GET READY FOR AN OUTSTANDING BOARDING EXPERIENCE.
Hello, and welcome to boarding at ACS Cobham, a thriving and diverse community with outstanding accommodation and facilities for boys and girls aged 12 to 18.

Our contemporary boarding houses sit within a secure, 128-acre campus with state-of-the-art sports, performing arts and teaching facilities. We are fortunate to be surrounded by beautiful Surrey countryside, yet still in close proximity 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, so we offer an extensive enrichment programme across the academic year to appeal to a wide range of interests.

Our world-renowned curriculum is based on international educational best practice and challenges our students to become service-orientated global citizens with inquisitive minds and the confidence to challenge the status quo. We work hard to create a dynamic learning environment and a culture of diversity and optimism – readying our students for an ever-changing world.

Independent School Inspection 2019

Excellent  Quality of student achievements and learning
Excellent  Contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision
Excellent  Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the students
Excellent  Contribution of arrangement for pastoral care
Excellent  Quality of boarding
A warm welcome to our boarding houses at ACS Cobham. Our boarding students come to us from across the globe and we are extremely proud of our international community where we celebrate differences and embrace cultural diversity.

I am incredibly proud to lead the boarding team, which delivers outstanding pastoral and academic care. Our boarding houses have a nurturing, inclusive atmosphere, providing our students with a true ‘home away from home’.

We have a highly experienced team of Resident House Parents and Tutors, who support and encourage our boarding students with their academic studies, personal interests and well-being. Our £20 million refurbishment of both boarding houses is now complete, offering unparalleled modern, comfortable and sociable living spaces for our thriving community.

We invite you to visit our wonderful campus and see first-hand what makes us outstanding.

We foster independence, self-reliance and an intrinsic love of learning in all of our students at ACS. Joining our boarding community accelerates this process. The opportunity to develop beyond the classroom is key to our mission of producing well rounded, resilient individuals that can flourish on the world stage. The onsite accommodation sets the scene for this to happen to an even greater extent.

In more than twenty years’ experience of living, working and inspecting boarding schools the set-up is the finest that I have ever seen. In this exceptional context, we ready our students to communicate effectively across borders, behave appropriately across cultures and empathise with each individual across a project team. Our global constituency 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.
READY TO DISCOVER OUR OUTSTANDING CAMPUS.

UNRIVALLED FACILITIES

Our outstanding facilities set within 128 acres of beautiful countryside ready our students for a world full of opportunity.

- Contemporary sports centre with a basketball/volleyball arena, dance studio, fitness suite, competition-class 25-metre pool and sports cafe
- All-weather floodlit astroturf pitch, a 400 metre running track, rugby and football playing fields, a golf course and tennis courts
- Performing Arts Centre with bespoke drama and music spaces, practice rooms and a flagship 509-seat theatre
- Modern science labs
- Naturally lit, spacious art studios
- In-house film editing suite
- Extensive IT labs
- Interactive white board in every classroom
- Spacious dining hall with panoramic views
- State-of-the-art interactive learning centre
OUR BOARDING HOUSES

Fields and Woodlands boarding houses are situated at the heart of our vibrant campus. Both facilities have communal common rooms which include lounges where students can relax and socialise, and kitchen areas where they can either prepare their own snacks or enjoy those provided by the school kitchens each day.

Each boarding house is run by a team of dedicated and highly experienced House Parents, responsible for the pastoral and academic welfare for each student.

Our boarding facilities

- Modern, spacious twin and duplex en suite bedrooms with separate wings for girls and boys
- Single en suite rooms for Grade 12 students
- Residential Head of Boarding, House Parents and Tutors with decades’ of experience
- Grade dedicated lounges with games, musical instruments and entertainment zones
- Kitchen areas with cooking facilities
- Protected 24hr security throughout the year
- Extensive landscaped outdoor areas featuring BBQ and social spaces
- An in-house Medical Centre with nurse
- Dedicated study areas
- Cinema room

“My parents and I chose ACS Cobham because of its wonderfully supportive and international community. Everyone was super-duper friendly, and everyone came up to talk to me, making my first experiences special.”

YUKI, CHINA
Twin and duplex accommodation with separate wings for girls and boys, all en suite.
Twin en suite rooms with separate wings for girls and boys. Single en suite rooms available for Grade 12 students.
On arriving, new boarding students and their families are greeted by a Welcome Committee made up of fellow students. This is followed by an in-depth induction weekend to help everyone settle in smoothly, make friends and find their way around their amazing new home.

Boarding staff work closely with teachers to support and encourage each student to reach their potential through:

- Regular contact with university counsellors to guide academic success
- Qualified coaches that offer a huge range of competitive and fun sports
- A dynamic Performing Arts department with a plethora of drama and music events to participate in
- Charity and volunteer work, both in the UK and overseas, to broaden horizons and ready our students for challenges of the future
- Extra-curricular activities including Model United Nations and STEM

There really is something for everyone here, whether it is an after-school club or a sports club, it’s a great community.

