



THE
WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

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The Worthgate School is an international boarding school that goes beyond the classroom to inspire and empower students to contribute positively to our world, achieve academic success, and thrive in life.

Inspire

Our ambitious and stimulating education experience develops inquisitive mindsets and motivates students to recognise and embrace opportunities in life

Empower

A nurturing and supportive environment is key to strengthening a student's resolve, giving them the attitude, skills, and confidence to overcome any challenge

Achieve

We recognise the ambition of each student, work with them to understand their goals, and support them to persevere and achieve success



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The Worthgate School is a boarding school in Canterbury for ages 13+ that has been inspiring and empowering students to succeed for over 70 years.



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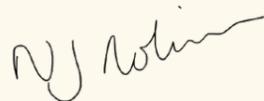
The Worthgate School has been inspiring and empowering students to achieve for over 70 years. Our campus is nestled in a leafy corner of historic Canterbury, a city that is renowned for its safety and beauty, and for being home to three universities that have educated generations of young minds.

We take students from age thirteen and upwards, offering a wide range of qualifications from GCSE to A level and UFP, and are proud to be one of the few institutions in the UK to offer the International Baccalaureate. As an International Baccalaureate World School, we are recognised for providing a prestigious all-round education that gives students a qualification sought after by the top universities looking for the brightest candidates.

Student welfare is central to our ethos, and we provide a stimulating and inclusive environment that goes beyond the classroom. Our friendly staff provide each student with a home away from home and the school achieved the highest rating in our recent ISI inspection (March 2019) when it was rated 'fully compliant' in all areas covering boarding, welfare, achievement and results, curriculum, extra activities, pastoral care, leadership and teaching.

During their time with us, students develop a growth mentality. We recognise that as well as achieving academic excellence, our students leave Worthgate with key characteristics that enable them to contribute positively to the local and global community and become agents for change.

In all we do, The Worthgate School aims to inspire and empower our students to achieve greatness.



Dr Nicola Robinson
Acting Principal



Why Worthgate?

An Empowering Experience

Since 1952 we have been committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where students are empowered to be socially responsible and well-rounded individuals.

Our researched based teaching and learning approach works by identifying the individual's academic needs and aspirations, providing them with a stimulating and modern immersive education environment which allows them to reach their full potential.

We place great emphasis on regular training for our teachers, meaning we teach our students with the latest techniques, ensuring they receive an enhanced learning experience in and out of the classroom.

All lessons and school life are conducted in English, allowing every student to master the language in both academic and social settings. Our immersive education style nurtures every student to build knowledge, become resilient and achieve the best outcomes in life.

A Prestigious International Education



Our programme range has been developed to give our students opportunities that suit their individual needs and aspirations.

As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we are recognised for our commitment to providing an all-round education that encourages students to thrive in our connected world. The prestigious IB qualification is highly popular with top-ranking universities looking to offer places to the brightest candidates and we are ranked 6th for the IB in UK small cohort schools*.

We offer a wide range of A Level and GCSE courses that provide students with a traditional UK route to university and are proud to be the pioneers of the University Foundation Programme, a modern qualification that offers international students an alternative bridge to top UK universities.

All of our programmes embody our core value of offering a well-rounded education that inspires our students to become empowered and achieve the best outcomes in life.

Achieving the Best Academic Outcomes

We recognise the importance of a student achieving their university goal. However, we do not only view success by a list of rankings and league tables, but also by helping our students find the right university for them.

Our in-house careers counsellor and higher education team are dedicated to securing the very best university places for our students. We also partner with over 40+ universities, providing students access to resources and university staff members throughout their university application process.

Our approach to working with each student as an individual, inspiring and empowering them to achieve success, sees over 20% of our students go to global top 100 universities.



* UK Top IB Schools 2021 - Small Cohort, ib-schools.com

Student Experience

At Worthgate school we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive education environment. We understand that studying in the UK may be a very different experience for international students and over our 70-year history have created a school that makes sure all students are prepared to achieve their best.

A Supportive Environment

All students are allocated a Personal Tutor (PT) who leads a group of around 15 students. PT's guide and assist in all areas of life at the school and meet students each week to discuss personal development – from personal wellbeing to aims and targets, challenges and accomplishments.

Our team of live-in House Parents become a familiar face for every student and are always on hand to provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care and help students settle into their residences by creating a caring and comfortable home.

