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# Welcome to Bishop's Stortford College

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We know that finding the right school for your child is so important – even more so when it comes to boarding. We hope in this prospectus to give you a glimpse into our highly successful, hard-working, well-grounded, and welcoming community. One which enables each student to succeed, and most importantly, be happy.

We offer our boarding students a fully integrated, authentic British educational experience, where they will benefit from sector-leading pastoral care, modern accommodation, and a dynamic programme of activities that extend their learning beyond the classroom. In our increasingly complex world, we offer an environment that is inclusive, caring, and kind, and supports students to achieve great things academically, in sport, and in the performing arts.

The feel of the College is always forward-looking, with a sense of innovation and ambition, recognising

from the start the sort of world our students will be entering, and the skills they need.

Our values of belonging, scholarship, and character, shape boarding life at the College, and we aspire to nurture well-rounded, moral individuals who have the personal skills, character traits, and academic qualifications to be the leaders of the future.

We are, I believe, the modern face of independent education.



MR JOHN MAGUIRE  
HEADMASTER





OUR CAMPUS AND LOCATION

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# Our Location

Set in 130 acres of beautiful grounds, located only 35 minutes from London, Bishop's Stortford College is a co-educational day and boarding school for students aged 3 to 18.





Bishop's Stortford is a historic market town in Hertfordshire. It is situated between two cities; 23 miles north is the city of Cambridge, and 27 miles south is central London. This central location means the town is well connected to the rest of the UK via both road and rail network, and internationally with London Stansted Airport under five miles away, and other London airports within easy access.



## TRANSPORT LINKS

**10 minutes**  
drive to London  
Stansted  
Airport

**15 minutes**  
walk to Bishop's  
Stortford train  
station

**25 minutes**  
by train to  
Cambridge

**35 minutes**  
by train to  
London  
(Liverpool Street)

**90 minutes**  
drive to London  
Heathrow  
Airport

**Daily**  
bus routes to  
north London





Bishop's Stortford College is a dynamic, forward-thinking, vibrant all-through school that drives global educational development and prepares students for their future in an ever-evolving world.



# THE MODERN FACE OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION



We promote academic excellence, equipping students with the skills and character necessary for future success, whilst emphasising value-added education, scholarship, strong character-forming values, and community, ensuring that every student develops confidence and a sense of belonging.



CONFIDENCE • DETERMINATION • HONESTY • KINDNESS • RESPECT

COLLABORATION • COMMUNITY • INCLUSION • SUPPORTIVENESS • RESPONSIBILITY



AMBITION • CREATIVITY • CURIOSITY • INDEPENDENCE • RESILIENCE



## VALUES

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# Our Values

Academic qualifications are a prime focus for us, yet we know that qualifications alone will not suffice for a life fully lived.

Values are also a large part of the ticket to success. We offer a world-class education where every student is encouraged to develop our core values of belonging, scholarship, and character.

Together, qualifications and qualities are what an education for today and tomorrow must deliver.



## Belonging

*Values that strengthen our community and bring us closer together.*

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## Scholarship

*Values that promote excellence in academics, sport, art, and performing arts. Through these, a lifelong love of learning and a passion are developed.*

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## Character

*Values that nurture morals and ethics within each person, ensuring they are a positive member of society.*

## BOARDING

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# Boarding at the College

Boarding provides the highest octane experience of College life. It offers an inclusive and friendly environment where the diverse backgrounds of our boarders are shared and celebrated, and lifelong friendships are made in our modern 'home away from home' boarding houses.

Our boarding community is fully integrated with our day students to provide an authentic British experience, whilst benefiting from some of the best boarding facilities in the East of England.

Our premium accommodation and amenities are thoughtfully designed to ensure our students feel supported and inspired.

Recently built and newly refurbished boarding houses offer spacious single, twin, and quad bedrooms, alongside large communal spaces, perfect for relaxing. Dedicated music and study rooms foster creativity and academic excellence.

BOARDING FACTS  
**23%**  
of Senior School  
students board with us

BOARDING FACTS  
**4**  
Boarding houses:  
2 boys' and 2 girls'

BOARDING FACTS  
**56%**  
of boarders are  
international students







A range of  
boarding options are  
available from Year 9

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## FULL BOARDING

seven nights a week

Popular with families who live abroad, or for those UK students who want the full boarding experience and to take part in the weekend programme of activities.

