



Lancing College

Senior School & Sixth Form



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

**YOUR
INCREDIBLE
JOURNEY**



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Education at Lancing should be a pleasure: intellectually, morally, creatively, physically (in terms of sport), holistically. Like fire, it is dangerous but exciting. Our job is to light the spark in young people's hearts; there's risk but also excitement.

DOMINIC OLIVER
HEAD MASTER



Welcome

A Lancing Sixth Form education is a treasure for life, much more than the sum of its parts. At the heart of what we offer lies our value of each individual student as a unique person. At Lancing we guide young people to become dynamic, adventurous, thoughtful and caring individuals. They leave us determined to make a real difference in the world – and they do.

We nourish the mind and nurture a love of learning. We don't simply 'teach to the test' – our students are inspired well beyond the curriculum to explore, challenge and build on current knowledge. Our academic results are excellent but we place the highest premium on self-expression and independent thought: Lancing students challenge formulaic thinking with precision, imagination and wit.

Students in the Sixth Form receive dedicated personal support in identifying and pursuing their ambitions beyond school and, whether they board or go home at night, the structure and encompassing care and opportunity provided by a full boarding school enrich all. While the school respects the values of its traditions and wonderful heritage, it is a place where our enduring Christian ethos exists alongside cutting-edge learning technology and a cosmopolitan outlook.

Choosing the right Sixth Form can seem a daunting task for any parent and student. We would encourage you to visit us so that you can talk to current students and staff, and see our approach and ethos in happy and dynamic action in this beautiful setting.

We look forward to showing you the many facets of our wonderful school.

A handwritten signature in gold ink, appearing to read 'D. Oliver'.

DOMINIC OLIVER
HEAD MASTER

Inspiring and enriching young minds

Teachers at Lancing are passionate about their subjects, and imbue students with a love of learning for its own sake.

We encourage our students to take risks, challenge assumptions, embrace different ways of thinking, and find creative solutions to problems.

Our curriculum allows students a strong platform to build on their skills in independent thought across their chosen subjects. Pupils read widely, extend their knowledge, hone their analytical skills, and develop their scholarship within an exciting academic atmosphere.

In addition to A Level subjects, there are ample opportunities for pupils to take on further academic challenges through the optional Extended Project Qualification. Here, pupils undertake an independently researched project akin to a university style dissertation. In addition, our unique

Heresy Project is produced by our Lower Sixth students and is intended to challenge orthodox thinking by being 'intellectually heretical' in a 2000 word essay, the subject of which is chosen by the pupils.

Both these opportunities are but two examples of the myriad ways in which Lancing gives opportunities for our Sixth Formers to extend themselves beyond the confines of the A Level curriculum. There are many others. Pupils can participate in the Scholars' programme; school debates; engage in academic societies and clinics; listen to a host of expert speakers; take part in national competitions across academia and the arts; and attend the inspiring Head Master's Lectures.

Opportunity, intellectual growth and an atmosphere redolent of challenge and curiosity; these are all hallmarks of the Lancing Sixth Form experience.

Pupils in the Sixth Form are well-served by knowledgeable teachers who have high expectations and an infectious enthusiasm for their subjects.







Academic success

Our Sixth Form offers an exciting and thought-provoking two years of A Level education and enrichment. Whether pupils are joining for the Sixth Form or moving up from GCSE study at Lancing, extensive support is available to help choose options, with our dedicated staff offering one-to-one support at this critical time.

Entry to the Sixth Form is dependent on pupils meeting a minimum of five grade 6s, which would usually include English, Mathematics and a foreign language. In some subjects a minimum grade of 7 or higher is required. Our 20 subject options are wide-ranging and continually reviewed, as exemplified by the addition of Drama A Level in 2017. Photography has become a Cambridge Pre-U subject, while a BTEC in Sport is now available as a two A Level equivalent for able sportsmen and women.

All students select four A Level subjects with an option to drop one subject at the end of their Lower Sixth.

