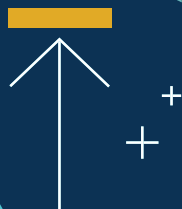




D'OVERBROECK'S
OXFORD

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

Co-educational
Ages 11-18
Day and boarding



CREATE YOUR FUTURE



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WELCOME TO D'OVERBROECK'S

d'Overbroeck's is a leading independent day and boarding school in Oxford. We teach students aged 11-18 across our three school sites: Years 7-11, the Sixth Form and our International School.

We are consistently ranked among the top schools in the UK for academic progress and we achieve this by encouraging our students to think strategically, analytically, creatively and imaginatively. Here students will find an intellectually challenging and inspiring environment, and receive expert guidance on how to make the most of their experience with us while working towards their long-term goals.

Mutual respect and good humour lie at the heart of our school ethos, with high expectations for our students. This is the basis for supportive, trusting and respectful relationships, which in turn encourage in our students a love of learning.

There is no typical d'Overbroeck's student and each one is encouraged to be their own true self. They join a safe, welcoming environment for all students, and immediately find a sense of belonging.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL TOGETHER



Welcome to d'Overbroeck's. This is an exceptional school which everyone in our community is extremely proud to be part of. I hope this prospectus helps to show how you too can be part of a very special and exciting education.

The environment at d'Overbroeck's encourages students to aim for the highest academic outcomes. It does this through outstanding teachers and an environment which enables students to excel in all areas. The range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities means that students thrive at d'Overbroeck's and receive the very best preparation to go on to even further success at University and beyond.

Above all, d'Overbroeck's recognises the individual. Students have their own personal tutor who guides them and supports them throughout their time with us. Each student is encouraged to follow the pathway that leads them to greatest success, both in their studies and in their own personal development. Our students grow up to be confident and successful, whilst also demonstrating the integrity and compassion to make a positive difference to the world around them.

If you would also like to be part of our wonderful school, please speak with our staff and students to find out about what they have achieved at d'Overbroeck's. You would be very welcome to apply to join us and to achieve your own successes here too.

Patrick Horne, Principal



Our highly qualified teachers, experts in their fields, build strong relationships with students in small classes, addressing staff by first names, to enable every student to exceed their potential and enjoy their learning journey.

Continuing professional development is a fundamental part of our teaching approach, and our teachers never stop striving to deliver the best outcomes for our students. Created by the brightest minds in education, our world-renowned professional development programme, Nord Anglia University, keeps teachers connected and up to speed with best practices.

We place great emphasis on recruiting teachers who fit the d'Overbroeck's ethos; our approach ensures learning is a fun and aspirational experience, and students are motivated through a strong student teacher relationship. As a result, many of Oxford's leading talent in their fields enjoy working at d'Overbroeck's, and crafting the experience of students around their specific interest, enabling detailed subject exploration and outstanding results.

Among our teachers are many national and international examiners of their chosen subject, as well as trainers of future generations of teachers. They have a rich understanding of subjects, examinations and assessment processes. Their experience enables us to adapt how subjects are taught, giving our students a greater chance of high achievement.

WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL

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PERSONALISED, UNIQUE AND AMBITIOUS

We celebrate each student's individuality, so we help them discover and foster their unique talents and goals. Happy, doing what they love, and with a real sense of purpose, your child will achieve academic success, thrive as a person, and go on to pursue their passions at university and beyond.

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Your child will leave our school with everything they need for success – whatever they choose to be or do in life.

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UNLOCKING POTENTIAL TOGETHER

We believe in the power of meaningful partnerships between our students and staff, based on trust and mutual respect. Our dedicated teachers will empower your child to believe in themselves, creating confident, curious, independent learners.

d'Overbroeck's has recently been recognised as a Microsoft Showcase School, 1 of 78 in the UK and 1 of 600 globally. This award highlights our commitment to create student-centered, immersive, and inclusive experiences that inspire lifelong learning, stimulating development of essential future-ready skills so students are empowered to achieve more. Feedback from students is extremely positive about how this enhanced learning style helps them to organise their workload, access resources and collaborate on tasks.



