

## Frequently Asked Questions

How many pupils are there?	735 in total. 567 in the Senior School, 96 in the Junior School and 72 in the Pre-Prep (including Nursery)
What is the boy/girl mix?	The School has been coeducational since 1970. Our mix is currently around 50/50 - (363:372 Boys to Girls)
What is the day/boarder mix?	The Senior school mix is around 50:50 day to boarders - (289:278 Day to Boarding)
What is the % of overseas pupils?	22% of the pupils in the school are from overseas – currently we have pupils from over 20 different countries.
How many choristers, specialist musicians and special provision musicians are there?	Around 30% of pupils are specialist or provisional specialist musicians and choristers; whilst these pupils predominantly focus on music, the remaining 70% follow a traditional academic programme. [137 Specialists; 46 Special Provision and 30 Choristers.
How many staff do we have?	425 (192 teaching staff and 233 non-teaching)
What sort of pupil do you hope to produce	Wells is a school where pupils are able to discover themselves and then to be themselves to the very best of their abilities. 'Be what you are' is the School's motto and leads to confidence without arrogance; a creative approach to challenges of every kind is encouraged and nurtured.
What are the exam headlines (including Oxbridge)?	In the Summer of 2019, we received another strong set of A Level results; 99 per cent of pupils passed, and over a third of entries were awarded the top two grades. At GCSE, almost half were awarded the top 9-7 grades with 17 per cent of pupils achieving a Grade 9 or A* and an overall 99% pass rate. 67% of pupils went on to Russell Group universities or Conservatoires whilst three pupils went to Cambridge colleges to study Music, English and Medicine. Sandhurst has also been a destination!
What are the Music College headlines?	In 2019, many of our specialist musicians received multiple scholarships from internationally renowned music colleges in the UK and abroad, with several choosing to progress their musicianship at world famous institutions such as the Juilliard School, the Manhattan School of Music, Berklee College of Music, the Peabody Institute and the Conservatorium van Amsterdam.
What are pupils' major sporting achievements?	Wells offers 21 sports options across the year. We have competitive 1st teams in the major sports and compete successfully with other strong sports schools. In the past few years we have had over 35 pupils represent county or above. We have had pupils represent Great Britain and in hockey currently have two pupils who play for England. Our girls 1st XI are currently national hockey champions in their tier and we are hockey County Champions in U14 boys and girls also.
What types of co-curricular activities do pupils undertake?	Wells offers the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold; our completion rate at all three levels is very high: our CCF is the only one in the country to have four sections (Army, Navy, Airforce, Marine Band) and we run well over 40 clubs and activities during the week such as debating, fencing, baking, climbing and chess to name a few.
What international links	The school has annual trips to our partner school in Sierra Leone. The School



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does the School have?	is partnered with the Ballanta Music Academy and the J T Reffell primary school in Freetown, St Catherine's School, Sydney, Australia, the Xinghai Middle School of Music in Guangzhou, Institut Florimont in Switzerland, a RC secondary school in Bourgogne, the Alliance primary school in Hong Kong and the Lam Butt Chung Memorial Salvation Army school in Hong Kong.
What are your links with the Cathedral?	The whole school worships in the Cathedral regularly on a Monday morning, the boarding community each Sunday evening and the choristers help lead worship every day. A number of the Vicars Choral, the men of the Cathedral Choir, work at the School either as teachers or in an administrative role. The Dean of Wells is our Chair of Governors. Music pupils regularly perform concerts in the Cathedral.
What are your boarding fees?	£24,279 - £26,949 p.a. for a Junior Boarder/ Weekly Boarder £21,033 - £23,700 p.a £30,660 p.a. for a Lower School Boarder/ Weekly Boarder £27,150 p.a. £31,842 p.a for an Upper School Boarder/ Weekly Boarder £28,176 p.a. £32,565 p.a. for Sixth Form Boarder/ Weekly Boarder £28,818 p.a.
What are your day pupil fees?	£13,245 - £15,912 p.a.for Junior School £18,378 p.a.for Lower School £19,014 p.a. for Upper School £19,458 p.a. for Sixth Form
Do you give bursaries and scholarships and how are these allocated?	Yes: scholarships are given to recognise academic, art, drama, musical, sporting and general achievements and are typically 10% off tuition fees; we have a finite number of awards up to 50% for exceptional candidates. Scholarships may be supplemented with means-tested, needs-based bursaries. Please see our website for further information.
What is the IT set up at the School?	The School has a 'Bring Your Own Device' policy and strongly recommends that every pupil brings a laptop or Chromebook to lessons. Wireless connectivity is provided across the school site and specialist computer rooms are provided for subjects such as Computing, Music Technology, Photography and Art.
What is your Admissions Process?	We usually invite families to visit in the first instance and meet with key members of staff. To continue with the process, families would then usually register, prospective pupils would sit entrance assessments and we would request references. All, being well, an offer of a place then follows.
How do you cater for SEND students?	We have a SEN team across our Senior School, Junior School and Early Years Foundation Stage and cater for a wide range of needs. Please feel free to contact the team to discuss your child's individual needs.