

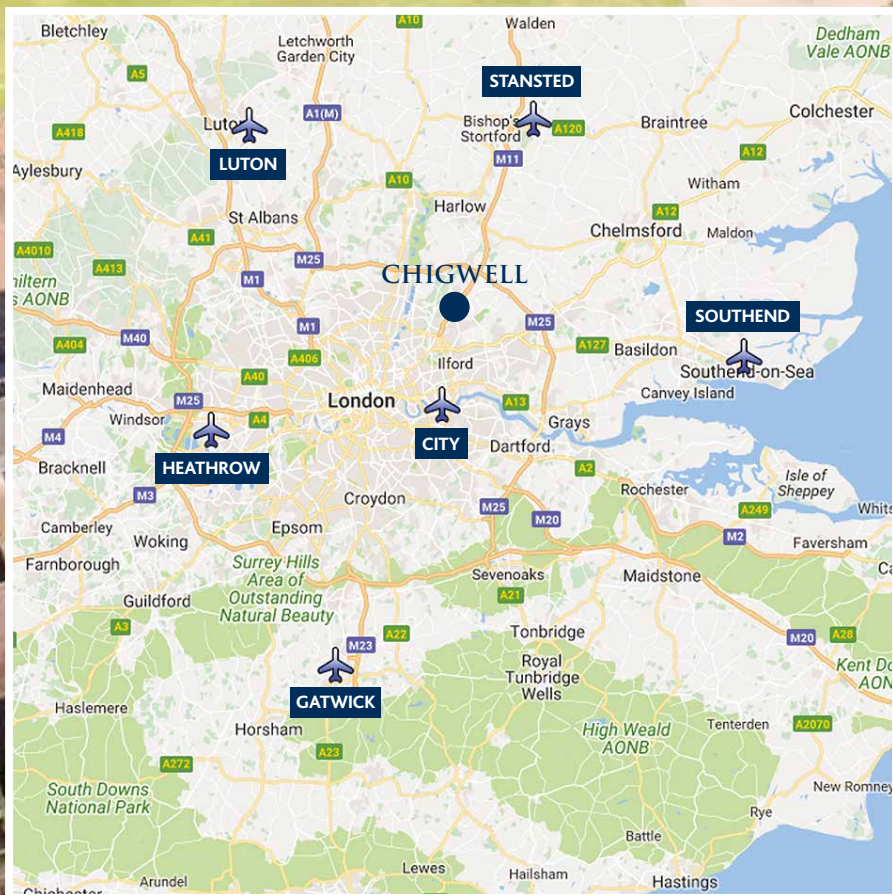
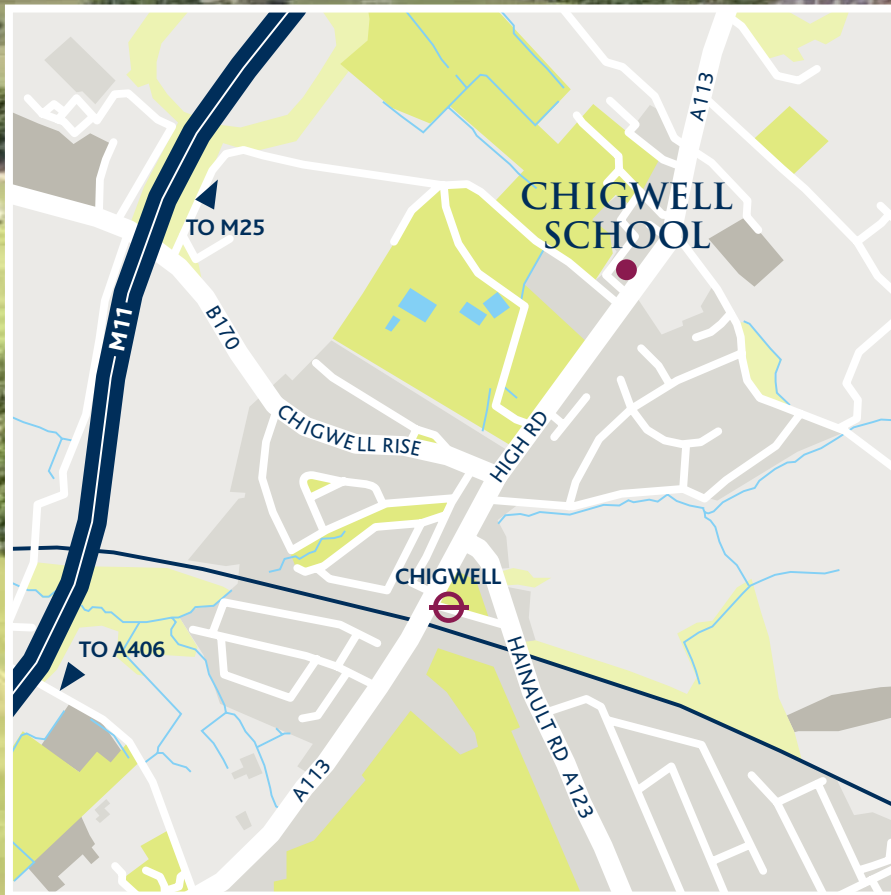