OUR EDUCATIONAL PATH

450

students,
ages 16-18

SIXTH FORM

36

A-level subjects
available

Average
class size of 9

YEARS 7-11

200

students, ages 11-16

18

GCSE subjects
available



Broad Key Stage
3 curriculum

Average
class size of 12

THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

150

students, ages 13-16

150+

NEW STUDENTS
JOIN OUR SIXTH
FORM FROM OTHER
UK SCHOOLS AND
AROUND THE WORLD

YEARS 7-11



Our teaching site for Years 7 to 11 is based close to the heart of Oxford. This is a community of around 200 students, who are placed at the heart of everything we do. Academic rigour and outstanding pastoral care are both key to our mission and we know these can only be achieved if the environment is right for the students in our school. We maintain small classes and strong relationships, teaching through discussion and exploration of students' own ideas. We consult regularly with students on all aspects of how the school operates: from playground renovations to decisions about both our curricular and extracurricular offerings. The result is a happy, purposeful, and adaptable community in which students thrive both academically and personally, and are well prepared for the next stage of their journey to Sixth Form.

Nick Haines, Head of Years 7-11



"It's a wonderful community of people, with teachers who are always encouraging and willing to help people to ensure they feel comfortable and safe"

Poppy, Year 11

"It's a really friendly and happy environment"

Charlie, Year 9



YOUR D'OVERBROECK'S JOURNEY

Our standard entry points are Years 7 and 9, but we have students joining us throughout Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, from almost 100 different independent and state schools in the local area, and further afield.

After completing their GCSEs, our students move to our dedicated Sixth Form centre a few minutes up the road, where they will comprise around a quarter of the Year 12 group, joined by friends from our International School, as well as over 150 new students, creating a dynamic environment and a sense of starting the next stage of their education. This provides a fantastic transition for our Year 11 students as they prepare for their universities and careers.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YEARS 7-11

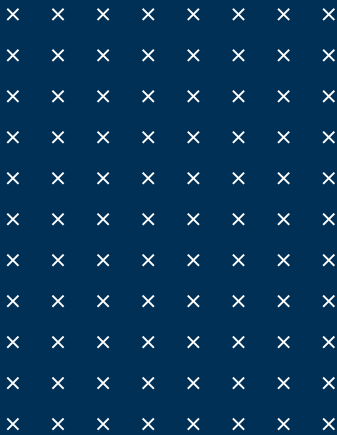


We cover a broad curriculum from Year 7 through to GCSE. Students are encouraged to enjoy learning, to be curious and think outside the box. We value choice, engagement and enjoyment, and offer plenty of opportunities for students to try new things and develop their talents.

Through a diverse selection of opportunities for academic enrichment, students find areas of study that inspire and interest them. We offer a wide range of GCSE subjects to choose from so each student can tailor their programme and achieve their goals.

Our students all have unique strengths, and we work with each individual to find ways to celebrate these. Our academic staff work together with an extensive pastoral team to ensure every student in our care feels nurtured, and knows that we believe in them.

What matters to us is that students learn best when they are happy, working with staff who are passionate about their subject, and who teach in interesting and creative ways to help students achieve academic excellence in a warm, caring environment. By focusing on what they love, our students can enjoy a fulfilling education, which is personally and academically successful.



SIXTH FORM



The Sixth Form is the largest part of d'Overbroeck's, with over 450 students currently in our vibrant community. We welcome Year 11s from our Years 7-11 site and The International School, who will be joined by over 150 new students from across the UK and around the world each year.

d'Overbroeck's Sixth Form is an extraordinary preparation for life after school, with a teaching community committed to the development of each student, in a close-knit community that is friendly, cheerful, and inspiring.

Alasdair MacPherson,
Head of Sixth Form

Upon progressing to Sixth Form, our students can choose from 36 A-level subjects, which can be studied in any combination. Every student can find an academic pathway that is as unique as they are!

