



Cobham Hall

A day and boarding school for girls and boys aged 11-18

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WELCOMING
APPLICATIONS
FROM GIRLS
AND BOYS IN
ALL YEARS



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

2024/2025



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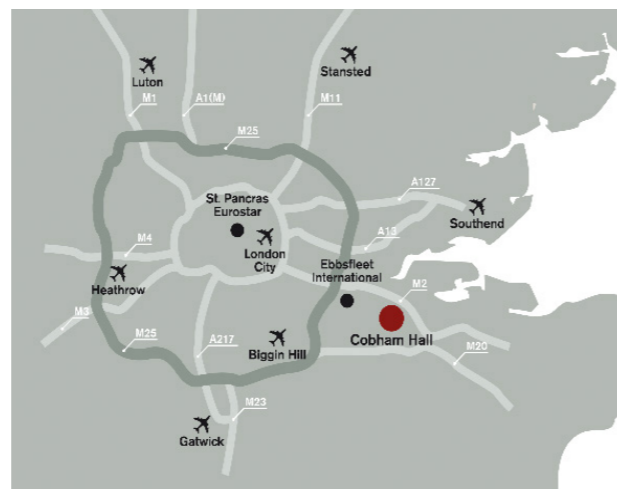
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Nearest airports:
London Gatwick: 45min
London City: 45min
Stansted: 1 hour
Heathrow: 1 hour

Nearest train station:
Ebbfleet International: 10min
Gravesend, Meopham and Sole Street:
10min



SCHOOL FEES 2024/2025

School Fees applicable from 1 September 2024 are as follows:

Fee	Description	£
Registration Fee	The non-returnable charge for lodging a Registration form	
	UK Residents	£150.00
	Overseas Residents	£200.00
Acceptance Deposit	The Acceptance deposit is payable on return of the completed Acceptance Form. Deposits are held during the student's stay at Cobham Hall - please refer to the School's Standard Terms and Conditions for details. The deposit is non-refundable in the event that a student does not join.	
	Overseas Resident Boarders	One term's Boarding fee
	UK Resident Boarders	£2,000.00
	Overseas Resident Day Student	One term's Day fee
	UK Resident Day Student	£750.00
	Short Stay Boarder	£1,500.00

Year Group	Boarding fee per term	Day fee per term
Years 7, 8 and 9	£13,250.00	£8,050.00
Years 10 and 11	£13,950.00	£8,450.00
Sixth Form	£14,800.00	£8,450.00

Fees include all basic tuition, all compulsory non-residential academic trips and activities, as well as stationery and nutritious meals. Day students are welcome to join for breakfast and supper at no extra charge. Residential Geography field trips and theatre trips are not included and will be chargeable in addition.

Additional costs are incurred for external examinations and supplementary lessons. There is a termly fee of £145 for all Boarders to cover the cost of compulsory weekend excursions, which covers transport and entrance fees charged. Optional Wednesday and Friday trips are not included.

From September 2024, students in years 7-12 will need to have their own school laptop acquired through our lease or purchase scheme. Contact Admissions for details.

Flexi-boarding is charged at £65.00/night with a discounted rate of £33.00/night on Fridays. This provides day students with an opportunity to board for one or more nights when needed.

Parents will be notified of any additional charges related to transportation, extra-curricular activities, such as residential trips, exam charges, and lost books (this list is not exhaustive). The additional charges will be added to the school bill and are payable upon receipt of the bill.

Notes:

Due Date: Each term's invoice for fees and extras is due for payment on or before the first day of term.

Late Payment Charges on overdue accounts are applicable in accordance School's Standard Terms and Conditions.

For any admissions related queries please contact the Admissions department by email to admissions@cobhamhall.com



“From the first day onwards, I knew this school was going to be my forever second home.”

