Welcome to the latest edition of the ‘Parents’ Guide to State Boarding Schools:

A few years ago a regional tourist board coined the phrase ‘Britain’s best-kept secret’ as a way to lure more visitors. This is not a tourist guide of course, but it might be fair to say that state boarding is perhaps the ‘best-kept secret’ in British education.

Members of the State Boarding Schools Association represent enormous diversity. There are 38 state boarding schools right across the UK ranging in boarding numbers from under 50 to over 600. The mix of schools includes grammar schools and schools specialising in areas like agriculture or military. It includes schools close to towns and cities to those in more rural locations, and a wide range with academic results as good as any in the UK.

Parents of boarders at state boarding schools choose them for a host of reasons, including academic quality, the chance for their child to fulfil their potential and the opportunity to take part in an extraordinarily wide range of activities. Most importantly however over 90% say their child is happy boarding and would recommend their school and boarding to others.*

This is a great tribute to the care and support of boarding staff. These are dedicated, hard-working professionals who don’t just go the extra mile, day after day, to look after boarding students, but meet the stringent standards set by the National Minimum Standards for Boarding too.

Over 70,000 pupils across the UK benefit from a boarding education, including nearly 5,000 at state boarding schools. Their parents, with them, decide on state boarding carefully and wisely. Because they know they will witness the development of young students who are not just accomplished in the classroom, but confident, assured and well-grounded too as they prepare to face the real world.

This guide makes it easy to learn and understand more about the great things offered by British state boarding schools. I hope you find it helpful.

*Independent survey of more than 1,500 parents at 29 SBSA schools, 2014
The school is brilliant and the children are really happy there. It has high standards and good discipline. Both pupils and teachers show a lot of respect for each other.

The children are really proud of their school.

Parent
There are many reasons for choosing a state boarding school for your child. Here are just a few:

**Excellent education**
All state boarding schools and academies follow the National Curriculum and pupils take the same exams as they would in a state day school. Whilst the exams are the same, the performance exceeds that of many other schools with state boarding schools frequently featuring at the top of league tables. This applies to both selective and non-selective schools. Some state boarding schools offer the International Baccalaureate in the sixth form.

**Top quality boarding facilities**
The boarding facilities are indistinguishable from those at independent schools. Following major government investment in recent years many schools have new boarding houses with state-of-the-art facilities and all are supported by staff who are totally committed to the well-being of the children. By selecting a state boarding school parents are choosing the very best boarding care.

**Affordable boarding education**
When you can get top quality education combined with state-of-the-art boarding facilities it is easy to see why so many parents choose state boarding education for their children. Fees are generally less than half those of independent schools and yet state boarding schools compare very favourably when it comes to standards of care, education and facilities.

**Wide choice of schools**
Parents will usually find a school that meets their requirements – however specific they are. There are selective schools and comprehensive schools; co-ed and single-sex schools; primary schools, secondary schools and sixth form colleges; specialists in many different subjects; predominantly boarding or minority boarding. The schools are spread throughout England and there is one in Wales.

**My son’s had a fantastic range of courses to choose from at GCSE and A Level.**
Parent
Modern boarding is a flexible option with many state boarding schools offering weekly as well as termly boarding. Boarding has many benefits:

• Plenty of home comforts and a warm welcome
• They help children to develop confidence and independence
• Boarders have the best of both worlds – a ready-made circle of friends in their boarding house and the chance to mix with local children
• They provide continuity and stability, for example for children whose parents’ work involves frequent changes of location or where parents work long hours
• They offer a range of worthwhile evening and weekend activities

By visiting some schools with your child you will be able to choose the most suitable one. All schools have arrangements for helping new boarders to settle in and the great majority of boarders get used to their new surroundings very quickly. However, if any do experience problems, help is always at hand.

Boarding in the sixth form is a popular option for many pupils as it is an excellent preparation for university life or employment away from home. Many state boarding schools have sixth forms and there is also the option of a further education college.

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It’s like one big sleepover for the children with their extended family, and their learning is fun.

