



ABINGDON

Prospectus

An independent day and boarding school
for children aged 4 to 18 years



Academic excellence is only half the story at Abingdon

Welcome to Abingdon

**Welcome to
Abingdon, a school
where challenge
meets creativity and
tradition fuels
innovation.**



We believe in empowering students to think independently, follow their aspirations, and build a confident spirit of independence. Our academic curriculum is designed to spark curiosity with breadth of choice, alongside depth of study.

Whilst academic standards are high, our commitment to our students' wider personal development and wellbeing remains central to our approach. This is delivered through our Other Half co-curricular provision and underpinned both by our strong pastoral care and our House system, each of which ensures that your child is known, cared for and belongs.

There is so much which sets an Abingdon education apart and I hope the following pages will give you a taste of all that is on offer here.

Mike Windsor
Head



Move to co-education



From September 2026, Abingdon will welcome girls into Year 7 and Year 12 as the first step to becoming fully co-educational.

We believe the best way to prepare young people for their future is to create a dynamic environment where girls and boys learn, collaborate, and grow together, so they are ready for a world in which they will work, study and live together side by side.

We are very proud of our educational offering which focuses on the life of the mind and developing intellectual curiosity. Alongside this, our Other Half programme offers an enormous range of co-curricular activities, each designed to promote personal development.

Both these elements are underpinned by our outstanding pastoral care, based around the House system, which ensures each and every one of our students feels they belong and is known, respected and supported as they make their way through the school.

We look forward to welcoming our first girls to Abingdon in 2026.



Academic

Success isn't just about hard work. Success stems from passion and curiosity - which is why it is a natural outcome of an Abingdon education.



The breadth and depth of our subjects, together with our encouragement of independent thinking, means that each student can follow their own interests and strengths to thrive and succeed.

Our academic offering combines a wide variety of traditional academic subjects with contemporary disciplines, practical classes, cultural trips and the arts - all taught by our enthusiastic, expert staff who love to spark creative thinking and passionate debate, making learning a challenging and compelling experience for every individual in the class.

This means that our young people leave Abingdon with some of the best results in the country, well equipped to continue their learning at any of the world's top universities and to enjoy fulfilling futures of exploration, discovery and accomplishment.

1:9

teacher student ratio

96

tutor groups - each student is known and cared for

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"We are extremely grateful to the school and all your staff for giving our son the opportunity to thrive over the last five years, and for guiding him through the challenging and always stimulating pathway of his secondary education!"

A parent

Pastoral



School is a place of discovery, where young people learn about themselves and the world around them. It should be a hugely exhilarating, fun and rewarding time.

We want our students to fully enjoy their time at school, to feel that they belong, and to help each other to do the same.

This is one of the reasons we place such a strong emphasis on community. Each of our students belongs to a House, under the care of a Head of House and they also have a personal tutor, who they meet with on a daily basis.

Our student peer mentoring system encourages all our young people to look out for one another and there is dedicated time in the timetable to think and talk about key issues including healthy living, rights and responsibilities, self-esteem and relationships.

This creates a community centric learning environment which develops our students intellectually and emotionally, giving them a balanced perspective on life and encouraging them to grow in resilience, confidence, generosity and kindness.

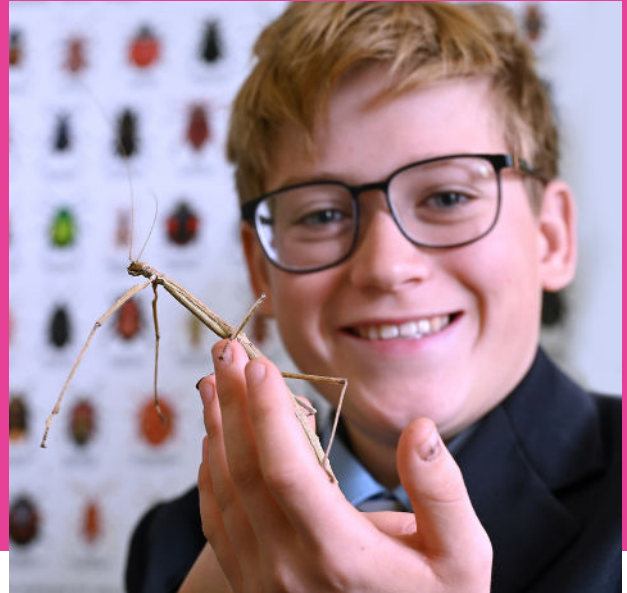
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"We would like to express our deepest gratitude for the excellent education and care that Abingdon School has provided to our son over the past 2 years. It has been a truly rewarding experience for him, and we are sincerely thankful for the dedication and support from all the teachers and staff."

A parent

The Other Half

At Abingdon, we believe that academic excellence is only half the story, which is why we devote so much time to our co-curricular programme, aptly named *The Other Half*.



