



# HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE.

PROSPECTUS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

Since 1893

# WELCOME TO HARROGATE LADIES' COLLEGE



## A VERY BRITISH EXPERIENCE

Harrogate Ladies' College is one of the UK's top independent day and boarding schools for girls aged 11 to 18 years.

Whilst remaining firmly a UK school, we welcome applications from international students into all year groups. We are proud of the cultural diversity of our school community, which includes girls from more than 24 different nationalities.

Studying at Harrogate Ladies' College provides international students with a very British experience and a quality of education that is recognised the world over. Our students gain access to top universities in the UK and overseas.

We aim to develop a passion for learning and a love of life in our pupils. We want our girls to be the very best that they can be, both inside and outside the classroom.

- > Our all-girls approach gives pupils the confidence and the freedom to be themselves
- > Our size enables us to know and understand each pupil as their parents know them
- > Our supportive environment means that pupils can be pushed harder to achieve more

**"I am incredibly proud of our international students. They contribute a huge amount and we all benefit from the cultural diversity that they bring to our school community."**

**Sylvia Brett**  
Principal of Harrogate Ladies' College

### Harrogate Ladies' College Overview

- > Girls only, 11-18 years
- > International students from 24 different countries
- > Entry for international students from Year 7 to Year 12
- > International students fully integrated into standard classes
- > Access to top UK universities



# JUST FOR GIRLS

## Why choose girls only?

- > Freedom for girls to be themselves
- > Girls grow in confidence and self-esteem
- > Reduce teenage pressures
- > Safe, supportive environment

## SPACE FOR GIRLS TO GROW

**“From academics to personal aspirations, the impact of the all-girls experience positively permeates a girl’s life.”**

The Girls' Schools Association

Studying overseas is a big step for both students and their parents. It's important to know that your daughter is safe, supported and happy, no matter how far away she is.

The size of our school means that we get to know our girls as individuals, the way their parents know them. We understand their individual strengths, weaknesses, hopes and fears. This means that we can support them and help them to grow both academically and personally.

We understand girls and the way they learn and adapt our teaching methods to suit their needs. We give girls the confidence to share their ideas and to voice their opinions in class. We believe that this enables our girls to learn more effectively and ultimately to achieve better results.

There are many pressures on teenage girls today. As an all-girls school we can help reduce some of those pressures. Our girls have the freedom to be themselves, to grow in confidence and self-esteem. Our girls are determined and they know who they are. When they leave us they are ready to take on the world on their own terms, able to say, “I am me”.

**“We have been encouraged to imagine what our lives can be like, knowing that we will be supported along the way, never to fear failure, or believe that something is beyond us.”**

Ajoke from Nigeria



# A BRITISH EDUCATION RECOGNISED WORLD OVER

## Academics at a glance

- > 2 Year A level programmes (choice of 24 subjects)
- > 2 Year GCSE programmes (choice of 24 subjects)
- > 1 Year GCSE programme
- > Short term study programmes (1, 2 and 3 term)
- > English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support
- > Dedicated Business School
- > 75% gain offers from Russell Group universities

International students are welcome to join us in any year group from Year 7 to Year 12. We always encourage families to consider sending their children to study with us as early as possible as this gives girls the opportunity to get to know us, make friends and develop their English skills, before they get to the more serious examination years.

Throughout College, students are taught in small classes by excellent, committed teachers. Learning is stimulating and interactive and students are encouraged to think, learn and study independently.

Our students achieve excellent results in A level and GCSEs and over 75% typically receive offers from top Russell Group universities.

**“Harrogate Ladies’ College is a place full of opportunities. It has really stretched me, challenged me and has made me into the person I am today.”**

**Nikki** from China, now studying Physics at Imperial College London





# EXTRA-CURRICULAR LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Life at College gives students the opportunity to excel outside the classroom in a broad range of specialist fields including sports, drama and music. We encourage all of our international students to take part in the wider opportunities that our school has to offer.



## Performing Arts

We are a very musical school. We have a dedicated Music House, located in its own building, with more than 20 practice and rehearsal rooms. Our girls participate in a wide range of music groups including orchestras and string and wind ensembles. Our choir is widely regarded as one of the top school choirs in the UK and was a semi-finalist in the School Choir of the Year Competition.

There are also lots of opportunities for girls to participate in Drama through our annual productions and inter-house drama competitions, building their confidence.