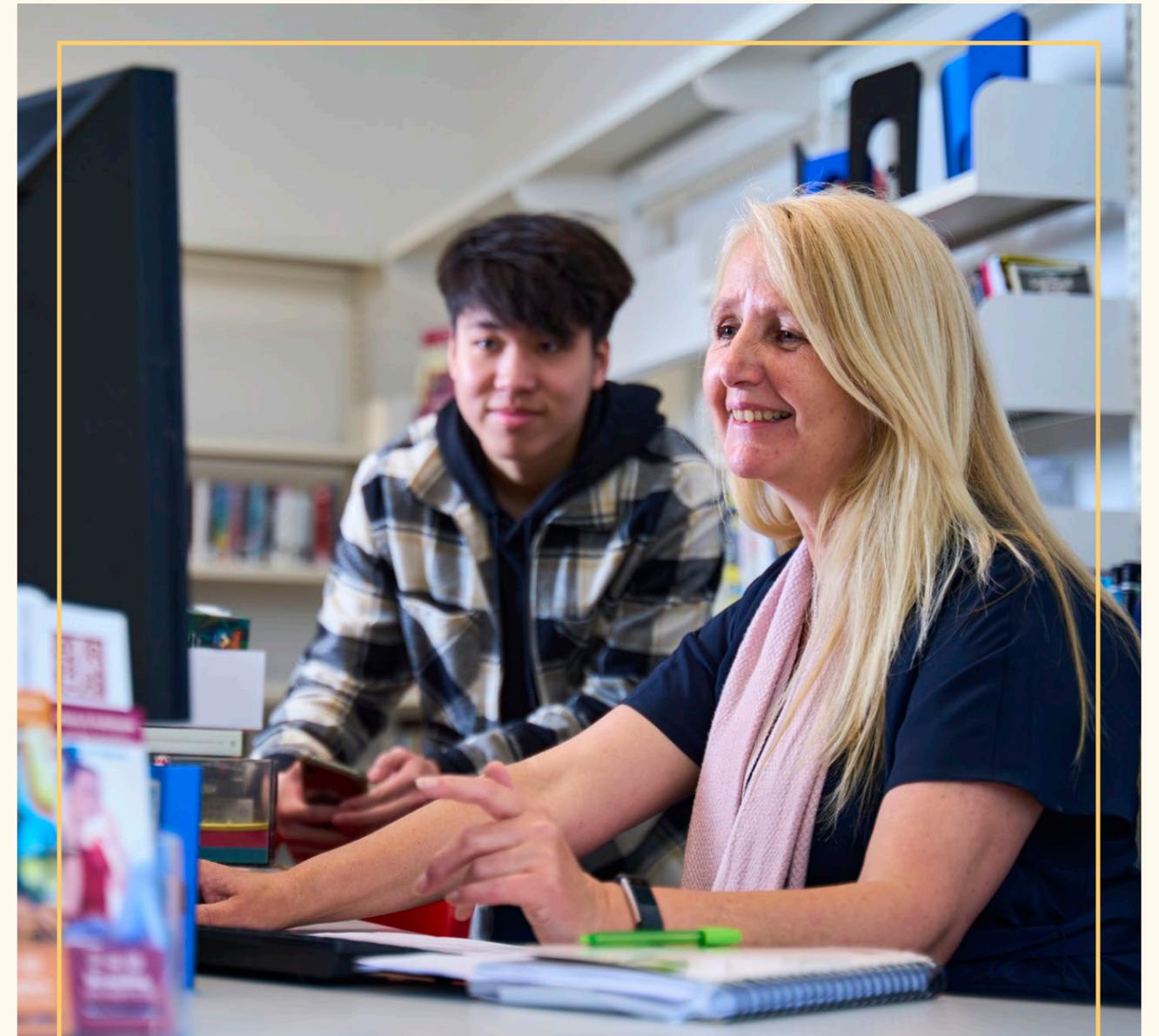
We aim to provide the best educational outcomes. As a result we pride ourselves in offering the best professional development for all staff at the school. Our Quality Assurance processes are inclusive, supportive and thorough, and they involve staff and students alike.

Personal Development

Being in the UK is not just about studying, but also about understanding cultures which may be very different from your own. Each week students have a Personal Development session with their Personal Tutor where they can discuss issues they may have and explore what they want to get from their education journey.

Immersive English

The Worthgate School is a fully immersive English environment. All school life, including lessons and activities, is conducted in English, giving every student the opportunity to master the language in both academic and social settings. Our immersive education style nurtures every student to build knowledge, become resilient and achieve the best outcomes in life.



Keeping Parents Informed

Our Student Communications Team act as a link between subject teachers, House Parents, and the parents of students. Parents are welcome to meet with any members of staff and we provide half-termly updates on student's grades as well as sending out regular newsletters and our twice-yearly school magazine.

Our campus

Safe & Secure

Raemore



Ersham Lodge



Archbishop's House



Knight's House



Key Campus Fact

Our campus dates back to the early 20th century with many of our buildings and boarding houses being constructed more recently to suit the changing needs of 21st-century students.



Rated 'Excellent' in all areas by the ISI



10-minute walk to the city centre



Over 30 different activities



On-campus boarding houses with 24hr Supervision

Boarding and Campus Life



Boarding

Our boarding Houses and school campus are all on the same leafy suburban road close to the city centre.

Our boarding facilities provide students with a home-from-home, with or shared en-suite rooms ensuring a comfortable, safe and secure boarding experience.

We offer a range of accommodation options with six boarding houses for students aged 13-17 and a further six boarding houses for students aged 18+. Accommodation for ages 13-17 is catered and we offer catered or self-catered options for over 18s.



