



# Boundary Oak School

Coeducational boarding school for 7-13 years  
with an International Preparatory Curriculum



*“We provide the complete educational, social and cultural bridge for International pupils from non-British education systems to enter and thrive in the top senior British boarding schools”*

Hazel Kellett,  
Headmistress



# Welcome



Boundary Oak is a traditional British Preparatory School with a rich history, set in the beautiful English countryside.

For nearly a hundred years Boundary Oak School has been preparing international boys and girls aged 7 to 13 years for the next step on their educational journey as well as providing the foundations for life long skills. Our international programme is flexible so pupils can come for between 1–4 years and we aim to prepare them for successful entry into the best possible senior school.

#### About us:

- Outstanding English language learning programme
- Specialist teachers with Delta, Celta or equivalent teaching qualifications
- A wide range of all inclusive extra-curricular activities
- Newly refurbished 16th century boarding house
- Family community with a caring ethos
- A small British preparatory school with class sizes between 8 and 14 enabling individual attention and support

#### Facilities:

- 23 acres of grounds including our own woodland and fields
- Outdoor heated swimming pool
- Theatre and indoor sports hall
- Floodlit astro turf pitch
- Tennis courts
- Rifle Range
- Rugby & football pitches
- Science Laboratories
- ICT Suite
- School Library
- Art Studio
- Music Department



*Ask about our  
year round  
Short Stay  
Programme*



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
07:45 - 08:20	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:30 - 08:40	Registration	Registration	Registration	Choir	Registration
08:40 - 09:20	EAL	Assembly	PSHE	Maths	Assembly
09:20 - 09:40	EAL	EAL	EAL	Maths	Drama
09:40 - 10:00	PE	EAL	EAL	EAL	Drama
10:00 - 10:20	PE	Maths	Current Affairs	EAL	Drama
10:20 - 10:40	PE	Maths	Current Affairs	EAL	Latin
10:40 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 11:20	Science	Music	Science	Science	Maths
11:20 - 11:40	Science	Music	Science	Science	Maths
11:40 - 12:00	Science	Art	Science	Science	Maths
12:00 - 12:20	History	Art	Maths	EAL	EAL
12:20 - 12:40	History	Art	Maths	EAL	EAL
12:40 - 13:00	History	Art	Maths	EAL	EAL
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00 - 14:20	Geography	EAL	Sport	RS	EAL
14:20 - 14:40	Geography	EAL	Sport	RS	EAL
14:40 - 15:00	Sport	EAL	Sport	RS	EAL
15:00 - 15:20	Sport	Geography	Sport	Maths	Computing
15:20 - 15:40	Sport	Geography	Sport	Maths	Computing
15:40 - 16:00	Sport	Geography	Sport	Maths	Computing
16:00 - 16:30	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs
16:30 - 17:00	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs	Clubs

Sample programme for a pupil assessed as being a Basic User at the CEFR level A2.

# International Preparatory Curriculum

Alongside the English Preparatory Curriculum Boundary Oak provides a full English language support programme which is designed according to the child's needs and based on formative assessments.

The amount of EAL (English as an Additional Language) support needed for each pupil will be designed according to their assessment results.

The aim will be for the amount of EAL tuition to decrease as their English language skills increase.

The sample programme (above) is for a pupil who is assessed as being a Basic User at the CEFR level A2

- Integrated with English pupils
- Specialised EAL tuition
- Sport

## EAL Support includes:

- Initial assessment and needs analysis
- Lessons based on the Cambridge ESL Curriculum
- Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)
- All materials for school and home work
- Final assessment and certificate of achievement
- Assessment Grades based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)
- Focus on Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing and Language Structure
- Emphasis on practical use as well as academic study
- Small class sizes enabling us to give individual attention to each child



*“This year we were commended for the ICT Innovation Award in the National Education Business Awards for our work in coding. We are also building an electric car to race at Silverstone as well as developing a 3D printing programme of study.”*

James Polansky,  
Co-Proprietor and Deputy Head.