Lola (United Kingdom)
Year 7



ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE

Where to Start

Prospective families are invited to visit the School, take a tour and meet the Headmistress, staff and students. We recommend attending an Open Morning, which includes a presentation by the Headmistress, the opportunity to join in activities, meet staff and take an escorted tour with a current student. Personal visits can also be arranged at a time to suit you. Prospective families may visit several times if they wish, and students are welcome to come for a trial stay or a taster day.

How to Apply

To secure a place, the first step is to complete the online registration form:

<https://www.cobhamhall.com/admissions/register-now/>

A non-refundable registration fee is also payable: £150 for UK residents, £200 for international residents.

Our preferred means of payment is via the online payment portal Flywire which provides an easy and secure way to make payment.

Please visit cobhamhall.flywire.com.

Admissions Procedure

Documents required for application:

- Two latest school reports/transcripts (translated into English, if necessary)
- Passport copy

Entrance Assessments

Although Cobham Hall is non-selective, entrance assessments are taken to ensure that any potential student will be able to benefit from our educational experience.

- UK Students: Applications are assessed via computerised cognitive ability test and interview.
- International Students: Once registered, candidates for whom English is an Additional Language are required to take the Oxford Placement Test (an online adaptive test of Reading and Writing skills), a computerised cognitive ability test, and a written test. Assessments can be taken either in the candidate's current school, or arrangements can be made to take them online. Video call interviews can be conducted if a potential student is unable to visit the School.

Academic scholarships are available by invitation on entry to years 7 to 10, and scholarships for Sport, Art, Music and Drama may also be applied for. Those entering Year 12 may apply for a scholarship in a subject they intend to study for A Level, or in Drama or Music.

Applicants for scholarships must demonstrate exceptional ability in, and commitment to, their chosen subject. Please contact Admissions for further information.

Offer of a Place

Following the assessment and interview, and upon receipt of a reference and reports from the student's current school, an offer of a place may be made. Acceptance of a place at Cobham Hall is subject to completion of the Acceptance Form and payment of the required deposit.

Early registration is recommended. Registrations will be considered in the order they are received. Offers of places are subject to availability and to the admission requirements of the School at the time offers are made. A copy of the current Standard Terms and Conditions will be supplied on request.



LIFE-CHANGING LEARNING

A Cobham Hall education is about so much more than results; it is an education for life. Our skills-based approach to education extends beyond academic excellence to include personal development, global awareness, and social responsibility.

Our small class sizes ensure that every student receives a tailored education and can excel in any path they choose.

Alongside academic grades, students leave with the skills universities and employers look for: skills in complex problem-solving, project and time management, critical thinking, and creativity; resilience, teamwork, and compassion. Almost all go on to university, some following highly academic routes, such as study at Oxbridge and Russell Group institutes, while others opt for more vocational courses. All are happy, motivated, and considerate: empowered to be the best they can be, secure in the knowledge they are equipped for an ever-changing future and fully prepared to embrace the challenges ahead.



“Cobham is a place where dreams take flight, knowledge finds a home, and friendships last for a lifetime.”

Nattakarn (Thailand)
Year 12, Guardian 2024-2025

CORE ETHOS AND VALUES

“THERE’S MORE IN YOU THAN YOU THINK.”

We believe untold brilliance lies within each of our students, and that each has the potential to develop skills and abilities they may never have believed possible. We are committed to providing our students with the academic knowledge to flourish, and to inspiring each student to have the courage to push themselves and find their own path in life.

Happy young people learn, and we place student wellbeing at the heart of everything we do, ensuring trust, respect, honesty, kindness and tolerance infuse every aspect of the educational experience. In our diverse and tolerant environment, students feel safe to challenge themselves, to develop their curiosity and creativity, and to discover there is more in them than they know.

Cobham Hall was an early member of the Round Square international network of schools, and its ethos, summed up by the IDEALS Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership, and Service, remain core to our belief that education is more than just textbook learning. This ethos underpins our unique Perspectives course, studied by all year groups, which is designed to develop the skills and attributes young people will need to succeed in our rapidly changing world.



