



# Worksop College and Ranby House Prep School

**SCHOOL INFORMATION** 2016/17





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Founded in 1895, Worksop College and Ranby House Prep School is a non-selective, co-educational, day and boarding school for 3 to 18 year olds.

Based in the National Trust's Clumber Park, the School sits on 330 acres of beautiful North Nottinghamshire countryside - but is just one and a half hours away from London, by train.

2015 saw the first steps taken in a multi-million pound programme of investment – due to roll out over the next few years. As a leading HMC Independent School, Worksop College and Ranby House Prep School is dedicated to ensuring pupils receive the highest quality education - our £15m development plan demonstrates our commitment to providing, and continuing to provide, outstanding education.



### Key facts

Prep School 3-11 (Co-ed)  
Senior School 11-16 (Co-ed)  
Sixth Form 16-18 (Co-ed)

Year Founded: 1895  
Religion: Anglican  
Campus Size: 330 acres  
Age Range: 3-18  
Age Range of Boarders: 7-18

### Current Fees 2016-17

Year 7-8 £6,425 per term  
Year 9-13 £9,219 per term



### NEAREST TRAIN STATION

Retford (14km – 15 mins)



### TRAVEL TIME TO LONDON

Less than 2 hours



### NEAREST AIRPORTS

Robin Hood Sheffield (35 km - 48 mins)  
Leeds Bradford (108 km - 140 mins)  
East Midlands (72 km - 150 mins)  
Birmingham (130 km - 174 mins)  
London Gatwick (312 km - 200 mins)  
London Heathrow (257 km - 165 mins)  
Manchester (105 km - 140 mins)





## OUR BOARDERS – IN NUMBERS

	GIRLS	BOYS	TOTAL
British full boarders	29	36	65
International full boarders	33	49	82
Weekly boarders	9	14	23
Flexi boarders	28	14	42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>212</b>

### Academic Profile

We offer outstanding academic opportunities, and our small class sizes result in happy, successful students who make excellent progress. We provide an extensive academic enrichment programme, with visiting university lecturers offering aspirational advice – we also have strong links with local and regional business. In 2016, our students secured a GCSE pass rate of 98.7%, and an IGCSE pass rate of 99.5%. At A-level, pupils attained the highest number of A\* grades in the school's history – with students securing places at Cambridge, Oxford, UCL, Durham and the University of Nottingham, as well as many Russell Group Universities.

### Accommodation

In February 2016, a brand new 60-bed boys' boarding house was opened, accommodating the growing, thriving boarding community. Weekly, flexi and casual boarding is provided at both the Preparatory School and The Senior School for boys

and girls. Our overseas students are integrated quickly into our community, moving into one of our eight Houses, all of which have been refurbished for 2016/17. Until the Sixth Form, pupils tend to live in small bedrooms with two or three other pupils. In the Lower Sixth, it is the norm to share with one other students, and in the Upper Sixth, most students have single study bedrooms. Each House has a live-in Housemistress or Housemaster who oversee the running of the House, to make it a truly home-from-home environment.

Meals are taken in the Great Hall, and food is outstanding. Boarders also have modern kitchen facilities in their accommodation, which are regularly stocked with drinks and snacks.

### Facilities

We have outstanding facilities – enabling our students to benefit from a huge range of extra-curricular activities and





opportunities. Our facilities include:

- Fully-equipped Music School with technology room and private practise spaces
- Purpose-built Art School with six studios
- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Refurbished 250 seat-theatre
- Extensive playing fields, rugby pitches, tennis courts, squash courts, netball courts and a climbing wall
- The ONLY school in the UK with an 18-hole golf course
- Modern Sports Hall with fully equipped gym
- Two flood-lit AstroTurf pitches
- Stunning School Chapel
- Recently refurbished library with dedicated study spaces and careers section
- Fully-equipped and recently refurbished science labs
- A number of fully-equipped computer suites
- Dedicated language laboratory
- Modern purpose-built Food and Nutrition facilities

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

We offer a wide range of subjects and have an excellent EAL provision, as well as full support for overseas students when acclimatising to life in a British Boarding school. Pupils from overseas have two scheduled sessions of EAL per week as part of their timetable. There are also subject specialists available for those who might need more support.

