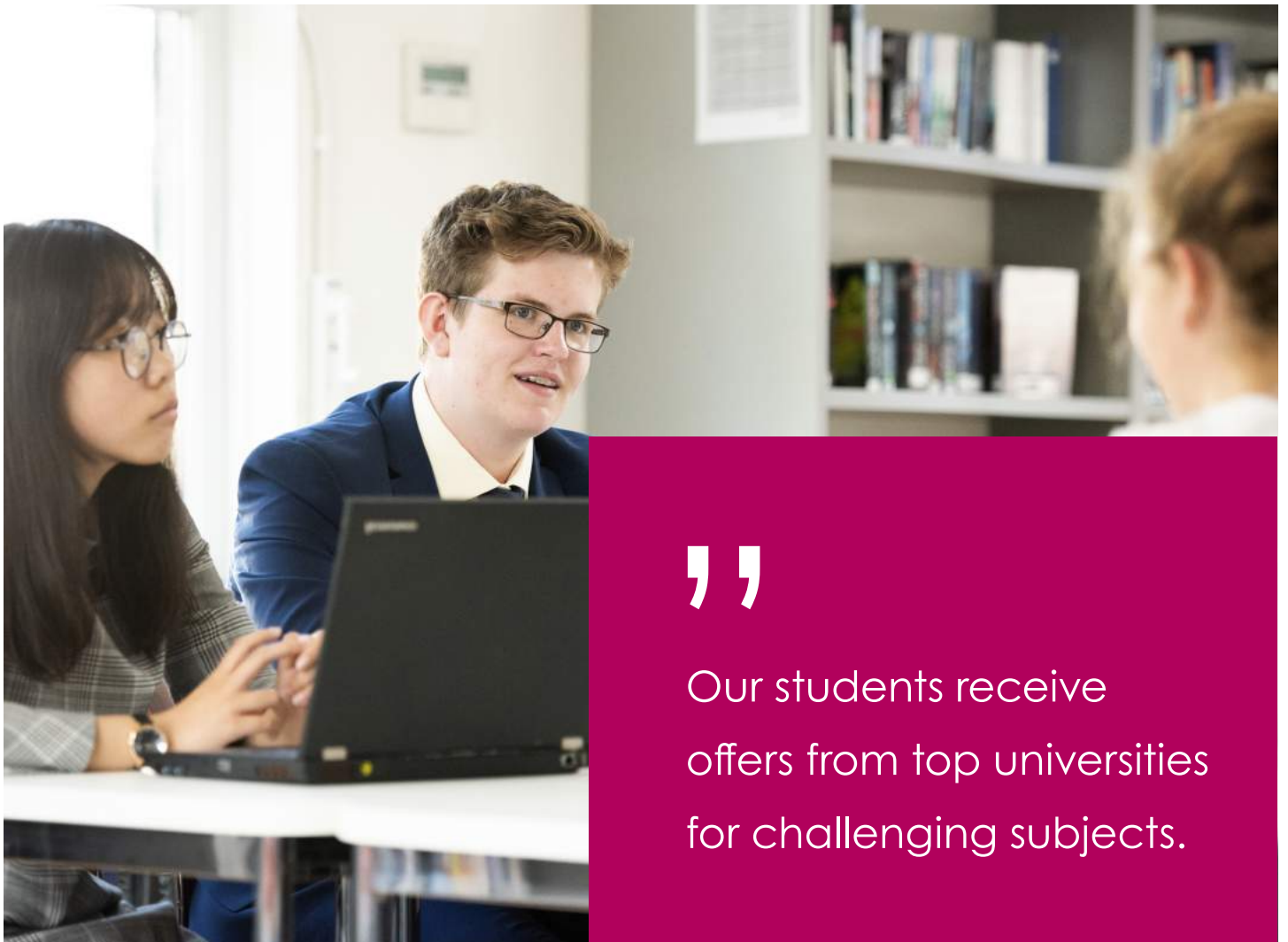
Our pupils continue on to great things once they complete their education with us. In 2018 all of our pupils going on to university gained entry into their first choice. Past pupils have studied at Cambridge, UCL, Bristol, Imperial College London and Warwick.

Academic life

Ipswich High School welcomes international pupils from age 11 – 18, most of whom join us for GCSE or A Level study.

We pride ourselves on offering a broad and balanced curriculum through a wide array of academic subjects, and a diverse set of opportunities, available via our vast enrichment programme. This combination is certainly unique to many independent day schools, and is one that we are immensely proud of.

The aim of teaching across the school is to foster a love of learning by really engaging students in their studies and ultimately help them develop as outstanding learners. We want our pupils to be intellectually curious, ambitious, courageous, reflective, and resilient and, above all, armed with key learning skills which will help them beyond GCSEs and A Levels, for whatever choices they make.



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Our students receive offers from top universities for challenging subjects.



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The highest percentage
of top GCSE grades in
our region.

Our GCSE results are the best in the county and we encourage pupils to focus on nine GCSE subjects to ensure they achieve strong results and a commitment to each subject studied. We also have an ambitious A Level curriculum. We work with our students to create a bespoke and tailored timetable, enabling them to move on from our Sixth Form with the most suitable qualifications and skills for whatever career path they choose. Our Sixth Form students typically study three A Levels with additional AS, GCSE and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) options available to all.

In the Sixth Form, small class sizes (typically four to eight), university style teaching and regular assessment challenge each student throughout their A Levels whilst weekly subject clinics and easy access to teachers means support, help and advice is always there if needed.

GCSE Subjects



Our wide range of GCSE options give pupils the opportunity to gain a broad-based education, ideal as preparation for A Level study.