“A genuine family-feel.”
Muddy Stiletto





OUR EXCITING CURRICULUM

We offer an exciting and stimulating all round education, placing equal value on both academic and non-academic successes. Everybody is valued and treated as an individual, and is encouraged to develop, or indeed discover, their talents and interests by taking on personal challenges.

In Years 7 to 9, students follow an innovative and challenging curriculum which encompasses the full range of sciences, creative and performing arts, humanities, languages and sport. They also commence our exclusive Perspectives course, developing such skills as creativity, communication and collaboration.

Years 10 to 11 follow GCSE courses, and in Sixth Form A Levels are studied alongside the Perspectives course and EPQ (Extended Project Qualification).



GCSE SUBJECTS

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- English
- English as a Second Language
- French
- Geography
- Global Perspectives
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Spanish

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Art, Craft and Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- Graphic Communications
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Music Technology
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Spanish

IELTS

- English as an Additional Language





| SIXTH FORM

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| Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Alongside a broad range of A Levels, students at Cobham Hall study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). Equivalent to half an A Level, the EPQ provides students with the opportunity to plan, research and develop their own project idea. The project can be in a variety of forms, including:

- A research-based written report
- A production (for example, a charity event, fashion show or sports event)
- An artefact (for example, a piece of art, a computer game or realised design)

The EPQ encourages independent learning and is highly valued by universities. Many, including prestigious Russell Group institutions like the Universities of Southampton, Liverpool and Birmingham, will make an alternative, reduced grade offer for candidates who have this additional qualification. The EPQ demonstrates that students have strong research skills and can reflect upon and evaluate a project, while the deeper understanding of a topic of interest it gives can also be a good discussion point in interviews. Furthermore, undertaking the EPQ trains students to manage their time and teaches planning techniques, desirable skills not only at university but also in the work environment.



“Project qualifications such as the EPQ offer an unparalleled introduction to the skills needed for students to thrive in Higher Education.”

University of Southampton

GCSE RESULTS

	9	9-8	9-7	9-6	9-4	9-2	No.	No. of Students
* 2023	13%	29%	43%	60%	90%	99.3%	142	21
2022	8%	24%	46%	69%	95%	100%	289	31
2021	13%	34%	55%	75.8%	96%	100%	178	21

A LEVEL RESULTS

Our students regularly secure places at their first and second-choice universities and at prestigious Russell Group institutions. Recent leavers have gone on to study a broad range of subjects including Modern Languages and International Relations, Biomedical Science, and Psychology and Criminology.

	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C	% Pass	No.	No. of Students
* 2023	5%	24%	46%	81%	100%	39	10
2022	10%	32%	63%	79%	98%	38	11
2021	11%	45%	70%	89%	100%	45	16

* In 2023, grading norms returned to 2019 levels, wiping out the significant post-pandemic grade inflation of 2020-2022



"I leave Cobham Hall with pride. The school has shaped me into an independent young woman, and I'm confident I can take on any challenge I face in life."

Natasha (United Kingdom)
Year 13, Deputy Guardian 2023-2024

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS

Bath Spa University
 Goldsmiths, University of London
 Imperial College
 King's College, London
 London School of Economics and Political Science
 London South Bank University
 Loughborough University
 National College of Motor Sports
 Nottingham Trent University
 Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
 Royal Holloway, University of London
 University of Arts, London
 University of Bath
 University of Cambridge
 University of Coventry
 University of Cumbria

University of Dundee
 University of East Anglia
 University of Edinburgh
 University of Exeter
 University of Glasgow
 University of Hull
 University of Kent
 University of Leeds
 University of Liverpool
 University of Oxford
 University of Reading
 University of Southampton
 University of Sussex
 University of Warwick
 University of Westminster
 University of York





CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Cobham Hall students are eager to take part in a wide range of activities. Our clubs present students with a wonderful chance for learning and personal development; the opportunity to try something new, potentially discovering unknown talents. They often provide a springboard to participate at regional and national levels. Our pupils have competed in events such as the Horse of the Year Show, the Kent Cross-Country Championships, and have also represented Team GB in triathlon.