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INTERNATIONAL BOARDING AT CHIGWELL SCHOOL

WHERE WE ARE

Chigwell School is set in the pretty village of Chigwell on the north-east edge of London. It provides easy access to the centre of London (Chigwell is in Zone 4 of the London Underground) and easy access from Heathrow, Stansted, Luton, Gatwick and City airports.



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AN INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL BOARDING AT CHIGWELL

Boarding at Chigwell aims to create a friendly and supportive home-from-home for international students in the sixth form. We specialise in helping foreign students adapt happily and securely to living and studying in the UK, and preparing them for successful entry into British universities. Chigwell is a traditional English school, strongly rooted in our local community which, being so close to London, is cosmopolitan and welcoming to new arrivals. Our small, friendly, international boarding houses

provide a secure base for students from different countries to play a full part in an English school.

The resident community at Chigwell consists of 30 sixth-form students living on campus. The students live in four extended family-style houses (two for girls and two for boys) – in each house a group of 7 or 8 students of different nationalities live together with their houseparents and family. The houses are all situated close together on the school site, and share the central school facilities (playing fields, sports hall, swimming pool, café, library etc.). Several other staff live in houses nearby, including the Headmaster and Chaplain and their families, as

well as a variety of teaching staff who also work as tutors in the boarding houses, helping students with their work, and organising trips, lectures and social events in the evenings and weekends.

Boarding at Chigwell is therefore a mature community in which sixth-form students, living closely with staff, are prepared for the adult world of university and beyond. Independence and personal responsibility are valued and encouraged in all students, so that by the time they leave us they are ready for the next stage in their lives. By keeping the boarding houses small, and the staff-student ratio high, we are able to treat every student as an individual.

“Boarders praise the school for the consideration that is afforded to their individual needs and they relish the opportunity to share aspects of their own cultures in a positive and welcoming environment.”

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FAMILY BOARDING

All boarding schools say their boarding houses are like a family, but ours really are! Our family boarding system provides a secure home for new students, helping them to adapt to life in a new country. In each house a group of 7 or 8 students of different nationalities live together with the houseparents and their families, which means our houseparents really can have plenty of time for everyone.

Most of the students at Chigwell live locally, close to the school. The boarders are able to get to know local students and their families and experience ordinary British life outside school. Our small boarding houses act like ordinary homes and international boarders can socialise with their local friends nearby.

Chigwell's family boarding houses receive frequent visits from past pupils who return to see what they consider to be their 'first home' in England and exchange news with their old houseparents.

The houses have all the essentials for modern family life. Each house has a well-equipped kitchen if students choose to prepare food for themselves, and cosy living rooms to relax and enjoy time together.