A number of our staff teach across the School, meaning students feel bolstered by those existing close relationships, while exploring a wide range of new subject areas and academic enrichment programmes. Our Sixth Form further develops students' excellent breadth and depth of knowledge.

Similarly, our co-curricular programme maintains an extensive list of clubs and activities, and introduces many new opportunities across drama, music, and sport, enabling them to flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically.

A-LEVEL SUBJECTS

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| • Art | • Further Maths | • Philosophy |
| • Biology | • Geography | • Photography |
| • Business | • German | • Physical Education |
| • Chemistry | • History | • Physics |
| • Classical Civilisation | • History of Art | • Politics & Government |
| • Classical Greek | • Italian | • Psychology |
| • Computer Science | • Japanese | • Religion, Ethics, Philosophy (REP) |
| • Drama | • Latin | • Russian |
| • Economics | • Mandarin | • Sociology |
| • English | • Mathematics | • Spanish |
| • Film Studies | • Media Studies | • Textiles |
| • French | • Music | |
| | • Music Technology | |

"The teaching is my favourite thing about life at d'Overbroeck's because the teachers are clearly very passionate about their subjects and work hard to ensure everyone in the classroom is engaged in the subject matter. I also really enjoy the super-curricular opportunities because they enable me to enrich my understanding of my subjects"

Kate, Lower Sixth



FIND OUT
MORE
ABOUT
SIXTH
FORM



SUPPORTING YOU IN EVERY WAY

At d'Overbroeck's, the health and welfare of our students is always a number one priority from the moment a student chooses to study with us. Pastoral care is at the heart of everything we do, as indeed it needs to be if we are to achieve our fundamental goal of assuring personal happiness and academic fulfilment for every student.

NURTURING INDIVIDUALS

Each student is assigned a **Personal Tutor**, with whom they have fortnightly 1:1 meetings. Personal Tutors will:

- Keep in touch with each of their students, offering help and guidance with personal as well as academic issues at any time.
- Monitor academic progress through regular discussions with both students and their subject teachers.
- Focus on a student's commitment, attendance, and their ability to balance the competing demands of different subjects.
- Receive termly reports from subject teachers then discuss these with each student and their family.
- Keep families regularly informed about progress.

In the Sixth Form this role is called a **Director of Studies** (DoS), and alongside the academic and pastoral support, the DoS also provides invaluable higher education and careers support and advice.

Other key members of the pastoral team include the School Nurse and the Counsellors, ensuring that the social, emotional and mental health of our students remains a priority.

DEVELOPING VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS

A high quality Personal Development curriculum gives students the skills, knowledge and approach to thrive as individuals, family members and part of wider society. In a safe, open and trustworthy setting, students discuss key topics such as relationships and consent, mutual respect and tolerance.

We aim to provide our students with the resilience, strength of mind and understanding that will allow them to continue to mature into responsible, caring and active members of society.

Some key areas of focus include:

- Healthy relationships and consent
- Staying safe in a socially independent world
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Skills for life, for example financial planning and the importance of nutrition
- Learning about academic skills
- Kindness, charity and the community

CAPTURING STUDENT VOICE

The Student Council and leadership roles of students at d'Overbroeck's guide decision-making within the school. The value we place on this helps our students to understand their role in shaping the future, both here and beyond school.



SARAH SQUIRE,
DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL
CARE AND WELLBEING



SUPER-CURRICULAR

Exceptional learning experiences tailored to each student

Our Super-Curricular programme is a suite of courses and academic opportunities that take students beyond the traditional set of academic curriculum. At its core is our desire to ensure students develop the ability to:

- ask curious questions, develop a sense of intrinsic drive
- experience a range of academic subjects as lived experiences
- think about solving problems that they experience in the world around us

Our academic enrichment options are designed to respond to and provide opportunities based on student interest. To achieve this we approach Super-Curricular in two ways...

We provide students with the complete freedom to explore a big question that they're curious about. This might be to do with the environment, a technological innovation or understanding more about the historical past.

