



GODOLPHIN

“This school doesn’t attract the kind of parents who want bling – instead, it invests in substance and puts the needs of the children up front. The staff and students we met were all absolutely the kind of people you’d want to be stuck in a lift with – fun, friendly, honest, polite and purposeful”

Talk Education



BE AMBITIOUS

Always strive to achieve your best. Set challenging goals and work hard to reach them. Support others with their ambitions

BE AUTHENTIC

Be confident in yourself. Always be honest, loyal and trustworthy



GODOLPHIN VALUES

Trust yourself, and never let fear stop you trying. Find opportunities, understand the risks and ensure your ideas lead to positive actions

BE COURAGEOUS

Care for others and value yourself. Understand the value of diversity and offer help where you can

BE KIND

OUR SCHOOL

Godolphin is a truly exceptional school with an extraordinary heritage. We have been educating young women for almost 300 years, staying true to Elizabeth Godolphin's belief that every student should be given all they need to thrive in our increasingly challenging world

“Pupils of all ages, needs and abilities demonstrate excellent attitudes to learning and are engaged and productive in lessons and clubs. This exemplary, positive approach comes naturally to them due to the studious and collaborative ethos in the school. They take the initiative with their studies and are highly motivated and aspirational in all areas. Expectations of all pupils are high, support is readily available and pupils embrace the culture of high achievement at all levels” ISI Report 2023



HEAD'S WELCOME

We offer students a warm and friendly place to learn, discover and grow, from 3 to 18 years. We believe in a holistic approach to education where one's self-worth is built on developing a healthy appetite for curiosity and discovery, gaining academic knowledge, practical skills and critical thinking

We foster an environment of excellence, empowering each student to discover their talents, develop their perspective and realise their own potential. We passionately believe in diversity and inclusivity, encouraging independence of thought, community spirit and respect for all. Ambition, authenticity, courage and kindness are key values that we embed within the School, creating a culture of altruism and empathy.

Our vision for the future is bright. We continue to embrace tradition and progress, and evolve to match the needs of our students. The School is here to support each student to develop into a young adult, prepared for life's challenges and ready to leave their mark on the world.

Jenny Price, Head

ACADEMIC

Our Curriculum challenges our most academically able students and provides the necessary learning support for students whose confidence is continuing to develop

Our expectations are high. We work closely with students to agree manageable and measurable targets. However, we also expect them to take responsibility for their own work, participate actively in lessons and capitalise on the opportunities we provide.

Chris Hillman, Deputy Head Academic

“Godolphin could not have done more to nurture and encourage our daughter both academically and as a person over the last seven years. We will always be among Godolphin’s most ardent supporters”

Godolphin Sixth Parent 2023





“This excellent learning flows above all from a culture of ambitious scholarship and dedicated support from expert teachers, who structure the learning in a way that fuels the pupils appetite for enquiry”

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ENRICHMENT

Education goes above and beyond the classroom. Our varied and stimulating enrichment programme encourages students to get involved in a wide range of academic societies including a Scholars' Programme, designed to stretch and challenge the most able

Opportunities abound for students to extend their learning outside the classroom. From inspiring trips, lectures and academic challenges, to the weekly Scholars' Programme, students explore and discover the world beyond the curriculum.

Founded
1726



49%
achieved A*-A
79%
achieved A*-B

A-Level 2023

Average
value
added
+8
Grades

GCSE 2023

93%
First
choice
university



Entry at
11+
13+
16+

Day, flexi, weekly
and full
boarding



"The professional, yet relaxed and convivial atmosphere must surely rub off on the pupils – it's friendly, thoughtful, unstuffy and genuinely delightful" Talk Education

Extensive
bus routes
and only
1 hour
from
international
airports



Future
Skills
Programme



In the
heart
of the
Cathedral
City of
Salisbury



Leaders
in Digital
Learning



"Pupils' tolerance, respect and sense of inclusivity are successful in producing a caring and harmonious community" ISI 2023



450
Students

4
Boarding
houses
Walters
Cooper
Jerred
School



Eco-
Schools
Green Flag
Award



"Godolphin has the best of both worlds – perched on the edge of town with plentiful space, while enjoying a strong bond with the city, its cathedral and community" Muddy Stilettos

Winners
of National
Pro Corda
Chamber
Music
Competition



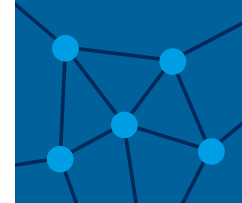
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A-Level 2023