Time for The Other Half is allocated within our timetable as well as during break times and after school - this ensures each of our students has access to the widest possible range of co-curricular opportunities each term from our list of over 150 activities.

Whether drawn to the excitement and camaraderie of Duke of Edinburgh, the journalistic opportunities of newspaper and magazine writing, the development of a new skill such as ceramics, debating or computer science, the mental challenges of chess or the altruistic enjoyment of volunteering in the community, there is something to interest everyone.

These two halves of an Abingdon education add up to a whole school experience which enables our students to become the best version of themselves.



150+
clubs



Sport

Our goal is to inspire every student to enjoy their sporting journey at Abingdon, to develop a lifelong enthusiasm for physical activity, and to receive the necessary support and resources to excel.



There are 21 sports on offer at participation, performance and elite level, each delivered by a combination of specialist teachers, sports professionals and academic staff. There are plenty of opportunities to compete throughout the year, and Abingdon students see great success at county, national and international level.

Our extensive range of sports facilities supports both recreational and competitive activity. The School campus features state-of-the-art gym facilities, including a high performance centre for strength and conditioning and an athletic development centre for targeted athlete training. There is an eight-lane, 25-metre competition pool, seven pitches used for rugby, football, and cricket, a sports hall and dedicated spaces for climbing, fitness, and exercise science. A soon-to-be-built floodlit netball and tennis facility will complement the six existing tennis courts.

Additional sports facilities are available at our Tilsley Park athletics ground and our boathouse on the Thames.

Over
630

students represent the
School in a typical
Lent weekend across
nine sports

21

sports available
to try



Over 60 acres of
sports pitches

8-lane 25m indoor pool

Boathouse on the
River Thames

Creative arts



Art, and Product Design and Engineering, both offer a significant opportunity for students to evaluate and express their thoughts, questions, feelings and observations.

In both timetabled lessons and The Other Half activities, students are encouraged to develop their creativity and design ideas through a variety of media - from painting and printmaking to ceramics, digital design, sculpture and woodwork.

Our Art Department houses a number of large studios, with our Product Design and Engineering Department having a number of dedicated workshops with a wide range of professional standard machinery. And, our highly skilled staff strike a balance between helping our students master key skills and techniques, and encouraging them to develop their imaginations and their ability to visually communicate ideas and meaning.

Regardless of age or ability, we find that the creative arts helps to improve self-discipline, develop lateral thinking skills and spark creativity and innovation across their studies.



Drama

Whether they prefer performing under the bright lights or managing them behind the scenes, our Drama programme offers all students a range of enjoyable and enriching new experiences.

Throughout their time at Abingdon, students have the opportunity to learn theatre arts such as mime, stage combat, puppetry, sound and lighting techniques and set design, as well as familiarising themselves with a wide variety of writers and genres.

To showcase these skills, we produce a bold and entertaining mix of classical plays, musical theatre and contemporary work across the school year, many staged in our 450 seat theatre.

These creative endeavours not only improve confidence, cultural awareness and communication skills, but also provide a unique outlet for personal exploration and self-expression.



7

major drama productions a year



Music

Whatever the style of music and whether our students wish to pursue it as a future career or simply a hobby, the opportunities to explore and develop musical talent abound at Abingdon.



Music is a key part of both our curriculum and The Other Half programme with the philosophy of 'music for all' underpinning our offering, so that students of all ages and abilities have the opportunity to participate. The standard of our music education is high, with a number of students in most years going on to take scholarships at top universities and conservatoires.

In addition to the availability of individual instrumental and vocal lessons, students can get involved with any number of orchestras, choirs and bands - from gospel to jazz, blues to classical.

We regularly stage a wide range of concerts and musical theatre productions in our own impressive facilities, and many of the orchestras and choirs also have opportunities to tour and perform abroad. Wherever our students perform, the same skill, creativity and love of music shines through.



15 large ensembles

78 formal concerts
each year

Boarding

Full and weekly boarding is available from the age of 13 (Third Year). Our boarding houses offer a home from home environment.

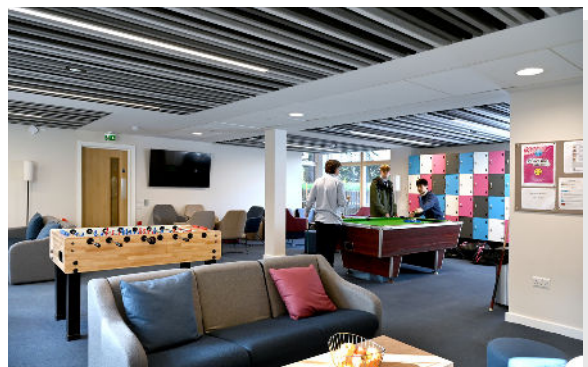


From the moment they arrive at Abingdon our boarders become part of a warm and close-knit community, where they will forge lasting friendships, have access to a wide range of activities and experiences, and feel at home.

