

Helping students achieve their true potential

LEADING INDEPENDENT COLLEGE IN WEST LONDON
GCSE AND A-LEVEL FOR STUDENTS AGED 13 TO 19





Welcome



Welcome to Ealing Independent College and thank you for considering our small college, ideally located in one of the nicest parts of West London in the heart of Ealing.

It only takes a visit to the College to fully appreciate the unique atmosphere we provide.

The College offers a friendly and personalised learning environment with small class sizes, where students have a strong support system in place, both through the teachers as well as their peers. The learning extends beyond the classrooms, with a selection of clubs and societies available to enrich and enhance the College experience.

Founded over 25 years ago as a tutorial college specialising in entry into Medicine and Dentistry, we have consciously kept and maintained a focused study environment to allow our students the right atmosphere and support to reach their true potential. It is because of this focused approach, combined with our dedicated staff and effective performance tracking that we are consistently ranked amongst the top London schools and colleges in the Government League Tables. Most notably, the College is amongst the top schools in the country in helping students improve their grades. I am very proud of what has been achieved in the 17 years I have been Principal. The College is now a stable, well-respected school that serves the local community and further afield.

Ealing Independent College is a wonderful place to learn and grow, supported by passionate and dedicated staff who ensure each and every student reaches his or her potential and leave with grades and university destinations that they could only have dreamed of.

Dr. Ian Moores
Principal

“The College offers a friendly and personalised learning environment with small class sizes.”

We're in the
top 35
in the country for
improving grades



A young man and woman are standing in front of a building. The man is on the right, wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and blue jeans, with a backpack. The woman is on the left, wearing a blue denim jumpsuit over a black long-sleeved shirt. They are both smiling. In the background, a sign on a dark wall reads 'EALING INDEPENDENT COLLEGE' with a logo to the right.

EALING
INDEPENDENT
COLLEGE

Our average progress score is

+0.37

for the last three years, placing
us amongst the top in the
country for improving grades

Over

70%

of our students gain a place
at their first or second
choice university each year

Over

45%

of our students gain a
place at a Russell Group
university each year



“Education at its best: small classes, top teachers who are specialised in their own fields and offer a huge amount of time and dedication to their students.”

Parent of A-Level student

A history of helping students achieve their potential

Ealing Independent College was established as a tutorial college in 1992, specialising in preparing students for entry into Medicine and Dentistry. Through building strong links with leading Medical schools and ensuring a focused learning approach, the College successfully placed students into their first choice universities and on the path to successful careers.

Since then the College has evolved, and has for over 17 years provided complete GCSE and A-Level programmes for students from the age of 13 to 19, offering a wide range of subjects within Sciences, Maths, Humanities, Social Sciences and Languages. Through our bespoke learning programme, small class sizes and strong links with leading Russell Group universities across the country, we ensure a clear pathway for all of our students to reach their academic goals.

At its core, the College has always stayed true to providing a focused tutorial based learning environment, set within a friendly college community with dedicated staff who support and encourage students to achieve their best.

Located in one of the nicest parts of West London, Ealing Independent College has established itself as a leading college with consistently strong academic results and impressive individual student performances. Students go on to top universities across the country and abroad each year, and we are incredibly proud of the success they achieve and the careers they have embarked upon.

Established as a leading college with consistently strong academic results and student performances



Our unique approach

At Ealing Independent College, we take great pride in the support we provide in helping our students reach their goals and fulfil their true potential.

As a small college we ensure a personalised learning experience combined with regular homework and tests, and close performance tracking against target grades. What makes our approach to learning and ensuring academic success so truly unique, is the way we inspire and motivate students to perform their very best.

“The teachers at the College are very supportive and have helped me to achieve really good grades.”

Tri, A-Level student from Vietnam

1 Personalised learning experience

A personalised learning programme is developed around each student's academic goals and ambitions.

2 Small class sizes

Class sizes are kept small and range from two to twelve students in each class.

3 Personal tutors

Students are assigned personal tutors who will have daily meetings with them, monitor performance against set target grades, and provide invaluable university guidance and support.





4 Supervised study periods

In between lessons students will attend supervised study periods where they do their homework, prepare for tests and revise what they have learned in lessons.

