Senior School



The Warwick Way

The Warwick Way is what makes us distinctive and special – the beliefs and values that define us.

Our Purpose...

To inspire and nurture every pupil to thrive in the world, both now and in the future - the Warwick Way.

Our Vision...

Individual

Warwick School will be the most inspiring, rounded and caring boys' school in the UK - 'Altiora Peto'.

Our Five Key Priorities...







Boys are at the heart of everything we do. We exist to inspire and nurture them morally, spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. We want to build on their individual strengths and help them grow into well-rounded young men, confident but not arrogant, who can play a positive role in the world.

We seek to foster:

CURIOSITY to ask questions, challenge ideas and think for oneself.

CREATIVITY to use imagination, without limitations.

COURAGE to embrace challenge and always to do what is right.

PERSEVERANCE to keep trying, regardless of the outcome.

RESPONSIBILITY to create a better world around us.

HUMILITY to listen and respect others and to put them first.



Welcome

As an Old Warwickian myself, I am immensely proud to be Head Master at Warwick School. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions that we make as parents. Our committed and dedicated staff work tirelessly to ensure that Warwick School is a place where your child will thrive, seeking to develop the talents of each and every pupil, always guided by the school motto, Altiora Peto, 'I seek higher things.'

Our engaging staff foster a learning environment in which every pupil is challenged intellectually and thrives academically. An environment where they will be happy, cared for, and have their interests ignited, whatever these may be.

Every pupil within Warwick School benefits from a wealth of experiences outside the classroom that will broaden his horizons and develop his skills. Pupils are known as individuals and celebrated whatever their strengths or abilities, enabling our young men to flourish in what is now, more than ever, a rapidly changing world. This is the 'Warwick Way'.

We hope to be able to welcome you to our site soon to experience our stunning campus for yourself.



Mr James Barker, Head Master

Warwick School

Warwick School comprises the Junior School, for boys aged 7–11, and the Senior School, for boys aged 11–18. Whilst we are primarily a day school, there is also boarding accommodation for more than 60 or so busy, happy and well-integrated boarders.

The majority of Junior School boys move on to the Senior School where they are joined by pupils from a wide variety of other local schools. We have students from over 200 primary and preparatory schools!

The key entry points are at 7+ and 11+, but boys can join at other ages in the Junior School and also at 12+, 13+ and 16+ in the Senior School. The school offers scholarships and bursaries at various ages, and around one in four boys receives financial assistance.

Warwick School is part of the Warwick Independent Schools Foundation, which also includes King's High School and Warwick Preparatory School. Collectively, the schools provide high-quality education for boys and girls aged 3–18.







Knowing the Individual









Whilst Warwick School is a large school, pastoral care and close attention to the individual are at the centre of what we do. We want all boys to feel recognised and celebrated regardless of their strengths or challenges.

Happy boys thrive and we do all that we can to ensure an environment that boys enjoy and in which they feel supported and safe. Dedicated and expert tutors make sure that each boy receives specific advice, support and individual attention throughout his time at school.

Good education depends upon strong partnerships. Parents are encouraged to contact the staff regularly to discuss any matter of concern, and it is important that the boys, their parents and the school work closely together. Parents are issued with the email addresses of all teachers and can access information relating to their son using the Parent Portal.

All Year 7 boys have a mentor in Year 13, with whom they meet regularly.

"The school could simply accept boys that excel at all things wonderful, but the stance Warwick School takes in helping all boys that come under its wing, whatever their disposition, is very honourable and humbling and something of which to be incredibly proud." Parent of Year 11 student

Excellence in Teaching and Learning



Warwick School is an academic school in which we aim to inspire a love of learning amongst our boys and a lifelong passion for their subjects. Outstanding examination results, amongst the best in the country, are also consistently achieved at A level and GCSE.

Warwick School has the confidence to initiate change and not merely react to it, so that the education we provide is pertinent, challenging and engaging. This is a result of employing the highest-quality staff, alongside outstanding facilities and plentiful resources.

