



ACS  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
COBHAM

BOARDING



READY?



# GET READY FOR AN OUTSTANDING BOARDING EXPERIENCE.

WHERE CULTURES CONNECT,  
FRIENDSHIPS THRIVE, AND  
FUTURES TAKE SHAPE.

## WELCOME TO BOARDING AT ACS COBHAM

LONDON'S NUMBER ONE IN  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.

Hello, and welcome to boarding at ACS Cobham, part of the largest international school group in London. Our world-class boarding houses sit within a secure, 128-acre campus with outstanding sports, performing arts and teaching facilities. We are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful Surrey countryside, yet still close to central London, with regular opportunities for our boarders to visit the cultural and historical sites of the city.

At ACS Cobham, we understand the perfect boarding experience balances academic success with stimulating co-curricular and weekend activities. We offer an

unparalleled enrichment programme across the academic year to appeal to a wide range of interests. Our globally renowned curriculum is based on international educational best practice and challenges our students to become successful global citizens with inquisitive minds and the confidence to challenge the status quo. Each year, our graduates go on to top-tier universities internationally, including Russell Group and Ivy League institutions.

We foster a dynamic learning environment, grounded in diversity and optimism – preparing students to thrive in a fast-changing world.

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When you blend a diverse and friendly community, stir in some curiosity-driven learning, fold in loads of creativity, splash a dash of tech and a whole bunch of sports, this is what you get. A vibrant, international melting pot of a school where learning is fun, and students rise to the challenge.

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GUIDE





**ROBERT CROWTHER,**  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

## A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR BOARDING TEAM

We foster independence, self-reliance and a lifelong love of learning in all our students. Boarding accelerates this process. Developing beyond the classroom is central to our mission of producing well-rounded, resilient individuals who can flourish on the world stage. Our boarding houses are the finest I have ever seen in the world. We prepare our students to communicate across borders, behave appropriately across cultures, and empathise with everyone on a team. Our global community is an education in itself. Are you looking for a programme that empowers students to thrive in today's evolving society? Then get ready to immerse yourself in the boarding community at ACS Cobham.

Our boarding students represent a vibrant global community, coming to ACS Cobham from all corners of the world. We take immense pride in the rich international culture that defines and strengthens our school. It is a place where diversity is embraced, and individual differences are truly valued. I am proud to lead an expert boarding team that provides outstanding academic and pastoral care. Our boarding houses offer a warm and inclusive environment that feels like a genuine home away from home. With a highly experienced team of Resident House Parents and Tutors, we support each student in their academic journey, personal growth, and overall wellbeing. The facilities are contemporary, comfortable, and designed to encourage a strong sense of community and belonging.



**SARA THOMAS,**  
ASSISTANT HEAD, WELLBEING







# READY TO EXPLORE, COMPETE AND CREATE.

## OUR CAMPUS

Our world-class facilities, set within 128 acres of stunning countryside, prepare our students for a world full of opportunity:

- Sports centre with basketball/volleyball arena, dance studio, fitness suite, 25-metre pool, and sports café
- All-weather floodlit astroturf pitch, 400m running track, rugby and football fields, golf course, and tennis courts
- State-of-the-art Performing Arts Centre with bespoke drama and music spaces, practice rooms, and a 509-seat theatre
- Modern science labs and naturally lit art studios
- In-house film editing suite
- Extensive IT labs and interactive whiteboards in every classroom
- Spacious dining hall with panoramic views
- Cutting-edge Esports suite



# GETTING YOU READY TO FEEL AT HOME.

## OUR BOARDING HOUSES

Fields and Woodlands boarding houses are located at the heart of our campus. Each has communal common rooms, lounges, and kitchen areas for preparing snacks or enjoying food provided by our school kitchens.

Features include:

- Twin and duplex en suite bedrooms, with separate wings for girls and boys
- Single en suite rooms for Grade 12 students
- Residential staff including Assistant Head of School, House Parents and Tutors
- Common rooms with games, instruments, entertainment zones
- 24-hour protected security
- Landscaped outdoor spaces with BBQ and social areas
- On-site Medical Centre with a team of nurses
- Dedicated study spaces
- Cinema room

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My parents and I chose ACS Cobham because of its wonderfully supportive and international community. Everyone was super friendly and made my first experiences special.

KARINA, GRADE 11







# READY TO FIND YOUR PEOPLE.

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I found a truly international community in Woodlands, where there's genuine acceptance of different cultures and beliefs.

JAMES GRAY, LEAD HOUSE PARENT OF WOODLANDS

On arrival, students and families are welcomed by a dedicated Welcome Committee. An in-depth induction weekend helps new students settle in, make friends, and get to know their new home.

Boarding staff work closely with teachers to support every student's growth through:

- Contact with University & College Counsellors
- Qualified sports coaches
- Dynamic Performing Arts programme
- Charity and volunteer work (UK and international)
- Co-curricular activities including Model UN and STEM



# A TYPICAL BOARDING WEEK

A balanced weekly routine combines study, after-school activities and downtime.

