

Sherborne Girls

INFORMATION BOOKLET 2021-22

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Vision and Aims of the School

Our vision

To be the leading full boarding girls' school for all-round personal development and academic fulfilment, and to create a community of empowered learners who will be an influence for good in a challenging world.

Our mission

To provide a broad and enriching, full boarding education that develops the unique talents of every girl within a supportive community. To send out into the world girls of character, commitment and compassion who are able to think clearly and creatively, choose wisely and have the courage to make a difference.

Our aims

Our strategic aims are based on a commitment to five main areas:

1. Enhance our position as a leading full boarding school
2. Develop the future generation of twenty-first century women
3. Cultivate a culture of aspiration and ambition
4. Foster both collaboration and communication with the wider community
5. Provide meaningful opportunities for leadership and management

Admissions Process

All girls must be registered prior to assessment.

Entry at 11+ (Year 7)

Entry is through the ISEB Pre-Tests (online, multiple-choice assessments in Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning, English and Mathematics), which are sat where possible at the applicant's current school in Year 6. Applicants will then complete our Sherborne Girls assessment papers (English and Mathematics) and an interview at the 11+ Boarding Taster & Assessment Weekend in the December of Year 6. Alternatively, some pupils may sit the 11+ Common Entrance Examination. A small number of places may also be offered at 12+ (Year 8).

Entry at 13+ (Year 9)

This is our main entry point into Sherborne Girls. Entry is through the ISEB Pre-Tests (online, multiple-choice assessments in Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning, English and Mathematics), which are sat where possible at the applicant's current school in Year 6. Applicants will then complete our Sherborne Girls assessment papers (English and Mathematics) and an interview at the 13+ Assessment Day in the January of Year 7. If applicants sit the 13+ Common Entrance Examinations at their current schools in the June of Year 8, the results will be used for setting purposes only. A small number of places may also be offered at 14+ (Year 10).

Entry at 16+ (Year 12)

A limited number of places are offered at Sixth Form to study A Levels. Entry is through assessments based on the subjects which girls wish to study at A Level, together with an interview. These assessments take place in the November of Year 11 in conjunction with Sixth Form scholarships. Candidates would normally be expected to obtain at least six Grade 6s at GCSE level (or equivalent).

School references

A reference and report will be requested from the current school as part of the admissions process.

Offer and acceptance of a place

If you are offered a place at Sherborne Girls, we ask you to complete an acceptance form and pay a deposit which then guarantees the place. This is £2,000 for UK pupils and a term's boarding fees for overseas pupils. New girls' information is sent out in the Trinity (summer) term before the girls start.

Scholarships and awards

Sherborne Girls offers a number of scholarships, exhibitions and bursaries. Details of the awards are available from the Admissions Office or our website: sherborne.com.

House allocation

All girls joining Year 7 and 8 are allocated to the junior boarding house, Aldhelmsted West. Girls joining at other entry points will be allocated to one of five mixed age boarding houses. Sherborne Girls has moved away from operating a system of house preference guarantee. Parents are notified of House allocations in the Spring of the year of entry. In making house allocations, we take into account a number of factors including the school which girls are joining us from, their interests and strengths and information obtained from the interviews and their Head's reference.

Our Admissions team will be able to guide and advise you through the whole process from requesting a prospectus and booking a tour morning/individual visit to registration and assessment. For more information, please visit our website sherborne.com.

How to Join Us

Entry timeline for 11+

Recommended by Year 5 or before	Visit to the School on a Tour Morning
Recommended by end of Year 5	Registration
November Year 6	ISEB Pre-Tests
November Year 6	Deadline for Scholarship and Bursary applications
December Year 6	Boarding Taster Weekend
December Year 6	Academic Scholarships only
January Year 6	Music and Sport Scholarships and Common Entrance
February Year 6	Scholarship results
May Year 6	New Girls' information sent out
June Year 6	New Girls' tea

Entry timeline for 13+

Recommended by Year 5 or before	Visit to the School on a Tour Morning
Recommended by end of Lent Term Year 6	Registration
November Year 6	ISEB Pre-Tests
January Year 7	Assessment Day
February Year 7	Deadline for acceptances
September Year 8	Boarding Taster Weekend
November Year 8	Deadline for Scholarship and Bursary applications
January/February Year 8	Scholarship week
February Year 8	Scholarship results
Lent Term Year 8	House allocation confirmed
May Year 8	New Girls' information sent out
June Year 8	Common Entrance and New Girls' tea