Single rooms with private ensuite bathroom



Shared Social Spaces



24-hour supervised boarding houses



Full catering for students aged 13+



All boarding houses are within walking distance of the school



Laundry facilities available on-site



Monitored Wireless internet access



Cleaning service included

Life on Campus

International Food

All meals are served on campus for catered students, cooked by our team of onsite chefs. As we look after students from all over the world, we know the importance of enjoying a taste of home as well as trying food from different cultures. Recent menus include: lamb tagine, stir-fried noodles, risotto and vegetable stew. Halal, vegetarian and vegan food is available every day.

Religious Worship

The Worthgate School is a non-denominational organisation. We respect each student's right to practise their religion and a quiet room is available for prayer and reflection at the school. We can help students attend places of worship and can put them in touch with local members of their faith.

Healthy Living Tokens

Students who partake in sports, walking or cycling will be entitled to healthy living tokens – by collecting these tokens students gain Griffin Points and prizes will be awarded to the student with the most tokens.

Health Centre

Our fully trained onsite Healthcare staff manage the Health Centre and provide physical and emotional support including medicine and health advice, emotional support, information on diet and healthy living, assessing and providing treatment if required, making referrals to doctors, dentists and other specialists, and counselling for personal issues.

Residence Meetings

Residence Meetings are held regularly in each Boarding Accommodation. This allows students to have their say in how the residence is managed and what activities they would prefer.

Leaving The School Campus

Students wishing to leave the campus overnight or leave Canterbury city for the day apply for an exeat –this will allow students to explore other amazing parts of the UK such as nearby London or visit university open days.



Search **Worthgate Boarding** to see all our accommodation



Search **Worthgate Student life** to see a sample table

Activities

By taking part in some of our wide range of activities students develop their interests outside of the classroom, build on existing skills and nurture new interests – and stand out on their university application. If students wish to take part in higher-level sporting activities, our Activities Manager will assist with trials for local teams.

Sports

- Archery
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Climbing
- Cycling
- Equestrian
- Football
- Futsal
- Paddleboarding
- Running
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball

Arts

- Creative Writing
- GLEE (Music and Performance)
- Myths & Legends
- Art Society
- Language
- Leadership
- Poetry Slam
- International Literature

Academic

- Entrepreneurship Ethics, Sustainability
- Extended Project Qualification
- Medics preparation
- Science Society
- Sports Science Research
- Sustainability Committee
- Law Society
- Psychology Society
- UK Mathematics Challenge
- STEP Preparation
- Thinkology

Leadership

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- MUN – Model United Nations
- Shackleton Leadership Award
- The Worthgate World Challenge
- Diversity Committee

Please note: available activities may change as we welcome and try to accommodate student requests.



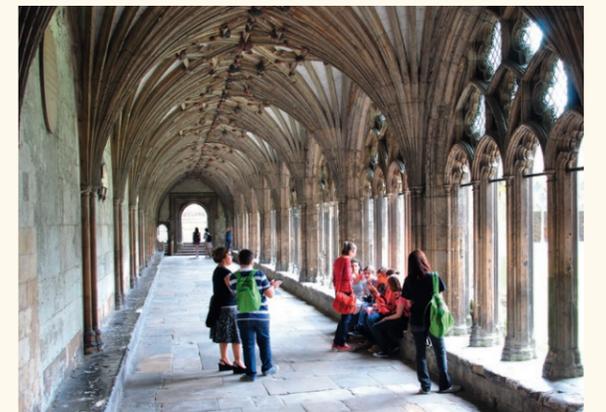
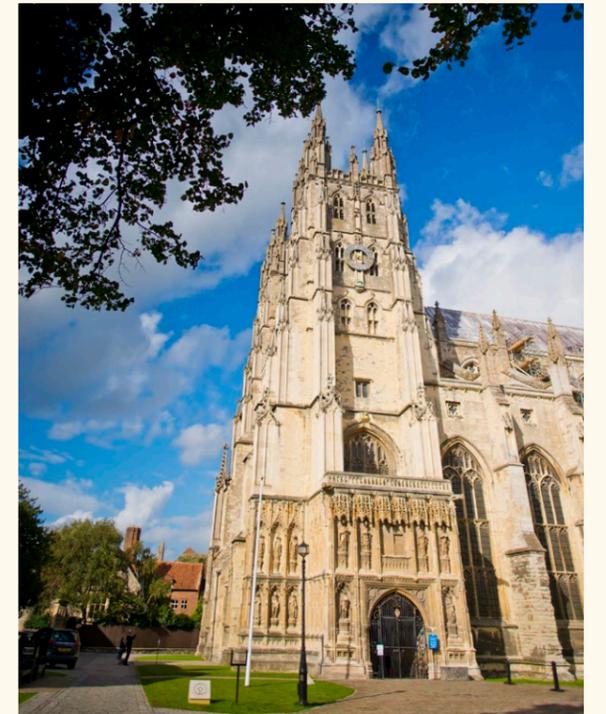
Canterbury

England's most storied city

As a city that attracts 40,000 students a year, as well as boasting three world heritage sites, Canterbury is perfect for any student looking for an education in a safe and secure location that can inspire them to greatness.

