



ACS  
INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL  
COBHAM

SENIOR SCHOOL

READY?



# THE WORLD NEEDS NEW THINKING. GET READY.



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HEAD OF SCHOOL

HELLO, AND WELCOME TO ACS COBHAM, WHERE DIVERSITY, INNOVATION, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, AND GLOBAL AWARENESS COME TOGETHER TO DELIVER AN EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.

Our vibrant international community, representing over 70 nationalities, brings a rich variety of perspectives that shape and enhance learning across the school. Guided by global best practices, our curriculum encourages critical thinking, curiosity, and a deep respect for the value of each individual.

Beyond the classroom, a wide range of opportunities allows students to grow as well-rounded, resilient individuals, ready to make their mark on the world. Our vision is to inspire the world's next global thinkers and doers. We aim to develop effective, confident, and caring individuals who are equipped to thrive and lead in an ever-changing world.

Set on a spacious, leafy campus near London, ACS Cobham offers the best of both worlds. Students benefit from the inspiration of a great global city and the calm of the Surrey countryside. As the only ACS campus offering boarding, we also provide a home-from-home for students aged 13 to 18 in our two purpose-built boarding houses.

We inspire students to tailor their studies to their talents and ambitions through a rigorous and flexible curriculum that challenges and supports each learner. Our strong emphasis on wellbeing ensures that academic excellence goes hand in hand with personal growth. With extensive co-curricular opportunities and dedicated pastoral care, we prepare students to excel not only in their academic pursuits but also as confident, compassionate global citizens. Many of our graduates progress to top-tier universities worldwide, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and resilience to make a positive impact on the 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.







# READY TO GROW, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

## SENIOR SCHOOL STRUCTURE

Division	Student Age	ACS Cobham Grades / US System Grades	UK Equivalent Year Group
Middle School	10-11	Grade 5	Year 6
	11-12	Grade 6	Year 7
	12-13	Grade 7	Year 8
	13-14	Grade 8	Year 9
Upper School	14-15	Grade 9	Year 10
	15-16	Grade 10	Year 11
High School	16-17	Grade 11	Year 12
	17-18	Grade 12	Year 13



# READY TO THRIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In Senior School, we empower students to stand out through a bold international curriculum that supports individual strengths, ambitions, and learning styles. We take a holistic approach to education, encouraging students to take ownership of their learning by focusing on how to learn, not just what to learn. Our comprehensive and rigorous curriculum draws on leading global educational standards and prepares advanced students to undertake the International Baccalaureate Diploma or US College Board Advanced Placement courses between the ages of 14 and 18.

In a rapidly changing world shaped by emerging technologies, social shifts, and global challenges, students need more than academic knowledge to thrive. At ACS Cobham, we develop future-ready skills such as creativity, communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and self-direction. We provide an environment where every student is supported to fulfil their potential, excel in their chosen paths, and grow into adaptable, resilient individuals. Through a broad and balanced curriculum, real-world learning opportunities, and a digitally integrated approach, our students gain the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to lead, innovate, and make a meaningful impact in life and work.