Parent

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Who can be a boarder at a state boarding school?
Maintained boarding schools welcome children from all backgrounds. They can admit UK and other European Union nationals. Children from outside the EU need to have the right of residence in the UK before they can be accepted as a boarder.

Please note that the holding of a BN(O) passport does not make the child eligible for a State Boarding School in the UK.

What is a state boarding school?
A state school, free school, or academy which provides boarding for at least some of its pupils. Boarding fees are low because whilst they cover the cost of providing the boarding place; the school, like every state school in England and Wales, does not charge for education.

What is it not?
It is not a residential school, Borstal, approved school, special needs school or ‘military school’ in the American sense of being a ‘boot camp’ for children who lack discipline or have behavioural difficulties. In fact, it is pretty much like an independent boarding school in most respects.

How many state boarding schools are there?
38. Of these, two are sixth form colleges: Peter Symonds College in Winchester and Welbeck-the Defence Sixth Form College, near Loughborough.

The Five Islands School – is a state boarding school for Scilly Islanders.
Haydon Bridge – is only open to students in its enormous catchment area in Northumberland.
Cranbrook School – is unusual in that it takes its first boarding students into Year 9, at 13+.

Several now have academy status, and more will surely follow, but this status makes no difference to pupils within the schools, or to parents considering applying.

How much will a state boarding place cost me?
This will vary from school to school – geography influences the school’s own costs – and from year to year – sixth form places may be slightly more expensive than the younger years. Schools charge fees to cover the cost of providing boarding and vary between about £8,000 and £13,000 per year. Prices are not listed here because they will change every year.

Why are they so cheap?
Because the schools are not charging for teaching at all – in England and Wales, education provided by the state is free at the point of access and state schools are not permitted to charge for tuition.
The sixth form is outstanding: students attain high grades at A-level and leave school very well prepared for further study or training.

Ofsted
Is there a centralised system for applications?
No. If you live in England and will be applying for a place at a state boarding school at the normal time when children transfer to secondary school in your local authority area, you will need to apply to the school of your choice and also need to apply to your home local authority.

Otherwise you simply apply to the individual school.

When should I apply?
For admission in any September, apply from the previous September. Be ready to do so as early in September as possible and you MUST do so by the national closing date at the end of October if you are applying for a Year 7 (11+) place. This will mean enquiring and visiting and making choices in the summer term of the year preceding entry. For entry at age 11, successful applicants will be notified they have a place on the Common Admission Date, 1 March preceding the September of entry. Schools will have different numbers of pupils for day places and for boarding places but all are notified on the same date.

State boarding places in sixth forms are particularly popular, so early application a year ahead of admission is sensible.

For application ‘in year’ for whatever reason, it is always worth asking the school in which you are interested does it have a space in class and does it have an available bed in boarding. If they do, they may be able to make a swift admission at any time of the year.

Do I have to live in the school’s catchment area?
No, not for a boarding place – for boarders, effectively there is no catchment area. Applications can be accepted from all over Europe, for instance, or indeed from all over the world if the child is eligible.

If my child becomes a boarder, will they be gone for months on end?
Most state boarding schools will have an ‘exeat’ (home leave) weekend every three weeks, in addition to the usual half terms. Increasingly, they are providing weekly boarding, with boarders at home for weekends, if that is what families prefer. Please enquire of the school you choose what their pattern is. If you wish your child to be at school at the weekend, ask about their programme of weekend activities.

Do any of them take Junior boarders?
The Royal Alexandra and Albert School near Reigate has boarders from age 7 in its Junior School.