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## WEEKLY BOARDING

five or six nights a week

Popular with families where parents are working long hours, travel for work, or live some distance from the College. Students stay at the College during the week and return home at weekends, providing an ideal balance between school life and family time.

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## FLEXI BOARDING

between one and four nights  
a week

Suited to those families where parents work varied hours, who live some distance from the College, or for students who regularly take part in early morning, or evening activities at the College.



Discover more

about life as a boarder



Regardless of which House students are in, the warm welcome will be the same, and every student will be supported to reach their full potential by their new House family.



BOARDING FACTS

80%

of bedrooms with  
ensuite bathrooms



## OUR HOUSES

# Girls' Houses



Our dedicated House staff take great pride in creating a nurturing environment, with House parents and tutors offering academic guidance, support and encouragement, sharing in students' holistic development and wellbeing, and supporting them with all their pastoral and practical needs.

### TROTMAN HOUSE

is a premium, purpose-built boarding house with a fresh and modern feel. Students thrive and develop academically and socially in a happy, fun, and caring atmosphere.



Follow @bsctrotman



### YOUNG HOUSE

offers a happy, caring, and inclusive environment where students are provided with appropriate structure and guidance so they can fulfil their individual potential, both academically and personally.



Follow @bscyounghouse



The strong sense of belonging and genuine care between students across the year groups and staff, make the College a very special place.



BOARDING FACTS

90%

of boarders stay on  
site at weekends



## OUR HOUSES

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# Boys' Houses

All students belong to a House. This is where learning to collaborate, to be a team player, to become friends with diverse, different people, happens. This is how we build confidence in each individual.



### ROBERT PEARCE HOUSE (RPH)

celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2023. A large common room is the social hub of the diverse RPH community, where the whole House gathers each day.



Follow [@bscrobertpearcehouse](#)



### ROWE HOUSE

is one of our newest boarding houses and offers a supportive and caring atmosphere for students to grow and develop intellectually and as individuals.



Follow [@bscrowehouse](#)



# Life as a Boarder

The diversity of backgrounds and nationalities in our boarding houses ensures horizons are expanded and everyone learns together and from each other. Here there is a togetherness where none of us is as important as all of us.

Whether students are new to boarding or have previously been part of a boarding community, we ensure everyone feels welcome when they join us and are supported to settle seamlessly into their new environment and daily routine.

Boarding is wonderful preparation for what students will encounter in life after school. We recognise the significance of independence and provide a

structured yet flexible environment that encourages self-reliance and personal responsibility.

Over 90% of our boarders stay on campus during weekends, creating a strong sense of community. Boarders are immersed in a homely environment that fosters essential life skills, British culture, and development of language and subject knowledge.

“The College is a beautiful environment. I love the people here and the independence that boarding gives you.”

BOARDING FACTS  
34

Nationalities  
across the College







## A Day in the Life

Life as a boarder is always really busy. Everyone is up by 7.00am during the week, ready for breakfast in the Dining Hall at 7.30am. Thankfully the Dining Hall is only a short walk from the boarding houses, so not too far for us to go.

Our Houses are mixed with day and boarding students, so day students start to arrive about 8.00am, before roll call at 8.15am.

The days are then full with lessons, games, assemblies, clubs and clinics, through until 4.45pm, when the school day finishes.

Once we have said goodbye to the day students, boarders have the campus to themselves, and can spend the evening together relaxing, or visiting the local town.

Supper is served at 5.45pm, after which we have another roll call, and set time for homework. Once this is finished at 8.30pm however, we have more free time, and boarders have sole access to the sports hall, tennis courts, the gym, and the music rooms, which is great.

Everyone has to be back in their House by 10.00pm, and depending on your year group, lights out starts from 9.45pm for Year 9s.

No two days are ever the same as there's always so much on offer. You can choose however how much, or little of it, you want to get involved with.







Discover more

All weekend activities are included  
in the termly boarding fee



## BOARDING

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# British Culture Programme

Our British culture programme for boarders at weekends brings together a mixture of new skills, fun, and team building activities, both on and off campus, to enrich their time at the College.

It has been designed to ensure boarders are engaged and kept busy at weekends, but with enough down time built in to rest.

The programme provides a balance between sports match representation on a Saturday (for squad members), off site trips, on campus social activities, and relaxation. At points during the year, Saturdays also provide opportunities for exam revision and preparing university applications, supported by academic staff.