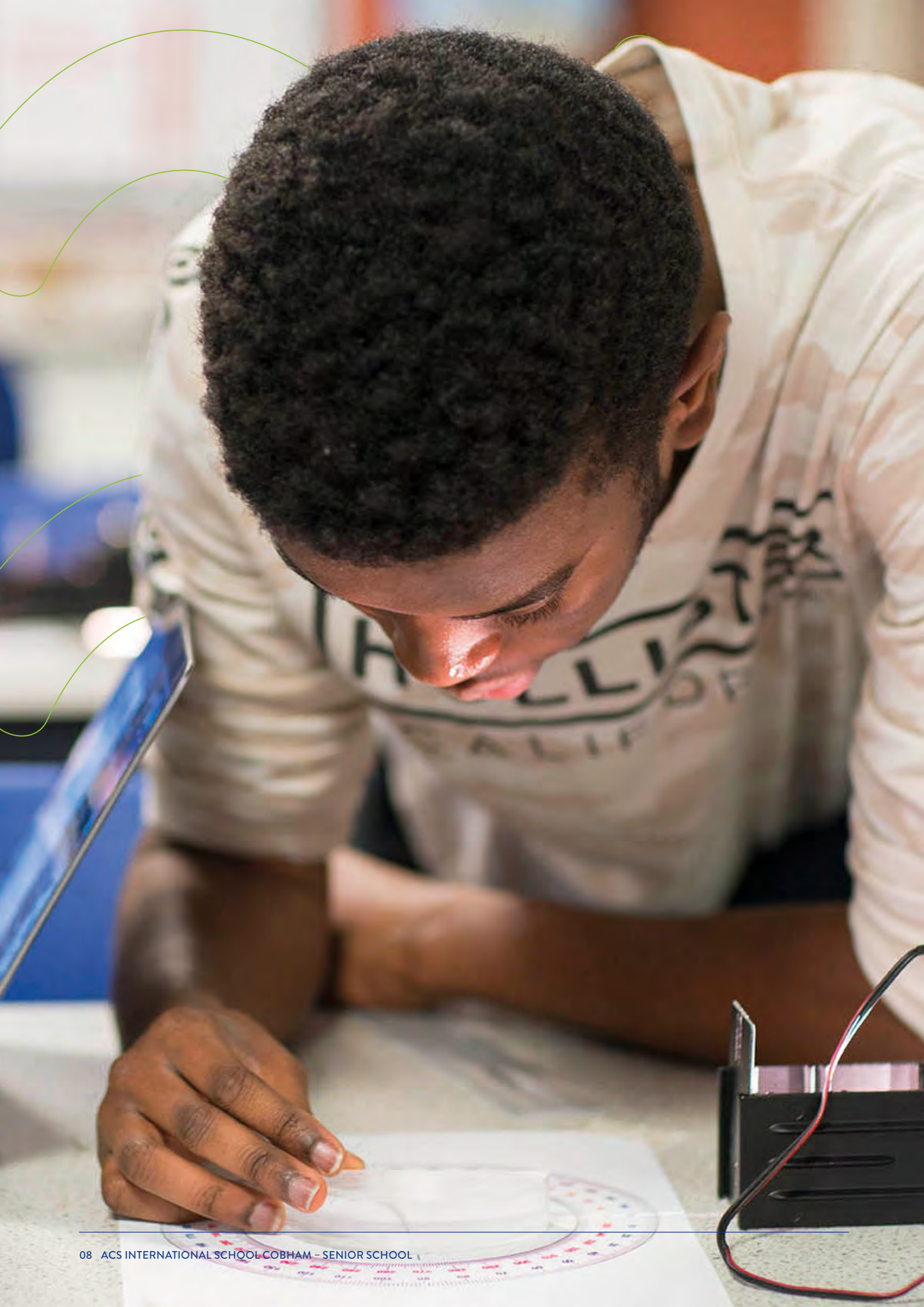
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Individuals are celebrated for who they are at this vibrant and nurturing international school that feels ahead of the game with its progressive outlook, stellar facilities and all-through, stress-free pathway. It's definitely worth adding to your list!

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## SENIOR SCHOOL DIVISIONS

### Middle School (Ages 10-14 / Grades 5-8)

Our Middle School students study all the core subjects you would expect to lay a well-rounded, solid foundation for further study, including mathematics, English, sciences, languages, social studies, physical education, PSHE, visual and performing arts, and digital skills.

Our ambition is for students to become problem solvers and critical thinkers; to persevere, act with integrity, and take risks in their learning; to be creative and active; and to care about their local, national, and international communities, taking action to make life better. Pastoral care is particularly important during the Middle School years; therefore, we provide a nurturing environment and a robust wellbeing programme to ensure students feel safe, supported and empowered. We aim to make these transitional years a journey of discovery that leads to confident and versatile young adults.