In place of external AS examinations, the College holds rigorous internal examinations at the end of the Lower Sixth. The results provide an important assessment of progress at the halfway point of the course, and they are also central to setting UCAS predicted grades for university applications.

The new weekly timetable enables Sixth Form pupils to take advantage of a wealth of stimulating enrichment activities, including subject clinics and societies, to both complement and extend their academic studies. Some pupils also choose to use this time to pursue their wider interests in music, art, sport and drama.

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Lancing has prepared me very well for my next steps. The UCAS preparation has been brilliant, particularly Oxbridge support; my tutor has helped me hugely with university choices. Every teacher is here for you 24/7.

FORMER PUPIL

Feeling at home

Lancing is far more than just a school. It is a home for all our Sixth Formers, whether day or boarding. The House will be the place they go to relax, socialise, find support, and enjoy the camaraderie of living in a close community.

When pupils arrive at Lancing they join one of ten Houses. The House will become home for their entire time at Lancing; the place where they make firm friendships and have the strong support network of a Housemaster or Housemistress, Matrons and Tutors.

The Houses are different in their exact layout but all have an unmistakable sense of family which underpins all that we believe about nurturing our young people. All have the same facilities and opportunities, and offer the same level of care and support.

Pupils play a vital part in the life of the House: they are given leadership roles, learn a keen sense of community and develop skills that prepare them for life beyond Lancing. The older pupils

mentor those younger, whilst Heads of House and House Captains help in the day-to-day running of the House. There are ample opportunities to represent the House in music, sports and drama competitions.

We have a long-standing tradition of welcoming boarders, and have adapted over the years to meet the changing lives and needs of all our pupils and parents.

Day pupils and their parents are able to take full advantage of everything that is available at Lancing such that it is often difficult to separate day pupils from boarders. Many day pupils arrive early in time for breakfast and leave well into the evening; this flexibility is incredibly valuable and enables our day pupils to enjoy the full range of activities on offer.

School life during the Lancing week is busy and engaging. Saturday is also a school day with a morning timetable and sports fixtures in the afternoon. Quiet time at weekends is used to catch up on study, go on organised school or House visits, chat with friends or join in House activities.





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I watched staff support a friend of mine brilliantly; it made me feel secure knowing that Lancing could deal with anything.

FORMER PUPIL

An engaging and thriving community

Sixth Form pupils have a major part to play in leadership within the College and enhance the sense of community and collective support that is central to the Lancing way of life.

Every year around 50 new pupils join our thriving Sixth Form, and from the moment they arrive they are guided and cared for by their fellow Sixth Formers so that, very soon, they feel part of the school.

There are rich opportunities for all Sixth Form pupils to engage in the wider school community. Many pupils take up positions as Prefects, Sports Leaders, Peer Supporters, Heads of House, House Captains and Sacristans.

Strong friendships develop often through music, drama, sport, academic societies, the Farm Project or other co-curricular activities.

The pupil voice is well developed and dynamic at Lancing, engaging all levels in the school. Pupils work together and closely with staff on various projects, including the Food Committee, year and school councils, Enterprise Scheme, CCF or Outreach.

The closeness of the relationships fostered at Lancing means that former pupils (OLs) keep in touch with each other through our alumni network and with the staff who inspired them.

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I was taken in and welcomed by staff and pupils. Lancing is an inclusive place to be.

FORMER PUPIL





**Every year
a number of
Sixth Form pupils
are trained as
Peer Supporters.**

They work with and for other pupils and act as a sounding board and safety valve. If any pupils have any concerns or problems which they would feel less comfortable speaking to an adult about, our Peer Supporters are there to give guidance, emotional support or advice.



Caring for the individual

The final two years at school are a critical time both academically and emotionally, as young people plan their next steps and think about their future.