The curriculum is designed to provide an extensive range of subject options and many different learning experiences. Conferences, visits, lectures and links with universities extend boys' learning horizons further.

At all ages, class sizes are small, on average around 20 up to and including Year 11, with approximately 10 per subject group in the Sixth Form.

Close monitoring of boys' work complements the regular reporting on academic progress and ensures the highest standards are achieved.













ISI Inspection 2018: Pupils' achievements in external competitions and in gaining other academic distinctions, and their success in sport, music, drama and the arts, are exceptional.

Broadening Horizons beyond the Classroom



Warwick School offers a rich, diverse and inclusive educational experience which provides every pupil with the opportunity to take part in a wide programme of co-curricular activities, embracing the arts, sports, outdoor education, careers and leadership.

Our co-curricular opportunities inspire imaginations, develop confidence and abilities and provide meaningful social, mental and physical experiences. This will enable young men to thrive in the wider world both professionally and personally.

Warwick School has an outstanding national reputation for sport with a huge variety of games on offer. Magnificent facilities, all on site, along with top-quality coaches and specialists, ensure boys' talents are maximised. The school prides itself on both the number of boys taking part and representing their school, and also the standard of performance, with many boys regularly selected to play at county, regional and even national levels.

Warwick School boasts a huge range of activities outside of the classroom. With a programme of over 80 activities, clubs and

societies, ranging from Animation Club to the Walking Society, we are confident that there is something to capture the interest and imagination of every boy.

From Year 9, to complement academic study, broaden educational experiences and to provide great fun, one afternoon a week is set aside for activities. Boys are also able to join the Combined Cadet Force, enrol in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme or choose from an extensive range of other pursuits, which are run jointly with our sister school, King's High School.

Whilst the majority of teaching is done within the classroom, many opportunities are taken to enhance learning through extensive field trips and excursions.

Serving our Community



It is important to have a strong sense of community and seek to improve the world around us. We aim to instil a duty of service amongst pupils so they become selfless leaders and make a positive impact on the wider world.

Pupils engage in a variety of activities from volunteering to raising funds for charity.

The historical records of the links between Warwick School and the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick reflect the important role that Christian belief and practice play in school life. Yet the school welcomes pupils of all faiths and those with no religious faith at all.

The school also has very strong links with the town and many traditions continue, including the annual visit of the Mayor and the Town Crier.

A boy's relationship with the school continues long after he leaves, and Warwick School has a large and thriving Old Warwickian Association.

"Warwick School boys visit Warwick Hospital with us every week, making a powerful difference to patients' wellbeing. Through music and lively conversation, they light up the day for older and vulnerable people, helping them feel valued and valuable. These visits bring immeasurable joy, but they also create a sense of community that lasts long after the boys have gone back to school. Thank you for helping us make such a wonderful difference."

Jill Fraser, CEO Kissing it Better.



ISI Inspection 2018: Pupils mature into independent and self-motivated young adults over the course of their time at the school and are extremely well prepared not only for the next stage of their lives but to contribute to society at large.









A National Centre for the Arts



The arts matter because they empower us, inspire us and improve us. Participation in the arts fosters social connections, empathy and good health in body and mind.

Warwick School and the Foundation as a whole, enjoy an excellent local reputation for arts provision. There are high participation levels in all the creative arts as well as opportunities to perform at a national level.

Music in all its diversity is central to the life of Warwick School. There are 26 instrumental and choral groups, from the Chapel Choir to the Little Big Band, that meet weekly and perform high-quality concerts on a regular basis.

The school has an extensive programme of music tuition, available to boys throughout their school careers. Each week over 600 individual instrumental lessons are taught.

All boys in Year 7 learn a musical instrument and are taught in small groups every week.

Drama is fully integrated into a boy's school life, both within and outside the curriculum. There are many opportunities both to perform and to provide behind-the-scenes support. In 2018 Warwick School held its first arts festival 'Discovery'.

The school stages many large-scale productions every year, often with the girls from King's High School, and takes full advantage of the professional facilities available.

Warwick School orchestras and bands have won awards at the finals of the National Concert Band Festival for five consecutive years, including the Little Big Band winning a Platinum award for three years running.