Are there any girls’ only schools?
No.
Frequently asked questions

And boys’ schools?
All boys’ schools:
Reading School (which is a grammar school)
Lancaster Royal Grammar School
The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
Brymore School in Somerset

Boys only up to 16, but with co-ed sixth forms, and boys’ only boarding:
Old Swinford Hospital in the West Midlands
Colchester Royal Grammar School
Adams’ Grammar School in Shropshire
Beechen Cliff School in Bath

Co-ed schools but with boys’ only boarding:
Ashby School in Leicestershire

Are state boarding schools selective?
Nine of them are grammar schools, so these are academically selective:
Adams’ Grammar School
Colchester Royal Grammar School
Cranbrook School
Lancaster Royal Grammar School
Reading School
Ripon Grammar School
Sir Roger Manwood’s School
The Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe
The Skegness Grammar School

Seven of these are academically selective for entry at 11, via the 11+ examination; Cranbrook is selective at 13. All are likely to have specific expectations of the GCSE performance from applicants for the Sixth Form, but these will vary from school to school. The others are comprehensive schools which are not selective.

Note: Steyning Grammar School in West Sussex is a non-selective comprehensive school; its name is a hangover from its ancient foundation as a grammar school.

All state boarding schools are permitted to interview for suitability for boarding, but this interview must not turn into a disguised academic selection test. It is designed to assess whether a young person is likely to settle happily into a boarding community and be able to make a positive contribution to the school he or she wishes to join.
Frequently asked questions

**If my child does not get a place, what then?**
Every school will have and publish an Appeal Procedure.

**Can I take a boarding place then change it for a day place?**
No. Schools have separate admission numbers for their day and boarding populations. Transfer is not an easy process. To take a boarding place and wish to transfer to a day place is to deprive another applicant of a boarding place.

**Will the school make the most of my child’s academic potential?**
State Boarding Schools have a very good record of academic results at both GCSE and A Level/IB, and in most state boarding schools, the majority of leavers go on to University. However, the most important thing is how the school matches your child’s profile and aspirations; not all children want to go to University or are suited to doing so. Look carefully at school data on results and destination of leavers for further guidance.

**Do any of them offer IB?**
Hockerill Anglo European College, Bishop’s Stortford
Dallam School, Cumbria
Steyning Grammar School, West Sussex (also offers A level)

**So how do I choose a school?**
Some things to consider: do you want
a) A large school or a small one
b) A big boarding community (650 at Wymondham College, the largest) or a small one – some large schools offer as few as 30 boarding places in total
c) A school close to where you live – most boarding parents these days live within an hour’s journey of the school so they can attend matches and plays etc.
d) Admission into Y7, Y9 or the Sixth Form
e) A school with something specific in addition to what a school would normally provide – e.g. very strong sports or music or drama for instance

With these questions in mind, look on the SBSA website and into schools’ own websites to get the feel of the schools. Then visit your ‘top schools’. Involve your child in the selection process. He or she will be asked if they really want to be a boarder and the school you choose together will be their home for several years – it is important that it feels right to them.

SBSA cannot advise on individual choices of schools.
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*Girls in Sixth Form only
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High Street, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7BD
School type: Grammar
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys 11-16. Boys and Girls in sixth form
Number of pupils: 842
Boarding places: 100 (boys only)
Sixth form: 300

Notes:
• Haberdashers’ Company School founded in 1656
• Technology College, Language College and Training School status
• Top performing school academically and judged “outstanding” by Ofsted

Ashby School
Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zoche, Leicestershire, LE65 1DT
School type: Technology/Language College
Age range: 11-19
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 1600
Boarding places: 50 (boys only)
Sixth form: 500

Notes:
• Large and successful sixth form
• Small and comfortable house for boarders. Boarding judged as “outstanding” by Ofsted
• Specialist Information Technology status, Language status and International School status

Beechen Cliff School
Alexandra Park, Bath, BA2 4RE
School type: Comprehensive Academy
Age range: 11-19
Gender: Boys 11-16 with Boys and Girls in Sixth Form
Number of pupils: 1200
Boarding places: 24 (Boys only)
Sixth form: 320

Notes:
• Outstanding School (Ofsted 2014)
• High academic standards with a broad range of sports and activities
• Set in the beautiful Georgian city of Bath
• Brand new purpose-built boarding house with en-suite facilities

