



SHIPLAKE COLLEGE
HENLEY-ON-THAMES

Prospectus



Our most recent ISI Inspection in Spring 2015 judged Shiplake as 'excellent' in all nine categories.

Welcome

This prospectus is designed to provide a brief insight into Shiplake College. Our extensive website provides further detail and up-to-date information on practical matters such as fees and bus routes. Please do call 0118 940 5221 or email registrar@shiplake.org.uk if you have any questions.



The senior managers uphold the aims of the school and offer strong leadership in all areas. *ISI Inspection Report*

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Introduction

Any visitor to Shiplake College quickly realises that it is a special place and that it genuinely educates the modern teenager in the broadest and most effective ways. Not only will each child be equipped with key interpersonal qualities, which have been identified in the **Shiplake Seven**, they will be helped to discover and develop talents they never knew they had. Every pupil is placed at the heart of Shiplake life and the College's ethos is underpinned by the *Three Is* – **Inclusive**, **Individual** and **Inspirational**. We pride ourselves on our ability to 'add value' to each pupil's education. We know that every pupil has something valuable to offer, and consider it our duty to find it.

Tyrone Howe, Headmaster



Pupils display a cheerful confidence and ready courtesy to all members of the community and flourish in the school's nurturing and supportive atmosphere. *ISI Inspection Report*

About Shiplake

Although we have long educated girls alongside boys in our Sixth Form, we will become fully co-educational as we welcome girls into our Year 7 in 2023. Day and flexi, weekly and full boarding available. Overlooking the river, 2.5 miles upstream from Henley-on-Thames, pupils make the most of our beautiful, rural setting. We offer a distinctive education based on inspirational teaching, small classes and exceptional pastoral care. The College aims to provide a friendly, supportive and structured environment in which pupils can flourish.



Pupils receive a high quality of education, consistent with the school's aims to provide a broad education that encourages individuals to achieve their full potential. *ISI Inspection Report*

Our Philosophy

Academic rigour remains vitally important in education, but as a reflection of the growing tendency of universities and employers to demand a wide range of skills and experiences, schools now have a greater responsibility than ever to focus on the overall development of their pupils. At Shiplake, pupils benefit from engaging teaching tailored to their individual needs, alongside a vast array of co-curricular activities.



Our Pupils

There is no 'typical' Shiplake pupil. We welcome pupils with a variety of talents, who have the potential and desire to make the most of the many opportunities offered to them. Our assessment process is designed to identify those with a genuine interest in education that stretches beyond the confines of the academic curriculum.

Pupils' behaviour towards one another is excellent. They listen carefully to each other's views and are supportive of one another. *ISI Inspection Report*





Relations between older and younger pupils are outstanding. Pupils are very proud of their school and would strongly recommend it to their friends. *ISI Inspection Report*

Lower School

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 belong to our Lower School. The thriving and bustling environment provides the perfect stepping stone between primary or prep school and Year 9 at Shiplake College. Staff have instilled a wholly inclusive philosophy, allowing all pupils the opportunity to sample everything that Shiplake has to offer.



Pupils are enthusiastic and committed in their learning, underpinned by excellent teaching and learning support. *ISI Inspection Report*



Academic

At Shiplake, we prepare our young learners for a world full of opportunities and challenges, through a rich and varied academic curriculum. We are proud to offer a strong diversity of subjects and qualifications, which ensures that at every age and stage, pupils study courses appropriate for them.

Boarding

Boarding is an integral part of life at Shiplake. With no 'daily commute', boarders can fully benefit from the many opportunities on offer, including a dedicated evening and weekend activities programme. Boarders join from across the UK and overseas. Flexi, weekly and full boarders make up a busy and vibrant community, who are proud to call Shiplake College 'home'.



The school works extremely hard to nurture, encourage, challenge and support every boarder in its care. *ISI Inspection Report*



The school is highly successful in maintaining a friendly atmosphere, which enables pupils and staff to enjoy their busy working lives. *ISI Inspection Report*



Pastoral Care

Our reputation for delivering outstanding pastoral care has been built and maintained due to the belief in a holistic approach to education shared by all members of the College community. As a small school, staff get to know each pupil individually, recognise strengths and weaknesses, and tailor their approach accordingly.



Pupils benefit from a full and wide-ranging co-curricular programme in which they develop a range of interests and skills. *ISI Inspection Report*

Co-Curricular

Teaching and learning is by no means confined to the classroom. An extensive range of co-curricular pursuits help pupils to discover new skills and develop the confidence and experience to flourish at school and beyond.

Our co-curricular activity programme encompasses numerous opportunities in creative arts and outdoor education, promoting teamwork, leadership and communication.



A photograph of four female rowers in a boat on the River Thames. They are wearing matching maroon and yellow striped singlets and sunglasses. The boat is white with 'HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA' written on the side. In the background, a large crowd of spectators is seated on a white wooden balcony, watching the event. The scene is set on a river with buildings visible in the distance.

Sport

With award-winning grounds and access to our very own stretch of the River Thames, it is no surprise that budding athletes thrive at Shiplake. Our teams are renowned for 'punching above their weight', regularly excelling in all major sports. Our inclusive focus spans all abilities and interests. Multiple squads are fielded in each year group, allowing all pupils to experience the pride of representing their College.