The houses are all situated on the school site and share the central school facilities including the playing fields, sports hall and outdoor swimming pool, dining hall, theatre, library and coffee shop. The school has 100 acres of beautiful grounds, but the facilities are in close proximity to each other so only a short walk from each of the boarding houses.



“The atmosphere in the boarding house is actually one of the best things about living here. It really feels like a family and our houseparents seem to care about us; it's great that they don't treat it just as a job, but also a relationship.”

Chigwell boarder

ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL BOARDERS

Boarding houses are run by highly qualified and senior academic staff

Our houseparents include the Director of Studies, a number of Heads of Departments and highly experienced staff, teaching a range of subjects. Students live in an academic atmosphere and have easy access to support. Each boarding house also has two additional tutors who spend an evening a week in the houses. There is always someone at home to ask for help and to discuss ideas with.

English language support

The language of our boarding houses is always English as we have so many nationalities and don't have large other-language groups. Because it is so easy to make friends with local British students, our international students quickly find themselves speaking English all the time. There is also English Language Support, taught by individual tutorials with specialist language staff, one of whom is a resident houseparent. Boarding tutors also work with students one-to-one.

Outside experts

The school's intellectual society, the Williams Project, is run by one

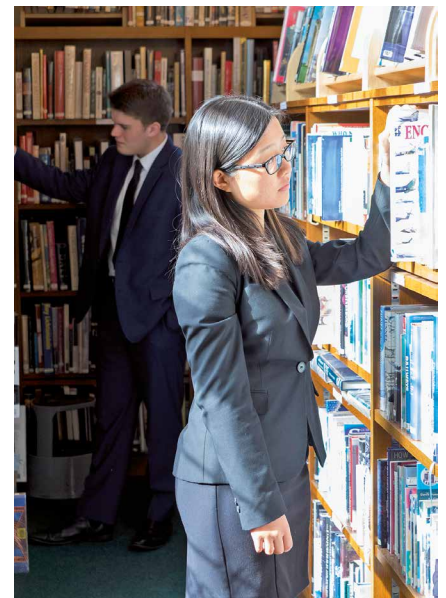
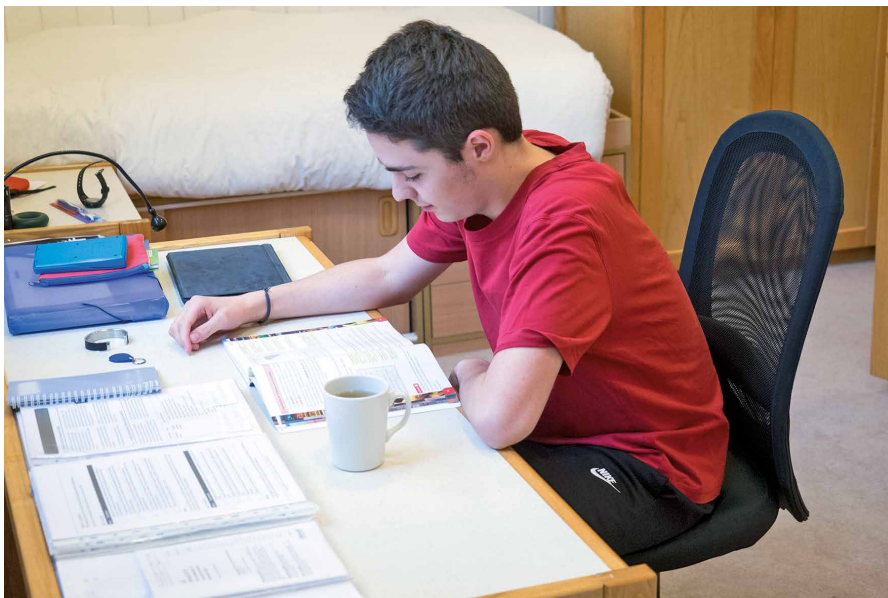
of the boarding houseparents, and resident students have easy access to all the experts and distinguished speakers who come to talk to students at the school.

