



DUCHY COLLEGE

HARROGATE

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Since 1893

WELCOME TO DUCHY COLLEGE HARROGATE



A VERY BRITISH EXPERIENCE

Duchy College will be the new name of Harrogate Ladies' College from September 2026.

We have been welcoming international pupils to our school for many years and we are delighted that from September 2026 we will begin to open our applications to both boys and girls, starting with Year 7 and Year 12.

We are proud of our cultural diversity and our school community includes pupils from more than 24 different countries.

Studying at Duchy College provides international pupils 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 around the world.

We are a small and kind environment where every pupil is known as an individual. As well as academic excellence, we focus on supporting the wellbeing of each pupil, because we believe that happy pupils achieve more academically.

- **Our pupils have the confidence and freedom to be themselves**
- **Our size enables us to know and understand each pupil as their parents know them**
- **Our focus on wellbeing means that pupils achieve more academically**

“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.”

Joanna Fox
Principal of Duchy College

Duchy College September 2026 Entry

- **Year 7 and Year 12 – Boys and Girls**
- **Year 8 to Year 11 – Girls Only**
- **International pupils fully integrated into standard classes**
- **Access to top UK and international universities**

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
- > Specialist centre for STEM subjects (TeenTech Centre of Excellence)
- > Top UK exam results for Creative Arts
- > 75% gain offers from Russell Group universities

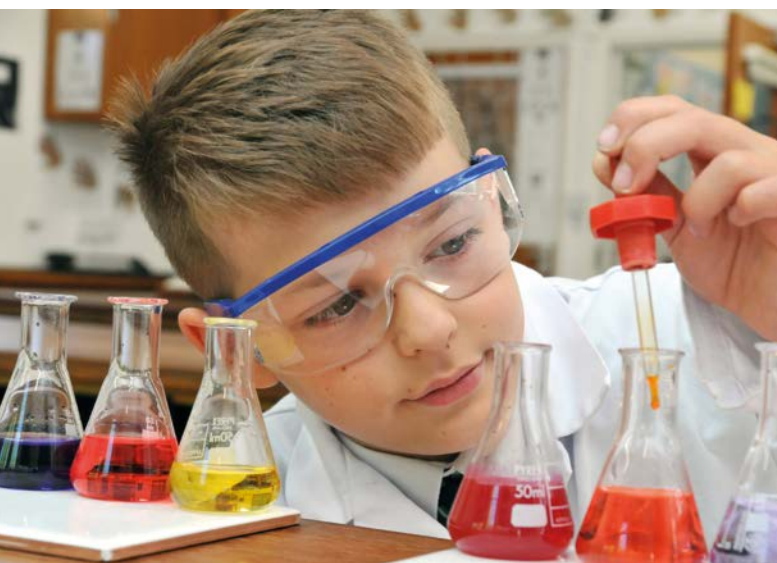
International students are welcome to join us in any year group from Year 7 to Year 12. We always encourage families to consider sending their children to study with us as early as possible as this gives them the opportunity to get to know us, make friends and develop their English skills, before they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

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

Pupil from China who went onto study Physics at Oxford University



EXTRA-CURRICULAR LIFE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

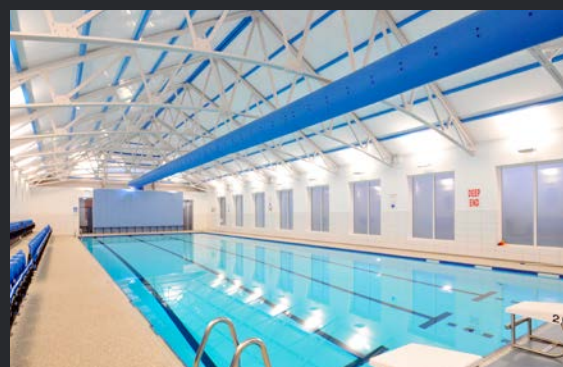
Life at Duchy College gives students the opportunity to excel outside the classroom in a broad range of specialist fields including sports, drama and music. We encourage all of our international students to take part in the wider opportunities that our school has to offer.