5 Regular homework and tests

We ensure that students always have sufficient work to do and their minds are firmly focused upon enhancing their learning. Students are tested approximately every two weeks in each subject.

6 Effective performance tracking

The College Card System helps monitor and track any disparity between measured and expected performance. The personal tutor will discuss work-rate, test marks and examination prospects with students to ensure they stay on track.



Exceptional teaching

The passion and dedication our teachers have in helping students reach their academic goals is truly unique. Teachers genuinely want their students to do well, and there are many great examples of personal tutors and teachers going above and beyond to support each student's learning journey and pathway towards university.

At the College, teachers have an open door policy for students to come and ask for help, advice and further explanations to challenging course work outside of lessons. It only takes a visit into our classrooms to experience the friendly relationship between teachers and students, the dynamic and interactive lessons, and the benefits of our small class environment.

Dynamic and interactive lessons

We encourage students to think for themselves and develop an analytical approach to all their subjects. Teachers base their courses on a combination of lectures, practical classes, problem solving sessions and regular tests. They always emphasise the importance of understanding concepts before explaining how these can be applied. Students truly benefit from our small class sizes, where they receive individual help whilst also participating in group discussions.

Highly experienced teachers

We have a team of highly experienced teachers, who themselves have gained academic qualifications at the UK's top universities. They are specialists in their disciplines, and committed to, and passionate about, providing their students with the understanding, expertise and confidence to get the grades required to gain entry to the university of their choice. Unlike many schools of this type, the majority of our teachers are full time.

Excellent learning facilities

The College boasts outstanding learning facilities; bright classrooms with interactive learning equipment, study and reading rooms for independent study, as well as fully equipped Biology, Chemistry, Physics and ICT laboratories with adjoining preparation rooms. It all contributes to a productive and enhanced learning environment.

"I have had a lot of encouragement to work hard and to push myself. I joined for my GCSE studies and stayed on to do A-Levels here because the College helped me to get really good grades."

Riya, A-Level student

"The College offers very high quality teaching in a supportive environment."

