



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.



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 enrol students from age thirteen and upwards, offering a wide range of qualifications from GCSE to A Level and UFP. We 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 academic provision is complimented by extra-curricular activities that encourage students to deepen their academic knowledge, continue interests and hobbies and develop new talents. Our friendly staff provide each student with a home away from home and the school achieved an 'Excellent' for Educational Quality in our recent ISI inspection (January 2023).

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 Ian Gross, FCCT
Principal

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



Why Worthgate?

Our school values inform every aspect of the student experience. From engaging academic opportunities to empowering experiences for personal development, The Worthgate School inspires and empowers every student to achieve their success.

An Inspiring International Education

Since 1952, we have been committed to delivering an engaging and challenging curriculum that inspires and empowers our students to achieve their goals.



As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we are passionate about providing a well-rounded and academically challenging education that

encourages all students to thrive in our connected world. Every academic programme, from pre-GCSE to A Level, offers broad educational experience through subject choices, extra-curricular activities and wider school life. Students are empowered connections between their academic knowledge and real world situations.

Our aim is to inspire every student to be intellectually curious, to pursue their personal goals and to contribute positively to our world.

An Empowering Experience

For over 70 years, we have been committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where students are empowered as learners and as individuals.

Our research-led teaching approach focuses on identifying each student's academic needs and aspirations, providing them with a supportive education that empowers their achievement. Regular, personalised feedback enables students to improve their academic progress and prepare fully for exams.

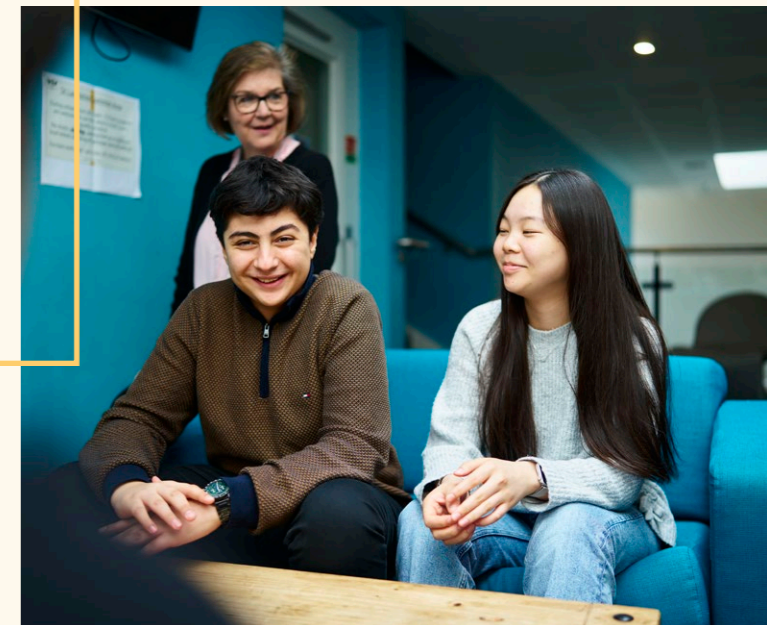
Our immersive English environment empowers students to be confident communicators in academic and social settings. opportunities in English.

Achieving the Best Academic Outcomes

Our rigorous curriculum and supportive teaching has empowered many students to secure places at top UK and international universities.

Our Director of Higher Education provides personalised support and advice with university selection and application to help students find the right university for them.

Recent Worthgate School alumni have progressed to study at the University of Oxford, London School of Economics and Politics (LSE), Imperial College London, University College London (UCL) and Durham University. International destinations include the University of Hong Kong (HKU), the University of Melbourne and Nanyang Technological University (NTU, Singapore).



The Worthgate Characteristics

At The Worthgate School, we are committed to providing a holistic learning experience that balances academic progress with personal development. Our approach encourages students to develop five characteristics that empower them to become positive agents of change in the world. These characteristics are attributes and skills that enable students to achieve in success in academics, the workplace and beyond.



Caring

We act with care, empathy and respect to make a positive difference to our and others' lives he lives of others, our community and the world around us.



Communicators

We listen carefully to different perspectives, express ourselves confidently and collaborate positively with others.