Our Preparatory curriculum content incorporates both the new National Curriculum as well as the Common Entrance syllabus.

It encourages both outdoor learning and the development of modern skills, such as coding and engineering.

We aim to equip our pupils for the 21st century by promoting key competencies such as:

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Innovation
- Flexibility
- Resilience
- Adaptability
- Confidence

*Award winning  
ICT which  
includes coding  
and animation*



Lancing College



Wellington College

Eton

# A Prep School Education

If you are looking to send your child to a British boarding school then they will most likely need to begin their journey from around the age of 7 years and attend a British Preparatory school. Boundary Oak School provides the perfect gateway to some of the top British boarding schools. We work with each individual child and help them to progress their education, as well as their English language, to get them into the best possible senior school.

## Benefits of a Preparatory Education at Boundary Oak School

- Smaller class sizes of 8 to 14 pupils
- Outstanding EAL tuition
- Broad education with specialist subject teachers
- Beautiful countryside surroundings
- Excellent sporting facilities
- Large offering of clubs and activities
- Refurbished 16th century boarding house
- High level of successful entrance, including scholarships, into top senior schools
- Pupils are given leadership skills and positions of responsibility to enable them to mature and gain in confidence
- Great relationships with top senior schools who prefer to accept pupils who have attended a British Prep school
- Experienced and qualified advice on the best senior school for your child
- Produces happier and more successful pupils
- Preparation for Entrance Exams and help with interview technique

# The Next Step

## Destination Senior Schools

Having attended a British Prep School, such as Boundary Oak, your child will be ready and equipped to go on to a British senior boarding school. At Boundary Oak, we will work with each pupil on an individual basis to gain them entry into their preferred or our recommended senior school, with a scholarship wherever possible.

Past pupils have gained entry into the following, and more:

- Ardingly
- Bedales
- Blundells
- Bradfield
- Bryanston
- Canford
- Eton
- Harrow
- King Edwards, Witley
- Kings School, Taunton
- Lancing
- Lord Wandsworth
- Marlborough
- Millfield
- Sherborne
- St Paul's
- Wellington College
- Winchester



# Sport

## Developing confidence

Included as part of our education, pupils will benefit from up to 10 hours of physical activity each week. Sports and PE play a major role in pupils' academic performance, attitude and relationships.

Team games such as cricket, baseball and rugby are important for the development of social interaction. Every pupil has the opportunity to represent the school at weekly matches in a variety of sports and sporting events.

Sport can lay the foundations for a long and healthy life, especially if presented as an enjoyable experience. At Boundary Oak, all pupils take part in PE lessons and Games lessons every week. This includes:

- A range of team sports
- Dance
- Fitness
- Gymnastics
- Swimming

Our sports facilities are within the school premises, including our outdoor heated pool and shooting range.



Here are just some of the sporting activities our pupils enjoy:

- Athletics
- Baseball
- Cricket
- Cross-Country running
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Judo
- Rugby
- Shooting
- Swimming
- Tennis



*See separate  
booklet for our  
wide range of  
clubs & extras*



## Music & Drama

### Beyond education

All our pupils enjoy music and drama as part of their academic timetable. In music they enjoy weekly lessons, playing a variety of instruments, singing, listening to music from around the world and even composing their own pieces.

Pupils have the opportunity to perform with the school orchestra, sing in the school choir or play in the school band.

They are able to showcase their skills at our termly concerts and musical drama productions performed in our Theatre.

Drama participation is strongly encouraged. Pupils can act, design sets, play an instrument or help backstage with lighting and special effects. The experience boosts confidence, and often uncovers hidden talents.

The children are also encouraged to use their acting skills in assemblies, while lessons in improvised drama are scheduled into the English curriculum.



## Art & Design

### Imagination and creativity

We have a large purpose-built studio for Art & Design. A light and spacious art studio alongside clay and woodworking areas allows the pupils to experience a wide range of art topics from drawing, painting and collage to printmaking, textiles and sculpture.