Brymore Academy
Cannington, Somerset, TA5 2NB
School type: Technical School
Age range: 11-17
Gender: Boys
Number of pupils: 200
Boarding places: 150
Sixth form: 20

Notes:
• 60 acre farm, walled garden, blacksmithing forges and workshops
• Top 3% of schools in the country for progress made to target grade for 5 A*-C’s
• Small class sizes, sporting excellence, outstanding teaching, 88% 5-A* to C
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<td>Cranbrook School</td>
<td><a href="http://www.cranbrookschool.co.uk">www.cranbrookschool.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3JD</td>
<td>01580 711800</td>
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<td>Dallam School</td>
<td><a href="http://www.dallam.eu">www.dallam.eu</a></td>
<td>Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7DD</td>
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<td>• Set in an enviable, safe location on the southern fringes of the English Lake District</td>
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### De Aston School
- **Website**: [www.de-aston.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.de-aston.lincs.sch.uk)
- **Address**: Willingham Road, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, LN8 3RF
- **Contact**: Tel: 01673 843415
- **School type**: Academy
- **Age range**: 11-18
- **Gender**: Boys and Girls
- **Number of pupils**: 950
- **Boarding places**: 75
- **Sixth form**: 230-250

**Notes:**
- Outstanding sports, arts, music, drama and community based activities
- Outstanding care, guidance and support (Ofsted)
- Strong university links (including Oxbridge) and special needs provision (specific learning difficulties)

### Gordon's School
- **Website**: [www.gordons.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.gordons.surrey.sch.uk)
- **Address**: West End, Woking, Surrey, GU24 9PT
- **Contact**: Tel: 01276 858084
- **School type**: Academy
- **Age range**: 11-18
- **Gender**: Boys and Girls
- **Number of pupils**: 750
- **Boarding places**: 220
- **Sixth form**: 180

**Notes:**
- Sixth Form (60% of the grades at A* to B)
- In the HM Chief Inspector of Schools “outstanding school list”
- In the top 20 state school in Britain for the last four years

### Haydon Bridge Community High School and Sports College
- **Website**: [www.haydonbridgehigh.co.uk](http://www.haydonbridgehigh.co.uk)
- **Address**: Haydon Bridge, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 6LR
- **Contact**: Tel: 01434 684422
- **School type**: Community School
- **Age range**: 11-18
- **Gender**: Boys and Girls
- **Number of pupils**: 650
- **Boarding places**: 60
- **Sixth form**: 180

**Notes:**
- Sports College with outdoor centre
- Recognised for international links through DCSF International Schools Award
- The school offers places to pupils Monday to Friday only

### Hockerill Anglo-European College
- **Website**: [www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk](http://www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk)
- **Address**: Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 SHX
- **Contact**: Tel: 01279 658451
- **School type**: Comprehensive
- **Age range**: 11-19
- **Gender**: Boys and Girls
- **Number of pupils**: 843
- **Boarding places**: 300
- **Sixth form**: 250

**Notes:**
- Consistently ranked as one of the country’s top performing stage schools
- The Sunday Times IB School of the Year 2011/12
- Outstanding in all judgements – Ofsted 2012
### Holyport College

- **Address**: Ascot Road, Holyport, Berkshire, SL6 3LF
- **Website**: [www.holyportcollege.org.uk](http://www.holyportcollege.org.uk)
- **Tel**: 01628 770442

**School Type**: Comprehensive  
**Age Range**: 11-19  
**Gender**: Boys and Girls  
**Number of Pupils**: 500  
**Boarding Places**: 225  
**Sixth Form**: 180

**Notes**:
- Opening in September 2014 on a brand new purpose built campus, the country’s first boarding and day Free School
- An all ability co-educational school where every student excels academically
- Eton College is the sole educational sponsor, taking a leading role on the Governing Body

### Keswick School

- **Address**: Vicarage Hill, Keswick, Cumbria, CA12 5QB
- **Website**: [www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.keswick.cumbria.sch.uk)
- **Tel**: 01768 772605