Open Minded

We appreciate and learn from our own and other cultures, traditions, values and experiences.



Resilient

We approach uncertainty and challenges with determination, using innovative strategies to adapt and move forward.



Critical Thinkers

We develop critical and creative thinking and research skills to develop knowledge and understanding across disciplines and beyond the curriculum.

Students are encouraged to demonstrate the Worthgate Characteristics in their academic, pastoral and boarding activities. We inspire and empower them to become positive contributors to their communities now and in the future.



The Worthgate Baccalaureate



The Worthgate Baccalaureate is an internal school award that recognises and celebrates student participation in school life. Award winners demonstrate the Worthgate Characteristics in their actions in the classroom, boarding accommodation and beyond. Students can achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold Worthgate Baccalaureate Award. Gold Worthgate Baccalaureate Award winners are celebrated during our annual graduation ceremony.

The Gold Award celebrates students who demonstrate enhanced engagement with the school community, epitomising the behaviours of The Worthgate School "Agent for Change". Gold Worthgate Baccalaureate Award winners are recognised at our annual Graduation Awards. Our "Agent for Change" Award winners are selected from the Gold Worthgate Baccalaureate winners each year.

Student Experience

At The 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. Personal Tutors 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 offers a fully immersive English environment. School life, including lessons and activities, is conducted in English, building every student's confidence with the language. Our students master both academic and social English, enabling them to pursue further study and build relationships with other English speakers.



Search **Worthgate School** houses to find out more

School Houses

The Worthgate School uses a House System to provide an inclusive environment in which every student can feel they belong. Our House System provides students with a fun, diverse community that supports and celebrates them in addition to their classmates and boarding accommodation friends.

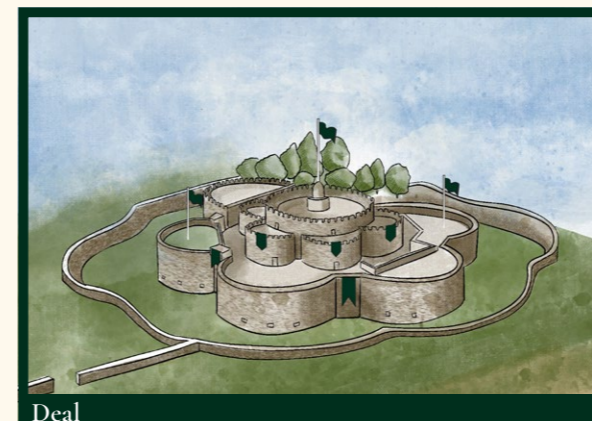
Every student joins one of our four pastoral houses when they arrive. They receive a House lanyard, which indicates for everyone their House. Joining a House allows students to be a part of a friendly and inclusive team of peers from the moment they arrive.

The Houses meet regularly for activities, competitions and celebrations. Students participate together, developing strong friendships, sharing their cultures and having fun. Our House activities promote the 'family' ethos and atmosphere that makes The Worthgate School a close-knit and inclusive community.

We have four houses: Dover, Deal, Leeds and Hever. The houses are named for historic castles near Canterbury, and represent the unity, strength, support and protection afforded by them.



Leeds



Deal



Hever



Dover

Learning at The Worthgate School

Our teaching staff are committed to getting the best out of every student. Teachers set challenging targets, providing personalised support and regular feedback to help students continuously improve. Students are encouraged to deepen their learning through further study and research utilising resources in our Learning Resource Centre.

Encouraging Success

Students are invited to join activities that will extend their learning and enhance university applications. Our teachers organise a variety of workshops, visits and lectures to enable students to expand and deepen their subject knowledge. Students can also participate in academic challenge and competitions, independent research projects and undertake online courses.

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, increasing their enjoyment of learning and empowering them to succeed academically.

Immersive English

The Worthgate School offers a fully immersive English environment. Our students master both academic and social English, enabling them to pursue further study and build relationships with other English speakers.

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.