Duke of
Edinburgh's
Award



5000
Alumnae



"Firm, friendly, no nonsense discipline leads to an atmosphere in which girls and teachers are at home with each other. The best is expected of everyone. Godolphin is a very special place to grow up in" Good Schools Guide

"Throughout the school, pupils display a thirst for knowledge across the curriculum. This is due to the enthusiastic and expert teaching which encourages pupils to do well and try new things" ISI 2023

LEAVERS' DESTINATIONS 2023

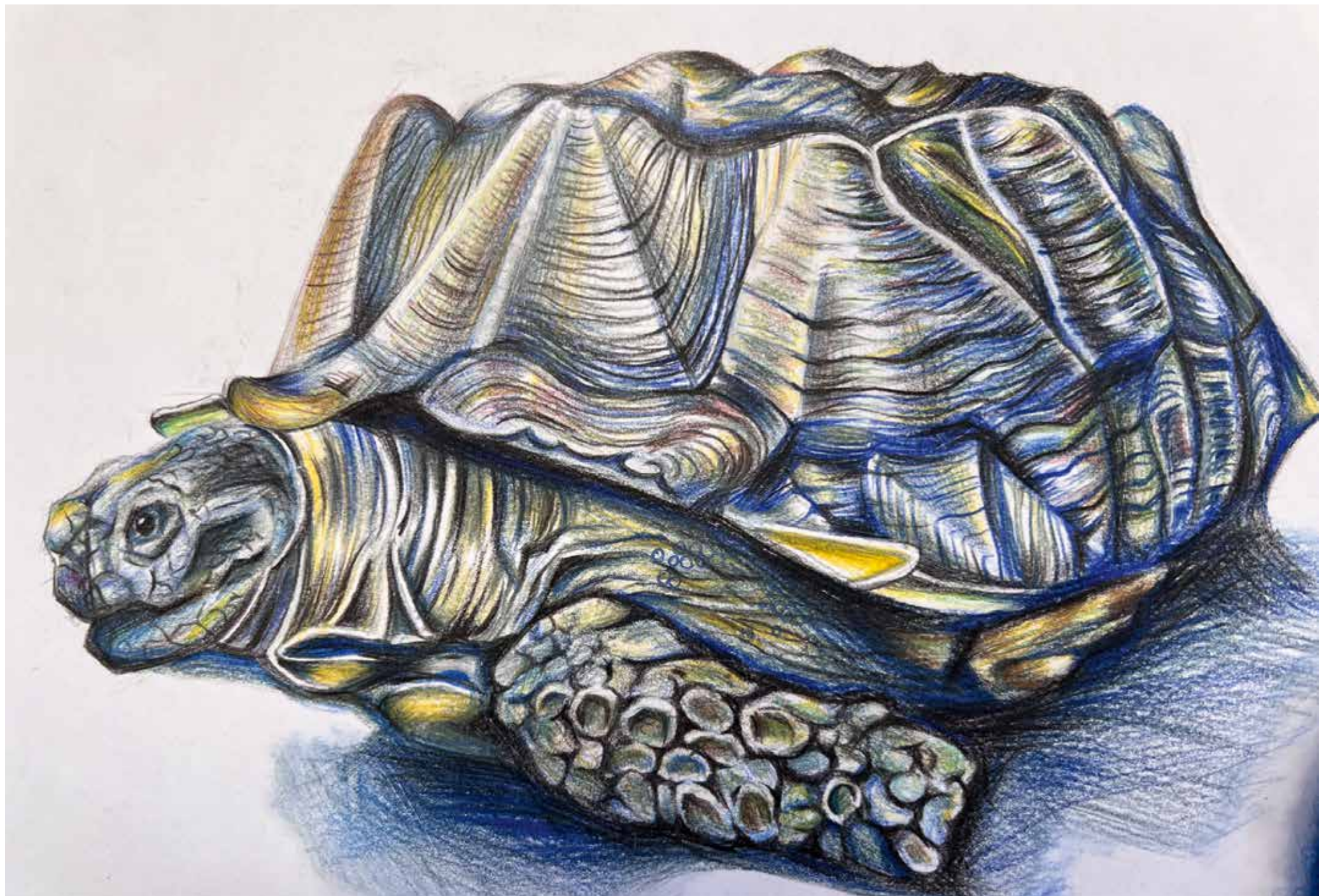
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- ◆ Arts University Bournemouth
- ◆ University of Bristol
- ◆ Cardiff University
- ◆ University of Chichester
- ◆ Durham University
- ◆ The University of Edinburgh
- ◆ University of Exeter
- ◆ Falmouth University
- ◆ Glasgow School of Art
- ◆ University of Glasgow
- ◆ King's College London,
- ◆ University of London
- ◆ St George's, University of London
- ◆ Manchester Metropolitan University
- ◆ Newcastle University
- ◆ Oxford Brookes University
- ◆ University of Oxford, St Anne's College
- ◆ University of Plymouth
- ◆ Royal Holloway, University of London
- ◆ UCL (University College London)
- ◆ University of Warwick
- ◆ University of Winchester
- ◆ University of York
- Degree Apprenticeships
 - ◆ Thales Engineering
 - ◆ Roke Cyber Security



