

OSWESTRY

A NON-SELECTIVE CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL IN SHROPSHIRE



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SINCE 1407, Oswestry has been educating young people to the highest possible standard. We are rightly proud of the distinguished and rich history that Oswestry enjoys; it gives the School a grounding and sense of purpose which we like to instil in our pupils. Oswestry achieves excellent academic results with a non-selective intake and that is a clear indication of the quality of teaching and learning at the School. However, the School's reputation is for outstanding pastoral care; we have a very strong sense of community and are pleased to remain a small school that values individuals. We believe in educating the whole person. Whilst academic rigour and attainment is central to this approach the development of character, confidence and a strong moral compass is also vital. We insist on high standards of good manners and respect for other people and hope that Oswestrians will leave here with an understanding of their responsibilities in life, as well as the excellent opportunities they enjoy. In a modern and fast changing world, a strong sense of personal integrity is more important than ever before. Thank you for your interest in Oswestry. I do hope you will take the opportunity to come and visit us in person. I would be delighted to meet you and show you what is so special about this community.

Douglas Robb
HEADMASTER





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ADMISSIONS

WE WELCOME applications from pupils with a broad range of academic abilities and achieve exceptional results given our non-selective admission process. Admission is usually based on previous school reports and an informal interview. We encourage parents and students to visit so they may see the School, classrooms and facilities, meet the Headmaster, staff and pupils and sample the caring, friendly atmosphere that makes Oswestry School so special.

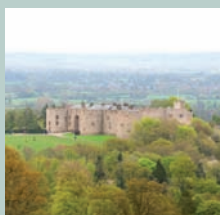






TEACHING & LEARNING

OSWESTRY SCHOOL pupils are the embodiment of our motto, '*we learn not for school but for life*' being, as they are, bright, energetic, caring and confident. Every Oswestrian is encouraged to discover not only the areas in which they excel, but also to develop to the full their all-round academic and social development. Classrooms benefit from the latest technology and a wide range of opportunities are provided by specially built amenities and teaching of the highest standards. Academically, our aim is to ensure that all pupils achieve outstanding results relative to their ability; this is achieved by having high expectations of both pupils and teachers.







PASTORAL CARE

THE HAPPINESS and well being of our pupils is a high priority. The experience of being part of Oswestry School plays a major part in developing life skills and, through school, pupils learn tolerance, respect and the importance of support and encouragement. Day pupils and boarders come together to form the School's rich and diverse community, supported by a sensitive pastoral system which includes teachers, form tutors, heads of house, heads of section and houseparents.







BOARDING

BOARDERS are an integral part of life at Oswestry, coming from all parts of the UK and overseas. The beautiful grounds, comfortable buildings and friendly staff create a home from home; each boarding house is run by resident houseparents, ably assisted by a team of support staff. A wide and diverse range of weekend activities is arranged for the boarding pupils by members of the teaching staff.







BELLAN HOUSE

OSWESTRY SCHOOL'S pre-prep school for boys and girls, Bellan House offers small classes and specialist teaching in all areas, ensuring very high standards. Closely linked to the Senior School, the pre-prep shares facilities and staff ensuring continuity and a well rounded education; these close links extend the amenities available to the children, enabling them to make a seamless transition when the time comes for them to move on to the Senior School. Bellan House provides a warm and caring family environment with staff and parents working closely together to ensure pupils are happy and eager to enjoy each school day.







MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

MUSIC is central to life at Oswestry School and there is a school orchestra, junior and senior string ensembles, two choirs and two concert bands as well as the opportunity to enjoy our renowned Recital Series featuring world famous musicians. All pupils are encouraged to become involved with music one way or another. Formal productions and informal concerts featuring numerous smaller groups and bands are held throughout the year enabling every pupil the opportunity to perform. Drama flourishes and major shows are staged each year as well as house drama competitions and variety nights. There is a strong tradition of public speaking and debating and many of our pupils study for English Speaking Board qualifications.







ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

THE ART AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGY departments are highly successful and extremely popular. Alongside traditional skills, students work in more contemporary formats such as computer graphics, sculpture, printmaking and digital photography. All students are given every encouragement and opportunity to explore and develop their creative potential and practical abilities.








SPORT

OSWESTRIANS are enthusiastic about sport and are encouraged by excellent coaching; there is sport to suit every pupil and a wide variety of after-school clubs are available. Extensive playing fields, a gymnasium and fitness suite, netball and tennis courts and a heated indoor swimming pool provide a range of sporting opportunities. The most important thing is to participate and as well as traditional school sports such as rugby, football and cricket as well as hockey, tennis and rounders there are plenty of other options; athletics; badminton; basketball; cross country running; fencing; fives; golf; kayaking; kung fu; sailing; table tennis; weight training; something for everyone.







BEYOND THE CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND EXPEDITIONS

A WEALTH of activities, trips and expeditions play a central role in enriching our pupils' experience. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) offer opportunities for pupils to develop leadership skills, self-reliance and to learn team-building and responsibility in a challenging environment. Regular department outings, theatre and art gallery visits promote learning and understanding beyond the syllabus. Sports tours and language trips as well as climbing and kayaking expeditions educate pupils in cultural and social differences. Ambition, respect, confidence and compassion are all cultivated to ensure pupils succeed not just at school but beyond.

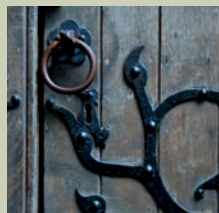
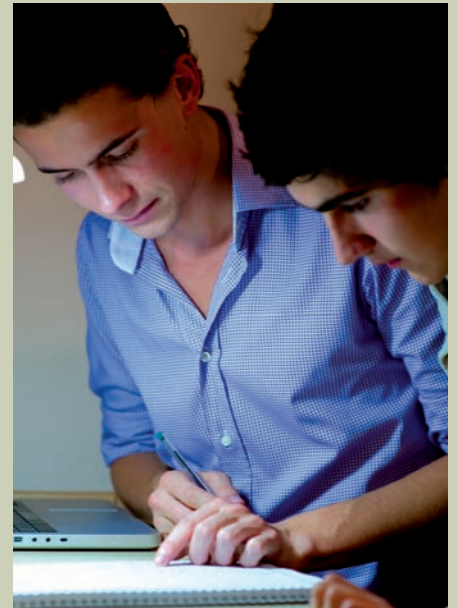






BEYOND THE SCHOOL LIFE AFTER OSWESTRY

WITH purpose-designed boarding houses and a study centre, the sixth form is regarded as an essential preparation and transition between school and university or the world of work. Pupils depart having learnt to be self-motivated and to respect others as well as themselves and with the desire to fulfil their own individual potential. Our links with Old Oswestrians are good; an indication of their loyalty and affection to the School is their strong support in sending their children, in turn, to Oswestry.







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