Our off-site trips focus on British culture, fun, and resilience building. They include experiences across opera, theatre, and museums, as well as visits to UK cities, such as London and Cambridge, coastal

seaside towns, and theme parks.

There are sporting opportunities, where new sports such as skiing and sailing can be learnt, and premier football matches can be watched.

These carefully planned activities are designed to complement students' academic experiences and ensure their time with us is both rewarding and unforgettable.



## ACADEMICS

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# An Exceptional Learning Community

Academic qualifications are the gateway into the universities and careers our students will one day wish to enter. Our academic track-record is already first-rate and aiming ever higher.

Small classes, emphasis on individuals, and teachers with outstanding subject knowledge, ensure students receive the time and attention they need. Encouraging students to reach their full potential is key to everything we do.

We are proud that our dedicated and talented teaching staff will always go the extra mile to meet the needs of students. They are at the forefront of the art and science of teaching.

Our modern, progressive curriculum is structured to support continuous development in knowledge, skills, and personal growth. It is designed not just to deliver knowledge, but to build critical thinking, creativity, resilience, and adaptability.

Our students grow steadily in self-confidence and independence, discovering new talents and developing existing skills, equipping them for life beyond school.







"I have the confidence of  
knowing how to succeed  
in the world that we are all  
going to embrace."

## SIXTH FORM

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**SIXTH**  
AT THE  
**COLLEGE**

Sixth at the College is a place of inspiration, where you will join a community of talented, determined, and compassionate students.

Students choose three or four A Level subjects:

Art, biology, business, chemistry, computer science, 3D Design: Product Design, drama and theatre studies, economics, English literature, ethics, philosophy, and theology, film studies, French, geography, German, history, mathematics and further mathematics, music, physical education, physics, politics, psychology, and Spanish.



Discover more

Our Sixth Form delivers a transformative education





Academic



Pastoral



Futures



Co-curricular



Stortfordian  
Diploma

Our five petals are the foundation of the Sixth, and guide students through the two years of Sixth Form, ensuring their time at the College delivers a transformative education.

### Stortfordian Diploma

Our Stortfordian Diploma is a pioneering programme that complements students' A Level qualifications and is designed to prepare them for life beyond the College.

Bespoke to each individual the Diploma encompasses intellectual curiosity, service and responsibility, employment insights, and personal growth. Students will develop a portfolio of skills and experiences that universities and employers are looking for.

### University and Careers

Supported by our dedicated Futures Department, students are provided with expert and personalised guidance to help them navigate the wide range of opportunities when they graduate.

Whether that is university, degree apprenticeships, or employment, students have unlimited access to one-to-one careers guidance to help them make informed decisions about their future.

Our graduates go on to join some of the best universities in the world, particularly within the UK and the USA, to study subjects including medicine, engineering, history, and business. A growing number have also been selected for highly competitive degree apprenticeships.



# The Best of Both Worlds

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One of the best things about Bishop's Stortford College is its perfectly positioned location. A hidden gem in the Hertfordshire landscape, our campus is a peaceful, green, and leafy oasis, with lots of space for students to study, engage in activities, and relax.





Our campus brings together a wonderful blend of history and the modern, with iconic buildings such as the Memorial Hall, built in 1922, standing alongside stunning state-of-the-art facilities.

With all sections of the College on one site, from Nursery through to Sixth Form, as well as our boarding houses, students benefit from dedicated learning spaces, as well as shared specialist facilities for sport, music, drama, and 3D design.

Just 10 minutes' walk away, the safe market town of Bishop's Stortford provides all the amenities boarders need. From cafes and restaurants to the cinema and shops, the quaint town centre provides an easy environment for them to explore as they gain their independence throughout their time boarding at the College.





BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

# Sport

Founded on the principles of excellence and positivity, our sporting ethos is both inclusive and ambitious. We take great pride in our sporting heritage, encouraging a lifelong love of physical activity in every student, while developing elite athletes who compete at the highest level.

Our 100 acre sports fields, and superb sporting facilities, alongside expert coaching, ensure students benefit from the best sporting provision across all our core sports including hockey, cricket, netball, rugby, swimming, and tennis.

A modern gym, a fully equipped sports hall, astro pitches, and all weather surface courts, also offer opportunities in basketball, volleyball, badminton, and football, with facilities open every evening. Whatever level their ability, we want students to experience enjoyment as well as success.