### Upper School (Ages 14-16 / Grades 9 and 10)

Throughout Grades 9 and 10, our students choose from a wide selection of subjects that earn credits towards their ACS (US) High School Diploma. They also begin working closely with our University and College Counselling team to select their preferred pathway for Grades 11 and 12, including other

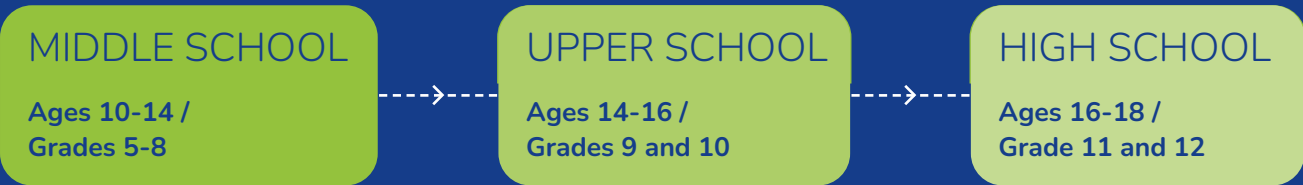
school-leaving qualifications. This academically rigorous preparation, with accelerated pathways and extension opportunities for advanced students, focuses on growth and development rather than preparing for national tests at UK Key Stage 4.

Students are also encouraged to take part in a diverse range of co-curricular activities, including drama, music and sport, and to join a variety of clubs such as Model United Nations and coding. Community engagement and leadership responsibilities play a vital role in providing a well-rounded student experience.

In both Middle and Upper School, we monitor progress through a combination of school-based and externally benchmarked assessments. We offer meaningful assessment that nurtures students' love of learning and prepares them for the next stages of learning.

### High School (Ages 16-18 / Grades 11 and 12)

Our High School students benefit from rigorous academic qualifications which are highly regarded by world-renowned universities. Whichever pathway our students choose, they will benefit from the guidance of expert teaching staff, supported by university and personal counsellors who have an eye on their post-secondary ambitions.





# ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

## The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

The IBDP is an academically challenging programme that ensures students aged 16 to 18 are ready for success at university and beyond.

### The programme is:

- Broad and flexible, requiring six subjects which can be configured to differentiate and maximise each student's strengths
- A programme that encourages university-level skills and the development of competencies beyond the classroom
- Resistant to grade inflation, making it a reliable benchmark of attainment
- A very popular entry qualification with UK, US, and other overseas universities, with many lowering entry requirements for IB students in recognition of its rigour
- More likely to get students into a Russell Group university, where they are more likely to earn a first-class degree.\*

\*Analysis by the Higher Education Statistics Agency.



## Course Requirements

- **Subject Groups** – students take six subjects, three at Higher and three at Standard Level. They must take studies in language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, science, maths, and an optional art or another from the first four categories.
- **The Core** – contains three elements: Theory of Knowledge explores the foundations of

knowledge and introduces students to university-level thinking; the Extended Essay is 4,000 words of self-directed research; and Creativity, Action and Service requires fixed hours engaged in artistic, sporting and/or voluntary work.

The IBDP champions group work, discussions, presentations and developing skills required at university and employment. For more information, please visit [www.ib.org](http://www.ib.org).







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This school offers a broad range of learning experiences that encourage individuality and help students achieve their best.

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## COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAMME

Advanced Placement (AP) is an internationally recognised academic programme with a range of university-level courses across seven disciplines: Arts, English, Social Studies, Mathematics and Computer Science, Sciences, World Languages, and Interdisciplinary.

### The programme is:

- Academically rigorous, offering challenging coursework that mirrors university-level classes, while helping students build essential time management and study skills
- Broad and flexible, offering a wide range of subjects with the average High School student taking 5 to 6 courses over Grades 11 and 12. Each course is one-year in duration
- Content-rich, laying strong foundations for future study across a range of disciplines and allowing students to specialise in subjects they enjoy
- Fast-paced and stimulating, with a level of depth and challenge comparable to A-levels and the IB, despite being shorter in duration

- Excellent preparation for university, fostering independence, critical thinking, and adaptability in dynamic academic environments
- Globally recognised, opening pathways to top universities in the US, Canada, the UK, and beyond.

At ACS Cobham, we proudly offer prestigious Advanced Placement (AP) awards that recognise exceptional student achievement. These include the **AP International Diploma**, awarded to students who excel across five or more AP exams, and the **AP Capstone Diploma**, which develops critical thinking, research, and collaboration through AP Seminar and AP Research courses. Students who complete just the Seminar and Research components receive the **AP Seminar and Research Certificate**. These awards reflect our commitment to providing rigorous, university-level academic opportunities that prepare students for global higher education success.