The First Year

The majority of boys join in Year 7, but others join the school at Year 8 or 9, or in the Sixth Form.

Starting at a new senior school is always a big step and every attempt is made to make that process as easy and enjoyable as possible both for boys and their parents.

In June, at New Parents' Morning, parents and their sons are invited to hear from the Head Master, the Head of Lower School and other senior teachers about various aspects of school life even before boys join in September.

A Moving Up Day is also arranged in the Summer term for new Year 7 boys. Many activities take place, including music, drama and sports, as well as an induction into more practical matters such as registration, the school timetable and how to use the library.

In September the Year 7 boys attend an induction morning before the start of term. Soon after, they have an overnight trip, which comprises outdoor activities and team-building exercises. For those joining in other year groups, arrangements are made to meet the Form Tutor and gather any relevant information before starting at school. New Sixth Formers are invited to the Sixth Form induction week in July.







Sixth Form and Beyond

Whilst we are proud of the achievements and future destinations of the young men who leave us after Sixth Form, our real sense of pride is in their values and attitudes, which will equip them well for the future. Our young men are the school's greatest attribute, and we often get feedback from visitors or members of the public saying that our boys are a credit to the school.

Our Sixth Formers, almost without exception, go on to university with over 80% securing their first choice. Each year 12–15 boys secure offers from the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and the vast majority of other students go on to leading universities.

In additional to preparation for academic success, we aim to prepare our pupils for their future careers. We offer a vast programme of events and activities including careers fairs, business lunches, speed-interviewing events and work experience.

Our shared Sixth Form Centre opened in September 2019, and provides shared facilities for Warwick School and King's High School Sixth Formers for study, socialising and to access careers advice. Teaching remains as single sex within the schools.



School Facilities

The school has truly exceptional facilities, located on one beautiful, spacious site, adjacent to the River Avon and covering over 50 acres.

Expanding beyond its imposing façade, in recent years the school has invested over £30m in new facilities. The most recent investment is the extended and refurbished Warwick Hall, which is large enough to accommodate the whole school in assemblies and provides one of the finest school performance spaces nationally.

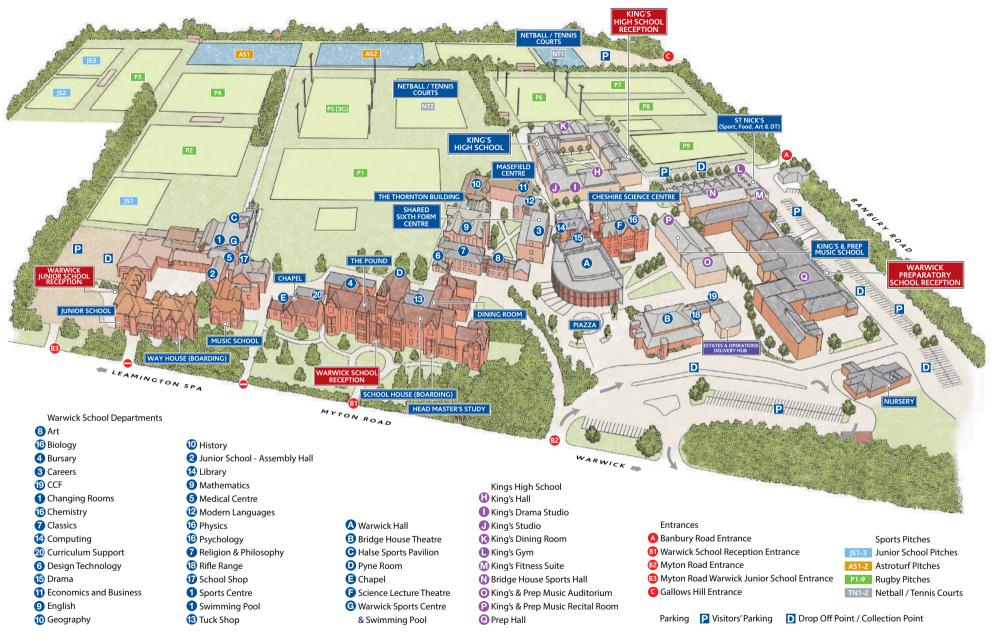
The state-of-the-art Cheshire Science Centre arguably offers the best school science facilities in the country. The sports centre includes a large sports hall with climbing wall, gymnasium, squash courts, 25m swimming pool and medical centre. The performing arts facilities at Warwick School are outstanding, including the purposebuilt Bridge House Theatre, seating up to 300 people, alongside Warwick Hall.