Sometimes this pathway is relatively smooth. For others, it is a period of uncertainty and anticipation, and we are here to help every step of the way. With around 260 pupils in the Sixth Form, Lancing is able to specialise in caring for and inspiring each individual. We know all the young people in our care; we are careful both to support and to develop; we offer challenges and build resilience; we nurture independence, leadership and responsibility, and we believe that education should be enriching, a journey but also a pleasure.

The College cares for its pupils' emotional wellbeing through a variety of expert and carefully-designed support networks. In the Sixth Form pupils are able to choose their tutor, who will play an integral role in supporting and guiding academic progress through A Level courses and on to university or other destination. Tutors work closely alongside Housemasters or Housemistresses to ensure each young person thrives in all aspects of their academic and personal development.

Boarding is a popular choice in the Sixth Form and many of our staff live on site. They are therefore able to spend time supporting pupils through individual tuition, clinics and academic societies. All teaching staff work with the Head of Learning Support and with the teams responsible for enrichment programmes to ensure the best learning outcomes for all pupils.

In addition to a highly-experienced pastoral team, Lancing has a superbly-equipped and welcoming Health Centre open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, staffed by a team of six qualified nurses. The Centre offers comprehensive health care to boarders and day pupils alike in the event of illness or accident and emergency, as well as supporting the physical and mental health of all our pupils. Our nurses drive healthy living initiatives, working with pupils on awareness of the importance of a good diet, physical fitness and how to lead safe and healthy lives. Our excellent School Counsellor also provides confidential support and care, and is available to all pupils through a system of self-referral.



An inspiring co-curricular programme

Lancing is well-known for its academic excellence, but we passionately believe that young people flourish when they are given the opportunity to explore their wide array of interests beyond the classroom.

Time is set aside within the weekly timetable for pupils to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities from performing arts, debating and outreach to a variety of sports.

The programme is built as an integral part of the timetable and supports the development of additional skills, while complementing what they learn within the classroom.

We take great pride in our wonderful location, and our beautiful and spacious grounds provide the perfect setting for facilities which range from acres of sports pitches to the swimming pool, drama studio and theatre, to the sports hall and ever-busy Music School.

There are over 120 clubs, societies and activities open to all pupils from the Third to the Sixth Form. This gives the students the opportunity to meet with pupils from other year groups and Houses practising a sport or rehearsing for the various plays and concerts, which greatly adds to the whole sense of community at the College. The variety on offer means there's something for everyone; something that, we hope, will inspire and become a pleasurable activity for the rest of the pupils' lives.





Given the structure of the Lancing week with sports fixtures on a Saturday afternoon, timetabled lessons on a Saturday work well. The longer week feels as though it provides more 'breathing space' and time to give a more well-rounded experience.

Parent Survey

The annual programme of events is both varied and highly creative.

The academic year features major concerts, opera, full stage theatre productions, comedy, House competitions, and work written and directed by students.

Lancing welcomes and actively encourages involvement from all pupils, from beginners to those wanting to develop and hone their skills. Sixth Form pupils not taking Music or Drama at A Level remain eager participants of the various events as a complement to their academic studies.



Performing Arts

Lancing has a strong and rich heritage across the Performing Arts, and has a national reputation for its outstanding musical tradition. A team of 20–30 Music and Drama Scholars and Exhibitioners strengthens and supports the work of this most diverse of schools.

Our unique programmes are supported by the College's impressive facilities: a 180-capacity theatre, an outdoor theatre opened by Agatha Christie in 1960, and a purpose-built dance studio. Lancing hosts concerts throughout the school and also in the famous Lancing Chapel.

The benefits of being at Lancing for the Sixth Form are reflected in the cohort of exceptional pupils choosing to take their enjoyment and expertise in the Performing Arts further. In recent times, pupils have gone on to study at Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities, the Royal Northern College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music, the Royal College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and to specialise in Creative Writing, Drama and Theatre Studies. Whilst some pupils may choose to progress and develop a career in the arts and media, others develop a passion for the Performing Arts that never leaves them.