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Eligible ACS Cobham students graduate with an ACS (US) High School Diploma, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Whether they pursue the IB Diploma, AP courses, or a combination of both, all students also meet the requirements for the High School Diploma, ensuring strong preparation for higher education and beyond.

As a result, most graduates leave with multiple qualifications that strengthen their university applications. The accredited Diploma offers a rigorous, well-rounded academic experience and serves as a recognised entrance qualification for most North American universities and institutes around the world (often with additional requirements), supporting student success at university and beyond.



# READY FOR A FUTURE THAT'S LIMITLESS.

## LIFE BEYOND ACS COBHAM

### University & College Counselling

We invest time and expertise to ensure every student finds the perfect fit for their future university studies. At ACS Cobham, we define fit as specifically meeting the academic, emotional, social, geographical and financial needs of our students. Our attention to detail is the key ingredient that improves each student's likelihood of graduating from their chosen university and then experiencing success in their future careers.

We have an expert team of University & College Counsellors, an Academic Principal, an IB Coordinator and an AP Coordinator providing one-on-one student support in:

- Researching university options
- Essay/personal statement writing
- Career path selection
- Standardised test skills
- Financial aid/scholarship advice
- Meeting university representatives during college visits and fairs

### Global Destinations

Our students regularly progress to a broad range of top universities and colleges in the UK, the US, and around the world. This diversity of academic destinations reflects our commitment to excellence

and our dedication to helping each student achieve their full potential.

Examples of university destinations in the past three years:

### UK

Oxford, Cambridge, 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, Notre Dame, Purdue, Southern California, Texas A&M, Tufts, Virginia and Wisconsin.

### Rest of the World

Alberta, Barcelona, Calgary, Delft, Erasmus Rotterdam, McGill, Munich, Trinity College Dublin and Queen's (Canada).

ACS Cobham students also pursue highly selective post-secondary education at specialist institutions like the Savannah College of Arts and Design, Berkeley Academy of Music, and Ente per le Arti applicate alla Moda e al Costume (Florence).







# READY TO CREATE, PERFORM AND COMPETE.

## CO-CURRICULAR

The perfect complement to our rigorous academic curriculum is an equal focus on co-curricular activities and opportunities.

### The Arts

Our dynamic co-curricular programme in the Senior School offers a rich blend of Performing, Visual, and Film Arts. From music ensembles and theatre productions to student-led film projects and visual arts exhibitions, students have diverse opportunities to express themselves creatively.

Whether performing on stage, directing behind the scenes, or curating visual stories through film and art, our students are encouraged to develop their skills, collaborate, and take pride in their creative achievements. The programme also embraces the future of creative expression through opportunities in digital arts, eSports, AI, and media, supported by access to a dedicated design studio and state-of-the-art contemporary technologies.

### Sport

Located on a spacious 128-acre campus, ACS Cobham offers excellent sports facilities, including football and rugby fields, softball and baseball diamonds, a floodlit all-weather astroturf pitch, a 400m running track, and tennis courts. Swimming is available throughout Senior School, supported by a well-established swim school for all ages and our competitive Cougar swim team.

Our strong sports programme provides year-round opportunities in football, tennis, basketball, and swimming, alongside seasonal sports such as volleyball, rugby, baseball, softball, beach volleyball, golf, cross-country, dance, and track and field. Students regularly take part in local, national, and international competitions, showcasing the depth of our sporting culture. Facilities include The Arena, a competition-sized basketball and volleyball court, a 25-metre swimming pool, a dance studio, and a comprehensive fitness suite.



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There is a wide range of opportunities at ACS Cobham for those interested in music and drama. Before I attended ACS, I didn't feel I had the confidence to be on stage; however, through the encouragement from our teachers, I now love being part of our in-house drama productions.

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#### Clubs & Activities

We offer a broad and exciting range of clubs and activities designed to help students discover new skills, develop talents, and explore their passions beyond the classroom. We believe co-curricular activities are a vital part of education and encourage every student to get involved.

