

## **Salisbury Cathedral School (General Details)**

Salisbury Cathedral School, an independent co-educational Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory School for boarders between eight and thirteen and day pupils between three and thirteen, is one of the oldest educational institutions in the world. Originally founded in 1091 by St Osmond, first Bishop of Salisbury and builder of the Cathedral at Old Sarum, it pre-dates the present Cathedral by nearly 150 years.

As well as providing the base for the two world renowned Cathedral choirs, it is a well-established Preparatory School in its own right with around 200 boys and girls, boarders and day children. The majority transfer to the Prep School from the Pre-Prep department, at present numbering 60 pupils, but many enter from other schools.

The Cathedral School is an educational charity and a limited company, administered by a Governing Body. The Head Master is expected to be a member of the IAPS and of the Choir Schools Association.

Situated on a 27-acre site in Salisbury Close, in the incomparable setting of the great 13th century Cathedral, the unique traditions and beautiful surroundings of the school never fail to inspire. The former Palace houses the School and The Bishop's drawing room is now the Big School Room, a much used focal centre. Meals are served in the particularly striking Undercroft. Boarders are accommodated in a Boarding House in the Close. The school follows the traditions of the Church of England. The Bishop's Chapel in the Palace is regularly used for Chapel Services whilst full School assemblies are held in both the BSR and the Cathedral.

The extensive grounds provide well for sporting and recreational activity. In addition to 5 sports fields, there is an outdoor swimming pool, an all-weather pitch and a gymnasium. There is plenty of space for imaginative play and a wildlife area around a small lake.

Salisbury is a thriving city, about 1 hour 30 minutes from London by train. It has a good range of shops and places to eat, a Theatre, Arts Centre and Sports Centre. Although accessible to the Capital, Salisbury is also close to the beautiful Dorset coast and centrally placed, offering good access nationwide.

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