Through our Enrichment Programme, boarders get valuable experience in organising their daily lives, learning skills to help prepare them to live independently after they finish school.

Our three boarding houses, two of which were renovated in 2023, incorporate both day students and boarders and each has dedicated study areas and kitchenettes, as well as a variety of communal spaces for socialising and down time.

Boarding is available from the age of 13.



Facilities

Situated in the heart of Abingdon, Abingdon School has extensive, leading, facilities.

These include a 450 seat theatre, dining pavilion, a science centre housing 21 teaching laboratories, study areas, project rooms and preparatory rooms, a dedicated sixth form centre, library, arts centre, sports centre and pool, humanities centre and dedicated design workshop. In addition to our main 35 acre site, we have further facilities at Tilsley Park sports and athletics ground; our boat club; and Cox's fields which is situated at our Prep school.



Abingdon School OX14 1DE
Abingdon Prep School OX13 5NX
Tilsley Park OX14 1PU
Cox's Fields OX13 6QL
Abingdon Boathouse OX14 5NP



By car:

Oxford 6 miles
Central London 60 miles



By train:

From Oxford from 52 minutes
From Didcot from 38 minutes



By plane:

London Heathrow 48 miles
London Gatwick 85 miles

Further information can be found on:
abingdon.org.uk



Newly renovated and extended
boarding accommodation



State-of-the-art
dining pavilion



Dedicated Computer Science,
Economics and Business
Studies centre



Over 60 acres of sports pitches
with all-weather surfaces for
rugby, hockey, football, tennis
and athletics. 8-lane indoor
swimming pool.

Partnerships

The aim of Abingdon School in Partnership, ASiP, is to build relationships with the local community, and in particular our partner schools, to the benefit of all staff and students across the town.



Through the Abingdon School in Partnership (ASiP) initiative, and as founding members of the OX14 Learning Partnership, Abingdon School plays a pivotal role in fostering community engagement and promoting civic pride. The ASiP programme provides students with a myriad of opportunities to develop their academic and co-curricular skills while actively contributing to the wider community.

These opportunities include participating in primary science workshops, engaging in creative endeavors such as film production, and collaborative projects like building and racing an electric go-kart. Beyond skill development, the ASiP initiative nurtures meaningful friendships, cultivates teamwork, and enhances leadership abilities, ensuring that all students are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of the world beyond the school. The programme thus reinforces Abingdon School's commitment to fostering a sense of responsibility and connection to the community, underscoring its positive role in shaping well-rounded and civically engaged individuals.

Community

We build on the positive role the School plays in the local community.