Kent's Heritage Coast has made it into the Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2022 list*. Meaning Canterbury is officially the 4th best region to visit in the world! International students can enjoy one of the top destinations whilst studying at one of the top schools.

The Worthgate School's nurturing approach is complemented by Canterbury being a friendly and inclusive city that gives students from any location or background the chance to flourish. Being located in Kent, known in the UK as the Garden of England, gives students access to a wealth of opportunities both academic and extra-curricular.



* Lonely Planet Best in Travel (Kent)



Cultural hotspot

Home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites



A student city

Home to three universities with over 40,000 students



Medieval England

Explore the city that inspired 'Canterbury Tales'



Excellent transport links

Only 50 minutes by train to London



Getting Around Canterbury

We encourage students to walk or cycle from their accommodation as this is only a short distance away. There is also a local bus service to the school, which will allow unlimited travel around Canterbury – Student Communications can help you buy tickets online or are available from the local bus station.

Activities and Entertainment

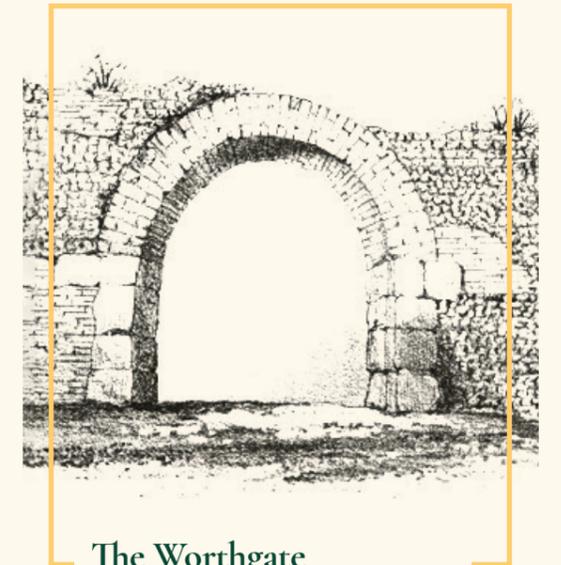
Canterbury’s longstanding culture and wide range of entertainment make it one of the most visited places in the UK. With the city’s music venues, theatres, shopping centres, museums and cinemas, students can always find something to do.

Exciting Festivals

Canterbury and the surrounding area host a number of festivals that make the city buzz with excitement. Festivals include carnivals, car shows, international food fairs, theatre performances and live outdoor music.

Great Shopping

The range of shops in Canterbury is always growing, with independent boutiques sitting alongside major high street brands. The city’s charming style allows students to explore shops selling everything from jewellery and clothing to arts and crafts.



The Worthgate

The Worthgate was one of the eight historic gates to the city of Canterbury, built by the Romans, it stood until the 18th century. We chose this name for our school as we are proud to be part of this storied city and offer an all-round education that stands the test of time.

University Progression

Achieving The Best Academic Outcomes

We understand that attending a top UK university is a dream of many young people. To give our students the best advantage when applying to university, we have developed an enhanced package of application support that ensures students are fully prepared for the university application process and their chosen future careers. We work closely with every student to discover the path that best suits them and give them confidence in selecting the best university for them

Empowering Students at Every Step

Within every academic year, Worthgate students receive bespoke specialist advice and guidance to support their academic and career aspirations.



Year 11 students receive advice and guidance that focuses on developing career pathways and gaining an understanding of the requirements of specific career pathways. At this level, we work to enhance students' understanding of their next steps through our progression events, individual advice and guidance into A level and International Baccalaureate qualifications.



In year 12 our University Scholars Programme introduces first year A Level and IB students to the world of Higher Education and University study, preparing students to apply for the most competitive programmes such as Medicine, Law, Architecture and the Oxbridge process. The programme also focuses on academic preparation, creating pathways and career guidance to ensure students are setting targets to reach their academic potential in preparation for application in their final year of study.



Graduating students studying IB, A Level or UFP qualifications receive unlimited support from the Director of Higher Education to complete their applications to the best possible standard. Alongside group sessions to receive advice on university research, entry requirements and application success, our students benefit from individual support to complete applications to the UK, US, Europe and around the globe.



Unlimited Support

Our staff are always on hand to answer your questions and provide advice on the university process. If you are unsure of anything, you can meet with your Personal Tutor or Higher Education Advisor outside of timetabled hours and feel confident that you are always supported.

Personal Statement Guidance

Our Personal Tutors have extensive experience in university admissions and know what will make your application stand out. Your Personal Tutor will dedicate time to getting to know you and your interests to ensure that your personal statement is the best reflection of you.

Visits from Universities

We also have regular visits from universities to our campus and over 100 universities visit every year. These visits provide you with useful insight into the university admissions process.

Progression Agreements

We have guaranteed offers with over +40 UK universities to give you the confidence that you can progress to a leading institution upon successfully meeting academic and English language level entry requirements.



Search **Worthgate University** to learn more about our results and university destinations

The Worthgate Futures Programme

Our exclusive career education programme is designed to develop career-relevant skills and knowledge to guide every student's future pathway to university and beyond. Students can choose from a vast range of electives to complement their academic timetable that develop their interests, passions, and super-curricular skills.