Entry timeline for 16+

Recommended by Year 10 or before	Visit to the School on a Tour Morning
Recommended two years before entry	Registration
September Year 11	Sixth Form Information Day
October Year 11	Deadline for Scholarship and Bursary applications
November Year 11	Assessment/Scholarship week
December Year 11	Assessment/Scholarship results and offers
April/May Year 11	House allocation confirmed
May Year 11	New Girls' information sent out
June Year 11	New Girls' post GCSE residential programme

All dates are published well in advance on our website and registered parents will automatically be notified of key events.

Academic Results 2021

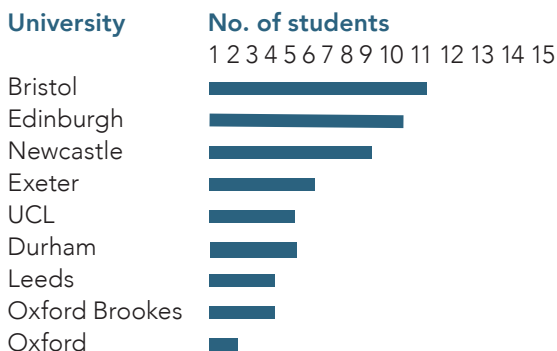
A Level results

- 75% A*-A
- 94% A*-B

GCSE results

- 84% A*-A (7-9)
- 94% A*-B (6-9)
- 99.7% A*-C (4-9)

2021 leavers top destinations



University courses 2021

Science and Maths

Animal Science, Biology, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Chemistry with International Study, Computer Science, Criminology, Health and Human Sciences, Human and Social Sciences, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacology, Physiological Science, Theoretical Physics.

English and Humanities

Ancient History, Classical Studies, Education, English, European Social and Political Studies, Geography, History, International Relations, International Social and Political Studies, Philosophy, Philosophy and Politics, Social Policy, Sociology, Philosophy, Philosophy and Theology, Politics and International Relations, Psychology, Sociology and Philosophy.

The Arts and Languages

Art History & Visual Culture and Classical Studies, Computer Animation Art and Design, English and French, Fashion and Business Management, Film, Film Production, French and Spanish, Graphic Design, History of Art, Linguistics, Liberal Arts, Media, Photography, Spanish and Business.

Business and Management

Business and Management, Business Management and the Human Resource, Business and Marketing Management, Business Management and Marketing, Economics, Economics Politics & International Studies, Food Business Management and Marketing, Information Management for Business, International Business, Marketing and Management, Management with Placement Year, Marketing, Marketing and Management, Sustainability and Environmental Management – International.

A Level results

Grade %	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
A*	25	20	19	8	15.2	15.9	15.9	24.4	45.4
A*/A	54	53	60	35	48.8	38.9	51.4	61.3	74.8
A*/B	82	82	81	68	70.7	67.8	74.9	88.5	93.8
A*/C	91	93	93	90	89.9	88.3	91.2	97.9	99.6

GCSE/IGCSE

Grade %	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*
A* (9/8)	48	30	33	28	31	42	44	48.2	64.2
A*/A (9-7)	77	63	65	61	65	69	63	74.2	84
A*/B (9-6)	93	85	87	86	89	89	78	90	94.4
A*/C (9-4)	98	95	98	97	97	99	98	99.9	99.7

Sherborne Girls is extremely proud of its broad and enriching curriculum:

- For girls aged 11-14, (Years 7-9), our focus is on academic exploration, investigation and instilling a love of learning.
- At GCSE (Years 10 -11), our curriculum provides a real opportunity for pupils to develop a range of skills and competencies as defined in our School values. We provide pupils with some choice regarding academic areas of focus.
- In the Sixth Form, our list of A Level subjects and academic enrichment options offers breadth of opportunity with continued academic excellence, extended by our unique collaboration with Sherborne School.

Our individualised approach to teaching and learning ensures that every pupil is encouraged and inspired to develop healthy habits of learning, intellectual curiosity and a range of interests that will last a lifetime.

A Level and GCSE results for 2020 and 2021 are included in the tables above for your information and to ensure absolute transparency. As these results are based on Teacher Assessed Grades (2020) and Evidenced Grades (2021), please note they are not comparable to previous years' results.