A variety of different materials are available from wood, metal and composites to glass, plastic and textiles, fashioned using quality tools in a modern workshop.

Pupils experience and experiment producing electrical and mechanical devices and undertaking projects on food, energy and control mechanisms as well as more traditional crafts such as woodwork and pottery.

Work is exhibited around the school and often at various senior school exhibitions.



# Boarding & Family Life



Houseparents - Mr and Mrs Roberts

Our 16th Century boarding house has recently been refurbished and boasts new bathroom and shower facilities as well as refurbished dormitories. Bedrooms are split into age-groups to accommodate different bed-times.

Boarding at Boundary Oak School is a homely affair where our houseparents work alongside resident staff and Matron to ensure that all pupils are happy and comfortable throughout their stay.

Boundary Oak School is a non-denominational school but actively supports the moral and spiritual development of its pupils and supports both staff and pupils should they wish to practice their chosen religion.

Pupils enjoy varied and globally inspired meals freshly prepared each day by our wonderful in house kitchen staff who prepare three cooked meals a day as well as daily home baked snacks.



# Evening & Weekend Activities

Our daily evening activities certainly keep the pupils entertained which not only helps to keep them busy but also ensures that they have fun and time to relax as well.

Throughout the year we make the most of the 23 acres of beautiful school grounds with:

- Woodland walks
- Baseball games
- Barbecues
- Cricket matches
- Treasure hunts
- Swimming

Pupils also have full use of the games room, enjoy movie nights, cooking evenings, discos and more.

We also enjoy visits to local attractions, theme parks, shopping and more.





## Admission Procedures

**1 to 4 years enrolment** This is specifically designed for pupils wishing to enter senior British boarding schools at age 13 that require intensive English language tuition in order to meet entry criteria at the UK's top boarding schools. Boundary Oak's 2 year International Preparatory Curriculum for 11-13 year olds focuses on English language tuition whilst integrating pupils into the broader UK curriculum and life in a British boarding school. Depending on the pupil's age and/or English language level this can be tailored to a 1 to 4 year programme.

Admissions procedure for these applicants is as follows:

1. Register the pupil. The registration fee is a non-refundable fee of £150.
2. Applicants will be assessed for English language, either online or will be sent assessment papers to complete and return.
3. If required, a web-based interview will follow.
4. Shortly after a verbal offer will be made by the Registrar to the parents or agent. A formal offer letter will follow.
5. A place can only be guaranteed once the school has received a deposit of £1000 - this deposit will be refunded when pupils have completed their education at the school, which is deemed to be 1 to 4 years, as agreed at the beginning of the course.
6. We will provide CAS number enabling Visa application.
7. Upon completion of paperwork, payment of registration and deposit fees, a joining pack will be given and an appointment for the uniform shop will be made. An invoice will be raised for the first terms fees. Fees must be paid one month before the child starts at Boundary Oak School.

**Short stay enrolment** These programmes are very flexible and tailored to an individual pupil's needs through an Individual Education Plan (IEP). They are suitable for those who either want a taste of a traditional UK boarding school; are interested in improving their English and all round education in a UK school integrating with British students and a full host of co-curricular activities; or who just need an intensive short term preparation to maximise their chances of a successful application to a top UK senior boarding school. Admissions procedure for these applicants is as follows:

1. Register the pupil. The registration fee is a non-refundable fee of £150.
2. Applicants are assessed for English language, using 1) A POI Coral Proficiency Interview - either face to face or online or 2) Completing a short written task.
3. If required a web-based interview will follow.
4. Shortly after a verbal offer will be made by the Registrar to the parents or agent. A formal offer letter will follow.
5. A place can only be guaranteed once the school has received a deposit of £500 - this deposit will be refunded when pupils have completed their education at the school, which is deemed to be 1 to 3 terms, as agreed at the beginning of the course.
6. Upon completion of paperwork, payment of registration and deposit fees, a joining pack will be given and an appointment for the uniform shop will be made. An invoice will be raised for the first terms fees. Fees must be paid 2 weeks before the child starts at Boundary Oak School.