This exciting programme gives Worthgate students skills and experiences that go beyond the typical school curriculum and allow our students to stand out when applying for university and in their future career paths.

Students can choose one or two of the electives below to develop their skills, interests, and passion in their careers. These electives are available every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon:

- Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and Responsibility
- Introduction to Econometrics
- Economics Society
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Extended Project Qualification
- Medics preparation
- Science Society
- Sports Science Research
- Sustainability Committee
- Law Society
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Creative Writing
- Psychology Society
- GLEE
- Myths & Legends
- Diversity Committee
- Art Society
- Language Leadership
- Shackleton Leadership Award
- Poetry Slam
- International Literature
- The Worthgate World Challenge
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- UK Mathematics Challenge
- STEP Preparation

University Fairs and Events

All Worthgate School students have access to our exclusive Colleges University Fair where over 70 universities attend, including the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics and Imperial College of London, as well as world-leading US and Canadian universities. This event gives every student a valuable opportunity to talk directly to university admissions teams about their degree programmes, locations and specific entry criteria.

We also run an annual Oxbridge Applications and Admissions online event. Featuring expert guidance from Oxbridge academics and admissions tutors, alumni who are now at Oxbridge and academic staff from across our school group who have overseen many successful undergraduate applications.



“The best thing about my studies was actually the relationship with the teachers and the opportunity to ask questions outside of the syllabus.”

Sara from Italy went on to study Chemistry at the University of Oxford



Learning at The Worthgate School

Our researched based teaching and learning works by identifying the individual student's academic needs and aspirations, providing them with a stimulating and modern immersive education environment which allows them to achieve their goals.

Encouraging Success

Our teaching staff are committed to getting the best out of every student. Teachers regularly set targets and encourage students to research their subject from our range of books and resources in the Learning Resource Centre. Teachers work with each student to continuously improve their work, while Personal Tutors provide extra help if needed.



Support for High Performing Students

Students who have strong English and academic ability are given a full range of extra activities and options. We give high performing students opportunities to lead sessions in class, have additional tasks, and access an extensive range of extra options including online university courses and Leadership Awards.

Education Expertise

The Worthgate School was the first school in the UK to offer the University Foundation Programme, meaning students can feel confident they are being taught by the most experienced staff who know what universities are looking for in a candidate.

Excellent Teachers

We place great emphasis on regular training for our teachers, meaning we teach our students using the latest research, ensuring they receive an enhanced learning experience in and out of the classroom.

Additional Sessions

We offer extra sessions for students who need them, and staff are always more than happy to help with any academic support. The aim of our additional learning support is to raise a student's level of independence, increase enjoyment of learning and succeed academically.

A Prestigious International Education

We empower every student to achieve their best academic outcome. Our range of internationally recognised qualifications has been developed to give students opportunities that suit their individual needs and aspirations and reach their university goals.



UK SCHOOL YEAR	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
US GRADE EQUIVALENT	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade
QUALIFICATION	Pre-GCSE (1 year) Language and subject preparation for the next stage of your education at The Worthgate School – GCSE or Pre-programme. Ages 13-15	GCSE (2 years) GCSE is a qualification that enables progression to a pre-university programme such as A level or International Baccalaureate. Students will need 8+ years of schooling. Ages 14+	Pre-A level Language and subject preparation for a pre-A level, International Baccalaureate Diploma or University Foundation Programme. Ages 15+

Year 9

Academic preparation for the GCSE qualification for students who have completed 7+ years of schooling. The programme follows the traditional UK curriculum of discrete subjects and introduces key GCSE content. Therefore, a good command of English is necessary to successfully engage with this curriculum.

Ages 13-14

YEAR 12	YEAR 13	HIGHER EDUCATION
11th Grade Junior year A level (2 years) A higher level qualification recognised by universities around the world. Choose 3+ subjects to focus on over the two-year programme. Ages 15.5+	12th Grade Senior year University Foundation Programme A programme designed for international students to bridge high school in their own country to university in the UK. Choose 3+ English subjects to focus on. Ages 16.5+	Progress to top universities Worthgate School students receive one-to-one impartial guidance on applying to the best university for them. We also have guaranteed offer agreements with over 40+ UK universities to give students the confidence that they can progress to a leading institution upon successfully meeting the entry requirements. Students applying to The Worthgate School receive conditional offers from:
International Baccalaureate (2 years) A higher level qualification that challenges, encourages and inspires you to become a caring and critical thinker, ready for university study. Ages 16+	Academic English A full-time intensive programme designed to help students meet the English Language entry requirements to progress directly into our other programmes. Ages 16+	

UK High School Term (1, 2 or 3 term)

UK High School Term allows students to take classes in the British education system before returning to their studies at home or continuing to study in the UK.

Ages 14+

Search **Worthgate University Partnerships** to see our full list of university partnerships



International Baccalaureate

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Why study IB at The Worthgate School?