* Move to new GCSE grading 9-1. Please note that our results information now represents reformed GCSE subject grades (9-1) and we have placed the new grade 5 in the original grade C category. When making comparisons between schools it is important to know where each school has placed grade 5.

General Information

Boarding

Sherborne Girls is committed to a full boarding ethos. Over 90% of girls are full boarders and school life is just as full and busy at weekends as during the school week. There are lessons Monday to Friday and Saturday morning, along with regular opportunities to become involved in sport, music and drama and an array of co-curricular activities. Day girls are welcome and are fully integrated into the house system and encouraged to take part in all aspects of school life including the full programme of weekend and social activities.

Communication

A weekly e-newsletter will keep parents informed and a calendar is accessible online via the website. Parents can access information about their daughter through the online Parent Portal (My School Portal) including her reports and timetable, as well as key School communications.

There are telephones in each House and girls are allowed to bring mobile phones (subject to some simple rules and conditions). Each girl is allocated an email address, and is also able to receive post in House. The first point of contact for parents is the Housemistress or Housemaster.

Equality

Sherborne Girls fully endorses the fundamental principles of equality and justice. The School provides a moral framework for pupils' personal development so that they develop into principled and tolerant members of the communities in which they live and work.

The School encourages all of members of its community to have respect for one another, regardless of race, gender, creed, social status, age or disability and is opposed to words or actions which display unkindness, prejudice or discrimination of any sort against any individual.

Guardians

All girls whose parents are resident abroad must have guardians in the UK. Guardians are responsible for the girl's welfare while she is at boarding school, travel arrangements, accommodation at closed exeat weekends and half term holidays and represent parents at meetings with teachers. It is the responsibility of parents to appoint guardians although the School is happy to inform parents of professional guardianship organisations.

Inspections

The most recent inspection was the ISI Compliance Inspection Report. This report, along with previous Boarding Inspections can be viewed in full at: sherborne.com.

Pastoral Care

The mental health and wellbeing of the girls is paramount. In addition to the Housemistress/Housemaster, Assistant Housemistress and Resident Tutor, each House has a team of Academic Tutors. The Tutor's aim is to ensure each girl fulfils her potential academically and in terms of her personal development, while the Housemistress/Housemaster has overall responsibility for the girls in his or her care. The strong house system and pastoral care provide a supportive and nurturing environment in which the girls feel a deep sense of belonging and are known and cared for as individuals. The School also has a health centre staffed by qualified nurses, a school medical officer and two registered counsellors.

Policies

The following policies and documents are available on request from the Bursar's PA on 01935 818207 or bursarpa@sherborne.com

- Admissions Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Behaviour and Sanctions
- Complaints Procedure (Policy)*
- Curriculum Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy
- Language Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Policy*
- Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

* Policies can be found on the School website sherborne.com

Privacy notice

By registering or providing personal information to Sherborne Girls, you agree to Sherborne Girls using this information in relation to your enquiry and to contacting you via email, direct mail and telephone. All the personal information you provide to Sherborne Girls will be held securely and used strictly in accordance with data protection regulations. To read our Data Protection and Privacy Statement, please refer to our website: sherborne.com.

Safeguarding

Sherborne Girls is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The School aims to provide a warm and secure environment, with an open and frank atmosphere, in which girls can feel supported.

The fundamental right to be protected from harm is an essential part of the School's pastoral responsibility and necessitates a clear child protection policy and procedures. Further information can be found on the School website sherborne.com.

Technology for learning

We embrace the use of technology for teaching and learning where it can enrich the educational experience, support our School vision to create a community of empowered learners, and equip girls with the skills to use technology efficiently in their lives beyond school.

Having implemented the use of mobile pen-enabled devices in lessons three years ago, we continue to enhance this practice to maximise the benefits on teaching and learning. This includes improved teacher feedback, quality use of prep time, more creative individual organisation and adds interest, experiences and pace to classroom teaching.

We require all pupils to have a pen-enabled device with a keyboard. We strongly recommend the Microsoft Surface (Go 2 with keyboard, Pro or laptop) with a Surface/stylus pen.

Travel

For girls who live abroad there is a supervised coach to Heathrow at the beginning and end of term which is timed to coincide with the majority of flight times. For fixed exeats and half term holidays there is a scheduled train to London on which girls are accompanied by a member of staff.