In a period when many schools have had to hold back spending on new buildings, we are delighted that we have been able to continue investing in our facilities.

Project One Campus

In 2019, Warwick School welcomed King's High School as it joined the one large campus. Project One Campus also saw the opening of our shared Sixth Form Centre, which provides a central space in which King's High School and Warwick School Sixth Form students can study, relax and socialise.







A Long Heritage

Warwick School has a very long and rich history stretching back reputedly to 914, making it one of the oldest boys' schools in the country.

We are immensely proud of our history and the traditional values the school holds, yet we combine this proud tradition and great experience of educating boys with a forward-looking approach which ensures that they are fully equipped to deal with 21st century life.

Warwick School has always been a boys' school and we believe that an all boys' school is still appropriate in the 21st century. Alongside this single-sex education, we also get the best of both worlds with an ever closer relationship with our sister school, King's High School.

We may be accused of having an old-fashioned approach to certain aspects of school life, but we believe good manners and common courtesy will always be of the utmost importance.

However, we cannot be accused of being backward-looking. We always look for new ideas to ensure that we continue to offer a first-class education for our pupils.



Best-of-both-worlds' Education

Whilst we are firmly committed to delivering a single-sex education in the classroom, with boys able to develop and enjoy a broad range of opportunities without constraint from gender stereotypes, we also recognise the social benefits of a co-education environment.

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Many of our activities take place across Warwick School and King's High School, including the Combined Cadet Force, Young Enterprise, swimming teams, careers events, Science in Action project, and numerous concerts and drama performances. There is also an increasing number of joint trips.

This collaboration between schools will continue to develop further now that all the schools are on one campus.





Things You May Want to Ask

How do we find out more about the school?

Come and visit us. You would be most welcome at any of our Senior School at Work events or on an Open Day, or you can arrange to have an individual tour of the school. All details and up-to-date information is on our website.

How difficult is the entrance exam?

The school sets the exam to assess whether the pupil would be able to cope with the standard and pace of work. Boys who are working at a standard of National Curriculum Level 4 or above are often likely to win a place here.

What is the difference between a scholarship and a bursary?

Scholarships are offered to boys with considerable talent and are awarded on academic merit, or musical ability, whereas a bursary award is based on financial need.

Pupils who obtain the highest marks in the entrance exam are invited to return for a scholarship interview. Music and choral awards are also available.

A bursary is based on financial need and is subject to means testing. Parents will need to complete an application for financial support.

Are the majority of boys joining the Senior School from the Junior School?

No, at 11+ over half of the boys come from a huge variety of local schools.

When should I apply to the school?

For 11+/12+/13+ entry, the examination takes place in the November of the year prior to September entry. The deadline tends to be the end of October, and many parents apply well in advance of their sons sitting the exam.

Do you offer any flexible boarding arrangements?

Whilst the majority of boarders are full boarders we also offer day boarding and weekly boarding (boys go home on Friday after school for the weekend). We may, subject to availability, also be able to offer boys flexible boarding if, for example, parents are going away for a short time and would like us to provide accommodation for their son. In addition, early breakfasts (from 7.30am) can be provided on a daily or ad hoc basis.

What sports does the school offer?

The major games activities in the Michaelmas and Lent terms are hockey, cross-country, rugby and swimming, whilst cricket, athletics and tennis occupy the Summer term. School teams are also selected in many other sports including badminton, basketball, clay pigeon shooting, fencing, real tennis, rock climbing, golf, rowing, squash and water polo.

Full details of the admissions process are included in the enclosed additional information booklet.

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