99.8%

of students achieved the IB Diploma in the last six years

44%

of students received the top grades 6-7 in the past five years

1 in 3

of students received a Bilingual Diploma in 2022

Qualification Overview

The IB is a globally recognised qualification that challenges, encourages and inspires students to become creative problem-solvers and lifelong independent thinkers. This programme is perfect for preparing students for university study and an international career.

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Key Facts

Ages

16+

Entry Requirement

A good school record

Language Requirement

IELTS 5.5+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

9

Hours per week

32+

Duration

6 Terms (2 years)



Search **Worthgate International Baccalaureate** to discover more

Subject Choice and Structure

The IB curriculum is made up of the diploma core and six subject groups.

Three Core Elements

- The Theory of Knowledge asks you to reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know. It is assessed through an oral presentation and a 1,600-word essay.
- An extended essay prepares you for the study skills required at university.
- Creativity, Activity and Service comprises arts and other experiences that involve creative thinking; physical exertion contributing to a healthy lifestyle, which improves and complements your academic studies; and an unpaid and voluntary exchange that has a learning benefit.



Develop an excellent knowledge of key academic subjects



Explore the nature of knowledge through the programme's unique Theory of Knowledge course



Complete an extended essay similar to a university dissertation



Develop as an individual through Creativity, Activity and Service

* UK Top IB Schools 2021 - Small Cohort, ib-schools.com



“I would describe the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme as a challenge that creates personal ambition. It also helped me learn how to work.”

Lucca from Brazil progressed to study Theoretical Physics at University of Sheffield
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics 43 points



“The environment is extremely friendly. There are lots of international students, you don't feel alone and it is easy to make friends.”

Lidya from Ethiopia went on to study Psychology at Loughborough University

A level

A levels are the classic British path into higher education and offer an excellent route to study at high ranking UK universities. A levels are a highly regarded qualification, and can open the widest choice of UK universities. At The Worthgate School students can join Year 12 in both September and January to study for the A level qualification.

Why study A levels at The Worthgate School?

100%

of students passed achieved a pass*

75%

of our students achieved at least 1 A* or A grade*

90%

of our students achieved an A* - C*

Key Facts

Ages

15.5+

Entry Requirement

At least 10 years of schooling and a good school record

Language Requirement

IELTS 5.0+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

14

Hours per week

22+

Duration

6 Terms (September start)

5 Terms (January start)

Overview

A levels are a focussed qualification of three subjects and English studied usually over two years, with examinations in the second year.

At The Worthgate School our A level delivery is specifically designed for motivated international students, with additional English language support to help them excel in their studies. We offer a wide range of subjects we work with each student to choose the best combination to achieve their university goals.



Search **Worthgate A-level** to discover more



“Canterbury is a great place to be. The teachers and staff are really warm and friendly. Their skills are awesome, and they are helpful whenever we experience any problems.”

Olivia from Myanmar went on to study Aerospace Engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa



A level qualifications in a wide choice of subjects, including Sciences, Humanities and the Arts



Develop desirable study skills, such as critical thinking, essay/report writing and solution-based thinking



Unlock progressing to a UK or international university



Complete challenging research and homework tasks

* 2022 A Level results



“Studying here was exciting and challenging. I needed to do my best and I benefited so much from my teachers who helped me to improve my grades and the quality of my work.”

Jesse from the USA went on to study Economics at Loughborough University

University Foundation Programme

Designed specifically for high achieving international students, the University Foundation Programme (UFP) acts as a bridge from students’ high school education in their own country to university in the UK. At The Worthgate School we offer a UFP programme starting in both September and January.

Why Study UFP at The Worthgate School?

1985

The Worthgate School is the original pioneers of the University Foundation programme, developing the qualification in 1985

95

Our UFP is accepted by 95 of the 100 top UK universities

45%

45% of our UFP students achieved an A or A* in 2022

Qualification Overview

The CATS UFP recognises the specific academic challenges that International students face and uses assessment strategies that offer the best opportunities to demonstrate a student’s academic level and potential. Students each choose three academic subjects with exams at the end of the qualification. In addition, all students attend academic English classes designed to develop their English skills for university.

Final UFP grades are determined by exams as well as a significant amount of coursework which simulates the structure of most UK university courses.

Choosing a subject combination is important as universities look for students that have good grades in the right subjects. We work intensively with each student to choose the best combination to help achieve their university and career aspirations.

Key Facts

Ages

September start: 16.5+ years
January start: 17+ years

Entry Requirement

At least 11 years of schooling and a good school record

Language Requirement

IELTS 4.5+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

14

Hours per week

20+

Duration

3 Terms (September start)
2 Terms (January start)



Search **Worthgate UFP** to discover more



Unlock progressing to a UK or International university



Develop skills needed to succeed at university with a focus on improved capacity to learn with confidence and independence



Develop the foundation knowledge needed to study a specific subject at undergraduate level



Experience life at an international school and prepare for life at a UK university

Pre-A level

Key Facts

Ages

15+

Entry Requirement

At least 9 years of schooling with a good school record

Language Requirement

IELTS 4.0+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

16

Hours per week

30+

Duration

3 Terms (September start)

2 Terms (January start)

Qualification Overview

Pre-A level is designed as an introduction to the UK Further Education system and follows a similar approach to GCSE, but with a duration of one year or less. Students experience a wide range of subjects which prepares them to progress to study A level, or IB although this programme is also suitable for students wishing to progress to study UFP if they are of the appropriate age.