Parent, GCSE student



Over
45%

of our teachers have gained
their degrees at Russell
Group universities

Ofsted rated the quality of
teaching and assessment as

outstanding

at the College during our
last inspection



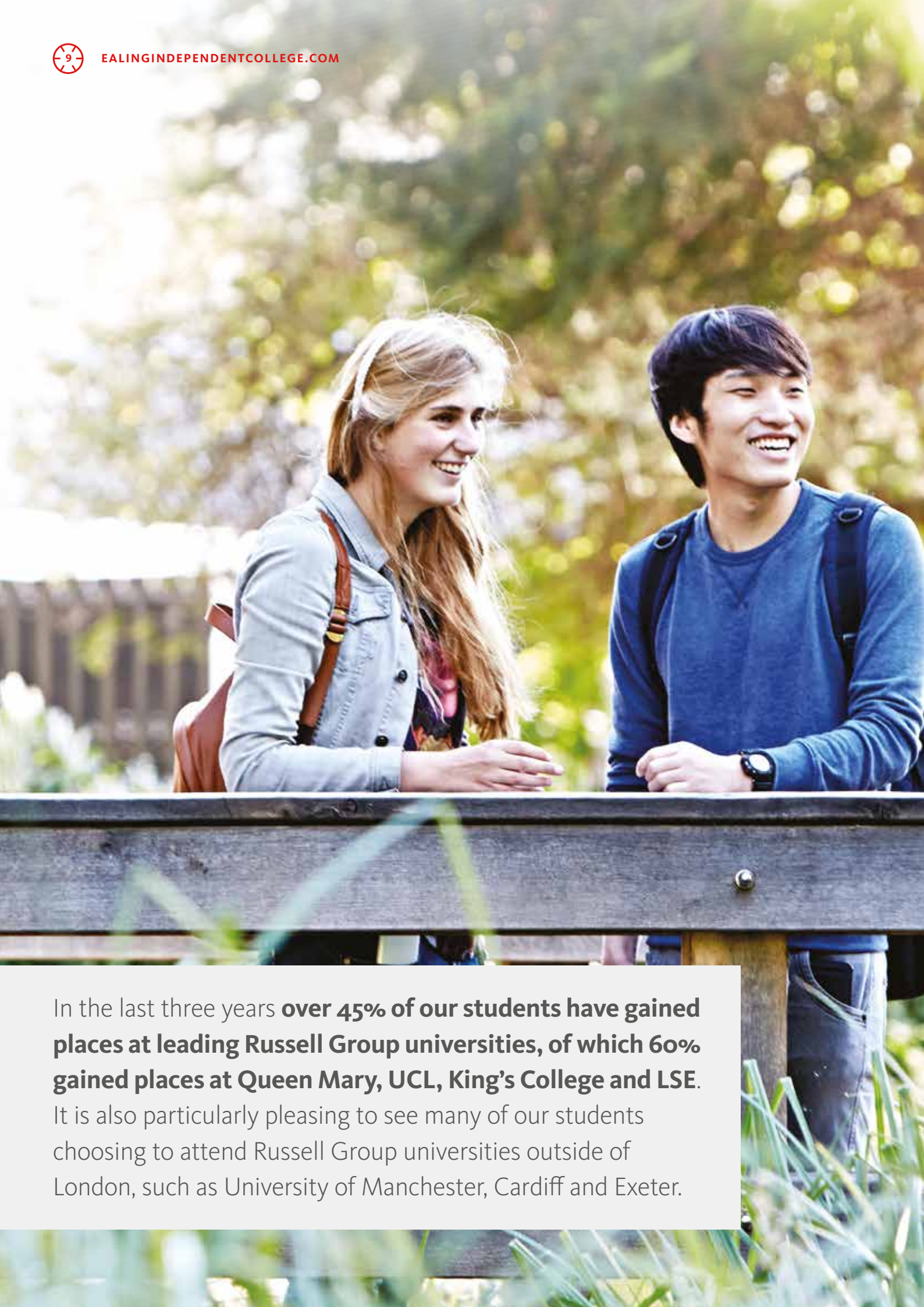
Teaching beyond the curriculum



Dr Elizabeth Chare who gained her degree at Oxford University and is our Vice Principal (Pastoral) decided to sit the exams in A-Level Biology in 2016 in a move to sympathise with her students. She also wanted to remember what it was like to have exam nerves and go through the exam process to better help her students in the future.



Allan Cairns who gained his degree at St Andrew's University and is our Director of Studies is eager to support the learning of our students even after they have left the College and gone on to university. He often receives emails with questions asking for advice by our alumni, and is happy to provide guidance. His passion and dedication in supporting both current and former students is shared by his colleagues at the College.



In the last three years **over 45% of our students have gained places at leading Russell Group universities, of which 60% gained places at Queen Mary, UCL, King's College and LSE.** It is also particularly pleasing to see many of our students choosing to attend Russell Group universities outside of London, such as University of Manchester, Cardiff and Exeter.

University entrance

Students who join Ealing Independent College will benefit from the strength of our personal tutor system to prepare for university. The personal tutor will work closely with students as early as from their GCSE studies to ensure they make informed decisions on subject selections at the College and secure a successful pathway to their chosen field of study and university.

The personal tutor will guide students through the UCAS application process, work with them on their personal statement and provide coaching ahead of potential interviews. Students also benefit from our annual UCAS week, regular university visits and talks by career counsellors. We take great pride in the university support and guidance provided at the College. It is a responsibility we do not take lightly, and the Principal, Heads of Department and personal tutors ensure all students leave the College secure in their choice of university, and confident of a successful career.

Oxford, Cambridge and Medical school preparations

For students who are aiming to join competitive universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, and academic fields such as Medicine, Dentistry and Law, we provide extra support and guidance. We prepare them for the BMAT, UKCAT and other aptitude tests required for Oxford, Cambridge and the other top universities, and ensure to organise meetings and visits with experts within the field who provide invaluable advice.

UCAS preparation week

Aimed primarily at students in their first year of A-Level, we host a UCAS preparation week every June to help students prepare for the UCAS application process and to ensure they feel confident in their university choice. The week includes a visit from an external careers advisor, individual sessions with students to discuss their specific university choices, workshop on filling in the UCAS form, and guidance on writing a strong personal statement.