Some clubs are free, while others, especially externally run ones, may have a small fee. Our programme includes options like fashion, eSports, archery, yoga for Middle School students and a variety of student-led clubs for Upper and High School, such as drama productions, Model United Nations, chess, technical theatre, and many community service groups.

For more details or to see the full list, please contact our Admissions Team.

#### Home Language Enrichment

Our after-school Home Language Enrichment (HLE) programme helps students maintain and develop their home languages and cultures while living away from them. Small group classes are led by teachers or parents who are fluent native speakers.

These sessions are fun and engaging, encouraging a love of language and real-life experience with being multilingual. HLE supports language skills, strengthens cultural identity, builds community, and fosters international understanding for today's global families.







# READY FOR A HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

## AN OUTSTANDING BOARDING EXPERIENCE

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My favourite part of  
being a boarder is  
that there is always  
someone there for you.

STUDENT

ACS Cobham's boarding houses are a thriving and dynamic place – a world-class school residence for boys and girls, aged 13 to 18. Our outstanding facility sits within a secure, 128-acre campus full of study, creative and recreational opportunities. We are surrounded by beautiful countryside, only minutes from the cultural and historic sites of London, and on the doorstep of major airports into Europe and the world beyond.

We understand the perfect boarding experience balances academic success with fun co-curricular and weekend activities. Success in the renowned International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement ensures ACS boarding students consistently secure places at the university of their choice, anywhere in the world, and are ready to succeed.



# READY TO GROW WITH CONFIDENCE

## WELLBEING

At ACS Cobham, wellbeing is central to everything we do, creating a safe, healthy, and supportive environment where every student is valued. Our dedicated Pastoral Team, counsellors, and boarding staff work closely with families to provide individual and group support, helping students thrive emotionally, socially, and academically. Daily connections with advisors and regular communication across staff ensure students feel seen, heard, and cared for. Through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) programme, we equip students with essential life skills, emotional resilience, and the confidence to make positive decisions, preparing them for their futures.

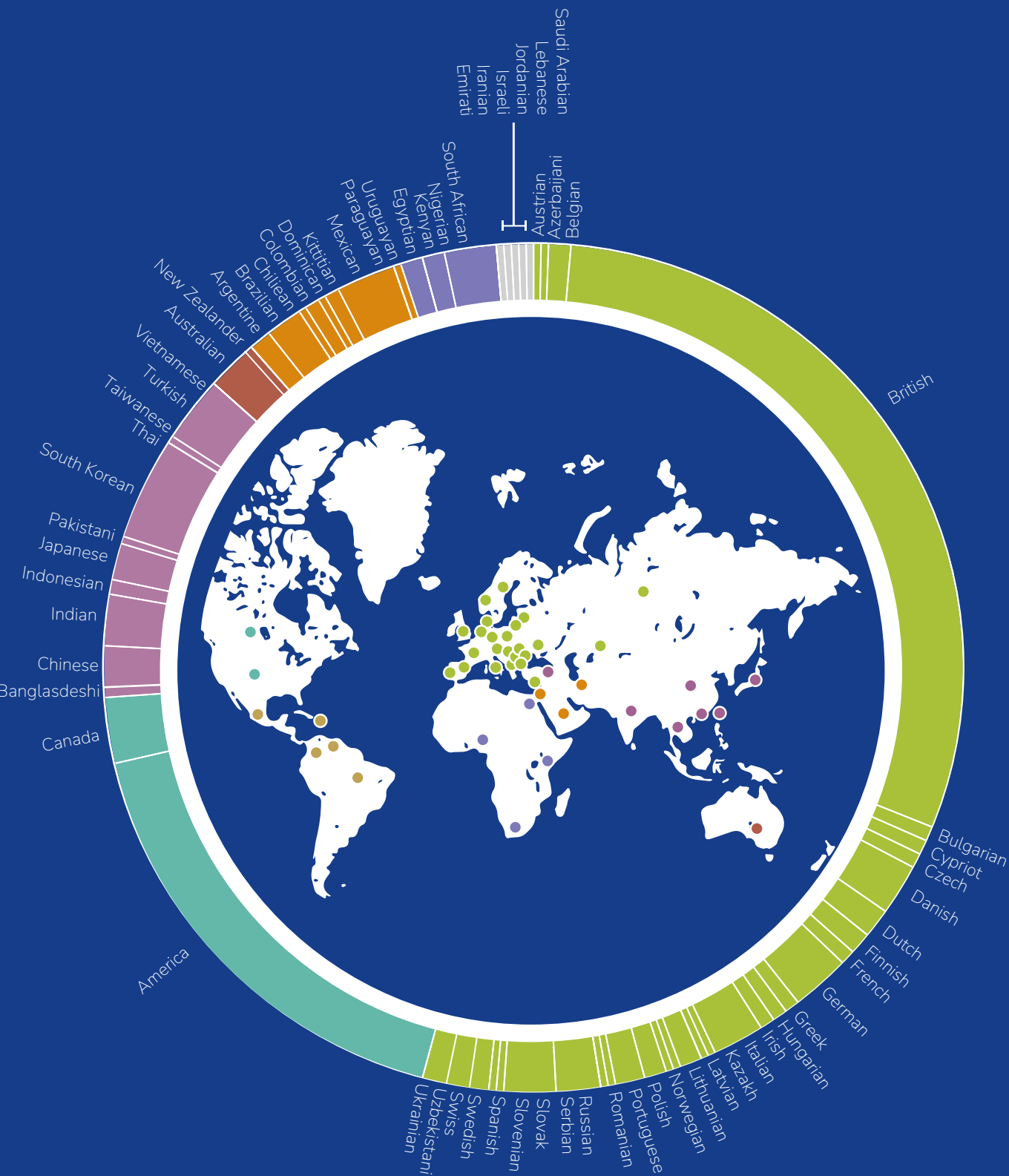
Our wellbeing approach extends across the school community with student-led wellbeing ambassadors, co-curricular activities, and numerous support networks, including counselling and medical services. The school promotes a culture of respect and inclusion, encouraging students to contribute to decisions affecting their wellbeing. Boarding students benefit from round-the-clock care and dedicated initiatives like the Lotus Project, ensuring personalised support. Together, these elements foster a nurturing environment where students can fulfil their potential, develop resilience, and enjoy a strong sense of belonging.