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

Personalised Advice

Our academic team and our Director of Higher Education works with each student individually to identify their academic and career aspirations. Every student receives personalised advice on the most suitable degree courses and universities for their individual goals. Our advice and support covers all aspects of the journey to university. Students receive advice on selecting their IB, A Level and UFP subject choices to ensure that course entry requirements are met and on selecting extra-curricular activities, conducting independent research projects and coordinating voluntary and work experience to enhance their application. They receive individualised support with their personal statement to make their application stand out. Our personalised support is complimented by extensive academic and English language support from our teachers that facilitates students achieving the examination and IELTS results needed for their chosen university and course.

Visits from Universities

We have regular visits from universities with over 100 universities visiting our campus each year. These visits provide students with useful insights 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 entry requirements.



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 and 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 support 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:

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

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 Director of Higher Education has really helped me a lot ... after every consultation with him, I would know what to add, what to remove, how to edit my personal statement.”

Chelsea, from Nigeria, obtained a place to study Dentistry at Queen's University Belfast. She studied A Levels at The Worthgate School, achieving AAA in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry.

Our campus

Safe & Secure

Boarding Accommodation

Raemore



5 minutes

Ersham Lodge



5 minutes

Archbishop's



4 minutes

Knight's



3 minutes



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' for Educational Quality by the ISI



12-minute walk to the city centre

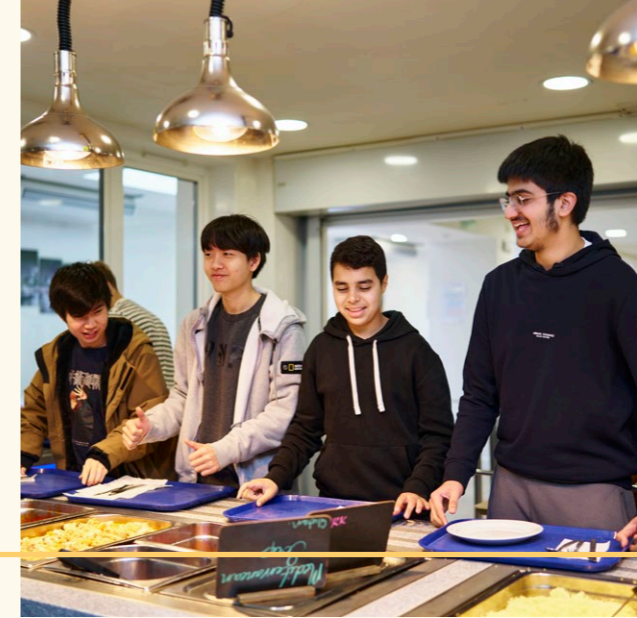


Over 30 different activities



On-campus boarding houses with 24hr Supervision

Boarding and Campus Life



Boarding

Our accommodation facilities and school campus are all on the same quiet, leafy road, close to the city centre.

At The Worthgate School, accommodation buildings are called 'residences'. The residences are a safe space to study and rest but also a social hub for our students.

Our boarding residences include single and shared en-suite rooms, providing students with a comfortable, safe and secure home-from-home experience. We offer a range of accommodation options with separate provision for students aged 13-17 and students aged 18+.

Accommodation for ages 13-17 is catered and we offer catered or self-catered options for over 18 students.

Premium Accommodation

You can take advantage of more space to study, relax and socialise with our premium accommodation option. You will benefit from a larger area to live and work; with additional storage space.

Our Premium Rooms come complete with towels, bath robe, bed linen, laundry bag, power adaptors, extension cables, water bottle and other amenities to help students feel at home.



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

Boarding Life

Through shared living, activities and trips, students develop their personal identity, build lasting friendships and precious memories. Boarding is a great way to develop their independence, resilience and perseverance necessary for success beyond school.

House Meetings

House meetings are held regularly in each residence. This allows students to have their say in how their home is managed and what activities they would prefer.

Wellness Centre

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

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 options are 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.

Leaving The School Campus

Students wishing to leave the campus overnight or to leave Canterbury for the day can apply for an exeat, which will allow students to explore other amazing parts of the UK, such as nearby London, or attend university open days and events.



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 Team will assist with trials for local teams.

