

# DUCHY COLLEGE

HARROGATE

INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Since 1893

# WELCOME TO DUCHY COLLEGE, HARROGATE



# A VERY BRITISH EXPERIENCE

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

We are proud of our cultural diversity, with our school community including 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 happy pupils achieve more academically.

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

“I am incredibly proud of our international pupils. They contribute a huge amount and we all benefit from the cultural diversity 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 INTERNATIONALLY

## 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 (from two weeks to three terms)
- > 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 pupils are welcome to join us in any year group from Year 7 to Year 12. Our co-ed provision will be phased into our senior school in the following way:

- > 2026/27 Year 7 co-educational Years 8–11 girls only
- > 2027/28 Years 7 & 8 co-educational Years 9–11 girls only
- > 2028/29 Years 7–9 co-educational Years 10 & 11 girls only
- > 2029/30 Years 7–10 co-educational Year 11 girls only
- > 2030/31 Fully co-educational

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

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

## PERFORMING ARTS

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, string and wind ensembles. Our choir is widely regarded as one of the top school choirs in the UK and has reached the Grand Final of the National Choir Competition for the last three years.

There is a wide range 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. Our regular trip to Venice provides much inspiration for the work of our Creative Arts department. Many of our pupils go on to have 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 PROVISION

- > Dedicated house staff living in each house
- > Separate facilities for boys and girls
- > Single-sex bedrooms (typically 2/3 pupils)
- > No exeat weekends

# FROM HOME

Being at school in the UK means our international pupils are often far from their homes and families. Because of this, our boarding ethos is built on foundations of support and care. Our boarding facilities are housed in, what once were, traditional family homes. Living in the houses, as well as the pupils, are the teams of boarding staff who look after the boarders. Our house staff work exceedingly hard to cultivate a bright, caring and warm environment for boarders of all ages.

We know 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. Pupils quickly make friends and settle into their home away from home.

“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**

When children study overseas it can be challenging for their parents. 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 find lifelong friendships.



# THE WEEKEND PROGRAMME A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES

Weekends at Duchy College are a special and important time. They are a time for pupils to 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 pupils participate. 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 pupils to take part in the activities and trips available because they are a vital part of the overall experience at Duchy College.

FULL WEEKEND  
ACTIVITY  
PROGRAMME

OVER 50 CLUBS  
AND SOCIETIES  
TO JOIN

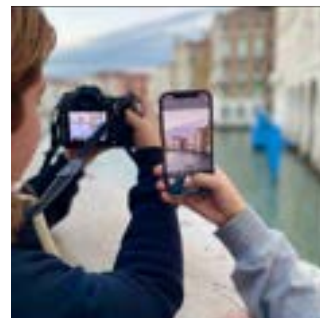


WEEKEND  
VISITS ACROSS  
THE UK

EXTENDED  
TRIPS TO  
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... the “happiest place to live in the UK”

Harrogate is a safe, wealthy and cosmopolitan town with beautiful historic buildings, large open spaces, sports facilities and parks. It has a vibrant café culture as well as exclusive shops and boutiques. Our school is located in a quiet residential area, just five minutes walk from the centre of Harrogate.

Harrogate is a short train journey from 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 (30 minutes). Leeds Bradford operates direct flights to many European destinations as well as 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

> 30 minutes 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 of 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 two weeks to one 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 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

It is a legal requirement for all pupils with parents living outside the UK to have an Educational Guardian in the UK to support them.

## Fees for 2026/2027 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 2026 are as follows:

**EU pupils (entry into Year 7 & 8)**  
£15,125 per term

**EU pupils (entry into Years 9–13)**  
£16,270

**Non-EU pupils (entry into Years 7–11)**  
£17,015

**Non-EU pupils (entry into Years 12–13)\***  
£18,075 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 and are reviewed annually.*

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 pupils 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): £47 per lesson
- > Group lesson 2–5 pupils (70 mins): £47 per lesson
- > Group lesson 6–10 pupils (70 mins): £38 per lesson

### Governance

Our Chair of Governors, Francine Holroyd, and our Principal, Joanna Fox, can be contacted via Duchy College, Clarence Drive, Harrogate HG1 2QG.

## CONTACT US TO FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested in applying for a place at Duchy College, please contact our Admissions Team in the first instance. The Admissions Team work closely with families to help make the process as smooth and as simple as possible.

Email [admissions@duchycollege.org.uk](mailto:admissions@duchycollege.org.uk) or call **01423 537045**

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