SPORT



Discover more

Sports Scholarships,  
Performance Sports  
programme, and view  
our sports facilities.





# Performing Arts

Students have numerous opportunities to explore their musical talents, learn to play instruments, and participate in concerts and plays.

Whether they enjoy playing an instrument as a hobby, or decide to study music at university, students thrive with guidance from our music team. From House Music competitions and carol services to regular ensemble concerts and our spectacular open-air Summer Music Live event, students will have every chance to be involved.

In drama, students are exposed to a rich tapestry of artistic and theatrical development. They will engage in

enriching academic experiences, work with specialist staff, collaborate with professional theatre companies, and watch theatre come alive at professional performances. Every student will have access to a wide range of high-quality practical and technical theatre resources, introduced in lessons and applied in performance workshops.



## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



# Co-curricular

Outside of the classroom there is a vast range of activities for students to engage in, to ignite new passions. Whether that's on the pitch or in the studio, there is something to interest everyone.

From the moment students join us, a wide range of clubs, clinics, and societies will be open to them alongside musical and theatrical opportunities, and sport at both House and competitive levels.

An extensive activities programme has been developed to ensure students enjoy a range of co-curricular opportunities aimed at supporting their inter-personal development and wellbeing.

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Programme includes: film making, computer coding and programming, cookery, debating, creative writing, squash, water polo, orchestra, chamber choir, police cadets, Model UN, Italian language club, fencing, Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Discover more

50+ clubs, clinics, and societies on offer in the Senior School



## CAMPS

# Summer School and Sports Camps

Bishop's Stortford College International Summer School is open to international students aged eight to 17 years who visit the UK for two weeks in the summer. The College also hosts a number of sports camps throughout the year, run by specialist sports providers.



At Summer School we welcome groups of students aged eight to 17 accompanied by one or more Group Leaders, and individual students aged 13 to 17. The courses combine English language tuition, general or specialist activities and classes, events, local visits and excursions to places of historical and cultural interest.

[www.bsccsummerschool.com](http://www.bsccsummerschool.com)

Sports camps include an exclusive Swim Camp, run by five-time Olympian Head Coach Mel Marshall MBE, designed to push boundaries, enhance skills, and inspire young athletes to achieve their best.



INTERNATIONAL

# International Students

International students have the world at their fingertips, so we understand that finding the right school is important.

They are an important part of our community, and we welcome students from around 34 different countries each year.

International students can board with us from 13 years old (Year 9), through to their GCSEs (Year 11), and then for their A Levels (Years 12 and 13).



Discover more

Our Admissions Officer (Boarding)  
will guide you through the  
admissions process







## Child Student visa sponsorship

International students who require a visa to study in the UK can apply for a Child Student visa with our sponsorship. We sponsor students who are boarding with us full-time.

## Guardians

All international students on a Child Student visa are required to have an appropriate Guardian whilst in the UK. Please see our website for further details.

## English support

Our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) team provide English language support on an individual or group basis, for every day, social, and academic purposes.

## International events

The College attends a number of international events throughout the year and would be pleased to meet you at one. Please follow our social media channels for news on upcoming events we will be attending.



## Boarding Students Connect

We understand that moving overseas or boarding for the first time can be daunting. Our fun and welcoming induction programme for all new boarders, held the week prior to the start of term in September, helps students settle in smoothly.

## Short-term places

We offer short-term stays (one term to one year) for international students, offering them the chance to experience life at a British boarding school; either as a standalone experience or before committing to a longer-term stay.



## ADMISSIONS

# Application and Scholarships

Our friendly Admissions team are here to help with the application process. We are an academically selective school, and all students will take part in our entry assessments.

### Boarders can join the College in:

Year 9 (pre-testers-UK only)

UK Year 9 (13+) (Grade 8)

UK Year 10 (14+) (Grade 9)

Applicants will complete tests in English, mathematics, reasoning, and an interview.

UK Year 12 (16+)  
for A Level (Grade 11)

Applicants will complete tests in English, reasoning, mathematics (if choosing mathematics, a science, or economics or business A Level), and an interview.



For those students where English is not their first language, applicants will be asked to complete an ESOL written assessment and interview.

Students applying for a short-term place will be assessed via an ESOL interview and an online reasoning test.

We are a UKiset school, so students can take their assessments via UKiset, or directly with us; either online, or at the College if the applicant is at school in the UK.