Pre-A level offers students the opportunity to improve their English prior to moving to more advanced study and students should expect to take external exams in English and Maths. At The Worthgate School, we offer both September and January starting points for Pre-A level.



Search **Worthgate Pre-A level** to discover more



Introduces a student to UK teaching and prepares them for further study



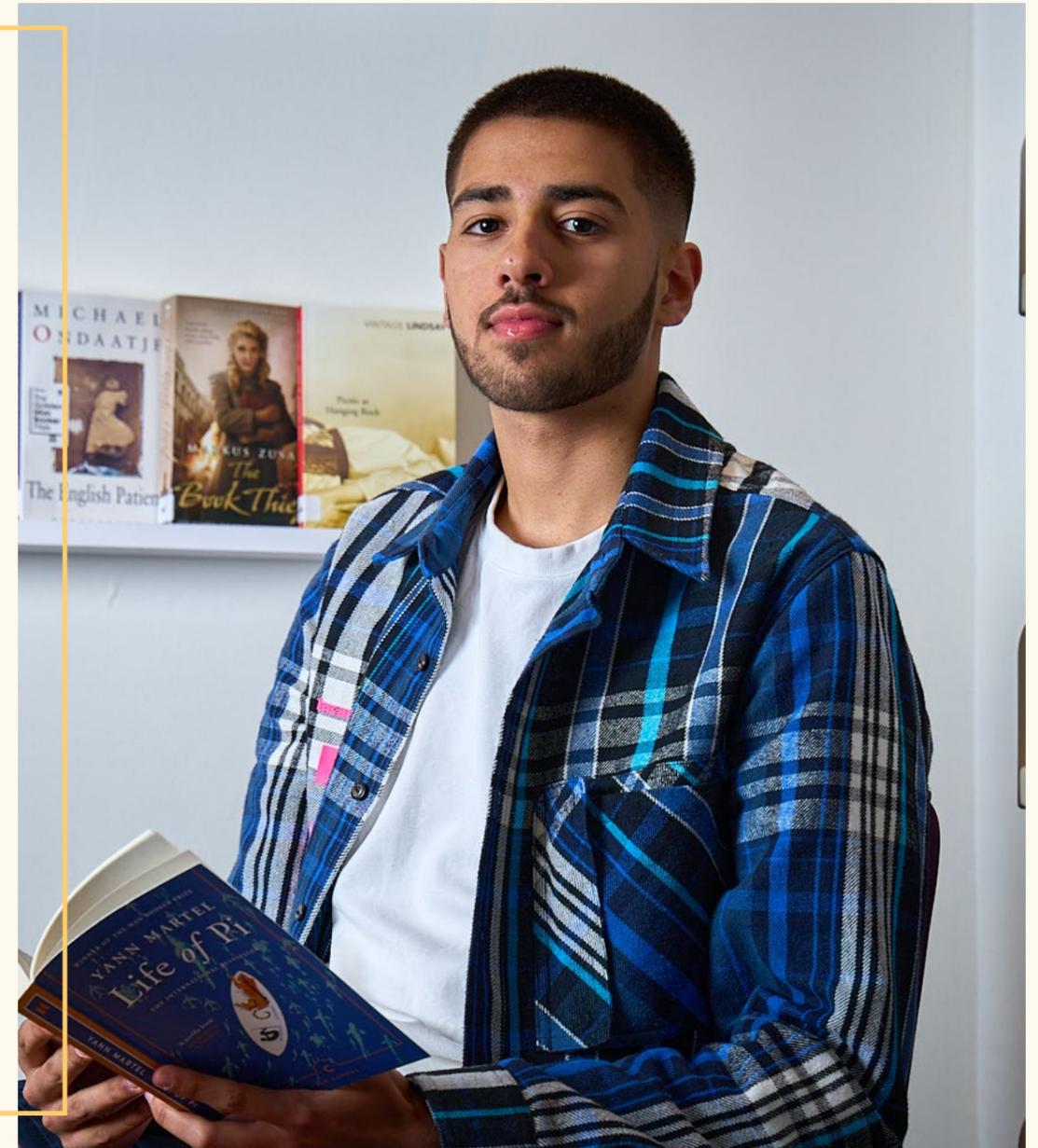
Improved subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



Enhanced study skills required to excel in a chosen university preparation programme



“The teachers and staff at the Worthgate School create an environment where you can really focus and get your work done which helps prepare you for your final exams.”

Hasan from United Arab Emirates went on to study International Business Management at Solent University (Southampton).



GCSE

Key Facts

Ages
14+

Entry Requirement
At least 8 years of schooling with a good school record for our two-year programme

Language Requirement
IELTS 4.0+ (or equivalent)

Average class size
15

Hours per week
30+

Duration
6 Terms (September start)
5 Terms (January start)

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) provide students with a high-quality secondary education foundation which offers progression to A level, UFP or IB.