To do this students can study the accredited **Higher Project Qualification** (HPQ) and **Extended Project Qualification** (EPQ) programmes, where students receive a

qualification in recognition of their pursuits. The programmes encourage students to develop questions, work with a supervisor, respond to feedback and ultimately to recognise that the questions are pursuits as opposed to known answers.

The second approach is through **wider learning opportunities**. These are a range of courses and competitions that deliberately expect students to think beyond what traditional schooling puts in place.

Some of the opportunities we offer are:

- Royal Holloway's National Psychology Competition
- The Institute of Economic Affairs' Budget Challenge
- The Oxford Schools' Debating Competition
- National Maths competitions (including the UKMT Challenge, British Mathematical Olympiad and Kangaroo competition)
- National Science competitions (including the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and Physics Olympiad)
- University essay writing competitions

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT SUPER-
CURRICULAR



CO-CURRICULAR

Practise, participate and achieve your potential

Much like our academic programme, our Co-Curricular programme is founded on the values of choice, engagement and enjoyment.

With an extensive range of activities, clubs and societies, our students can find something that suits them, whilst also being encouraged to 'have a go' no matter what their ability level.

SPORT

Whilst it is very important to us that students get the opportunity to compete and represent the school, it is equally as important that they develop an understanding of active, healthy lifestyles.

Our dedicated team of enthusiastic teachers and professional coaches therefore aim to help students find a physical activity that they can thrive in and enjoy.

Every year our students compete in a diverse range of sports tournaments across the UK and Europe. With sports at d'Overbroeck's ranging from tennis to ice-hockey, rowing to basketball, we partner with the leading institutions locally and nationally to provide the best facilities specific to whatever sporting interest our students wish to pursue.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CO-CURRICULAR YEARS 7-11

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CO-CURRICULAR SIXTH FORM



PERFORMING ARTS

Music features prominently at d'Overbroeck's, where students contribute to weekly ensembles, pursue Royal Schools of Music exams, and progress to highly esteemed institutions, including Trinity Laban, BIMM, Goldsmith's, LIPA and St Andrew's. Regular opportunities to perform in front of an audience builds students' confidence both in music and in other areas of their life.

The annual school production draws students from all parts of the school. It's a fantastic musical or drama production and a way in which older and younger students work together, build connections and learn from one another. Younger year groups stage their own smaller scale productions, allowing all students to find their confidence level on stage or behind the scenes.

TENNIS ACADEMY

The d'Overbroeck's Tennis Academy is a dedicated programme designed to support excellent players to develop their tennis career. Students benefit from up to 10 hours of coaching and training per week at North Oxford Lawn Tennis Club, scheduled around A-level study. They also participate in a challenging competitive circuit, where our students have a lot of success.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

With over 50 extra-curricular activities on offer, our students can pursue their interests and discover new passions in academic, social, artistic and sporting activities. An added benefit is the opportunity to mix with students from each of our school sites which helps to promote team work, cultural respect and friendship.

Activities on offer include:

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| • Anime | • Model United Nations |
| • Art | • Music Technology Club |
| • Athletics | • Netball |
| • Badminton | • Orchestra |
| • Basketball | • Photography |
| • Board Games | • Polo |
| • Book Club | • Rock Climbing |
| • Boxercise | • Rounders |
| • Chess | • Rugby Union |
| • Choir | • Running (distance) |
| • Computer Coding | • School Production |
| • Crafts | • Sign Language |
| • Dance | • Spinning |
| • Debating | • Squash |
| • Duke of Edinburgh | • STEM |
| • Film Club | • Swimming |
| • First Aid | • Tennis |
| • Football | • Trampolineing |
| • Golf | • Yoga |
| • Hockey | • Young Enterprise |
| • Knitting | |
| • Mindfulness | |



HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

From the youngest students upwards, everyone at d'Overbroeck's benefits from the support of expert staff, who advise them at every stage of thinking about their next steps. Whether they are deciding which GCSE subjects to take, or considering university versus an apprenticeship, our tailored programme delivers age-appropriate guidance. We equip students with resources and tools to encourage independent career learning, encouraging student ownership over their futures.