“The mentoring programme is fantastic as it provides boarders an opportunity to make friends with day students easily.”

Chigwell boarder

“British pupil mentors volunteer for their role in the year prior to a boarder's arrival. This early contact has a significant impact on the confidence and speed with which boarders settle.”

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Chigwell is a very busy school, with a wide range of extra-curricular activities to suit all types of student. Sport plays an important part in the life of the school and the site includes expertly maintained facilities including playing fields, astro-turf, a swimming pool, netball/tennis courts, sports hall and gymnasium. There is also a thriving Music department and Drama department with a state-of-the-art 150-seat theatre.

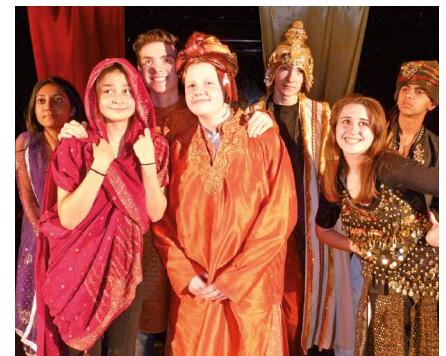
Academic societies provide the chance to compete in local, national

and international competition such as the Model United Nations and inter-school debating. Our international boarders have an excellent record in the Mathematics and Science Olympiads, with a past student competing in the final of the Physics Olympiad competition in India in 2015 and Switzerland in 2016.

Community service and charity work are two more important aspects of Chigwell life, and boarders have been involved in strengthening the bond of union beyond the school and the local area and volunteering at the Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs.

“From arrival day, welcome dinner with parents and boarders, and the day out into London on the first weekend together with the small boarding community, our son was made to feel at home right away.”

Parent of Chigwell boarder



“The quality of boarding provision and care is excellent.”

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR BOARDERS

Amid all the work, activities in school, invitations from local friends, trips to London and elsewhere, we also take time to be together both as individual boarding houses and as a whole resident community.

We always celebrate birthdays, we hold parties and barbecues, we decorate the house for Christmas, and we regularly cook a house dinner together on Fridays. Each year we enjoy a number of formal dinners as a community including The Headmaster's Welcome Dinner, the annual Chinese New Year Dinner and Orthodox Christmas celebrations. In September houseparents, their families and the boarders travel for a weekend to Othona which is on the Essex coast, enjoying a break from school life as well as visiting the oldest stone church in England and having a bonfire on the beach. Every year the Lower Sixth visit Cambridge University where they are shown around colleges by old Chigwellians who are now studying there. They return to Chigwell, inspired and motivated by what they experience.

Other occasions the boarders enjoy together are keenly contested sports nights which have included mixed basketball, dodgeball and team badminton whilst in the summer term rounders' matches played on top field are a feature of sunny evenings. Classic film nights in the drama theatre have also been popular. A highlight of last year was the Hogwarts Christmas Dinner organised by the houseparents and girls from Sandon Lodge for the whole boarding community. The dining hall was lit by candlelight and we drank butterbeer and ate Christmas dinner. There was a quiz for the *Harry Potter* fanatics to show off their knowledge and a number of the Chigwell teachers got into role as Dumbledore, Minerva McGonagall and Snape.



“It’s the little things that make a big difference and you would never find it in any other large boarding school with their big dormitories and hundreds of boarders.”

Parent of Chigwell boarder

THE HOUSES



CHURCH HOUSE Boys' Boarding House

It is not known exactly when Church House was built but the oldest part is estimated to have been erected in 1600. There are many famous stories concerning the house, one being that Charles Dickens once stayed here, writing

one of his novels – *Barnaby Rudge*. Church House is run by Damien and Sarah-Jane Rabbitte. Damien is the Head of Geography at Chigwell School and has been teaching here for seven years. Sarah-Jane is a qualified social worker with two years' experience of boarding in the school. Church House

aims to promote an environment where students can flourish both academically and pastorally; we practice a firm but fair and usually fun approach to boarding to ensure that the boarders get the best support when it comes to their school life and their own personal and emotional safety and wellbeing.