University destinations

Upon successful completion of A-Level studies at the College, students from Ealing Independent College have received offers and gained places at the UK's top universities including:

- Oxford University
- London School of Economics
- University College London
- University of Nottingham
- Imperial College London
- Warwick University
- University of Bath
- University of Reading
- University of Leeds
- Queen Mary University London
- King's College London
- Cardiff University
- University of Manchester
- University of Exeter

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Group universities
each year



Gina joined the College for her A-Level programme after achieving poor results at another West London College in South Kensington. After her two years at Ealing Independent College she achieved ABB and is now reading Biomedical Sciences at Queen Mary University London.

“The College helped me reach my future goals by guiding me through selecting universities, any work experience required, as well as the personal statement.”

GCSE programme

Students aged 13 to 15 (Year 9 to 11) join the GCSE programme at the College. The programme provides excellent preparation for gaining an A-Level qualification, and is personalised for each student to suit individual strengths and interests.

Whilst the GCSE qualification is gained through the successful completion of Year 10 and 11, we do advise students to join in Year 9 for the Pre-GCSE year to prepare fully for their GCSE studies at the College. This is particularly advisable for international students who will also be able to work on their English language level and get used to their new life in London.

Wide range of subjects

Students can choose from a wide range of subjects, which ensures a good breadth of disciplines within the programme. Each student's programme will consist of at least eight GCSE subjects, and all students are encouraged to follow a programme leading to the English Baccalaureate.

One year intensive

At Ealing Independent College, we excel at helping students who have underachieved in their GCSE courses secure the academic results they require to continue on to a successful A-Level qualification at the College. Students usually study five subjects on this demanding programme.

GCSE high flyers



Jay sat his GCSE exams a year early through our accelerated GCSE programme, and secured an excellent performance.

A* grades were achieved in Biology and Chemistry, along with an A in Physics. He was awarded a 7 grade in Maths (A), and two sixes in English Language and Literature (B), along with B grades in French and Geography to go with the B grade he had already achieved in History (which he sat two years early). Jay is now in his first year of A-Level at the College and a proud member of our Student Council.



Hannah performed incredibly well on her GCSE exams, obtaining 3 A* grades, 3 As and 2 B grades. She joined the

College after spending a year at a large school in India, which she did not feel was the right environment for her as she was missing the individual support and small class sizes offered at Ealing Independent College. Hannah is a great example of how dedication, hard work and a faultless attendance record can lead to excellence across the subjects. She is now in her last year of A-Levels at the College and is keen to continue her education at King's College London after her planned gap year.



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GCSE subjects

Intake options:

- One year Pre-GCSE (Year 9)
- Two year GCSE (Year 10 and 11)
- One year Intensive GCSE (Year 11 Intensive)
- External Candidate Resits (GCSE Qualification Exams)

We offer a wide range of subjects for our GCSE students to allow a good breadth of discipline within the programme:

Art & Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
English
English Literature
French

German
History
Mathematics
Physics
Religious Studies
Spanish



A-Level programme

Students aged 16 to 19 (Year 12 to 13) join the College for the internationally recognised A-Level qualification. The programme provides students with the necessary qualifications to gain access to top universities in the UK and abroad.

For international students who join us for the two year programme, a robust EFL programme will complement the subject learning to ensure students feel comfortable with the language and do not fall behind in their learning. We are also able to offer a pre-sessional language course prior to starting the A-Level programme.

Subject specialisation

Most students will choose three or four subjects at A-Level over two years that have been specifically chosen to ensure they gain access to their choice of university upon successful completion of the programme. The teachers and personal tutors work closely with

the students to ensure they stay motivated and work hard throughout their A-Level programme to secure the grades they need to reach their academic goals. They will help explore internship and training schemes that will complement the student's learning and strengthen their university application.

One year intensive

At Ealing Independent College, we have successfully been helping students who have underachieved on their A-Level courses gain the results they need. The high level of commitment expected means that we recommend that no more than two or three subjects should be taken simultaneously. Due to the recent A-Level reform the intensive year will encompass the two year curriculum, and it is therefore only suitable for those who have previously sat the exams and wish to enhance their grades to join this one year programme.

We work closely with students to ensure they stay motivated

A-Level high flyers



Thomas joined the College with BDD grades from his former school. After successful completion of his A-Level

programme with us, he achieved A*A*A* in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics. He is now taking a gap year but has a bright future ahead of him after improving his grades so significantly. Thomas says: "I want to thank the College and Dr Moores for all of the support and guiding influence throughout the year. It has been an honour and a pleasure to be a part of the College. Words cannot express the thanks I owe everyone at EIC."