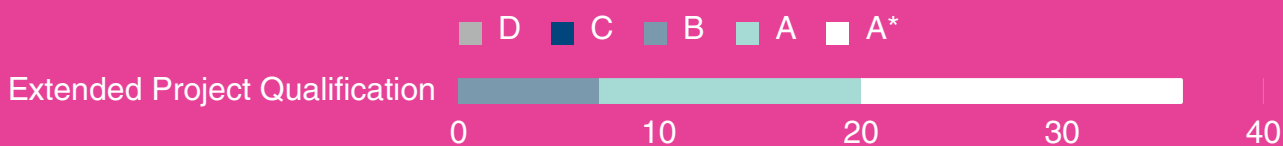
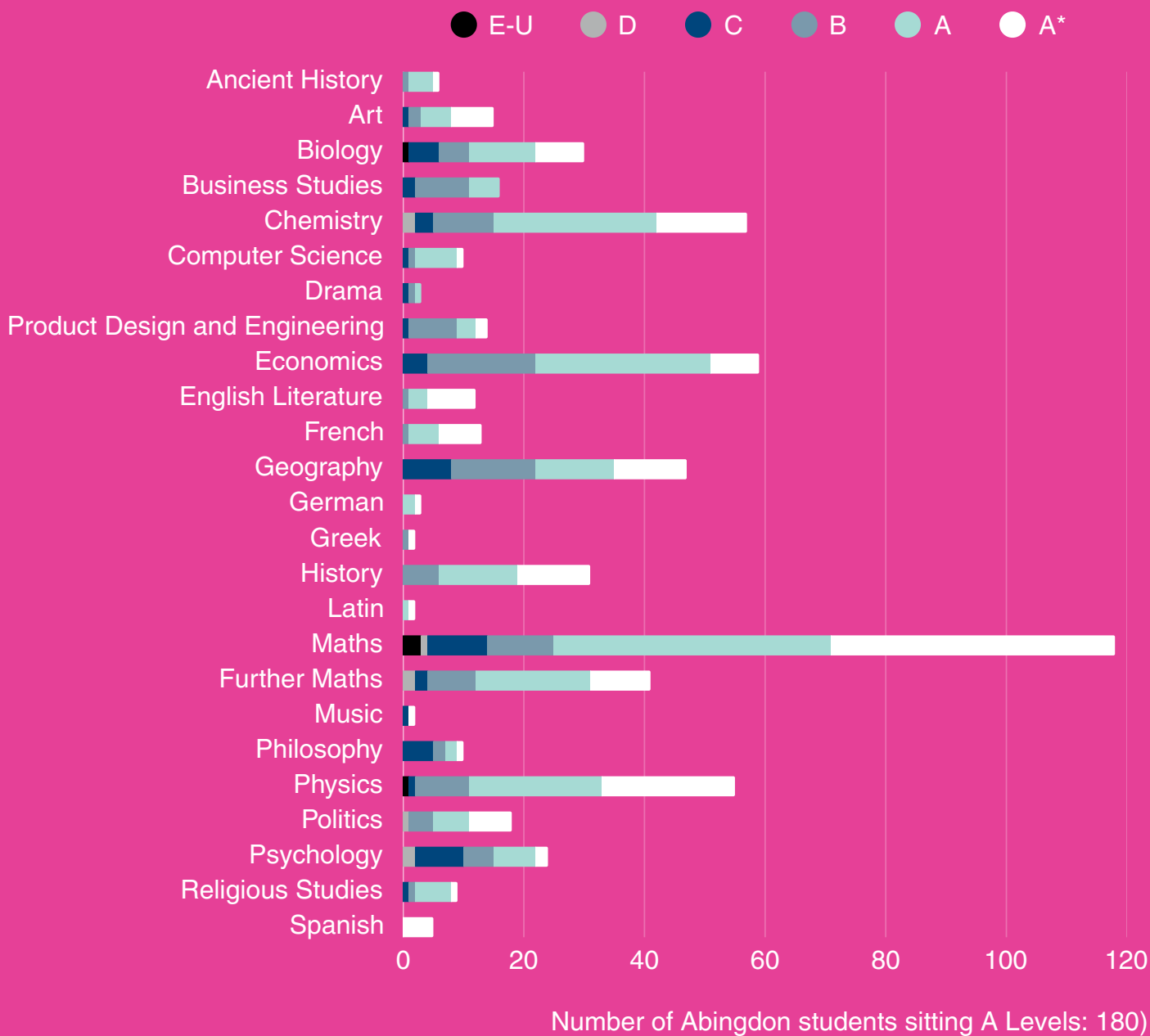
Collaboration

Students and staff collaborate effectively and positively with members of the local community.

Challenge

Students and staff stretch and challenge themselves via collaboration.

A Level Results 2025



For latest results visit abingdon.org.uk/academic/gcse-a-level-results

Leavers' Destinations

Leavers progress to a wide range of courses at UK and international universities. This list, correct as of September 2025, shows places secured in the 2024/25 application cycle. Numbers in brackets indicate Abingdon students per course.

ABERDEEN

Medicine

BATH

Aerospace Engineering

Business

Chemical Engineering

Economics (3)

Mathematics

Mechanical Engineering

Politics and International Relations

Robotics Engineering

BIRMINGHAM

Chemical Engineering

Economics

Medicine

BOURNEMOUTH

Marketing Communications with PR

BRISTOL

Biochemistry

Chemistry

Criminology

Design Engineering

Economics and Finance (3)

Economics and Politics (2)

Geography (2)

History of Art

Mathematics and Physics

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering (2)

Mechanical Engineering

BRUNEL

Design

CAMBRIDGE

Economics

Mathematics

Modern and Medieval Languages (2)

Natural Sciences (2)

CARDIFF

Accounting and Finance

Ancient History and History

Architectural Studies

Business Management

International Relations and Politics (2)

Law

Mathematics

CHICHESTER

Psychology

DURHAM

Ancient, Medieval and Modern History

Business and Management

Chemistry (4)

Combined Honours in Social Sciences

Computer Science

Computer Science and Mathematics

Economics

General Engineering (4)

Geography

History (3)

Mathematics and Physics

Modern Languages and Cultures

Natural Sciences

Philosophy and Theology

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

EDINBURGH

Ancient History

Archaeology and Ancient History

Architecture

Biological Sciences

Economics with Finance

Geography

History

History and Economics

Medicine

Philosophy

Philosophy and Theology

EXETER

Business and Management

Economics and Finance

Economics and Politics

Geography

International Relations

Mechanical Engineering (2)

Media and Communications

Neuroscience

GLASGOW

Software Engineering

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

Biochemistry

Biomedical Engineering

Materials Science and Engineering

Medical Biosciences with Management

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

Digital Media and Culture

International Relations

Medicine

Political Economy

LEEDS

Computer Science

Economics

History

Sustainability and Environmental Management

LEICESTER

Economics

Finance

Medicine

LIVERPOOL

Economics

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCE

Law

Politics and Economics

LOUGHBOROUGH

Architecture (2)