HARSNETT'S Boys' Boarding House

Harsnett's takes its name from the Founder of the school, Archbishop Samuel Harsnett, Archbishop of York and Master of Pembroke College Cambridge, who founded the school in 1629 as a school for the poor boys of the parish when he was vicar here. Harsnett's is a family home run by Neil and Michelle Saunders. They live there with their three children, Evie (17), Will (11), and Emilia (8). All three children go to Chigwell School. Neil teaches Mathematics and is the Director of Studies, Michelle teaches French, German and Spanish, and is responsible for English as an Additional Language (EAL) for the Lower Sixth.

HAINAULT HOUSE

Girls' Boarding House

Hainault House was built in 1874 in a grand Victorian Gothic style. Hainault House is run by Amanda and Ian Goddard. Amanda is the Director of Boarding and teaches Geography and Ian is the school's Head of History and Housemaster of Lambourne Day House. They have three young children, Freddie (8) and twins Albert and Matilda (6) who love living in Hainault House and meeting girls from all over the world. Bright, airy rooms and plenty of room to work and socialise enhance the friendly, family atmosphere that is the hallmark of Hainault. It enjoys the advantage of a position that is at the heart of the school and is surrounded by a large garden – barbecues are a feature of the summer term.



SANDON LODGE

Girls' Boarding House

Sandon Lodge was built in 1870, and has a beautiful setting in the middle of the school's 100 acres of grounds. It is run by Chris and Alison Lord, who met while they were students together at Oxford University. Chris is the school's Head of Classics, and he also runs LearningPlus, which promotes all kinds of further

learning outside the classroom. This includes the Williams Project (hosting visiting academic speakers) and the preparation of students for entry into Oxford and Cambridge universities, and competitive courses like medicine and law. A graduate in Classics and English, he has also recently completed an MA in Philosophy at Birkbeck College, London. Alison is a research scholar

at Cambridge University and the author of several books on music and cultural history.

Alison and Chris and their son Will (now at university) have lived in Sandon Lodge since 1998. They have known many generations of international students at Chigwell and now have a big network of friendships with former students and their families all over the world.



DESTINATIONS

International students at Chigwell are very successful and almost all go on to study at the top universities, including many to Oxford and Cambridge.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LEAVING CHIGWELL IN 2017

Boys

–	India	A*ABB	Gap year	n/a
–	Russia	BCD	Les Roches, Switzerland	Business Administration
–	China	A*A*AA	McGill University, Canada	COOP Program
–	Russia	BBBC	Exeter	Exeter International Programme
–	China	A*ABB	Warwick	Economics
–	Bulgaria	ABC	Kent	European Economics

Girls

–	Poland	A*AAA	Bialystok Medical School	Medicine
–	China	A*A*A*A*	Oxford University	Engineering
–	Poland	A*A*AAA	Oxford University	Medicine
–	Singapore	BBB	Glasgow University	Psychology
–	Montenegro	A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Law
–	Serbia	A*AB	University of Belgrade	Molecular Biology
–	China	A*AAB	Gap year	n/a
–	China	A*A*A*A*	University of Toronto	Life Sciences

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LEAVING CHIGWELL IN 2016

Boys

–	Pakistan	AAB	University of Toronto	Management
–	India	BBC	City of London	Law
–	Ireland	A*AA*	Trinity College, Dublin	History
–	Russia	ABB	Kings College, London	Physics & Philosophy
–	Belarus	A*AAA	University College, London	Biochemical Engineering
–	China	A*A*A*	Boston University	Business
–	China	A*ABBA	University of Michigan	Mechanical Engineering