Arina from Russia chose to join the College for her A-Level qualification to benefit from our focused study

environment. As a very determined young lady with clear goals for the future, she gained her desired A* in Mathematics and B's in Economics and Further Mathematics and got accepted at her first choice university; Exeter. She is now doing a joint degree in Mathematics and Economics at this leading Russell Group university.



Wide range
of options
for subject
specialisation

A-Level subjects

Intake options:

- Two year A-Level (Year 12 and 13)
- One year Intensive A-Level (Year 13 Intensive)
- External Candidate Resits (A-Level qualification exams)

We offer a wide range of subjects for the A-Level programme:

Art & Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English Literature
French
Further Mathematics
Geography

German
Government and Politics
History
Mathematics
Photography
Physics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish



Sciences and mathematics

Ealing Independent College has a long tradition of success in sciences and mathematics. We are extremely proud of the results our students achieve each year in these subjects, going on to study at top Medical schools and universities across the country and abroad.

To ensure we provide extra support for students with career aspirations in these subjects, we run a Medical Science and Engineering Programme that help prepare them for their chosen career path and university studies.

Medical Science and Engineering Programmes

All students who are contemplating studying Medicine, Dentistry or a related discipline at university are automatically enrolled on the Medical Sciences Programme, and students who are considering a career in engineering will be enrolled onto the Engineering Programme.

Through the programmes students are offered:

- Help with completing the personal statement and UCAS form
- Help with choosing an appropriate university
- Advice on how to organise relevant work experience
- Preparation for UKCAT and BMAT examinations
- Information on open days at Universities and Medical schools
- Occasional lectures and discussions conducted by industry professionals
- Occasional in-house discussions and debates
- Interview preparation and practice

The programmes are overseen by our Head of Engineering, Adrian Winiecki, and our Vice Principal (Pastoral), Elizabeth Chare, who both have years of experience in their fields.

We are extremely proud of the results our students achieve

Student stories



Ali joined the College for an intensive GCSE programme after a disappointing performance at a local state school.

He achieved outstanding GCSE grades and was awarded a scholarship for his A-Level programme at the College. Ali obtained AAB in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and is now reading Pharmacy at UCL.



Daniil from Russia joined the College for his A-Level programme with aspirations to pursue a career in engineering.

Upon joining he already knew he wished to continue on for his university studies at the University of Manchester. Through hard work and support from his teachers, Daniil achieved AAB in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics and is now reading Petroleum Engineering at the University of Manchester.

Humanities, languages and social sciences

Ealing Independent College boasts strong performances each year amongst our humanities, languages and social sciences departments. Many students have gone on to study Politics, Economics, Philosophy and English Literature at leading universities such as LSE, UCL, Exeter and Queen Mary.

The Humanities, languages and social sciences departments encompass a broad range of subjects, aimed at embedding a secure understanding of the world. They lead to profound personal development, and teaches students to engage with ideas critically and independently, equipping them with the skills necessary to understand, use judgement carefully and make arguments eloquently. Being able to think and write with competency, as well as having the ability to work well with people, debating and exploring new ideas in the process, is not only useful in preparing students for university and beyond, but is also inspiring.

To ensure we provide extra support for students with career aspirations within business and law, we run a Business Programme that helps prepare them for their chosen career path and university studies.

Business Programme

The Business Programme at Ealing Independent College is offered to students who want a business-related focus to their choice of A-Levels. The College offers A-Levels in Business Studies, Economics, and Government and Politics. Business Studies is also offered at GCSE.

Through our Business Programme students are offered:

- Detailed information on University entrance requirements and procedures
- Assistance in choosing suitable universities
- Preparation and guidance for the LNAT examination where this is required (for Law courses)
- Help with completing and presenting the UCAS form
- Advice on how to organise relevant work experience
- Occasional lectures and discussions conducted by Economists, Lawyers, Bankers and other business professionals
- Information about open days at universities
- Occasional in-house discussion and debates on current issues such as the Single Currency, the Budget, the Stock Market and European Law
- Interview preparation and practice

The programme is overseen by our Head of Social Sciences, Phil Brack, who himself read PPE at Oxford University and offers many years of experience in his field.