**School Type**: Comprehensive  
**Age Range**: 11-18  
**Gender**: Boys and Girls  
**Number of Pupils**: 1117  
**Boarding Places**: 53  
**Sixth Form**: 235

**Notes**:
- Two consecutive Ofsted inspections judge the school to be outstanding in every respect - ‘Keswick School is a place where all students thrive and become mature adults who are extremely well prepared for their future lives.’ (Ofsted 2014)
- ‘It’s an ambitious place – you can take the academics as read, but the adventurous, creative and often entrepreneurial spirit is what gives it the edge.’ (The Good Schools Guide 2014)
- Boarding students are happy, participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and enjoy living in a boarding house run as an extended family in the heart of the Lake District National Park

### Lancaster Royal Grammar School

- **Address**: East Road, Lancaster, LA1 3EF
- **Website**: [www.lrgs.org.uk](http://www.lrgs.org.uk)
- **Tel**: 01524 580605

**School Type**: Grammar  
**Age Range**: 11-18  
**Gender**: Boys  
**Number of Pupils**: 1000  
**Boarding Places**: 200  
**Sixth Form**: 350

**Notes**:
- School and boarding rated ‘outstanding’ in all categories by Ofsted
- Excellent results place LRGs consistently in the top 2% of state schools for GCSE and A-level
- We offer state-of-the-art boarding facilities, excellent pastoral care and an extensive range of activities

### Liverpool College

- **Address**: Queens Drive, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, L18 8BG
- **Website**: [www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolcollege.org.uk)
- **Tel**: +44 (0) 1517244000

**School Type**: Academy  
**Age Range**: 4-18 (Day) 15-18 (Boarding)  
**Gender**: Boys and Girls  
**Number of Pupils**: 725  
**Boarding Places**: 40  
**Sixth Form**: 125

**Notes**:
- 100% success rate in A-Levels in 2013. With 71% achieving A* to B and 92% achieving A to C
- We offer a wide range of enrichment and sporting activities
- We offer a caring and supportive boarding environment for students to study and live in.
Old Swinford Hospital  www.oshsch.com
Heath Lane, Stourbridge, DY8 1QX  Tel: 01384 817300
School type: Comprehensive
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys 11-18, Girls 16-18
Number of pupils: 660
Boarding places: 480 (boys only)
Sixth form: 277

Notes:
• Excellent academic success. Broad curriculum embraces both traditional and modern subjects.
• Modern boarding houses including single rooms for sixth formers.
• Outstanding extra-curricular opportunities that enrich school life, develop potential and play a significant part in creating happy, fulfilled, well adjusted and balanced young people.

Peter Symonds College  www.psc.ac.uk
Owens Road, Winchester, Hants, SO22 6RX  Tel: 01962 857500
School type: Sixth Form College
Age range: 16-19
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 3600
Boarding places: 78
Sixth form: 2800

Notes:
• Wide range of academic courses and cultural, music and sporting activities
• Excellent academic results
• Strong learning support department

Polam Hall School  www.polamhall.com
Grange Road, Darlington, Co Durham, DL1 5PA  Tel: 01325463383
School type: Independent School until 2015,
Free School September 2015
Age range: 4-19
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 640
Boarding places: 60
Sixth form: 140

Notes:
• Creative curriculum in Juniors, GCSE and A Levels
• Wide ranging programme of extra-curricular activities across the age range

QE Academy  www.qe.devon.sch.uk
Western Road, Crediton, Devon, EX17 3LU  Tel: 01363 773401
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 1598
Boarding places: 50
Sixth form: 266