Sports

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

Arts

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

Academic

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

Leadership

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

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



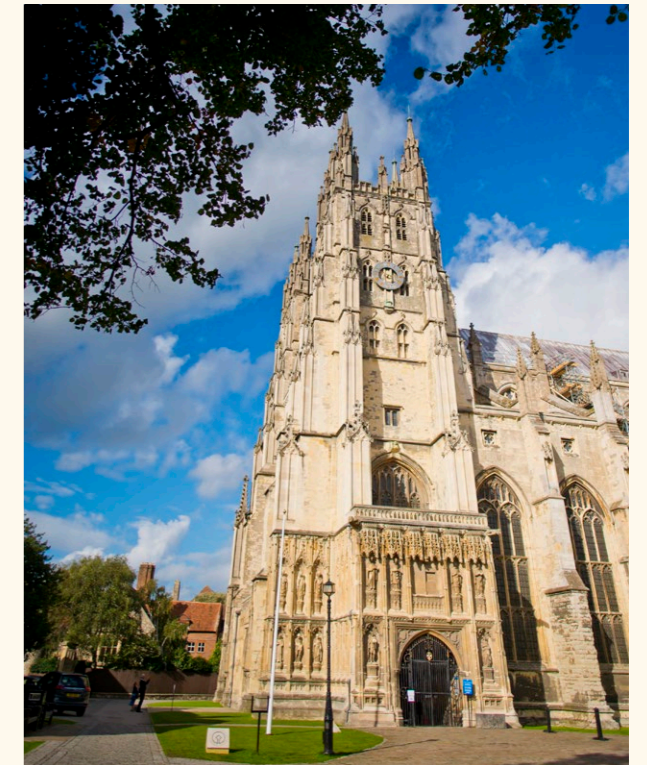
Canterbury

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

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	<p>Pre-GCSE (1 year)</p> <p>Language and subject preparation for the next stage of your education at The Worthgate School – GCSE or Pre A-Level.</p> <p>Ages 13-15</p>	<p>GCSE (2 years)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Ages 14+</p>	<p>Pre-A Level (1 year)</p> <p>Language and subject preparation for A Level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation Programme.</p> <p>Ages 15+</p>

YEAR 12	YEAR 13	HIGHER EDUCATION
<p>11th Grade Junior year</p> <p>A Level (2 years)</p> <p>A higher level qualification recognised by universities around the world. Choose 3+ subjects to focus on over the two-year programme.</p> <p>Ages 15.5+</p>	<p>12th Grade Senior year</p> <p>University Foundation Programme (1 year)</p> <p>A programme designed for international students to bridge high school in their own country to university in the UK. Choose 3+ subjects to focus on.</p> <p>Ages 16.5+</p>	<p>Progress to top universities</p> <p>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:</p>
<p>International Baccalaureate Diploma (2 years)</p> <p>A higher level qualification that challenges, encourages and inspires you to become a caring and critical thinker, ready for university study.</p> <p>Ages 16+</p>	<p>Academic English</p> <p>A full-time intensive programme designed to help students meet English Language entry requirements to progress onto our other programmes.</p> <p>Ages 16+</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY OF EXETER</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF SURREY</p> <p>ROYAL HOLLOWAY UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</p> <p>University of Kent</p>

UK High School Term (1, 2 or 3 term)
<p>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.</p> <p>Ages 13+</p>



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



International Baccalaureate

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 diploma is highly popular with top ranking universities looking to offer places to the brightest candidates.

Why study IB at The Worthgate School?

94.3%

of students achieved the IB Diploma in the last six years

33.2

Average Point Score in 2024*

1 in 3

students received a Bilingual Diploma in 2022

Key Facts

Ages
15.5+

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)

Subject Choice and Structure

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

Three Core Elements

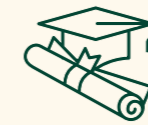
- The Theory of Knowledge asks students to reflect on the nature of knowledge and on how we know what we claim to know. It is assessed through an oral presentation and a 1,600-word essay.
- An extended essay prepares students for the study skills required at university.
- Creativity, Activity and Service comprises arts and other activities, including sports, outdoor pursuits and community engagement, such as volunteering.



Search **Worthgate International Baccalaureate** to discover more about the course and subject choices.