Art

Astronomy

Chinese

Computer Science

Dance

Drama

English Language

English Literature

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Latin

Mathematics

Music

Physical Education

Religious Studies

Science (combined)

Triple Science (Three GCSEs)

Spanish

Three Dimensional Design



A Level Subjects

Our A Level offer is broad and allows each of our students to fully immerse themselves in the subjects they love. There is no blocking of subjects which means any combination of A Level courses is possible.

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Chinese

Classical Civilisation

Computer Science

Dance

Drama & Theatre Studies

Economics

English Literature

Fine Art

French

Further Mathematics

Geography

German

History

Latin

Mathematics

Music

Physical Education

Physics

Psychology

Religion, Philosophy & Ethics

Spanish

Three Dimensional Design



Enrichment

Our Enrichment Programme also allows pupils to pursue their academic and extra-curricular interests beyond the classroom.

We offer a wealth of diverse, engaging activities for all ages and interests. The impact that an active involvement in enrichment can have on academic attainment should not be underestimated. Many of the skills developed through enrichment activities are directly transferable to the academic arena. These include problem-solving, working as a team and performing under pressure in front of an audience. The necessary self-discipline and commitment that is needed for success in these areas is also mirrored in the classroom.

Wherever a pupil's interests lie, our Enrichment Programme is designed to give each individual the opportunity to discover their talents and develop them further. We believe that enrichment is an integral part of the education that our pupils experience at Ipswich High School and that it is taking part in these activities outside the classroom that allows them to become confident, flexible and resilient young adults, ready to take on future challenges.

Universities look favourably on applicants who discuss their extra-curricular interests on their UCAS applications and particularly the skills that they have developed. Our Enrichment Programme will undoubtedly equip pupils for the next steps in their lives.

Find out more about our Enrichment Programme:

[ipswichhighschool.co.uk/enrichment](https://www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/enrichment)

University and Careers



Ipswich High School careers and university preparation starts before Sixth Form, with guidance and support offered to our pupils from Year 9.

At Sixth Form, this guidance becomes more personalised and tailored to each student's individual strengths, plans and interests. Our sixth formers receive offers at their first choice (often Russell Group) universities including Oxbridge, for challenging subjects such as History of Art, Law and Medicine. However, our careers advice offers more than this 'traditional' path. We provide guidance for any course at any university in the UK, Europe or beyond.

Ipswich High School's careers provision adopts a four-part approach:

- 1 | Practical experience of work.**
- 2 | Opportunities to meet and question professionals from a variety of fields.**
- 3 | Psychometric and aptitude testing.**
- 4 | University application and interview process assistance.**

Find out more about our pupils' university destinations:
[ipswichhighschool.co.uk/alumni-university-destinations](https://www.ipswichhighschool.co.uk/alumni-university-destinations)

Boarding

Ipswich High School offers welcoming boarding in 'The Dairy', located within the school's 84 acre campus.

Dating from 1870 but completely renovated and reconfigured for boarding pupils in 2019, The Dairy offers a home away from home for our boarders with all of the comforts and facilities they require. The boarding house is located in a quiet and safe location, close to the parish church, the main school buildings and the beautiful river Orwell.

We offer a selection of rooms; twins, singles and ensembles. The rooms and communal study areas have wifi and have been designed to provide perfect study spaces and exceptional comfort. We create a warm and secure atmosphere and have live in staff who will support pupils with all of their needs.

House rules are clearly set out but are fair and practical. In line with the school's supportive and caring ethos, our boarding house provides the opportunity for every individual to develop their potential within a supportive, happy community.



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A home away from home.

Guardianship

All international pupils at Ipswich High School must have a legal guardian whether living in our boarding house or in a homestay. We recommend the following providers:

ALPHA Guardians

Alpha guardians are based in Suffolk, UK and provide a high quality guardianship service ensuring that overseas students are well cared for when studying in the UK. Alpha offer support packages for all international students in their care and aim to be no further than 45 minutes from each student placed. They welcome students from all around the world.

For more information, please see:

alphaguardians.co.uk

or contact ALPHA Guardians at:

info@alphaguardians.co.uk

UKAcademia Guardianship

UKAcademia is an experienced global education provider based in the UK working exclusively with British boarding schools. The real foundation and driver behind their services is student safety and guardianship services have been devised and formulated to ensure that every student receives the best care and that their families have peace of mind.

For more information, please see:

ukacademia.com/guardianship/

or contact:

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Applying to Ipswich High School

We welcome applications for the Senior School and Sixth Form, depending on availability of places.

International students joining the school will sit formal examinations and meet the Director of Sixth Form, Head or Deputy Head for a videoconference interview. They will also be asked to provide a reference from their current school and predicted GCSE grades if applicable.

To apply, please complete the registration form.

Ipswich High School is a licenced Tier 4 sponsor and will discuss your visa requirements throughout the admissions process. Applicants seeking a Tier 4 visa must be over the age of 11 by the time they are admitted to the school and must be either a boarder or a homestay student with Ipswich High School.

Admissions Process

- 1 | Complete the registration form attached (or here: ipswichhighschool.co.uk/registration-form).**
- 2 | The Registrar will arrange for testing (English and Maths) and request a report from your current school.**
- 3 | Pending the testing results, we will arrange a Skype (or alternative) interview.**
- 4 | After the interview, the Head will be in a position to make an offer of a place.**
- 5 | We will then discuss visa applications with you.**

International Scholarships

We offer Academic Scholarships and these are offered to those who excel in academia and are offered to the top performing candidates who demonstrate outstanding ability. Scholarships are prestigious and are highly valued by University Admission tutors. The accolade, kudos and sense of achievement is considerable for both the pupil and our school.

All awarded Scholarships are carried forward each year until the end of Year 13.





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