Notes:
• Flourishing sixth form
• High performing specialist school
• Humanities
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<td>Reading School</td>
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<td>Erleigh Road, Reading, RG1 5LW</td>
<td>0118 901 5600</td>
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| Age range: 11-18 Gender: Boys Number of pupils: 911 Boarding places: 80 Sixth form: 311 | Notes:                             | • Ofsted – “Outstanding” in all areas – March 2014 report. Excellent results at both GCSE and A level  
• The most recent Ofsted report states that ‘Boarding is at the heart of the school….a culture of continuous improvement’  
• Weekly boarding in two on-site boarding houses |
| Ripon Grammar School        | www.ripongrammar.co.uk            | Clotherholme Road, Ripon, HG4 2DG            | 01765 602647    |
| School type: Selective Grammar Age range: 11-18 Gender: Boys and Girls Number of pupils: 859 Boarding places: 80 (co-ed) Sixth form: 271 | Notes:                             | • Outstanding record of academic and extra-curricular activities  
• Rolling programme of new facilities in both school and boarding houses  
• 23 acres of grounds set in beautiful countryside |
| Royal Alexandra and Albert School | www.raa-school.co.uk              | Gatton Park, Reigate, RH2 0TD               | 01737 649000    |
| School type: Voluntary Aided Age range: 7-18 Gender: Boys and Girls Number of pupils: 1000 Boarding places: 470 Sixth form: 180 | Notes:                             | • One of the few boarding schools to offer junior, as well as senior boarding  
• Excellent results with many students achieving places at top universities  
• Superb facilities include riding stables, swimming pool, all weather pitches. All within 260 acres of beautiful Surrey parkland  
• A real boarding school with Saturday morning lessons, longer holidays and a strong boarding ethos |
| Sexey’s School              | www.sexeyes.somerset.sch.uk       | Cole Road, Bruton, Somerset, BA10 0DF       | 01749 813393    |
| School type: Comprehensive Age range: 11-18 Gender: Boys and Girls Number of pupils: 535 Boarding places: 300 Sixth form: 204 | Notes:                             | • Talented, committed, quality teaching staff creating a stimulating and intellectual environment  
• Pastoral care focus on nurturing a family atmosphere of tolerance, respect and kindness  
• Broad range of enrichment opportunities, building confidence and happiness  
• All make Sexey’s a leading-edge boarding school, among the top 10% of schools nationally for attainment and progress |
Shaftesbury School
Salisbury Road, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8ER
School type: Comprehensive
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 1081
Boarding places: 108
Sixth form: 258
Notes:
• Outcomes for boarders rated by Ofsted as “Outstanding”
• High academic standards
• Exceptional pastoral care by experienced and dedicated staff
• Extensive range of modern facilities, including art, science, sports, music, computing and IT

Sir Roger Manwood’s School
Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9JX
School type: Grammar
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 905
Boarding places: 52
Sixth form: 300
Notes:
• School was graded Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ in April 2012
• High Performing Specialist Language College with Maths and Computing as second specialism
• Excellent track record of pupils proceeding to major universities including Oxbridge, especially boarders
• Excellent family-style boarding
• Easy access to Ashford International (40 mins), Canterbury (20 mins), Channel Tunnel (30 mins), London (direct fast train to St Pancras, slower train to Charing Cross, London Bridge)

St George’s School, Harpenden
Sun Lane, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 4TD
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 1340
Boarding places: 120
Sixth form: 330
Notes:
• Highly motivated students in an Outstanding school
• Excellent academic record – one of the country’s top 10% for exam results
• Highly sought-after junior and sixth form boarding places
• We believe we are the top genuinely all ability co-educational day and state boarding school
Steyning Grammar School    www.sgs.uk.net
Church Street, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3LB    Tel: 01903 817601
School type: Community School & Sixth Form College, Church of England VA
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 2021
Boarding places: 120
Sixth form: 507

Notes:
• An Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ State Boarding School in England (Ofsted 2013)
• A beautiful West Sussex rural local, providing an environment where students strive to be the best they can be
• Results are consistently higher than the national average, last year 100% of boarding GCSE students achieved 5A*-C grades, with A level students achieving 100% overall pass rate
• Accepting students into Year 9 (GCSE) & Year 12 (A-levels and BTECH)

The Duke of York’s Royal Military School    www.doyrms.com
Guston, Dover, Kent, CT15 5EQ    Tel: 01304 245023
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 470
Boarding places: 470
Sixth form: 105