## COMMUNITY

Our students and staff come to us from all over the world. The result is a wonderfully open-minded, outward-looking culture that celebrates international diversity and harnesses different perspectives.

ACS Cobham’s global outlook attracts expat and local families who want to ensure their children are ready to make a difference and contribute to society.

## A TRULY DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT





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As a local family we chose ACS Cobham for our son, believing it to have a more future-forward approach to education for today’s children. The school really does pinpoint a child’s individual talent, helping them to flourish, and the IB programme equips them for their next step in the world.

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## STUDENT SERVICES

### Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We welcome students with Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND), providing support both in inclusive classrooms and specialist teaching environments to ensure equitable access to the curriculum. Personalised learning accommodations and tailored assessment arrangements help students progress academically while building their skills as lifelong learners. We serve students with mild to moderate learning needs across all grade levels, based on admission requirements and available spaces. However, we are unable to support students with severe behavioural, emotional, or learning difficulties.

### English as an Additional Language (EAL)

We believe that achieving proficiency in academic English is not just about overcoming a challenge; it’s

about recognising and celebrating the advantages of being multilingual.

Our English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme supports students in developing the fluency and confidence they need to thrive in a global community and succeed in rigorous international academic programmes, including the US College Board Advanced Placement (AP) and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP).

Focused, small-group lessons are designed to rapidly build foundational English skills, vocabulary, and grammatical accuracy. Depending on their level of English, students are initially assigned up to three lessons per day. These sessions are led by EAL specialist teachers and are based on subject content to ensure students remain connected to the wider curriculum as their language skills develop.





# READY FOR A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER.

## OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

Providing a great all-round education takes an amazing range of facilities. That is why we continue to invest in campus developments to ensure we deliver an outstanding learning experience for our students.