## Visiting the College

Where possible we encourage applicants to visit the College. Please see our website for details of our on-campus and virtual open events, our virtual tour, and details on how to book an individual tour.



Discover more

Book a visit, or take a virtual tour

## Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to candidates who show outstanding talent, based on ability and potential in the areas of academia, sport, music, drama, art, and design.



Discover more

Senior School scholarships are available in Year 9 and Year 12



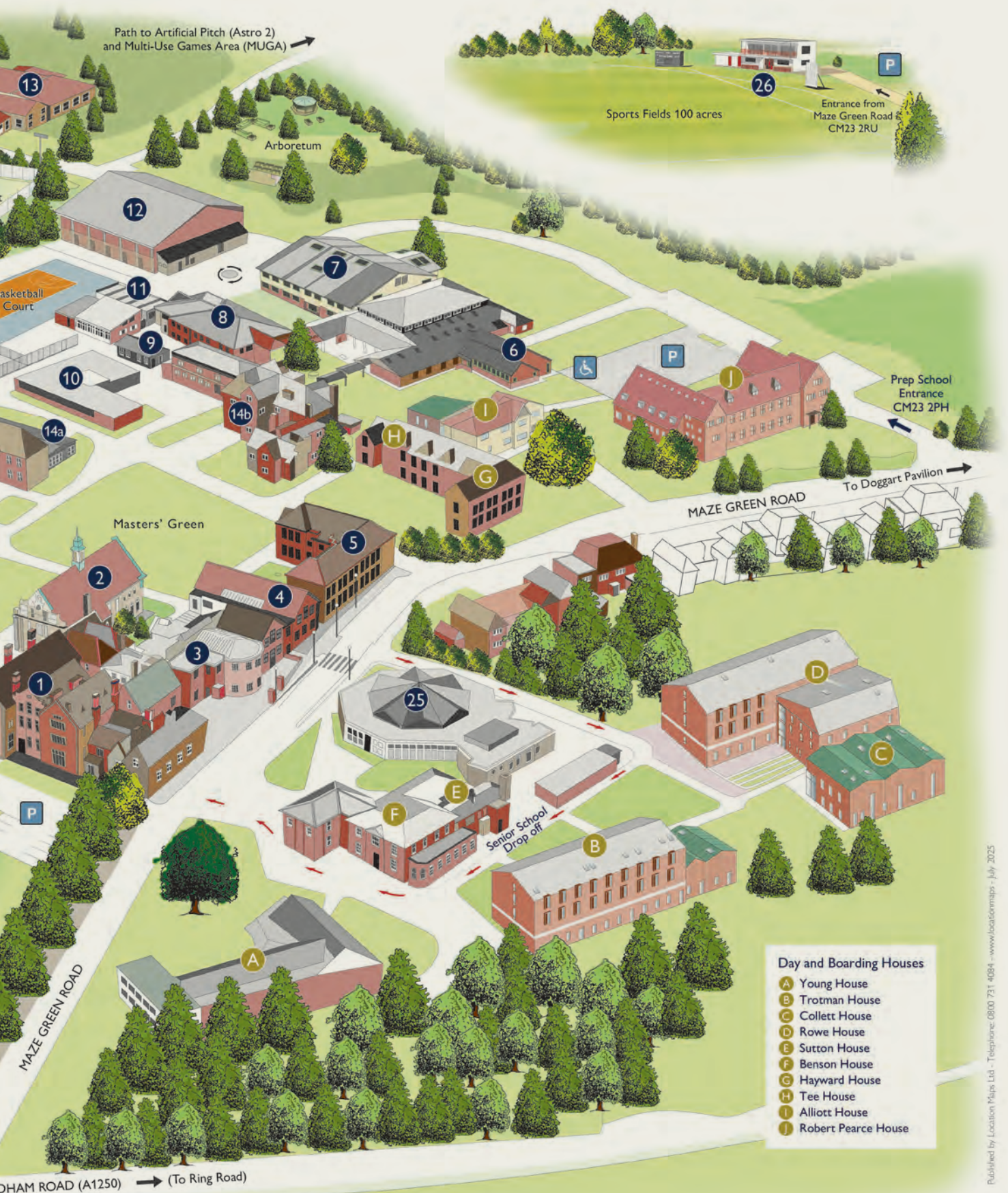
# Campus Map

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