At the Sixth Form, students can also take part in our Higher Education and Careers programme to prepare them for applying to university and beyond. This includes a dedicated series of talks delivered by external speakers and alumni on key topics, such as studying abroad and applying for competitive courses. The annual Careers Fair is open to all ages, raising awareness of the diverse pathways, opportunities and destinations available to them.

LIFE AFTER D'OVERBROECK'S

Our support does not end when a student finishes their studies at the Sixth Form. Many of our Directors of Studies are still in touch with our alumni and continue to offer support, whether it is with applying for university after a gap year or keeping in touch in a mentorship capacity.



EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES

As part of Nord Anglia Education, we are a local community with global links. This educational approach brings our students truly transformational learning experiences.

CURRICULA INNOVATION

To foster our students' creativity, we collaborate with The Juilliard School to develop our music, drama, and dance programmes. The Juilliard Creative Classroom is an extraordinary online collection of educational resources designed to enhance existing lessons. The programme helps students to experiment, create, improvise, and act independently – and encourages in them the resilience to keep trying.

Our collaboration with MIT gives your child the skills they'll need to thrive in the 21st century. These include trying out approaches to real-world problems, creative thinking, and understanding the importance of persistence in finding answers. This programme also provides professional development for teachers, an annual student visit to MIT, and a collaboration with MIT scientists to develop 'maker spaces' for practical activities in all our schools.

GLOBAL CAMPUS

Global Campus is Nord Anglia's digital learning platform that gives every student their own personalised experience, as well as enabling d'Overbroeck's students to connect with classmates from around the world. With special areas for students of different ages, Global Campus provides fresh and exciting learning materials on everything from science challenges from MIT to Q&As with faculty and alumni from Juilliard.

"It's a very multicultural school with opportunities to meet so many different people, which is really great"

Martha, Lower Sixth



Juilliard



"The biggest change I see is in the person's character. A sense of perseverance and mental toughness."

Hannah Smith,
Outdoor Education teacher

EXPEDITIONS THAT EXPAND HORIZONS

Our expeditions are designed to broaden our students' perspectives and expose them to different cultures, people and ideas.

d'Overbroeck's students join with peers from other Nord Anglia schools at our own camp in Arusha, Tanzania, to work on the practical tasks of building and maintaining school and village accommodation, or to climb Kilimanjaro.

At our centre in Les Martinets, Switzerland, students undertake mountaineering and outdoor activities in self-led teams to overcome basic challenges such as cooking and navigation.

Experiences like this help to develop both self-reliance and teamwork – as well as an understanding of the lives and challenges of others.



LIVING AND STUDYING IN OXFORD

Oxford is home to one of the oldest universities in the world and is well-known for its breathtaking architecture and history. As a student city by nature, Oxford offers a multitude of opportunities for students to socialise and network with likeminded individuals.

Our school is set across four teaching sites around the highly sought after North Oxford. The location gives our students the advantages of everything Oxford has to offer, including access to museums, galleries and theatres as well as the wonderful architecture and green parks of this famous university city.

OXFORD UNION MEMBERSHIPS

We are delighted to be affiliated with the Oxford Union, a debating society in the heart of Oxford. The Oxford Union has a tradition of hosting some of the world's most prominent individuals across politics, academia and popular culture. Sixth Form students at d'Overbroeck's can purchase a short-term membership to the Oxford Union of one, two, or three terms. With a membership, they will be able to attend events on the Oxford Union's term card, and have access to their facilities.

Memberships can be purchased through the Oxford Union's website.



BOARDING

Students living in a world-famous city

We offer boarding from Year 9 upwards, and by Sixth Form around half of our students are boarders.

Our boarders love our location in Oxford, with access to cultural and educational experiences, as well as easy connections to visitor highlights further afield. They get to live in a city with an inspiring academic history.