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We support our pupils to become all-round musicians, presenting them with a diverse range of creative opportunities and giving them the tools to experiment and grow.

DR IAN MORGAN-WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Supporting the love of art

At Lancing we aim to provide an experience of art that enriches the individual and allows them to expand their capacity to express their view of the world, irrespective of whether they do so with professional aspirations or simply for the sheer love of the activity.

Art education at Lancing maintains a high level of commitment to fine art, including the exploration of two and three-dimensional approaches through disciplines such as painting, printmaking and sculpture. More experimental mixed media approaches, as well as textiles and photography, are given equal prominence. Learning is promoted across a variety of experiences, as pupils explore ideas and respond to themes or issues of personal significance.

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Art at Lancing aims to enable and prepare our young artists for the world beyond the College. All our students are encouraged to become visually literate and to understand art as a form of tactile communication.

**MRS KAY BLUNDELL
HEAD OF ART**

Pupils have the opportunity to explore work first-hand in galleries, collections or through visits from artists and art historians.

Art pupils are encouraged to approach the subject with an open mind. In almost all art activities pupils are required to use independent thought and reasoning skills, and we place great emphasis on the individual, thus enabling everyone to be challenged and to work to their strengths.

In 2008 the strikingly original Reeve Art School was created in a contemporary, energy-efficient building, sharing the same glittering sea views with the nearby Design and Technology Centre. In the Sixth Form, pupils have their own dedicated space within the Art School.







A wide range of sports to enjoy

Sporting opportunity lies at the heart of Lancing culture. With the growth of the school, Lancing now offers so many different sports and activities that every single pupil, boy or girl, has a chance to find something that they can either excel at or just enjoy.

This ranges from our main sports (hockey, football, netball, tennis, cricket, swimming, squash and golf) to other popular sports such as cross-country, basketball, equestrian sports, Eton Fives, karate, climbing, shooting and rugby sevens.

The combination of choice and strong sporting guidance from our experienced staff (many of whom have played at a professional level) has led to numerous boys and girls playing county-level hockey, football, cricket, swimming, squash and golf.

At national level, pupils also represent England in football, cricket, polo and rifle shooting, while internationally we have seeded pupils in tennis and squash. Additionally, our Equestrian Centre, opened in 2017, has increased the number of competitive riders at the College, with pupils competing in NSEA show jumping and dressage competitions.

Our love of sport equips pupils with skills that go beyond the classroom. Students develop an understanding of the importance of health and wellbeing, and acquire formative life skills that greatly enrich other aspects of their lives. This continues after pupils leave Lancing, with thriving alumni teams actively engaged in leagues and competitions.

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At Lancing I have developed new interests, I now enjoy activities I never previously considered such as drama and sport. When I arrived, I lacked self-confidence in sport but now I know I am able to play anything.

FORMER PUPIL

Preparing for a bright future

Preparing our pupils to be successful global citizens and for their time after Lancing is an important part of our work at the College. Our ongoing Lancing Futures programme is a vital part of the Sixth Form, complementing academic studies and preparing pupils to leave the College as confident, aspiring and self-aware young people.

Alongside our tailored programme, university entrance preparation starts in the Lower Sixth. Students are encouraged to invest time and thought into planning for their future after Lancing. Working with tutors and the specialist UCAS team, pupils take advantage of new research tools, extensive talks by university admissions tutors, and attend the open days at their shortlisted universities. Our thorough and rich preparation process has resulted in Lancing pupils successfully reaching the university of their choice. The wide variety of destinations is a testament to the personalised support they receive.

Every year a small number of Lancing pupils choose to study overseas. In view of this, the College has further invested in resources and dedicated support to ensure that Lancing pupils consider international universities as a real and viable option. In recent years these have included students studying in Holland, France, Hong Kong, the USA and Australia, among others.