Chemistry

Foundation Art and Design

Management

Mathematics and Sport Science

MANCHESTER

Economics

History

Management (Accounting and Finance)

Management

Physics

Religions, Theology and Ethics

Sociology

MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN

Philosophy

NEWCASTLE

Civil Engineering

NORTHUMBRIA

Geography and Environmental Sciences

NOTTINGHAM

Agriculture

Architecture

Liberal Arts

OXFORD

Chemistry (2)

Classics

Computer Science

Engineering

English Language and Literature

French and Beginners' Italian

Medicine

Philosophy and French

Physics

OXFORD BROOKES

Geography

Mechanical Engineering

PLYMOUTH

Mechanical Engineering

PORTSMOUTH

Physics

READING

Business and Management

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

Rural Land Management

ROYAL HOLLOWAY

Music and Sound Design for Film, Television, and Interactive Media

SHEFFIELD

Business Management

SOUTHAMPTON

Aeronautics and Astronautics

Environmental Geoscience

Mechanical Engineering

Philosophy

Politics and International Relations

ST ANDREWS

Mathematics and Physics

SURREY

Economics and Finance

SWANSEA

Biochemistry

UNIVERSITY ARTS LONDON

Foundation Art and Design (Fashion)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

Architecture (2)

Bachelor of Laws

Biochemistry

Chemistry

Creative Arts and Humanities

Economics (2)

Global Humanitarian Studies

History of Art

WARWICK

Philosophy, Politics and Economics

YORK

Accounting, Business Finance & Management

Chemistry

Economics

INTERNATIONAL

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (China)

University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong)

Baylor University (USA)

Emory University (USA)

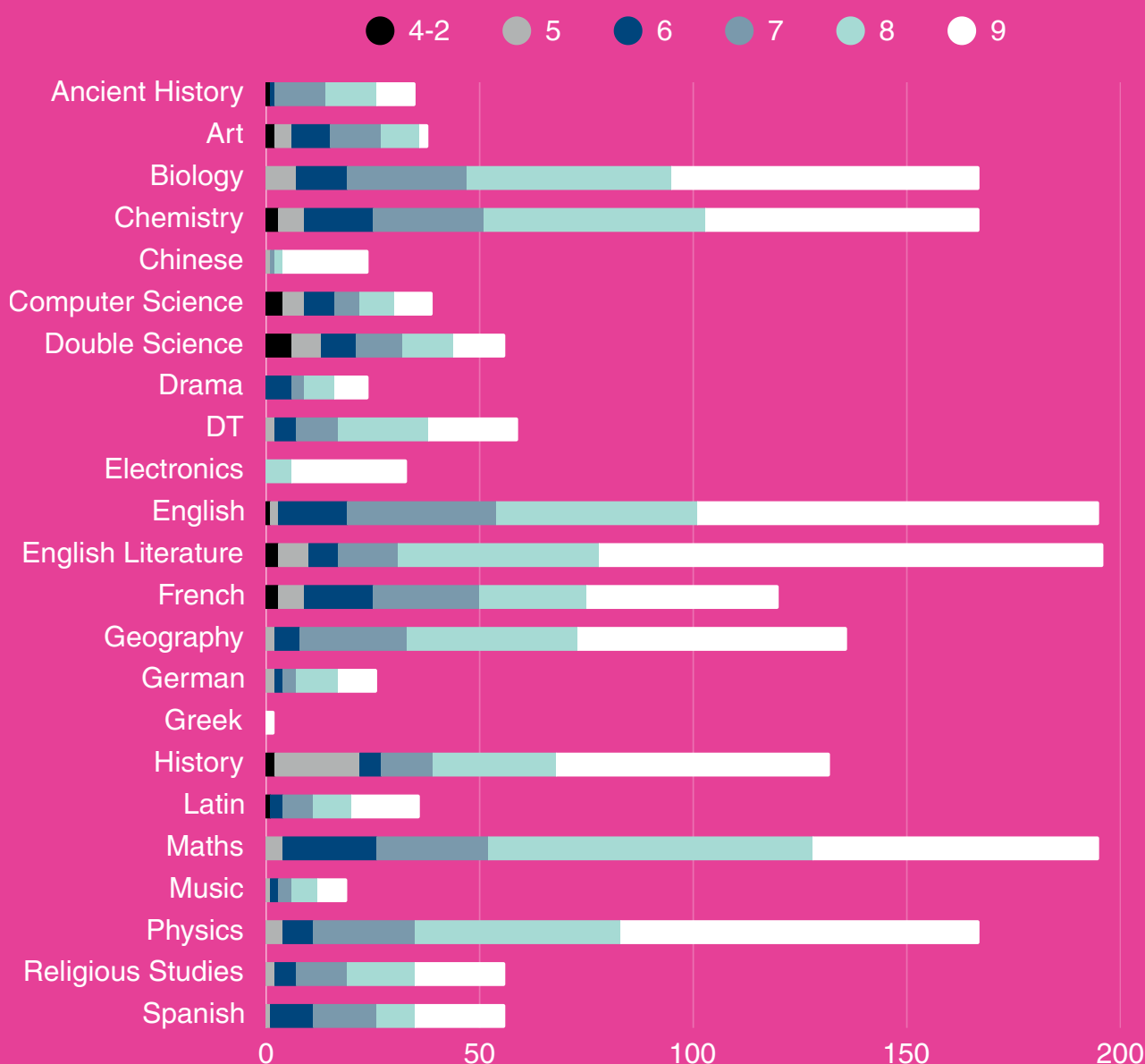
University of California, Berkeley (USA)