### Sport:

- Showcase basketball/volleyball arena with tiered seating
- Competition-class 25-metre pool with tiered seating viewing gallery
- All-weather floodlit astroturf pitch
- Fitness suite and dance studio
- Six all-weather tennis courts
- Five par-3 practice holes
- All-weather floodlit astroturf pitch and running track
- Playing fields for football and rugby
- Cross-country course

### Educational:

- Bespoke learning spaces, including science labs, libraries, IT hubs, art and music studios
- Performing Arts Centre with dedicated drama and music spaces, practice rooms, recording studio and a flagship 500-seat theatre
- Naturally lit, spacious art studios
- Extensive IT labs
- Film studio and editing suite
- Cutting-edge E-sports suite
- Access to extensive woodland and green areas for outdoor learning on our 128-acre campus
- Multiple indoor and outdoor venues for our extensive co-curricular programmes, clubs and activities



# READY TO JOIN OUR WORLD?

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Admissions

We operate a rolling admissions process that enables students to join us in any grade and at any time of the academic year, subject to availability and acceptance.

Our online application process takes a holistic approach, assessing each candidate individually by reviewing previous school records, references, student questionnaire answers and standardised test scores. We also ask for additional information such as educational psychologist reports or English as an additional language (EAL) test, where relevant.

A refundable enrolment deposit is payable after a student has been accepted in order to reserve a place. For more details of the application process, please contact our Admissions team.

### Bursaries

ACS schools is a registered charity with the mission of advancing education for all. As part of our philanthropic goals, we offer financially assisted programmes in the form of bursaries. These financial awards range from 10% to 100% of our full fees.

All bursaries are means-tested, with each award dependent on the student's individual circumstances. In line with our values, we look for students with enquiring minds, an international perspective and a strong desire to make a difference.

We offer Middle School bursaries for students aged 11 or 13 (Grades 6 or 8), and High School bursaries for students aged 16 (Grade 11). Students applying for the IBDP bursary should display the ability to benefit from an academically rigorous programme.

We welcome applications from parents who believe their child will benefit from our international curriculum and who will make a real contribution to life at ACS Cobham. We ask that candidate pupils are resident in the UK and have the right to remain (subject to complying with full immigration laws and regulations). Following an application, we assess the student information and financial data provided and reach a decision in March prior to the academic year of entry.

If you would like further information, please visit our website or contact our Admissions team.







**Catering**

Our award-winning catering department is operated in-house, enabling us to employ and train all our own chefs. We take great pride in producing delicious, fresh and nutritious food that appeals to our international community.

Our menus, independently reviewed by registered dieticians, are always seasonal and follow the School Food Trust’s nutritional guidelines. We source all our fresh ingredients from approved suppliers. Most of our daily deliveries of vegetables, fruit, dairy and meat come from local producers, so we can trace each meal from farm to fork.

**Uniform**

ACS students do not wear school uniforms. A school sports kit is available and required for physical education and school sporting activities.

Students are expected to dress respectfully and responsibly to maintain an appropriate learning environment.

**Location**

ACS Cobham is close to junctions 9 and 10 of the M25. Heathrow and Gatwick airports are around 30 and 45 minutes away, respectively. London is approximately 40 minutes by train.

**Busing**

ACS Cobham offers a comprehensive bus service with door-to-door and shuttle options, ensuring safe and efficient transportation for students. Our Transport Coordinator works to arrange busing from your child’s first day (subject to availability). To help us organise this, please provide your home address as soon as possible.

Our door-to-door bus service is available from Pre-Kindergarten upwards, and the shuttle service and late bus service are available from Grade 1 onwards.

Shuttle service stops are assigned each year according to the home locations of our families. Example stops include Cobham, Claygate, Oxshott, Esher, East/West Horsley, Kingston, New Malden, Walton, West Byfleet, Weybridge, Woking, Putney Heath and Guildford (subject to change).

Contact [cobhamtransport@acs-schools.com](mailto:cobhamtransport@acs-schools.com) for more information. To view the zones we cover, please visit the busing section of our website.





ACCREDITATION

ACS Cobham is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and is authorised by the International Baccalaureate to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. The school holds memberships in the US College Board Advanced Placement programme, the European Council of International Schools, the Council of International Schools and the Independent Schools Association and the HMC (Headmasters & Headmistresses Conference).





# READY TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP.

## CONTACT

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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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