GCSE SUBJECTS	A LEVEL SUBJECTS
Art and Design	Art and Design
Business Studies	Biology
Computing (CiT)	Business
Design and Technology	Chemistry
Drama	CiT (Computing and Information Technology)
English	Classical Civilisation
Food and Nutrition	Design Technology: Product Design
French	Economics
Spanish	English Language
Geography	English Literature
History	French and Spanish
Latin	Geography
Mathematics	History
Music	Home Economics
Physical Education	Latin
Religious Studies	Leiths Introductory Certificate in Food & Wine
Science	Mathematics / Further Mathematics
	Music
	Physical Education
	Physics
	Psychology
	Religious Studies: Philosophy and Ethics



### **PASTORAL CARE**

Community, belonging and a deep-seated sense of friendship play a major role in pupils' time at Worksop College and Ranby House Prep School. With that security comes a sense of well-being and confidence that enables pupils to flourish as individuals. Our on-site Healthcare centre is run by three qualified nurses, who have, between them, a large and varied amount of nursing experience, as well as providing an additional listening ear whenever it might be required.

### **GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAMME**

We have the benefit of a partnership with Sherwood Guardians, a programme run by a long-serving former member of the teaching team at Worksop College and Ranby Prep School. This enables us to help parents when choosing a Guardianship Programme, as well as being effective liaison between all parties.

## **Worksop College Student and Alumni Profiles**

### **PHUONG PHAM (GIBBS HOUSE 2014-16)**



After hearing how much her brother enjoyed his two years at Worksop College, Phuong Pham joined us in 2014 to complete her A Level studies and quickly proved to be an insightful, highly intelligent and driven individual. Phuong's kind nature and dry wit helped to establish her in a strong peer group; she was equally at home studying independently or chatting with her friends in the Common room.

Phuong was a member of the Chapel choir and took part in the production of *Les Misérables* while she was in her final year. She said: "Coming to England, to Worksop College, all the teachers have taught me that we can talk openly when we are in trouble no matter if it's about school or just daily life. We come to talk to teachers because we know they will listen.

Personally, although I didn't have any real troubles, I always felt safe because I knew someone would always be there when I needed them."

Phuong Pham was the star pupil of 2016. Studying four subjects at A Level, Phuong achieved the top A\* grade in every subject – gaining her a place at Oxford University to study Biochemistry.



**SHIRLYN GATHONI**  
**(GIBBS HOUSE 2014-2016)**

From the moment Shirlyn Gathoni arrived at Worksop College, she grabbed every opportunity on offer. Within months she had been chosen to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Greenland and spent the rest of the year training and learning survival techniques.

At the end of her first year, Shirlyn was chosen by her peers and the Headmaster to become Captain of School, a role she took on with enthusiasm and confidence.

In the summer of 2016, Shirlyn was chosen to work as an intern at the Bank of England. She was one of ten chosen from 2,700 applicants and said: "All that I did at Worksop was fantastic for preparing me for the interview process I had to go through and put me in a much stronger position. I am overwhelmed to be offered this opportunity."

Shirlyn left the College in the summer of 2016 and secured a place at the University of Nottingham to read French and Philosophy.



**JOE ROOT**  
**(PORTLAND HOUSE 2006-2008)**

Joe Root came to Worksop College on a sports scholarship and quickly found his feet, in particular on the cricket pitch.

He played for the Yorkshire 2nd XI in 2007, represented England under 19s and signed a three year deal with Yorkshire not long after.

Since this time, Joe has gone on to become England vice-captain, the youngest ever English batsman to make 3 Ashes centuries and is now the number 1 test batsman in the world.

Joe's brother, Billy, was also a pupil at the College and he is working his way up the cricketing ladder to join his brother on the international sporting scene.





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