Visa requirements

Parents must ensure that their child is in possession of a valid visa before the start of their first term. If a pupil has a UK passport, they will not require a visa to study in the UK; however, if they do not have a UK passport, even if they live in the UK, they may still require a visa. Please check a non-UK passport carefully to see whether the child has 'Right of Abode' in the UK. A child intending to study at Sherborne Girls should apply under the Child Student Visa route. This visa has replaced the Tier 4 Child Student Visa. If you are applying from outside the UK, the earliest you can apply for a visa is six months before starting at Sherborne Girls. More information is available on the UK Visas and Immigration section of the gov.uk website.

Fees 2021-2022

Admission

Registration (non-refundable)	£200
Deposit (refunded on final bill)	
For pupils resident within the UK	£2,000
Pupils outside the UK	one term's boarding fees
Child Student Visa Application Admin Fee	£500

Years 7 and 8

(Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth)

Junior boarding fee	£10,550
Junior day fee	£7,920

Years 9 to 13

(Lower Fifth – Upper Sixth)

Senior boarding fee	£13,170
Senior day boarders ¹	£10,290
Senior day girls ²	£7,920

Termly extras

English as an Additional Language

(45 minute lessons)

Individual Tuition:	£37 per lesson
Shared Lessons:	£24 per lesson
Group Tuition:	£20 per lesson

Learning Support

(45 minute lessons)

Individual Tuition:	£34 per lesson
Shared Lessons:	£23 per lesson
Group Tuition:	£18 per lesson

Other

Counselling	£35 per session
Overnight charge	£50

Senior Day Boarders¹ and Day Girls²: We are reviewing our day and day boarding provision and associated fees. For further information, please contact admissions@sherborne.com

Fee Notes

The fees

Fees and extras are subject to annual review and periodic increase.

Payment of School fees in advance

The School runs a scheme for payment of six terms or more fees in advance. If you wish to discuss this please contact the school accountant on 01935 818208 or c.barnett@sherborne.com who will be happy to provide you with the terms and conditions of the scheme and a final illustration. We currently offer no discount for advance payment of five terms or less.

Sibling fee discount scheme

Sherborne Girls, Sherborne School and Sherborne Prep operate a scheme whereby parents who educate three or more of their children at the schools are eligible for a sibling fee discount. A 10% discount will apply to the third child at the schools and 15% to the fourth and subsequent children.

Payment

Fees are due and payable prior to the first day of each term. We offer a direct debit payment facility. Direct debits are processed termly for the full bill, sooner than the first day of each term. Payment can also be made by cheque or bank transfer. For further details please contact the finance officer on 01935 818209 or p.hooper@sherborne.com

cancelling acceptance of a place or withdrawal

One full term's notice in writing addressed to the Head is required to cancel acceptance of a place at the School or to withdraw a pupil from the School. If such notice is not given a term's fees in lieu of notice will be immediately due and payable. These notes are subject to the Standard Terms and Conditions, a copy of which can be obtained from Admissions or on our website: sherborne.com.

Sherborne Girls is a company limited by guarantee.

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Registered office: Bradford Road, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 3QN.

Registered Charity No: 307427.

General / Financial Enquiries

Admissions enquiries and to arrange a visit to the School

Admissions enquiries:

Director of External Affairs
Mrs Katherine Massey
01935 818215
admissions@sherborne.com

Registrar:

Mrs Jenny Hinks
01935 818224 or 01935 818287
registrar@sherborne.com

General enquiries

Main Office:

Mrs Judith Fox
01935 812245
office@sherborne.com

Head

Correspondence via Head's PA:

Mrs Julia Horton
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Financial enquiries

Bursar and Clerk to the Governors:

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Chairman of Governors

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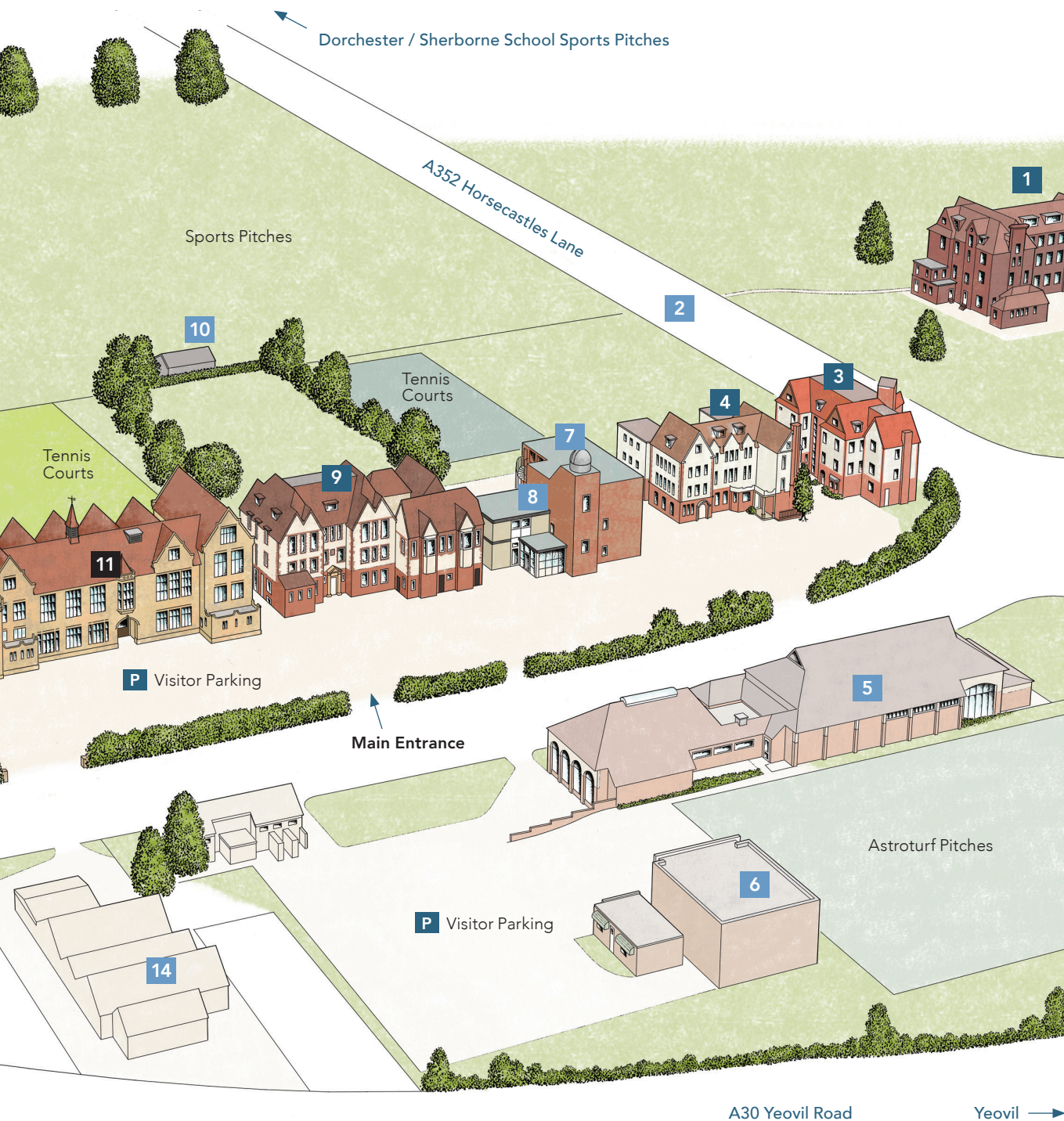
2 hours from London Waterloo
2 hours from Heathrow
1.5 hours from Bristol and Southampton airports
15 minutes from the A303
45 minutes from Salisbury by train





- 1** Aldhelmsted East
- 2** Footbridge
- 3** Aldhelmsted West
- 4** Dun Holme
- 5** Oxley Sports Centre
- 6** Dance Studios, Changing Rooms
- 7** Beddington Building & Learning Support
- 8** Beddington Lecture Theatre

- 9** Kenelm
- 10** Sports Pavilion
- 11** Reception & Main School
- 12** Library & Home Economics
- 13** Sixth Form Centre & Admissions Office
- 14** Oxley Yard
- 15** Marketing, Development & Old Girls Office
- 16** Bursary



- 17 Drama Studio
- 18 Modern Languages & EAL
- 19 Science Centre
- 20 Wingfield Digby
- 21 School Shop
- 22 Health Centre
- 23 Mulliner
- 24 The Tea Crate

- 25 White Lodge
- 26 Reader Harris
- 27 Art Centre
- 28 The Stuart Centre for Drama
- 29 The Merritt Centre for Music



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