THE ARTS

Godolphin has a long-standing reputation for the arts. We champion imagination, originality and expression in all creative subjects. Students are encouraged to participate in the visual or performing arts, whether in the art department, product design workshops, music school or Performing Arts Centre. There is something for everyone and opportunity for all. Through the arts we discover individual talent, encourage teamwork and build confidence. The outstanding quality of our work is testament to our focus on creativity





ART & DESIGN

As a department, we look to create a stimulating and intellectually challenging environment that helps to inspire artistic skills, critical judgement, and the development of creative intellect. Although relaxed and friendly in atmosphere, we are educationally disciplined, expecting all students to fulfil their potential and exceed their expectations

Our exciting, vibrant and versatile studio space is welcoming and inspiring. We are rightly proud of our achievements and have an enviable track record of success at examination level, as well as in national competitions

Nick Eggleton, Head of Art & Design

“The impressive arts department is a magnet for a wealth of creative talent”

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MUSIC

Music is integral to life at Godolphin and we nurture students' skills, knowledge and passion for the subject



*Winners of
Pro Corda Chamber
Music Competition*

Whether arriving as a beginner or with a string of high grades, musical life at Godolphin nurtures all abilities to the full and helps students to develop an understanding of the important role music can play in their lives. With over 250 instrumental lessons each week and a variety of orchestras, ensembles and choirs, Godolphin has music opportunities for everyone.

William Ings, Director of Music



DRAMA

“The cherry on the cake is the oh-so-impressive PAC (Performing Arts Centre) featuring a roundel theatre, ample lobby and practice rooms. It’s a haven for all things drama and music”

Muddy Stilettos 2023

Drama is fundamental to a holistic education, fostering self-expression, a sense of ensemble and creativity. The ethos of Drama at Godolphin encourages students to create work that pushes boundaries; to present audiences with pieces that challenge their own preconceptions and to be fearless in exploring different styles, genres and themes

There are opportunities for students to get involved with drama at Godolphin in a variety of roles including: acting, directing, writing, technical design and stage management.

Rebecca Houston, Head of Drama





SPORT

We place huge value on physical education, providing a broad spectrum of engaging and inspiring activities to encourage participation. We recognise the positive impact sport has on the happiness and wellbeing of students.

From competitive team sports to friendly fitness sessions, we have activities suitable for everyone

Godolphin encourages inclusivity and teamwork across all sporting activities, ensuring every student achieves their potential. The links between professional achievements, good mental health and exercise are clear. Therefore, we teach our students how to stay fit and healthy.

Sarah Pokai, Acting Director of Sport

“Team and individual achievements in sport are excellent. Individual pupils have represented their country in lacrosse, hockey, equestrianism, athletics and swimming”

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CO-CURRICULAR

Our co-curricular activities are vital to supporting the academic and pastoral objectives that prepare students for adult life. In addition to the traditional programmes such as Combined Cadet Force, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Leiths, we offer many opportunities for students to discover their abilities, learn transferable life skills and build confidence including:

Acting 101, Art & Design Culture Club, First Lego League, Fitness, Greek Club, Help fore Heroes Enterprise, Jazz Combo, Junior Ceramics, Lacrosse Skills, Med Vet, Neurodiverse Club, Philosophy Club, Polo, React MMA, Sports League, Steel Pans, Trampolining, Zumba





PASTORAL

Pastoral care is another key strength. The wellbeing of our students is our priority, and we support every one of them with care and sensitivity

“Pupils’ tolerance, respect and sense of inclusivity are successful in producing a caring and harmonious community”

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Students know there are key staff members to support them at any time, and meet with their tutor every morning and twice a week for extended tutor time. One to one tutoring is a key strength in the Sixth. Our School Chaplain, Heads of Year, Matrons, Nurses, Counsellors and House Staff are also available to provide additional support when needed. Several staff are trained as Mental Health First Aiders to support our students.