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 pupils 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 pupils 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 pupils 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 football, cricket, basketball, netball, tennis, athletics, cross country and swimming. Many pupils also 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 house staff living in each house
- > Separate facilities for boys and girls
- > Shared bedrooms (typically 2/3 pupils)
- > 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 friends of all ages.

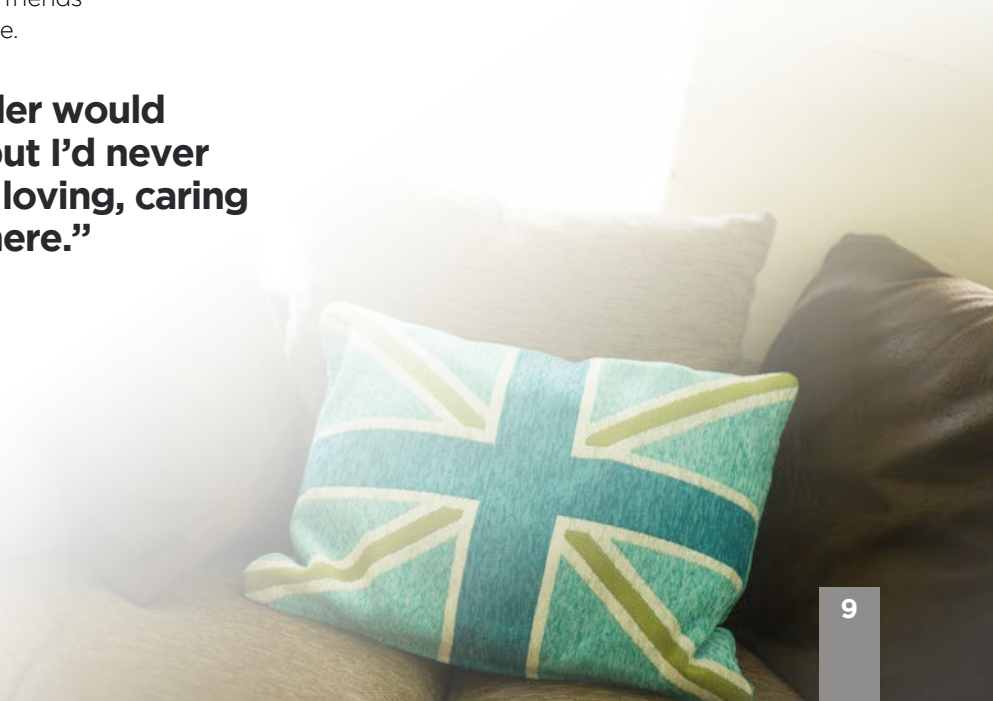
We know that being away from home can be challenging for our pupils, particularly to start with, but our experienced boarding staff are there to help and support them. Students quickly make friends and settle into their home away from home.

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 child's happiness and wellbeing.

Boarding at Duchy College is a unique life experience. It is a warm, nurturing, family environment which enables pupils 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."

Pupil from Isle of Man



THE WEEKEND PROGRAMME

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Weekends at Duchy College are a really special and important time. They are a time when pupils 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 pupils 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 Duchy College.