Qualification Overview

At The Worthgate School students can join Year 10 in both September and January to study our GCSE qualification. Classes are taught by subject specialists who are trained in how to teach students who have English as a second language. The qualification encourages students to explore their academic potential and discover where their interests lie. The qualification is internationally recognised and is normally obtained after two years study.



Search **Worthgate GCSE** to discover more



GCSE Qualifications in a wide range of subjects



Improved subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



Enhanced study skills required to excel in a chosen university preparation programme

“Teachers and house parents help me to improve myself a lot. They helped me to improve my English by talking to them and feel comfortable talking to other students.”

Anastasiia from Russia

Year 9

Key Facts

Ages
13-14

Entry Requirement
At least 7 years of schooling

Language Requirement
IELTS 4.0+ (or equivalent)

Average class size
15

Hours per week
27

Duration
3 Terms (September start)
2 Terms (January start)

Year 9 is an academic preparation that introduces and develops core GCSE content, concepts, and skills.

Overview

Year 9 at The Worthgate School provides students with a foundation in knowledge, attitudes, and methodology to successfully progress and achieve in a traditional UK high school setting.

Students will study the core subjects of maths, 3 sciences, English language, art, a language and have opportunities to choose optional subjects such as business, history, geography and psychology.*



Search **Worthgate Year 9** to discover more



Builds confidence and independence in students



Improved subject knowledge to prepare students for the next step in their education



English fluency and proficiency ready for studying GCSE



Enhanced study skills required to excel in studying in the UK education system

*subject choice may vary depending on timetable availability.





Pre-GCSE

Key Facts

Ages
13-15

Entry Requirement

At least 8 years of schooling, plus a school report that identifies English needs that can be met by this qualification and describes a student who is willing to learn and develop

Language Requirement

IELTS 3.5 (or equivalent)

Average class size

8

Hours per week

26-27

Duration

3 Terms (September start)

2 Terms (January start)

Language and subject preparation for moving on to GCSE or Pre-programme.

Overview

Pre-GCSE develops the academic skills needed to excel in the next stage of a student's education, whether that be a GCSE or Pre-programme qualification.

Over a year of study, students study a range of subjects encouraging them to explore their academic potential and discover where their interests lie. Intensive English tuition is given alongside specialist subject tuition to develop the level the student needs to move to the next programme of study. This programme prepares students to take the Key English Test (now A2 Key) or Preliminary English Test (now B1 Preliminary) Cambridge English exam and develops essential study skills including listening, note-taking, and essay and report writing.



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“The three words I would use to describe The Wothgate School are fun, hard-working and rewarding.”

Nina from Montenegro

UK High School Term

Key Facts

Ages

14+ years

Entry Requirement

A good school record

Language Requirement

4.0+ for Pre-A level or A level

4.5+ for UFP

5.5+ for IB

(or equivalent)

Duration

1, 2 or 3 Terms

The UK High School Term gives students an insight into British education and culture. Students are enrolled in classes depending on their schooling level in their home country and English level. Our aim is to ensure that students are placed in a suitably challenging education environment where they will soon reach the level of their peers and be able to flourish.

This programme is ideal for students looking for an international experience without disrupting their academic studies at home. Classes are designed to complement a student's current studies and a notarised report can be produced showing the individual progress and achievements of the student.



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Experience studying in the British education system



Enjoy a range of activities and trips around the UK



Study with peers from over 70 countries and gain a global perspective



Earn study credits in your home country

Academic English

Key Facts

Ages

16+

Entry Requirement

A school report that identifies English needs that can be met by this qualification and describes a student who is willing to learn and develop

Language Requirement

IELTS 3.5+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

8

Hours per week

27

Duration

1, 2 or 3 Terms

A full-time intensive programme designed to help students meet the English Language entry requirements to progress directly into our other programmes.

Overview

Our Academic English Programme helps students develop their English skills to excel in their chosen academic programme: A level, or University Foundation Programme.

This programme is designed to be taken before an academic programme. Students partake in various areas of intensive English language study including Academic English, Essay construction, research and note taking along with several projects and assignments to improve their abilities.



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Prepares a student for further academic study in the UK



Prepare for IELTS to be able to take the government approved IELTS for UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), which is necessary for all visa applications.



An introduction to the vocabulary required for the student's chosen academic programme



Learn about the following subjects in English: Maths; Business; History; and the Sciences

Admissions

Please visit our online application to make an application to The Worthgate School for your student. Applying online is quick and easy and is the fastest way for our admissions team to process your application.

All current fees and dates are available on our website.
worthgate.com/admissions
worthgate.com/applications



Scholarship of Excellence

The Scholarship of Excellence is awarded to exceptional students of any nationality who make a successful application to, and then go on to attend, the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge.

Students joining or continuing their A level or International Baccalaureate (IB) studies at The Worthgate School are eligible for the scholarship. Winners of the scholarship will have the final two years of their course and accommodation fees reimbursed upon proof of acceptance and attendance of the first semester of the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. Students will also be asked to engage in marketing activity, events and provide a testimonial for promotional use. Students can notify the Principal of their eligibility.



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