Examples of some of the clubs and activities we offer:

- Amity Club
- Art Club
- Art Workshops
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Benesonantes (Chamber Choir)
- Bible Study
- Book Club
- Boxfit
- Business and Economics
- Choir
- Classics Play
- Cobham Hall Pantomime
- Cobham Hall Sound Collective
- Computer Club
- Connection Theatre Festival
- Craft Club
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Dance
- Diversity
- Drama
- Drama, Voice and Communication
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Film Club
- Football
- Games Club
- Greek Club
- Hockey
- Horse-Riding
- Media Team
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Musical Instruments & Singing
- Music Makers
- Netball
- Orchestra
- Rock Band
- Spanish Film Club
- STEM Club
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Textiles
- Trampolining
- University Challenge



SATURDAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Our exciting Saturday Enrichment Programme provides opportunities for students to acquire or enhance skills that are considered essential for the 21st century workplace. It develops the attributes of well-rounded individuals who are independent, resilient, entrepreneurial, responsible and engaged in a range of interests. It is also designed to enable them to be grounded by being active within the local community and the world around them by engaging in service opportunities for the benefit of others.

All students are required to attend a set number of Saturdays throughout the academic year.

We also run several optional Enrichment Programmes which are designed to develop skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity, leadership, and decision-making.



Examples of some of the Saturday Enrichment Programmes we offer:

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| Basketball | Illustration |
| Boxing Fitness | Junior MUN |
| Cheerleading | Kayaking |
| Coaching (Level 1) | Mountain Biking |
| Cobham Bake Off | Music Masterclasses |
| Cooking on a Budget | Nuclear Race |
| Creative Writing | Recycled Fashion Show |
| David Hockney 'Lightroom' | Running a STEM activity for local primary schools |
| Digital Literacy | Service Saturday |
| Eat and Write | Sewing |
| Film-making | Sushi Making |
| French Day Trip | Tree Planting |
| Games Workshop | |
| Habitats and Ecosystems | |

BOARDING

Our lively boarding community lies at the heart of Cobham Hall. British and international students from around the world can live, work and socialise together, sharing all aspects of school and boarding house life.

Bligh House: Girls Years 7-11

Found at the end of a winding drive and opposite the tennis courts, Bligh House is the home for girls in Years 7 to 11. There are spacious bedrooms, a kitchen and dining area, and a large common room; the perfect place to watch a film or to curl up on the sofas in front of the wood burner. The large garden provides outdoor areas for use when the weather allows.

Brooke House: Sixth Form Girls

Brooke House, next door to Bligh House, is home to girls in our Sixth Form. Some Year 13 boarders may have an en-suite bedroom, and all Sixth Form Boarders benefit from a spacious, comfortable common room. Students will meet here and chat over breakfast before school or discuss their day over supper in the evenings.

Stuart House: Boys

There is a separate boarding house for boys in the main hall, with its own kitchen and comfortable common room - the perfect place to watch a film or play games.

Students in Sixth Form are permitted to cook their supper and will often cook for each other. Occasionally, they'll tuck into homemade pizzas or enjoy a takeaway. Sixth Form boarders are granted more privileges, all designed to promote characteristics required to live in a larger community, to be thoughtful and considerate to housemates, whilst gaining more independence. It's the perfect preparation for life at university whilst still under the guidance of caring Houseparents.

Boarding Activities

There are evening outings during the week, with popular activities including local shopping trips, bowling, and cinema/restaurant visits. Boarders also take part in regular in-house evening activities including baking, National Day celebrations, games/film nights and birthday celebrations. Weekend trips tend to be further afield, for example, theme parks, the seaside or one of the many varied attractions offered in nearby London.

Bligh House



Stuart House



Brooke House





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