University of California, San Diego (USA)

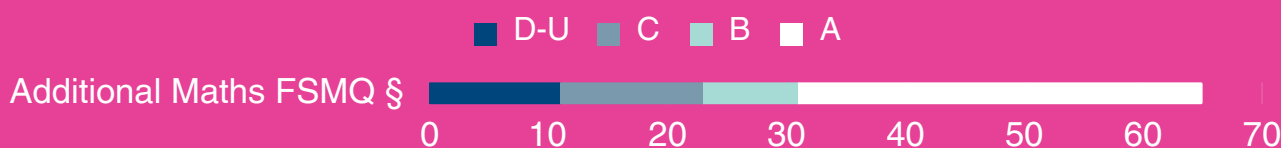
University of Chicago (USA)

University of Illinois (USA)

GCSE Results 2025



Number of Fifth Year students sitting GCSEs: 195



§ The FSMQ is a free-standing Maths Qualification and does not count as a GCSE.
The A* grade is not applicable to this exam.

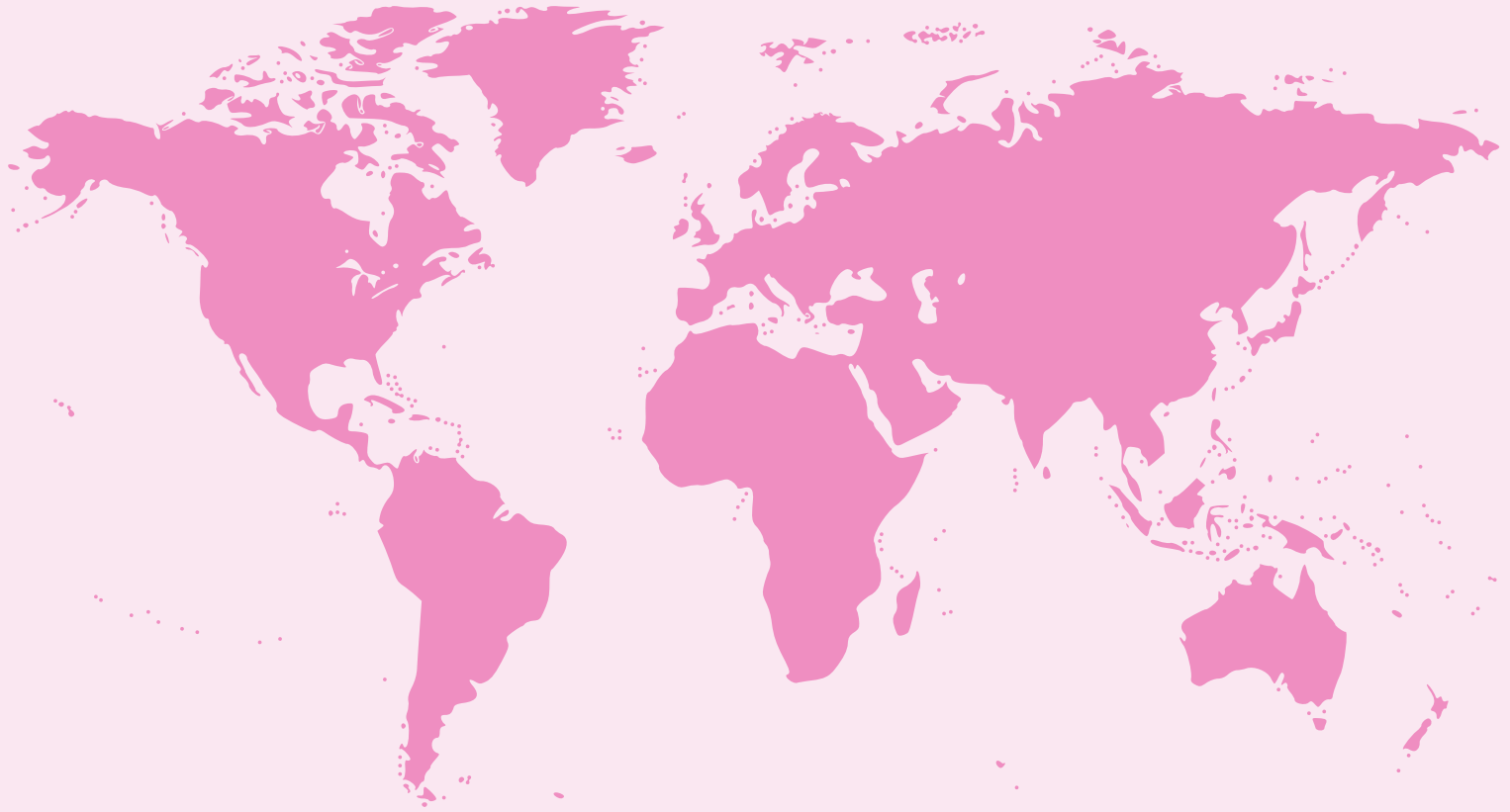
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The school day