MR PITCHER, HOUSE PARENT
At ACS Cobham day-to-day life is structured to include study time, after school activities and leisure time. The weekly routine is organised to keep our boarders busy yet also time to relax and reflect.

### A TYPICAL BOARDING WEEK.

#### MONDAY TO FRIDAY*

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<td>• A movie or Sky Sports in the cinema room</td>
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<td>• The outside gardens, BBQ area and grounds</td>
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<td>18.00</td>
<td>Dinner in our Dining Hall</td>
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<td>19.00 – 21.00</td>
<td>Study Hall homework, supported by Resident Tutors</td>
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<td>21.00 – 22.00</td>
<td>Free time to relax and socialise</td>
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<td>Evening snack served after study hall</td>
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<td>21.00</td>
<td>Students start going to their rooms (depending upon their age), and staff check that they are preparing to sleep</td>
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*Sample timetable
**SATURDAY TO SUNDAY**

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<td>09.00</td>
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<td>10.30 – 12.15</td>
<td>(Sunday Only) Brunch in our Dining Hall</td>
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<td>Students are encouraged to participate in a full range of planned activities, including:</td>
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<td>• Cultural visits to London – Buckingham Palace, Parliament, or a West End Show</td>
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<td>• Active trips – hydro speeding, go-karting, or trampolining</td>
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<td>• Recreation in boarding – table football, pool, games</td>
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<td>• Charity CAS hours – local hospice, fundraising</td>
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<td>• Leisure – speedboat rides to the Isle of Wight or London, visits to adventure parks such as Thorpe Park, shopping, cinema trips, or taking in the view from the Shard</td>
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<td>• A range of sports fixtures, practices and performing arts events</td>
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<td>• Grade 12 students always have the option to remain at school and study</td>
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<td>18.00</td>
<td>Dinner in our Dining Hall</td>
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<td>19.00 – 23.00</td>
<td>Free time to socialise and relax</td>
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<td>Depending on age, bedtimes may be later at the discretion of the House Parent on duty</td>
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ACS is known to have a very good reputation and so my parents and I thought it would be a good choice. The students and teachers are very friendly, and if you have any questions they are always happy to help. It’s a very big campus with wonderful facilities and the environment is lovely.

SAM, AUSTRALIA
READY TO EXCEL.

WORLD-RENOWNED ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

We are a dynamic learning community that aims to inspire the best in everyone, enabling our students to fulfil their true potential. Our broad and challenging curriculum is designed to help our students excel, ensuring they’re ready for the next stage of their academic career. Underpinned by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) courses and the US High School Diploma, our curriculum emphasises life skills as much as academic ability, with a focus on community service and leadership that ensures we nurture confident, caring individuals.

Academic programmes available at ACS Cobham:

- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
- Advanced Placement International Diploma (APID)
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma (APCP)
- US High School Diploma

In addition, we offer English as an Additional Language (EAL), depending on the student’s age and needs, and a Native Language Enrichment programme. Both are fully included in the boarding fees.

We are particularly proud of the fact that our graduates go on to attend the university of their choice, anywhere in the world, with many winning places to the very best learning universities, including those within the Ivy League and Russell Group.
READY TO EXPLORE.

I like to dance in my free time, and I am part of the ACS Cobham dance team that meets every Thursday and Saturday. It is a lot of fun. The weekend activities are also fantastic; they open your eyes to things that you would not usually consider doing.

NIA, GRADE 12

OUR BOARDING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

At ACS Cobham our boarding students benefit from a wide range of activities outside of the classroom, from service and volunteering opportunities to sports and performing arts clubs, all of which are available to students throughout the school week. Each month we also offer stimulating excursions and activities to London and the countryside. Encouraging our young people to challenge themselves helps develop skills and resilience that will benefit them inside and outside the classroom and ready them for the future.

Several of our clubs are organised and run by students themselves, helping develop their leadership skills. One of these is our Model United Nations club, where they exchange views on topics of international concern. As part of this students can attend conferences each year in The Hague and New York, where they debate the world’s most pressing issues with thousands of other students. It’s all part of our commitment to educating the whole student so they’re ready for tomorrow.

We also understand the importance of leisure time when boarders can explore their individual interests such as art, music and sport, and quiet time when students just need time to refresh and recharge. On arrival at ACS, we work with each boarder to identify their particular passions and interests to ensure they have the chance to cultivate these during their time with us, and that their programme of activities is balanced and healthy.
ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

**Middle School Clubs:** karate, yoga, pilates, TED-Ed, novel writing, 3D printing, art, SATRO (science competition), table tennis, music/choral, dance, track and field, chess and coding.