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



Achieve as an individual through Creativity, Activity and Service



“IB gives us many opportunities to study different areas of knowledge; also it makes us think in different ways.”

Alexander from Brazil obtained a place to study Mathematics at the University of Warwick. He achieved the International Baccalaureate Diploma, achieving 39 points.

*Global average point score 30.32 in 2024

A Level

A Levels are the classic British pathway 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 either September and January to study for the A Level qualification.

Why study A Levels at The Worthgate School?

92%

of Russell Group universities have accepted our students*

77%

of all grades awarded were A*-B in 2024

Key Facts

Ages

September start: 15.5+
January start: 16+

Entry Requirement

At least 10 years of schooling and a good school record

Language Requirement

IELTS 4.5+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

14

Hours per week

22+

Duration

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

Overview

A Levels are a focused qualification studied usually over two years, with examinations in the second year. Students choose three subjects with additional English language if necessary.

The Worthgate School A Level provision is specifically designed for motivated students to help them excel in their studies. We offer a wide range of subjects and work with each student to choose the best subject combination to achieve their university goals.



Search **Worthgate A-level** to discover more about the course and subject choices.



“I would recommend A Levels at the Worthgate School because of the teachers here, They are super nice. They know how to help with your study, they know your strength and weakness, so they can easily help you to boost your grade.”

Simin from China obtained a place to study Chemistry at the University of Manchester. She achieved AAA in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in her A Level exams.



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 progression to a UK or international university



Complete challenging research and homework tasks

*over the last five years



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 either September and January.

Why Study UFP at The Worthgate School?

1985

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

95

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

100%

of Russell Group universities that accept the CATS UFP have accepted The Worthgate School students.

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 appropriate subjects. We work intensively with each student to choose the best combination to help achieve their university and career aspirations.



Search **Worthgate UFP** to discover more about the course and subject choices.

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)

“At this school, they produce the very best students, who are well prepared to go to the university.”

William from Myanmar obtained a place to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham. He studied UFP, achieving A*A*A* in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics.



Unlock progression to UK or international universities



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



Acquire 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



“Studying at Worthgate is quite nice because it is quite comforting and you have many friends from different cultures and countries.”

Sidharth from India studied GCSEs at The Worthgate School. He achieved a mixtures of A*s, As and Bs.

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 3.5+ (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) provides 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 September to study our GCSE qualification. Classes are taught by subjects 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 of study.



Search **Worthgate GCSE** to discover more



Achieve GCSE Qualifications in a wide range of subjects



Develop subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



Improve English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



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

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)

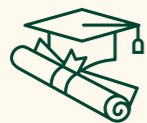
Qualification Overview

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 A Level or IB. 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 either 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



Develop subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



Improve English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



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

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.

Students study a range of subjects encouraging them to explore their academic potential and discover their interests. Intensive English tuition is given alongside specialist subject tuition to develop the level needed for the next programme of study. The programme prepares students to take the Key English Test (now A2 Key) or Preliminary English Test (now B1 Preliminary) and develops essential study skills including listening, note-taking and essay writing.



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Build confidence and independence in students



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



Develop English fluency and proficiency ready for studying GCSE



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

UK High School Term

Key Facts

Ages

13+ years

Entry Requirement

A good school record

Language Requirement

3.5+ for Pre-GCSE

4.0+ for Pre-A Level

4.5+ for UFP

5.0+ for A Level

5.5+ for IB

(or equivalent)

Duration

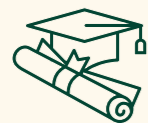
1, 2 or 3 Terms

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 English programme designed to help students meet English Language entry requirements for our academic programmes.

Overview

Our pre-sessional Academic English programme helps students develop their English skills to excel in their chosen academic programme: A Level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation Programme.

This programme is designed to be taken before an academic programme. Students engage in intensive English Language study, including Academic English, essay construction and note-taking with projects and assignments to use and improve their skills. Students also select other subjects to study alongside their intensive English lessons to maintain their knowledge and skills in preparation for further study



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Prepares a student for further academic study in the UK



Prepares students to take the government approved IELTS for UK visas and immigration



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



Students learn about the following subjects in English: Maths, Business, History and the Sciences.



Admissions

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