Full weekend activity programme

50 plus clubs and societies to join

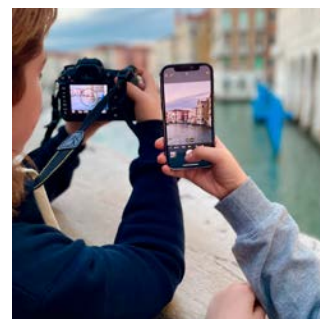


Weekend visits to other parts of the UK

Extended trips to other parts of Europe



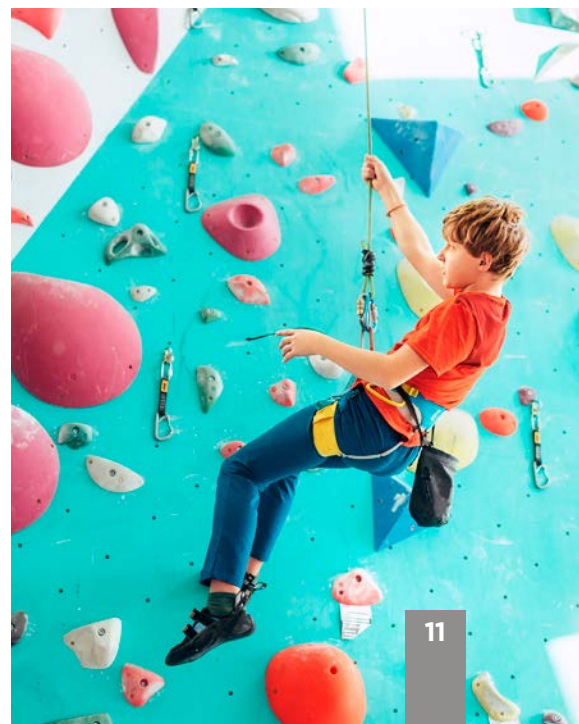
Evening activity programme





“On weekends there is a lot to experience. The house staff 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!”

Pupil 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, sports facilities and parks. It has a vibrant café culture and exclusive shops and boutiques – all of which our pupils 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 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 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.”

Pupil from Spain



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

› 10 miles to Leeds Bradford Airport (shuttle flights to Paris and Amsterdam)

› 90 minutes to Manchester Airport

› Escorted travel to and from airports



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING DUCHY COLLEGE

Each year we welcome international pupils to join our school. As we move towards a co-ed senior school in September 2026, we will have the following places available:

- > **Year 7 and Year 12** – Places available for boys and girls
- > **Years 8 to Year 11** – Places available for girls only
- > **1 Year GCSE programme places in Year 11**
- > **2 Year GCSE programme places in Year 10**
- > **2 Year A level programme places in Year 12** (boys and girls)
- > **Short stay immersion programmes** (all lengths of stay considered from 2 weeks to 1 year)

Application Process

All international applicants are asked to:

- > Complete English and Maths entrance tests (not required for short stay immersion programme pupils)
- > Have an interview with our Principal, Joanna Fox or a senior member of staff
- > Provide a copy of their most recent school report
- > Provide a copy of their passport

Ethos and Values

We aim to develop a deep passion for learning and a love of life in all of our pupils. This ethos underpins everything we do and is at the heart of our school community.

Educational Guardians

We ask that all pupils with parents living outside of the UK have an Educational Guardian in the UK to support them during their time with us.

Fees for 2025/2026 Academic Year

We aim to make our fees as inclusive as possible to help families to plan for their child's education. Our termly boarding fees include:

- > VAT
- > Tuition
- > Accommodation (during term time)
- > All meals (including breakfast, lunch and supper)
- > Full laundry service
- > Most textbooks
- > Medical provision from our Wellness Centre
- > Extensive extra-curricular programme

Our boarding fees for the academic year commencing September 2025 are as follows:

EU pupils (entry into Year 7 & 8)

£14,405 per term

EU pupils (entry into Years 9-13)

£15,495

Non-EU pupils (entry into Years 7-11)

£16,050

Non-EU pupils (entry into Years 12-13)*

£17,215 per term

*Pupils who join us before Year 12 and continue into Sixth Form will continue to pay Year 7-11 fees.

All fees are inclusive of VAT.

Non-EU fees are applicable to all families who are not domiciled in the UK.



English as an Additional Language (EAL) and IELTS

To ensure our international students receive the English language support they need, we assess each pupil on arrival and identify the number of additional lessons required each week. As the level of support differs for each pupil these costs are not included in our standard fees and are charged as follows:

- > Individual lesson (35 mins): £45 per lesson
- > Group lesson 2-5 pupils (70 mins): £45 per lesson
- > Group lesson 6-10 pupils (70 mins): £35 per lesson

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