Although the School was founded on Christian values, which still underpin the School’s ethos, the Chaplain’s role is to help everyone to thrive, irrespective of their beliefs. Godolphin provides outstanding guidance to students through PSHCEE (Personal, Social and Health, Citizenship & Economic Education).

BOARDING AND THE HOUSE SYSTEM

Kindness and compassion are key values that are central to our community

Our tutor system ensures every student is fully supported, and student welfare is at the heart of everything. Our wellbeing team includes trained counsellors, nurses, house matrons, Heads of Year and the school's safeguarding leads. Many of our staff are also trained in mental health first aid.

Godolphin's boarding provision offers flexible, weekly and full boarding across all year groups. Our four boarding houses are thoughtfully designed and tailored around the

needs of each age group, offering a warm and welcoming environment in which to work, relax and socialise.

Godolphin's three competitive houses are called Douglas, Hamilton and Methuen. They encourage healthy competition and foster camaraderie, by earning house points through sport matches, charitable activities and social events. A House event is exciting and encourages a real sense of community that transcends all year groups.

“Pupils have highly developed social skills and are proud of the culture of kindness which is embedded in the boarding houses and across the school” ISI Report 2023





COMMUNITY

Godolphin fosters a culture of altruism and care for others, encouraging students to get involved in charitable events and understand the importance of helping those less fortunate

Being part of the local Salisbury community is important. We take a kind, generous and outward looking role whenever we can. From our annual community walk in support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance, a tea party for the Alzheimers Society, to a sleep out in the cloisters of Salisbury Cathedral for Alabaré and Race for Life raising funds for Cancer UK we are proud to help and get involved in the wider community.

“A very special place to grow up in”

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BRIGHT FUTURES

“Pupils are guided appropriately to the courses which are right for them as first choice destinations due to the success of the school’s carefully planned careers education programme”

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Godolphin’s Bright Futures Department is the place to go for all higher education and careers related information and will play a vital role in guiding and empowering students as they navigate through the decisions that will shape their future

The Bright Futures Programme is delivered through the curriculum as well as off-timetable events. It equips students with the essential skills to make informed decisions and to embark on a path toward a successful career. The programme encourages students to engage with a full range of options, including apprenticeships, university degrees, taster courses and valuable work placement opportunities. We provide support with CV writing, UCAS applications, interview techniques and planning a productive gap year.

Students have plenty of opportunities to meet and learn from Godolphin Alumnae and other friends of the School through our Bright Futures Summer Fair and weekly ‘Find Your Future Friday’ events. These opportunities to chat one-to-one with people ‘in the know’ are invaluable for students in gaining confidence about their future plans.





Alice Baatz, Godolphin Alumna



Photo credit: Naomi Baker, Team GB

ALUMNAE

We are passionate about supporting students beyond Godolphin, they remain part of our community when they leave the School and throughout their lives

Many of Godolphin's students form life-long friendships. After Godolphin Sixth, students automatically become members of the Old Godolphin Association (OGA), a close-knit and supportive community of Old Girls and former staff. Their purpose is to inspire and support members, as well as keep an active link with the School.

Sarah Sowton, Director of Marketing & Alumnae

“Former students are on hand to talk through their success at gaining places at Central St Martins, City & Guilds and the like”

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We aim to attract a diverse and talented group of students by offering a number of annual scholarships to new and existing students

Bursaries are means-tested annually and awarded to enable prospective students to attend Godolphin, when their financial circumstances would not otherwise allow them to do so, or to help current students whose parents have encountered financial difficulties.



ADMISSIONS

We want parents to discover the real Godolphin. That's the reason we offer Snapshot Mornings

Held on Friday mornings and limited to 10 families, this is your chance to truly experience the School. No formal presentations. No carefully-crafted exhibitions. No student is coached to give model answers.

Speak with staff and ask students questions. You can also meet the Head. Attending a 'Snapshot' alongside like-minded families is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, watch real classes and discover more about our exceptional facilities and inspirational culture.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Godolphin.

Corinna Florence, Director of Admissions

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“A vibrant and inspiring day and boarding school in Salisbury for students aged 3–18, setting the bar high in everything from academics to music and sport in a supportive family atmosphere”

Muddy Stilettos 2023





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