**High School Clubs:** art, badminton, Duke of Edinburgh Award, girls’ soccer, law society, medics club, Model United Nations, senior maths team, technical theatre, wall climbing, West End theatre, woodlands conservation, Amnesty International, education for Madagascar, cancer relief group, Namibia world challenge and student council.

**Performing Arts:** orchestra, jazz band, chamber ensemble, choir, rock band workshop*, marimba club, ukulele club, theatre productions, music recitals, open mic events, technical theatre, ISTA festival* and private musical lessons*

**Sports:** basketball, football, rugby, swim academy, tennis, softball, dance, cross country and American football.

**Leisure:** pizza parties, chilli nights, inter-house competitions, Christmas pantomime and lights, international night, table tennis league, karaoke, bake off competition, table football league, mountain biking, art and crafts, musical instruments and board games.

**Excursions:** St Paul’s Cathedral, London Eye, Tate Modern, Hampton Court, Thorpe Park, Canterbury Cathedral, West End plays, Winter Wonderland, Brighton Pavilion, WB Harry Potter Studios, ice skating, bowling, Christmas markets, Chessington World of Adventures and more.

Activities are subject to change.

*Subject to an additional fee*
READY FOR A WORLD THAT KEEPS CHANGING.

OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY

As part of an increasingly mobile world, the ACS Boarding House has established itself as a genuine champion of internationalism, with students representing more than 40 countries. We are proud of our multicultural identity, and celebrate the things that make us different as an integral part of boarding life.

All our students have one thing in common – what makes them different is ultimately what makes us all the same.

We are more than a school that simply enrolls students from other countries – our very foundation is international, unified by renowned academic programmes, and English as our common language of instruction.
ACS Cobham is also a friendly school, the boarders are very supportive. House Parents, teachers, support staff, and especially the students, are all very inclusive. Everyone is really nice, with different backgrounds to share. This is by far the most international school I have been to.

ELEE, AMERICAN
AWARD-WINNING CATERING

ACS Cobham’s 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 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’. Students can pay for their food either via biometric thumbprint recognition or by using a ParentPay system swipe card, both of which are highly secure and cut down queues.

Boarding menu*

**Breakfast**
- Full English with poached eggs
- Chef special

**Lunch**
- Teriyaki chicken
- Crispy duck and hoisin
- Beef bolognaise
- Thai green curry
- Beef stroganoff
- Yukitori pork skewer
- Chicken parmigiana
- Halloumi schnitzel and grilled veg
- Bok choi stir fry
- Five spice aubergine

**Afternoon Snack**
- Carrot cake and whole fruit

**Dinner**
- Char-grilled steak with cafédé Paris butter
- Sticky sweet salmon
- Lamb Shashlik
- Shrimp Jollof
- Roast dinner
- Hand battered cod or pollock with lemon and tartare sauce with skin of chips
- Avocado pesto pasta
- Portobello mushroom with stilton crust (v)
- Homemade chunky chips, peas, grilled mushrooms and tomatoes
- Double chocolate brownie with cream

**Evening Snack**
- Cheese and biscuits with celery and grapes

*Sample menu

"I have personally known the House Parents for quite a few years and they have become almost parents to us all – knowing each and every student personally, and caring for our safety and needs.

CHRIS, BRITISH"
Student well-being is central to boarding life. Our expert staff are caring and approachable, supported by practices that ensure our pastoral care is exceptional.

- All students are allocated a Residential Tutor to advise and guide their progress
- House Parents attend meetings with Middle and High School teachers to discuss each boarders’ needs
- Boarders have full access to an Independent Counsellor who offers confidential appointments
- Grade 11 and 12 boarders may be selected as Peer Supporters
- Student Council meets every month with the Head of Boarding to feedback on ongoing initiatives and issues

Our resident House Parents are available 24 hours a day to help our boarders and deal promptly with and sympathetically with any personal situation that may arise. All our students feel respected as individuals, and our expert staff actively support their personal, social and educational development.

In addition, our team is strengthened by resident teacher/advisers, a nurse, a designated Safeguarding Lead, a School Counsellor and a Student Peer Supporter Group. Together, we ensure all boarders have the constant support, guidance and care to be happy, inspired and ready to make their mark on the world.
JOINING THE ACS FAMILY

Location and transport
Central London is 30 minutes from our campus, with Heathrow and Gatwick airports 30 and 45 minutes away respectively. We are close to junction 10 of the M25 (to find us, just enter our postcode KT11 1BL into your satnav).

For further information please contact our admissions team on +44 (0) 1932 869744 or email cobhamadmissions@acs-schools.com
To apply online for a boarding place please visit www.acs-schools/apply-now

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.