Below is an example of timings for the school day. We shape the timetable to get the right balance. Timings do vary across year groups and from day to day.



An international perspective



We currently have students from **58** countries around the world

Our students travel the world, broadening their minds and gaining invaluable experience of cultures and countries.

There are
Old Abingdonians
in 59 countries

Facts

We are over
750
years old

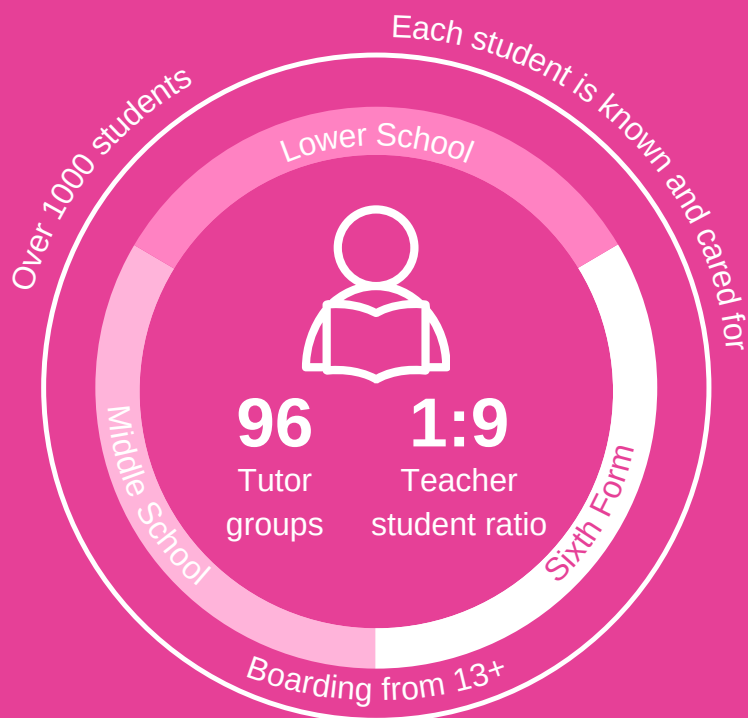


Steeped in history but with a modern approach to learning, we continually evaluate our education to ensure each student can fulfil their potential.

A Level and GCSE Results 2025:

89% of **A Level** passes were awarded A* to B grades

87% of **GCSE** passes were awarded grades 9 to 7



Alumni

Just a few of the famous names who have enjoyed success in their chosen careers

Mike Bartlett	Robin Bourne-Taylor
Sir Kim Darroch KCMG	Simon Evans
Foals	Tom Hollander
Jonny and the Baptists	Max Hutchinson
Sir Nicholas Kay KCMG	Toby Jones
Francis Maude MP	Ben Macintyre
Radiohead	David Mitchell
Sir Vivian Ramsey	Huw Parmenter
Sir David Tanner CBE	



Joining us

Admissions

Lower School (aged 11-13) Entry at age 11 is mainly from primary schools and independent schools that teach to the age of 11. Co-ed from September 2026.

Middle School (aged 13-16) Entry at age 13 is from a range of UK and international schools. Co-ed from September 2028.

Sixth Form (aged 16-18) Entry at age 16 is from a range of UK and international schools. Co-ed from September 2026.

Entry at other ages may be considered if places are available.

References from a student's current school, interviews and entrance examinations are required at all entry points. For the Sixth Form, admission is dependent on examinations and interviews, school references and, where appropriate, performance in GCSEs.

Scholarships and awards

There are a range of scholarships and awards available at ages 11, 13, 14 and 16.

Free and subsidised places

Priority for free and subsidised places is given to those who perform best overall in our entrance process; to those it is felt will be likely to gain most from an Abingdon education; and to UK families who live locally. Currently approximately 7% of the school roll receive financial help.