Girls

–	Romania	A*A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Natural Science
–	Poland	A*A*AAA	Oxford University	Medicine
–	Bulgaria	BBC	University of Kent	Law
–	China	A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Economics
–	China	A*ABB	Imperial College, London	Materials Science & Engineering

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LEAVING CHIGWELL IN 2015

Boys

–	Czech Republic	BBC	Masaryk University Brno, Czech Rep	Finance and Law
–	Nigeria	AAAB	University College, London	Engineering (Chemical)
–	China	A*A*A*A*A	London School of Economics	PPE

Girls

–	Russia	AABD	London School of Economics	Management
–	Bulgaria	A*AAB	London School of Economics	Law
–	Romania	BBB	Aix-Marseille Université, France	Law
–	Moldova	A*A*AA	London School of Economics	Accounting & Finance
–	Russia	BCC	University of Exeter	Computer Science
–	China	ABBB	University of Hong Kong	Engineering
–	Estonia	AAB	University of Birmingham	Law with Criminology
–	China	ABBB	Bournemouth University	Art Foundation
–	China	A*A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Engineering

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LEAVING CHIGWELL IN 2014

Boys

–	Russia	BCC	Gap year	n/a
–	Nigeria	BCC	Aberdeen University	Geology
–	Nigeria	A*A*A*A	London School of Economics	Government & History
–	Moldova	A*AB	University College, London	Mechanical Engineering
–	Serbia	A*AAA	University of Belgrade, Serbia	Chemical Engineering
–	Poland	A*A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Natural Sciences
–	China	A*A*A	Imperial College, London	Civil Engineering

Girls

–	Romania	A*AAB	King's College, London	Law
–	Poland	A*AAA	King's College, London	English Literature
–	Albania	A*AAC	London School of Economics	Economics & Economic History
–	China	A*A*A*AA	Hong Kong University	Economics
–	China	A*A*A*A*A	Cambridge University	Engineering

“Outcomes for boarders are excellent and meet the aims of the School. Boarders are happy, confident, polite and engaging.”

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS AT A GLANCE

Before you apply

Before making your application to Chigwell, you should consider the following points, these will also assist you during the application process:

- *Research your A Level subject choices*

What interests you, where do your skills lie, and what do you hope to study in the future? Be sure to read our prospectus and see what subjects we offer. Our current prospectus can be found at www.chigwell-school.org

- *Research University courses*

Having an idea of what course you would like to study or institutions you would like to go to after sixth form will help you research your A Level choices. It's important to consider the Entry Requirements for each course as well.

- *Draft your Personal Statement*

This is your chance to shine! Tell us what you can do, what you've

done, and what you will bring to our unique school community.

Ask us

Feel free to ask us any questions you may have about any part the application process. You can email us at 6thform@chigwell-school.org

What you need to apply

You will need to complete our registration form.

We require certain documents in order to support your application, so please make sure you have the following:

- Your IELTS report (or equivalent)
- Your current and previous school reports
- Personal statement
- Registration fee
- Copy of your passport

What happens next?

Every applicant must sit entrance tests, usually in English and Maths, and an additional chosen A Level subject. These can be sat whilst visiting us, but can also be sat at

one of our authorised Education Agencies or a British Council office. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

All applicants also have an interview with the Head of Sixth Form, either in person while visiting the school, or conducted by Skype or other real-time video conferencing program. We understand that visiting the school may be difficult, but we do encourage you to come and see us if possible. It's important to see the place where you're considering spending two years living and studying, to help you decide if it's right for you. We look forward to welcoming you and giving you as good an idea as we can about school life at Chigwell.

We'll acknowledge receipt of your application and request any further documentation we may need.

You will need to return you acceptance form along with your first terms fees and your deposit to confirm your place. If you require a Visa to study with us we will send you an email detailing the Tier 4 visa application process.



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