Notes:
• Military families have priority but applicants with a British or EU passport or who indefinite leave to remain in the UK are free to apply
• Strong academic results consistently much higher than the national average
• £24.5m building project completed for the 2014 intake. Excellent close pastoral provision with a real awareness of the demands of service life

The Five Islands School     www.fiveislands.scilly.sch.uk
Carn Gwaval, Church Road, St Mary’s, Isles of Scilly, TR21 0NA
Tel: 01720 424850

Notes:
The Isles of Scilly are a group of five islands off the coast of Cornwall. The boarding house is not available as a boarding house in the true sense of the word. It is only provided for parents of secondary age children who live on the off-islands and are unable to travel between the islands on a daily basis. It is not available for people who do not live on the off-islands of the Isles of Scilly.

The Harefield Academy     www.theharefieldacademy.org
Northwood Way, Harefield, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB9 6ET
Tel: 01895 822108
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 971
Boarding places: 50
Sixth form: 247

Notes:
• Elite sports academy linked with Watford FC
• Beautiful rural location within the M25 and close links to London
• “Good with Outstanding features” OFSTED July 2011
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<td><a href="http://www.prioryacademies.co.uk">www.prioryacademies.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Cross O’Cliff Hill, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN5 8PW</td>
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<td>Boarding places: 60</td>
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<td>Notes:</td>
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<td>• Brand new single en-suite post-16 boarding accommodation</td>
<td>• Consistently ranked in the top 3 non selective schools in the country in terms of academic performance</td>
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<td><strong>The Royal Grammar School</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.rgshw.com">www.rgshw.com</a></td>
<td>Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, HP13 6QT</td>
<td>Tel: 01494 524955</td>
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<td>Number of pupils: 1350</td>
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<td>Boarding places: 70</td>
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<td>• New purpose-built boarding house with extensive modern facilities</td>
<td>• Recent Ofsted report indicated that the school was “Outstanding”</td>
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<td><strong>The Skegness Grammar School</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.sgs.lincs.sch.uk">www.sgs.lincs.sch.uk</a></td>
<td>Vernon Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2QS</td>
<td>Tel: 01754 610000</td>
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<td>Boarding places: 55</td>
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<td>• Specialist status for Maths and Computing, Sport and Science</td>
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<td><strong>The Thomas Adams School</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.adamshouse.co.uk">www.adamshouse.co.uk</a></td>
<td>Lowe Hill, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5UB</td>
<td>Tel: 01939 233311</td>
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<td>School type: Comprehensive</td>
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<td>Number of pupils: 1200</td>
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<td>Boarding places: 64</td>
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<td>• Broad, balanced curriculum from 11-18</td>
<td>• 26 AS and A level subjects offered</td>
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The Wellington Academy
Tidworth, Wiltshire, SP11 9RR
Tel: 01264 405060
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 800
Boarding places: 100
Sixth form: 250
Notes:
• New state-of-the-art facilities, part of a £32 million campus
• Successful and expanding 6th Form
• Sponsored by Wellington College
• Specialism – ICT, Business and Enterprise

Welbeck – The Defence Sixth Form College
Forest Road, Wooodhouse, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8WD
Tel: 01509 891700
School type: Sixth Form College
Age range: 16-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 300
Boarding places: 300
Sixth form: 300
Notes:
• The MoD’s College supplying the Armed Services and Civil Service with high quality engineering and science graduates
• Co-educational boarding houses with ensuite rooms
• Rural campus location

Wymondham College
Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 9SZ
Tel: 01953 609000
School type: Academy
Age range: 11-18
Gender: Boys and Girls
Number of pupils: 1278
Boarding places: 650
Sixth form: 440
Notes:
• OfSTED rated “Outstanding” in both boarding and academic inspections
• One of The Tatler Top 20 State Schools
• Extensive Wymondham Life Extra Curricular Programme
• Strong CCF Tradition
• Exchange programmes with many schools across the world
• Some of the best boarding accommodation in the country
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Pupil