Fees

Fees for the 2025/26 academic year are below. An acceptance deposit is required to secure a place.

Day (including lunch)

£9,225*

Weekly boarding

£15,350*

Full boarding

£18,810*

**including applicable VAT*

What next?

Please get in touch with us to find out more. You can...



Call for further information
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Browse our website
abingdon.org.uk



Book a visit at
abingdon.org.uk/admissions/visit-abingdon

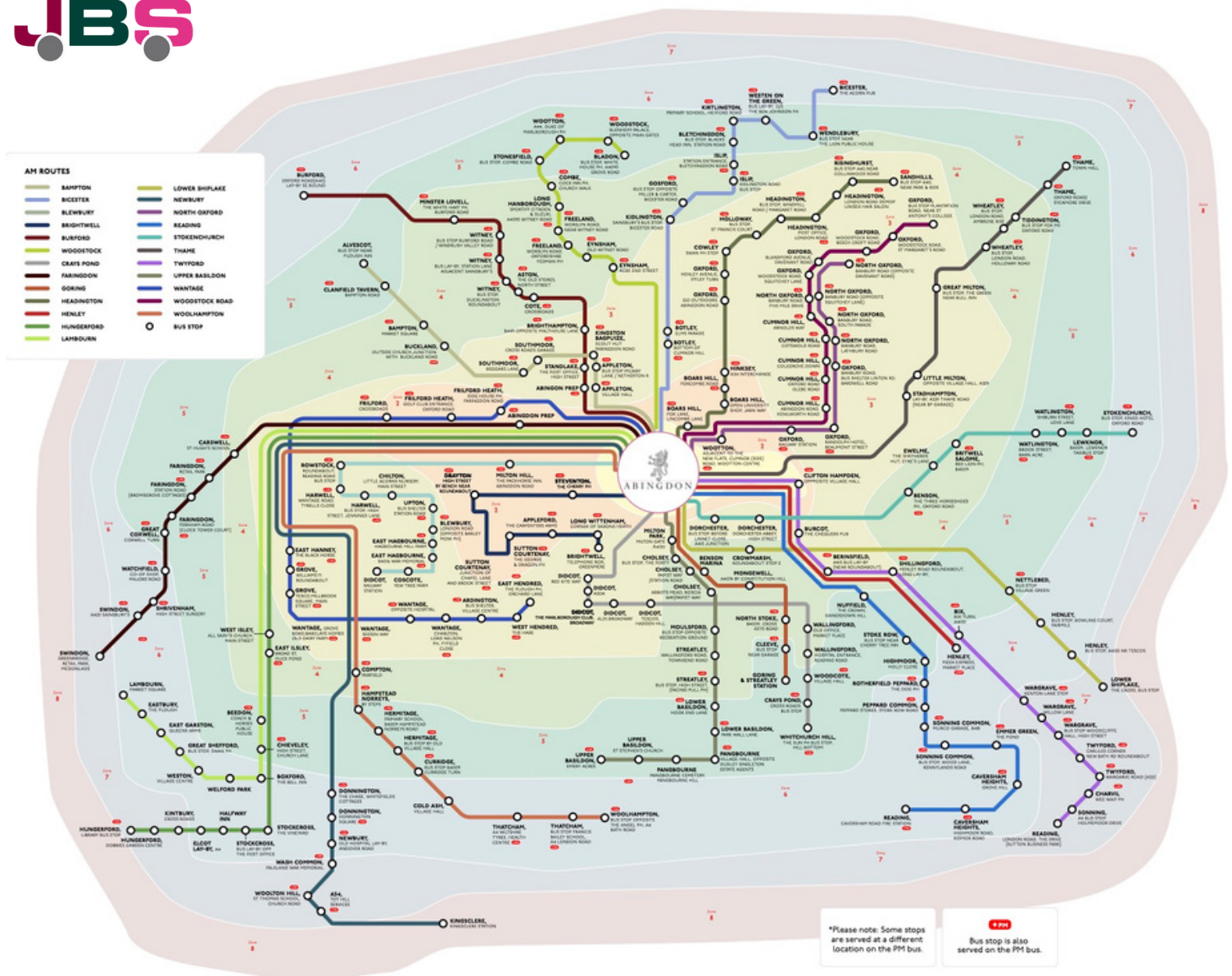


Complete the online
[registration form](#)

Bus routes

Our Joint Bus Service (JBS), shared with other independent schools in Abingdon, safely transports students to and from our school site. Managed by specialist school transport company, Vectare, the service offers families great flexibility, allowing travel to be booked up to midnight before the day of travel and 24/7 from any location. The map below is an example of the routes available.

For up to date routes, timings and costs, please visit jbs.vectare.co.uk





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