Which boarding house a student lives in depends on their age and gender. Boarding staff live on site as a part of the boarding community, acting as mentors and counsellors. They are available around the clock for any need, be it emotional, academic or practical. They play a vital role in ensuring the student feels supported and cared for in their home away from home.

Our seven boarding houses provide different residential options for students. From shared bedrooms in historic buildings with extensive gardens for some of our younger students, to single en-suite bedrooms in modern buildings in the city centre for our Sixth Form students. Students benefit from the opportunity to transition to more independence in the boarding setting as they progress through the school.

We also offer host family boarding in Sixth Form. Small groups of usually two or three students live with a carefully matched family in the local area. Besides offering pastoral and academic advice, host families maintain close contact with the student's own family, creating a supportive homely setting.



FIND OUT
MORE
ABOUT
BOARDING



COME AND
SEE FOR
YOURSELF

Wherever you are coming from, Oxford has excellent transport links. The two closest train stations are Oxford Parkway, just to the north of the Sixth Form, or Oxford station in the city centre, which is approximately 20 minutes walk from Years 7-11.

There is a comprehensive public bus network covering the city and surrounding areas. We also offer a dedicated bus service for d'Overbroeck's students travelling in from south east Oxfordshire.

RESULTS / DESTINATIONS

We are incredibly proud of what our students achieve, and each individual educational journey they experience.

We measure academic success not just in final grades, but also in the progress that each student makes from their starting point at the school (a measurement known as 'Value Added').

We are consistently featured in the Top 100 performing schools in the country, and typically we see around a quarter of our students achieve A* at A-level, with over half receiving A*/A grades.

d'Overbroeck's was a pioneer of the Extended Project Qualification, and an overwhelming majority of our students achieve A*/A in this qualification, supporting their applications to the most competitive universities and future pathways.



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Each student receives careers and university guidance from their Personal Tutor up to Sixth Form and then their Director of Studies. The DoS will work with students to ensure their applications are as strong as they can be and the right choices are made. The DoS works closely with our Higher Education and Careers team, which includes staff who are specialists in applications to specific universities or courses. They give students advice on how to improve their application to highly competitive universities, practice interview techniques and support students in their application process.



Every year our students receive offers at leading universities.

Top destinations of d'Overbroeck's students typically include UCL, Kings, Manchester, Bristol and LSE, as well as students gaining places on some of the most competitive course at universities such as Oxford and Cambridge. Others include overseas universities such as California Institute of Technology.



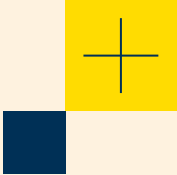
Many of the students who study visual and performing arts at d'Overbroeck's go on to pursue their passions at world-leading higher education destinations. These include:

- The Met Film School
- Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts
- Point Blank Music School
- Central Saint Martins
- Ottis Art Institute California
- Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London

SEE OUR LATEST GCSE RESULTS

SEE OUR LATEST A-LEVEL RESULTS

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ADMISSIONS

1. ENQUIRE

If you are interested in applying to d'Overbroeck's but want more information or have questions, the best thing to do is to speak to one of our admissions team. Our friendly team are on hand to get to know you personally as a parent, guardian or future student, and to answer any questions you might have. They will provide more information about the school so that you can make an informed decision. We're confident that you will love our school, so enquire today to start your journey.

2. VISIT US

We offer a range of in-person and online events throughout the year so that there are plenty of opportunities available for families to get a feel for the school. By attending an event you will get to experience a bit of what the d'Overbroeck's environment is like. You can also find out more about life at our School, our curriculum, and meet our teachers and students. Our next open events can be found on our website, where you can register to attend.

3. APPLY

If you would like more information about the admissions process for each entry point, please refer to the documentation on our website. If you are ready to apply now, simply complete the online application form.

Once you get in touch, our admissions team will talk you through the next steps, such as individual visits, entrance exams, and interviews. We're here to help you with every step of your admissions journey.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Complete our enquiry form on the website, or email a member of our Admissions Team.

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