**The British Curriculum** The British academic year runs for three terms. Each academic year starts in September and finishes in July. Pupils are placed in the following year groups according to age:

- Age 9-10 years old - Year 5
- Age 10-11 years old - Year 6
- Age 11-12 years old - Year 7
- Age 12-13 years old - Year 8

We have small class sizes which enable us to give total individual attention to each child.

The academic school day starts at 0830 and finishes at 1600hr. After a snack, prep/homework is done from 1630hr to 1730hr. After this the boarders all go to supper. At 1800hr there is free time to ring home etc. and then evening activities commence.

**Guardians** All international pupils need to have an appointed Guardian. By British law, under 18 year olds have to have a guardian who may be contacted in an emergency. The guardian can be a relative or close family friend, who is an adult over the age of 25 and resident in the UK. Boundary Oak can arrange for guardianship if required and put parents in touch with agencies.

**Fees and Conditions** The fees include the provision of textbooks and stationery but not the cost of major travel items such as exchanges, school trips and field study courses. All pupils are expected to take three school meals each day and extra snacks are provided; the cost is included in the tuition fee and may be subject to change.

Boundary Oak will endeavour to restrict fee increases, however, when such increases take place they are normally effective from September. Fees are due to be paid before the first day of each term except where an agreement has been made to pay through Direct Debit instalments. Boundary Oak reserve the right to charge interest on fees which are overdue.

Except for pupils leaving Year 8 in July, a minimum of one full term's notice of withdrawal must be given in writing. If such notice is not provided, Boundary Oak reserve the right to charge a full term's fee. Similarly a full term's notice in writing is expected if instrumental music tuition is to be discontinued.

**Insurance** All pupils are covered by a general accident policy (but may choose to opt out). Personal possessions are not insured by the school against loss, fire, burglary or any other causes. Parents are strongly advised to make their own arrangements to cover such losses.

**Health** The school Matron will be on duty during your child's stay with us. If they require further medical attention by a doctor they will be taken to Wickham Group Surgery (or hospital) and will be treated as a temporary resident. If a pupil requires special medical treatment every effort will be made to obtain the prior consent of parents. Should this be impossible, then parents, by accepting these conditions authorise the School to act in loco parentis and to give consent to any treatment as may be recommended by the School's medical advisor or, in an emergency away from the School or in hospital, the medical advisor in attendance. Some overseas pupils cannot claim medical treatment on the National Health Service and require medical insurance; the school can arrange this.

Please see separate sheet for fee structure.

## Term Dates

	Terms Starts	Term Ends
Autumn Term 2015	Wednesday 2nd September	Friday 18th December
Autumn Half Term	Wednesday 21st October	Monday 2nd November
Spring Term 2016	Tuesday 5th January	Thursday 24th March
Spring Half Term	Friday 12th February	Monday 22nd February
Summer Term 2016	Thursday 14th April	Saturday 2nd July
Summer Half Term	Friday 27th May	Monday 6th June
Autumn Term 2016	Thursday 1st September	

### Important note:

Arrival dates are one day before Term Starts. Departure dates are on the same day Term Ends.

# Travel Information



## By Air

We are just an hour from London Gatwick or London Heathrow airport.

Our local airport Southampton, is just 20 minutes away and can be accessed direct when travelling from Europe.

## By Train

Our local train station at Fareham is 10 minutes away with direct routes into London travelling direct both to Waterloo and Victoria stations.

## By Water

Portsmouth has ferry ports for those wishing to travel by water.

## By Car

Once you arrive in the UK, our school is conveniently situated on the A32 junction with the M27 (Jct. 10).

If you would like us to arrange airports transfers please let us know.



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