## Creative Arts

Our Art, Textiles and Photographic studios give girls the opportunity to explore and develop their creative skills. An annual trip to Venice provides much inspiration for the work of our Creative Arts departments. Many of our students go on to successful careers in the Arts and Fashion industries.

## Sports for All

We have excellent sports facilities including a purpose built sports hall, extensive outdoor sports fields, netball courts, tennis courts and a 25m swimming pool. We play a range of competitive sports including netball, lacrosse, rounders, tennis, athletics and swimming and many of our girls compete at regional and national level.

**“Sport, the life-blood of the school,  
is keenly pursued by all.”**

The Good Schools Guide



# BOARDING LIFE A HOME AWAY



## Boarding Facts

- > Dedicated housemistress living in each house
- > Mixed age group houses
- > Shared bedrooms (typically 2/3 girls)
- > No exeat weekends

# FROM HOME

Studying overseas means that our international students are often a long way from their homes and their families. That's why for us, boarding is centred on the concepts of "family" and "home". Our boarders live in traditional family homes; they have an extended family of boarding staff to care for and support them; and are surrounded by a wonderful array of boarding "sisters" of all ages.

We know that being away from home can be challenging for our girls, particularly to start with, but our experienced boarding staff are there to help and support them. Girls quickly make friends and settle into their home away from home.

When children study overseas it can be challenging for the parents, and our boarding staff are also there to support parents and keep them updated on their daughter's happiness and wellbeing.

Boarding at Harrogate Ladies' College is a unique life experience. It is a warm, nurturing, family environment which enables girls of all ages to build confidence, independence and lifelong friendships.

**"I knew that being a boarder would create close friendships but I'd never imagined such a friendly, loving, caring and enthusiastic atmosphere."**

Emma from Isle of Man





# THE WEEKEND PROGRAMME A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Weekends at College are a really special and important time. They are a time when girls can try new things; visit new places; develop new skills; build confidence; and strengthen friendships.

We have a dedicated Weekend Programme. The choice of activities is wide: from cultural activities, to active experiences and social events. The programme is designed to give everyone the chance to try something new and exciting.

We also have a programme of more than 50 clubs and societies that run throughout the week in which our international students participate in. Throughout the year there are also extended trips available which enable girls to discover other parts of Europe such as Italy, France, Germany and Spain.

We encourage all of our international students to take part in the activities and trips available because they are such an important part of the overall experience of being a student at Harrogate Ladies' College.

**Full weekend  
activity  
programme**

**50 plus clubs  
and societies  
to join**



**Weekend  
visits to  
other parts  
of the UK**

**Extended trips  
to other parts  
of Europe**



**Evening  
activity  
programme**



**“On weekends there is a lot to experience. The housemistresses organise lots of activities and trips to cinemas, restaurants, theme parks and other cities like Cambridge. You can also go to Harrogate to do some shopping!”**

Charlotte from Germany





# LIVING IN HARROGATE SAFE, **VIBRANT**, HAPPY...

**HARROGATE - the “happiest place to live in the UK”**

Harrogate is a safe, wealthy, cosmopolitan town with beautiful historic buildings and large open spaces and parks. It has a vibrant café culture and exclusive shops and boutiques – all of which our girls love! Our school is located in a quiet residential area just 5 minutes walk from the centre of Harrogate.

Harrogate is also a short train journey away from both Leeds (30 minutes), and York (40 minutes). Leeds is England's third largest city and a hub for business, shopping and culture, while York is one of the most famous historic cities in the UK.

Our nearest international airport is Leeds Bradford Airport (10 miles). Leeds Bradford operates direct flights to many European destinations and shuttle flights to London Heathrow (35 minutes), Paris (90 minutes) and Amsterdam (70 minutes) for fast and convenient connections to worldwide destinations.

Manchester airport is around 90 minutes' drive and operates direct flights to an array of European and worldwide destinations including Hong Kong, Beijing, Dubai, Moscow and Singapore.

Whichever airport you choose, we can arrange escorted travel within the UK between airport and school.



**“Harrogate is one of the most beautiful towns in Great Britain. The school is very well located. You are just 5 minutes' walk from the town where you can go shopping, to the cinema, to restaurants or for a walk in the famous Valley Gardens.”**

Maria from Spain



> 5 minute walk to cafes, shops, cinemas and restaurants

> 10 miles to Leeds Bradford Airport (35 minute shuttle flight to Heathrow)

> 90 minutes to Manchester Airport

> Escorted travel to and from airports





# I AM ME.



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