

Wisbech Grammar School Candidate Information



Welcome to our School

Wisbech Grammar School is a community populated by individuals instilled with a sense of purpose and passion. We are proud to be one of the oldest academically selective HMC day schools in the country; in September 2019, we opened our first International Boarding House and we are proud to offer all pupils a most remarkable learning experience.

Beneath the surface, key components explain why we continue to perform at the highest level with consistently very high pass rates and similar percentages of our pupils going on to study at their first choice university. We also send pupils to Oxbridge, Medical, Veterinary School.

Education at Wisbech Grammar School is a journey where each pupil learns to take responsibility for his or her own learning. We encourage pupils to be involved in all areas of the curriculum and part of our success is undoubtedly due to the commitment of the staff who are more than outstanding. Staff, like the pupils, are involved in teaching, sport, academic and pastoral leadership, clubs and societies.

Our current pupil numbers are in the region of 590 which includes 30 international pupils from September 2020

[Take a journey through our School....](#)

EYFS



Children join our Kindergarten after their 3rd birthday. When children enter our Kindergarten the values of the EYFS curriculum are embraced to provide every child with a stimulating, child-led environment encouraging their thirst for knowledge and understanding of the world.

In the Early Years there are three aspects of the Learning Environment: The Indoor,

The Outdoor and the Emotional. In our Kindergarten, we consider all these aspects to be equally important and have developed our learning spaces to encourage independent learning in all areas of the EYFS curriculum.

We believe in an all-round approach to learning where all areas of the environment can support each other and every prime and specific area of the curriculum enhances children's learning through play and independent choices.

Prep School



In our Prep School we are proud to offer children the opportunity to flourish and reach their true potential through extended learning, confidence building and a commitment to succeed.

Dedicated staff focus on each child as an individual, understanding their strengths and learning challenges to encourage them on their learning journey so that they reach Senior School as intellectual, confident and effective learners.

Children in Prep School also benefit from specialist learning experiences in Science, Art, Modern Foreign Languages and Food and Nutrition where this curriculum is delivered by Staff from the Senior School.

We pride ourselves on ensuring our children have every opportunity to participate in a variety of endeavours that will help them to grow and succeed in all aspects of life.



Senior School

We believe at Wisbech Grammar School that it is our duty to develop and challenge all the pupils in our care. It is our firmly held belief that educational development is not simply confined to the classroom or laboratory, but is also to be found in the drama studio, on the sports fields and in music practice rooms.

At Wisbech Grammar School we offer a broad curriculum and an all-round education that goes beyond the narrow confines of exam specifications, giving a unique educational and learning experience allowing them to negotiate their own individual learning pathway.

The School has a talented teaching staff who really knows their pupils. We are a tightly knit community who celebrate difference and diversity. Over the years staff and pupils get to know each other well. This gives our pupils the confidence to approach teachers, whatever the situation, knowing they will receive a sympathetic hearing.

6th Form

Academic learning is at the heart of everything we do, and our 6th Form is about opening as many doors as possible for pupils and making their next step one that makes the most of their potential.

We encourage our 6th Form pupils to look beyond the classroom and prepare them for the wider world with a lot more than a series of impressive results. We welcome pupils to visit our 6th Form through open, socials events and taster days.

Universities and employers acknowledge that academic achievement is very important, however at the same time they are looking for life skills, employability, resilience, initiative, and independence – and that's exactly what our 6th Form experience delivers



International Pupils

In September 2019 we opened our first boarding house for overseas pupils. Boarding at Wisbech Grammar School is centered around providing a 'Home from Home' experience for each and every pupil. Hazel House, the first boarding facility in the Schools' 600-year history, is ideally located on campus, two minutes walk from the Refectory (where meals are served) and close to the heart of the School and our thriving community. International Pupils enjoy a full choice of curriculum and are supported by an on-site Houseparent and Tutor team

Location and Site- [take a birds eye view of our grounds](#)

The School is situated at the heart of Wisbech on a 34-acre site forming part of the magnificent North Brink which, with the South Brink on the opposite side of the river, was regarded by Pevsner as one of the finest Georgian facades in England. Wisbech itself is a market town at the centre of the Fens and is in a region which is mixed economically and socially and is dominated by agriculture and medium sized light manufacturing enterprises. To the north, King's Lynn and the many beaches, towns and villages of the north Norfolk Coast are 35 minutes away whilst to the west, Peterborough with its high speed train service to London (47 minutes) is less than 20 miles away. Cambridge, in the south, is about a 40 minute drive by car from Wisbech.

The School's catchment area is large and growing. There are a number of school bus routes that travel to the School on a daily basis from the local counties of Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire.

Like its immediate surroundings the School site is attractive. It is maintained to a high standard, with fantastic playing fields and garden areas adding to its appeal. The premises are a mix of the traditional and modern with the more contemporary being purpose-built.



Our expectations of staff that join us...

Prospective staff joining our school should embrace the opportunity to become part of the Wisbech Grammar School community.

If you are in a Teaching or Classroom based role you will be expected to teach and inspire our pupils with your subject and demonstrate passion and enthusiasm as you teach or support children in class.

Being part of the School's co-curricular activities programme is an expected part of your role as might be being a form tutor. Being able to join in with our Sports curriculum and share your sporting expertise would be an added advantage.

If you are part of the Schools' Support Staff team you will play a key part in enabling the education of our children through the provision of your services to pupils, staff or our parents.

The Benefits of working here

Wisbech Grammar School is an International School with a vision to ensure every pupil is offered an all-round education that inspires them to discover who they are.

We are a very friendly school with a welcoming Common Room.

The School setting is spacious with an abundance of green and outdoor space creating a great working environment.

Teaching staff receive a duty lunch once a week to recognise this responsibility.

Newly Qualified Teaching staff will receive support from their Department Head and our Professional Tutor and all Teaching staff will be able to access our professional review process.

The School give a generous remission on fees. (This is subject to the children passing the school entrance assessments and interviews). Remission is offered according to your contract and hours and is at the sole discretion of the School.

We subscribe to Computershare whereby staff can access benefits which include Childcare Vouchers, Bikes, Health and Wellbeing and Legal benefits.

Applying to Wisbech Grammar School

Option 1: Speculative Applications

We welcome speculative applications throughout the year even if a specific post is not being advertised. Such applications will be held on file until a vacancy becomes available. You would then be contacted by us to see if you wished your application to be included within the recruitment campaign being run.

Option 2: Application for a specific advertised post.

E-mail a letter of application together with our school application and equality form, (available on our website) stating how you fit the role profile, addressed to Mr Chris Staley, Headmaster, for the attention of Mrs Sue Simmons, Human Resources Manager to hr@wisbechgrammar.com or SMSimmons@wisbechgrammar.com

Applications by post should be sent to:
Mrs Sue Simmons
Human Resources Manager
Wisbech Grammar School
Chapel road
Wisbech
PE13 1RH

General Enquiries

If you have any queries in respect of any of opportunities at Wisbech Grammar School please contact Sue Simmons, Human Resources Manager either by phone 01945 583631 ext 278 or by email SMSimmons@wisbechgrammar.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