## MONDAY TO FRIDAY\*

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 07.30 – 08.30 | Breakfast in our Dining Hall   |
| 08.30 – 12.30 | Lessons  |
| 12.30         | Lunch in our Dining Hall   |
| 13.15 – 15.30 | Lessons  |
| 15.30 – 18.00 | Free time spent either studying or enjoying: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– A wide range of co- and extracurricular activities</li><li>– Sports</li><li>– Performing arts</li><li>– Charities</li><li>– Hobbies</li><li>– Social trips</li><li>– One of many lounges or terraces</li><li>– A movie or Sky Sports in the cinema room</li><li>– The outside gardens, BBQ area and grounds</li></ul> |
| 18.00         | Dinner in our Dining Hall  |
| 19.00 – 21.00 | Study Hall Homework, supported by Resident Tutors  |
| 21.00-22.00   | Free time to relax and socialise.<br>Evening snack served after Study Hall   |
| 22.00         | Students start going to their rooms (depending upon their age), and staff check that they are preparing to sleep   |

\*Sample timetable

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Being a boarder is fantastic – it’s a home away from home with amazing people from all over the world!

ADELE, GRADE 10

## SATURDAY & SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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| 09.30         | Breakfast   |
| 10.30 – 12.15 | Brunch (Sunday only)  |
| 10.30 – 17.30 | Enrichment Activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– London cultural trips</li><li>– Sports and performing arts events</li><li>– Recreation time, games, charity work</li><li>– Adventure park visits, cinema, shopping trips</li></ul> |
| 18.00         | Dinner  |
| 19.00 – 23.00 | Social and relaxation time  |
| 21.00 – 23.00 | Age-based bedtime routines  |





# READY FOR WHATEVER COMES NEXT.



## OUR CURRICULUM

We inspire students to reach their full potential with a globally recognised curriculum including:

- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
- College Board Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- College Board AP Capstone Diploma (APCP)
- College Board AP International Diploma (APID)
- High School Diploma
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Home Language Enrichment (HLE)







# READY TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

## LIFE BEYOND ACS

Our boarding students consistently go on to attend a diverse array of leading universities and colleges, both in the UK and internationally. This wide range of academic destinations reflects our commitment to fostering excellence and supporting each student in reaching their full potential.

### Examples of global destinations:

#### UK

Oxford, Cambridge, Bath, Exeter, Imperial, King's, LSE, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester, Nottingham, Queen Mary, Sheffield, Southampton and Warwick.

#### USA

Chicago, Harvard, Penn State, California, Georgetown, Loyola, Miami, New York, Northeastern, Notre Dame, Purdue, Southern California, Texas A&M, Tufts, Virginia and Wisconsin.

### Rest of the World

Alberta, Barcelona, Calgary, Delft, Erasmus, McGill, Munich, Stockholm School of Economics and John Cabot University.

### Degree courses include:

Law, International Business Management, Civil Engineering, Game Design, Aeronautics, Fashion Design, Architecture, Medicine, Engineering, Computer Science, Film Production, Economics, Microbiology, Songwriting and Music Production.



# READY TO DISCOVER WHAT THEY LOVE.



## OUR ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

We offer extensive enrichment through clubs, excursions, and student-led initiatives. These encourage personal growth and leadership.

### Activities include:

- Senior School Clubs: law society, medics club, theatre, conservation, student council, karate, yoga, TED-Ed, 3D printing, music, coding
- Performing Arts: orchestra, jazz band, rock workshop, choir, ISTA festival\*
- Sports: basketball, rugby, tennis, cross-country, American football, football
- Leisure: karaoke, bake-offs, movie nights, Christmas events
- Excursions: West End shows, Harry Potter Studios, Thorpe Park, Brighton, and more

\*Some activities may require additional fees







# READY TO SUPPORT EVERY STEP.

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The House Parents  
have become like  
family – they know  
and care for each  
student personally.

CHRIS, GRADE 12

## OUR WELLBEING PROGRAMME

Student wellbeing is at the heart of boarding life.

- Each student is assigned a Residential Tutor
- House Parents collaborate with academic staff
- Confidential access to an Independent Counsellor
- Peer Supporters in Grades 11–12
- Monthly Student Council meetings
- Device collection at bedtime for Fields students

Our support team includes residential House Parents, a nurse, a Safeguarding Lead, and a Student Peer Supporter Group.

**The Lotus Project:** Our wellbeing initiative uses private sessions between students and tutors to explore the six elements of wellbeing, as defined by the Warwick-Edinburgh scale.





# READY TO CONNECT, EVOLVE AND GROW.

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This is by far the most international school I have been to. The support and inclusivity are amazing.

CIHAT, GRADE 10

We're a truly global community, with students from over 40 countries in the boarding houses, and over 70 countries in the wider school. We celebrate diversity and cultivate true internationalism, and our school is founded on global values – with English as our common language.



## A TRULY INTERNATIONAL BOARDING COMMUNITY





# READY TO JOIN THE ACS FAMILY?

## LOCATION & TRANSPORT

- 40 minutes from central London
- 30 minutes to Heathrow and 45 to Gatwick
- Within a 5-minute drive or a 20-minute walk from the local towns of Esher and Cobham





# READY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

## CONTACT

To speak with our Admissions team, please call our office on +44 (0)1932 869744 or email [cobhamadmissions@acs-schools.com](mailto:cobhamadmissions@acs-schools.com)

To apply online, please visit [acs-schools.com/cobham](https://acs-schools.com/cobham)

We host regular Open Days throughout the year, or you can arrange a personal tour with our team.

We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus soon.





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