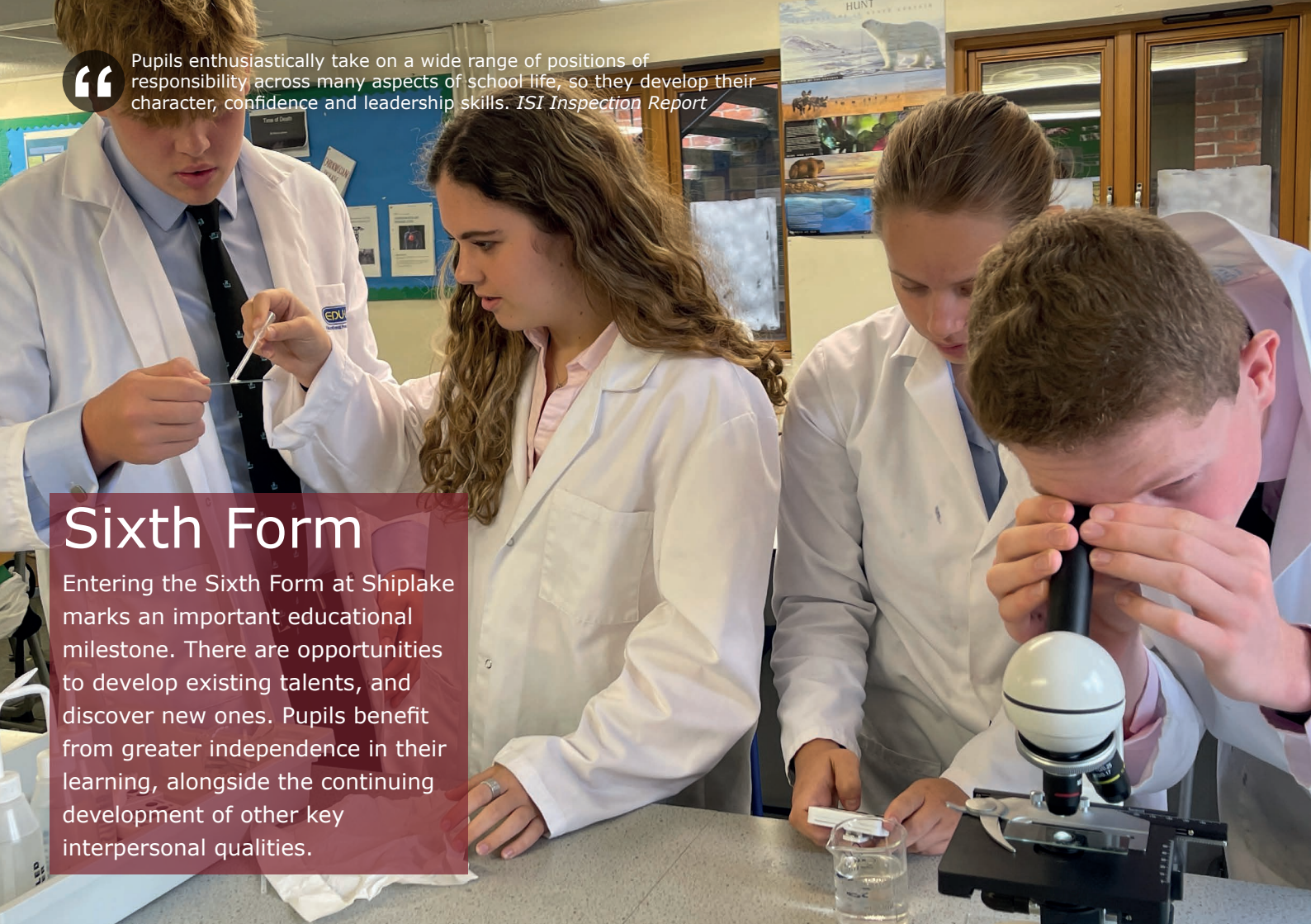
Good support is provided for elite athletes through a high performance programme. *ISI Inspection Report*

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Pupils enthusiastically take on a wide range of positions of responsibility across many aspects of school life, so they develop their character, confidence and leadership skills. *ISI Inspection Report*

Sixth Form

Entering the Sixth Form at Shiplake marks an important educational milestone. There are opportunities to develop existing talents, and discover new ones. Pupils benefit from greater independence in their learning, alongside the continuing development of other key interpersonal qualities.



An effective careers guidance programme allows pupils to focus on all the opportunities available to them following school. *ISI Inspection Report*

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Careers and UCAS

One of the biggest challenges facing young people in society is finding enjoyable, stimulating and suitable employment. Our experienced staff offer support and guidance to pupils throughout their time at Shiplake to help them make wise and informed decisions. Careers profiling, work experience, weekly careers lessons in Year 12 and Futures Week all help pupils plan beyond school life and fulfil the necessary criteria for their desired role or career.

Pupils have strong self-esteem and are confident in their personal values, appreciating the sense of belonging and significance which the small community engenders. *ISI Inspection Report*



The Future

When a pupil comes to the end of their time at Shiplake it is not a final goodbye. A highly active, welcoming and inclusive alumni society of 'Old Vikings' re-connect and engage with each other and the College itself through sport, reunions and networking events. Shiplake pupils go on to be successful in a wide range of industries and careers. The education, friendships and experiences gained at Shiplake last a lifetime!





Next Steps

Pupils normally join Shiplake in Year 7, Year 9 or Year 12. Prospective families are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning. For those close to the point of entry, we will be delighted to welcome you on an individual visit. Our website contains a wealth of information on admissions and all other areas of the College. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch (email registrar@shiplake.org.uk or call 0118 940 5221).

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