Student stories



Jonathan joined the College for his A-Levels and achieved AAB in Economics, Mathematics, and Government and Politics. He is now reading Economics at the University of York.



Mohamed joined the College for his A-Levels after slightly disappointing grades in GCSE from his former school. He achieved A*A*A*A in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Further Mathematics. He is now reading Finance at LSE.

We provide extra support to students who wish to pursue a career in business



“College life extends beyond the classroom, with plenty of opportunities on offer for our students.”



Beyond the classroom

College life is more than lessons, homework and exams. It is important that students make the most of their time at the College and take an active part in the extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

Students may choose to join any of our clubs and societies, try out for the College football team, join the student council, and participate in exhibitions and trips in the UK and further afield. In recent years our programme has expanded to feature a wide selection of clubs, trips and social events.

Clubs and societies

Students may join a wide range of clubs and societies at the College. New opportunities are introduced each year, but the below is a representation of popular clubs and societies we have been running for the last few years. The clubs and societies meet weekly and are led by a member of our staff.

- Engineering Society
- Medical Science Society
- Debating Society
- Chess Club
- Musical Appreciation Club
- First Aid Training Club
- Creative Writing and College Newsletter Club
- Politics and Economics Society
- Mindfulness Course
- Language Club
- Art and Photography Club

Sports

The College football team is one of the most popular extra-curricular activities at the College. The team practice weekly at the local sports club and compete against other London Colleges in an annual college football league. We are incredibly proud of the team who managed to win the league in both 2016 and 2017. Other sports opportunities are introduced to the College each year, such as a Fitness and Running Club.

Culture and trips

Taking full advantage of being based in London, the College organises excursions to musicals, art galleries, museums, concerts, and famous historical landmarks. The activities programme has been especially designed for our international students to be able to participate in social activities whilst exploring the city. During school holidays we also organise regular study trips around the UK and further afield. In recent years some of our students travelled to China for a four week expedition exploring the country, and visited Poland with the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Students are encouraged to take an active part in college life

“I would recommend the College not only for its academic offering, but also for the extra-curricular on offer for the students.”

Parent of A-Level student



International students

Our international students are highly valued members of the College community, and we are delighted to welcome students from all around the world and places such as South Korea, Russia, France, Italy, Vietnam, USA, Japan, Kazakhstan, Tanzania and Saudi Arabia.

We appreciate that for many it will be the first time away from home, and our international welfare team ensure that students feel at home and are well looked after through their entire stay with us.

The international welfare team is overseen and led by our Head of EFL and MFL, Vera Messarius. After completing her studies at Cambridge University, Vera has lived all around the world, and knows first-hand that a strong support system is crucial when moving to a new country.

International welfare team

To ensure that our international students settle in well at the College and benefit from our prime location in one of the most exciting cities in the world, our international welfare team regularly organise social events and activities. This ranges from bowling nights to museum visits and musical evenings in West End. International students who join the College will also be assigned student buddies, who will help them settle in to the College and their new life in London.

Student accommodation

At Ealing Independent College we are keen to ensure that all of our international students live comfortably and within easy access to the College during their time with us. Whilst we are not a boarding school, we are happy to help provide host family accommodation or independent living through our list of trusted suppliers. Contact our admissions office for more details.

English language support

Students whose first language is not English will automatically be enrolled onto our English as a Foreign Language (EFL) programme. To gain access to top universities in the UK, international students will need to acquire an advanced level of English in accordance to an IELTS or TOEFL test. Exam preparation support for this will be provided at the College. We also offer a pre-session intensive English course tailored for each student's needs.



We are ideally located in West London, with easy access to the city centre



From Vietnam to London



Duc from Vietnam joined the College in Year 9 for her GCSE studies, with plans to continue on to university in the UK upon successful completion of the A-Level programme.

She is now in Year 10, and her English has improved significantly after a full year of EFL support. Duc's favourite subject is Mathematics, and through support and guidance from her teacher she will be entering a Mathematics Olympiad to test her skills further. Whilst she was nervous about moving to London, Duc has felt very warmly welcomed to the College.



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