During the holidays pupils are shown how to gain work experience, or commit to volunteering opportunities such as the National Citizenship Service, which helps them build workplace skills and consider potential careers options. This is supplemented with the College's Business Enterprise Scheme, which gives pupils insight into the commercial world.

Additionally, our Scholars' programme plays an important role in developing pupils' thoughts on future options. This is open to all pupils and includes termly Head Master's Lectures, all with the objective of enhancing the love of learning and engaged, well-read and questioning thinking that is required for success at top universities. Separate Oxbridge and other specialist groups receive intense preparation, practice interviews and additional support from Lancing staff.

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The additional support from Lancing, including a medical group, trips, practicals and expert advice, has been very helpful in guiding my career path and preparing me to continue my studies in Biomedical Science.

FORMER PUPIL







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We had the opportunity to meet former pupils at professional networking events. Not only did they relay their own experiences as Sixth Formers, they also offered invaluable advice about pursuing a career in their chosen profession, and were an inspiration to us all.

SIXTH FORM PUPIL



Taking your place in the world

Sixth Form pupils benefit from a Leaving Lancing programme, which is developed in conjunction with pupils, helping them to flourish independently. This is complemented by professional network groups which bring Sixth Form pupils together with OL employers and experts across a range of sectors.

The Leaving Lancing programme features workshops and advice on personal finance, car maintenance, cooking, networking and making the most of a gap year. These take place through organised PSHE timetabled sessions as well as in less formal House settings. Some of these sessions are also open to parents.

Lancing has a valuable and extremely well connected community called The Lancing Society. This brings together former Lancing pupils, current parents, and parents of former pupils who are spread across a wide variety of industries and throughout the world. Our specialist groups support our pupils such that a strong cohort go on to study medicine and biomedicine, engineering, arts and media, finance, computing and creative disciplines.

The Lancing Society is increasingly playing a role in supporting Lancing pupils, not only through employer visits and guest lectures but also through Lancing Connected, an online community which offers additional networking opportunities to former pupils. Many of them offer support to each other through mentoring and careers advice.

With over 8,000 OLs around the world, the Lancing network is strong, enthusiastic and eager to help.

Young men and women leaving Lancing won't have to look far to find advice and support.



An inspiring heritage and environment

The Lancing College campus covers some 550 acres of the South Downs National Park. It is situated just 10 miles from the vibrant city of Brighton and shares rapid connections with Gatwick Airport (35 minutes by road) and London. It offers a unique combination of heritage and British tradition combined with a modern, cosmopolitan, outward-looking approach.

Lancing is steeped in a rich and wonderful history; many of our everyday spaces have fascinating background stories that reflect the College's evolution.

As pupils go about their life at Lancing, they pass through some of our historic landmarks, such as the famous Lancing Chapel, the Lower and Upper Quads and the award-winning College Reception.

They also enjoy our newest and most modern locations such as the breathtaking Art School, set beautifully on the southern edge of the College.

Lancing is a place underpinned by Christian values and a home for pupils of all faiths or none. When they leave, they take with them strong and enduring memories of their time spent at Lancing, the friendships made, and the values they have been immersed in.

**1848**

The schools of S Mary and S Nicolas combine to become the predecessor of Lancing College.

1854

The first stone of the new College buildings is laid at Burwells Farm on Lancing Hill.

1905

Officers Train Corp is formed (now CCF) by Allan Haig-Brown.

**1914**

The great west organ is installed in the Chapel.

**2018**

Lancing's first co-educational Day House opens.

1850

Football starts being played at the College. At the time Lancing played by different rules to many other schools and is rumoured to have been instrumental in forming the modern rules of football.

1875

The Crypt is dedicated for use as the School Chapel. It will be used as the Chapel until 1911.

**1970**

Co-education is introduced with the first girls admitted to the Sixth Form.

2000

Lancing becomes fully co-educational when girls join in the Third Form.

2008

The Reeve Art School is opened.

**2017**

Lancing College Equestrian Centre is opened.

Be inspired
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Be you

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