





WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am delighted that you are considering Padworth College for your studies and hope that you will visit us, to experience Padworth's unique environment. Our Padworth family will support you as you aspire and work hard to be the best that you can be – both inside the classroom, with your academic development – and also as you form friendships and develop independence for your career and life ahead.

Padworth will provide you with a safe, friendly and supportive environment and access to the resources and knowledge to enable your progression.

I hope you will be inspired to join us.

Lorraine Atkins
Principal

"We aim to develop ambitious, reflective, creative and caring thinkers with a global outlook, based on having open minds, cultural understanding and respect for others"



WELCOME TO PADWORTH COLLEGE

An exclusive co-educational boarding and day school, just 40 minutes from central London, for up to 120 students aged 13 to 18.

Established in 1963, by a visionary Oxford University Professor and set in a beautiful historic English mansion house, Padworth College offers small, tutorial style classes for academic studies. We provide challenging and in-depth study as preparation for entrance to top universities, both in the UK and around the world.

80% of our students are international – with over 30 nationalities represented – and together with our local British students, we celebrate the culturally diverse environment that is Padworth.

“Our tailored academic pathways prepare students for British universities through flexible I/GCSE, A Level or the NCUK International Foundation Year programme”





WHY PADWORTH?

Excellent boarding accommodation – almost all students have their own single study bedroom, offering private, comfortable space, as well as, enjoying the fun, friendships, caring community and dedicated pastoral team in the boarding houses. The home-from-home facilities are all on campus, along with medical care. Healthy and nutritious meals from our onsite chefs are served in our dedicated dining room.

Academic Programme – Padworth is non-selective, although we test and interview at the admissions stage to enable informed guidance on student subject and course selection. The British curriculum is followed across all subjects and whilst the main entry point is September, students can also join in January or April for some courses. For international students, specialist EAL teachers provide outstanding English language support as necessary. We operate a rolling and flexible admissions process throughout the year, with visa support as required. Visits and tasters are encouraged.



Co-curricular Programme – British boarding schools are highly regarded around the world for the exceptional breadth of extra-curricular activities offered. Developing skills, interests and trying new things builds character, as well as encouraging teamwork and confidence. The enrichment programme is extensive and some of the wide range of activities include:

Choral and instrumental tuition, fitness, cooking, debating, charitable work/volunteering, leadership skills, conservation, film, chess, basketball, tennis, football, golf, languages, table tennis and photography.

Location – our beautiful location provides students with a calm learning environment, free of city distractions and pollution, yet close to the university city of Reading, airports and just 40 minutes from central London by train.

Weekends – Padworth is a boarding school, with a small number of day students, so there is a thriving community spirit at weekends. Weekly and flexible boarding options are available. International students don't have the disruption and cost of exeat weekends!

There is plenty of time for Saturday morning revision and testing, to support academic studies and to prepare students well for formal examinations. Time to relax with friends from around the world is also an important part of the weekend programme.

There is a stimulating and varied programme of activities, sightseeing, fun and cultural excursions. Students can pursue outdoor physical activities, enjoy the UK's history and architecture during visits to Oxford, Reading and Bath and visit theme parks, designer shopping centres, art galleries and theatre performances. Memories are made for a lifetime.



A DAY IN THE LIFE	
DAILY TIMETABLE	
07:00	Wake-up – rise and shine!
07:45	Breakfast
08:40	Morning Registration and Whole School Assembly (every Monday)
08:50	Lessons (four, each 30 minutes)
10:50	Break (20 minutes)
11:10	Lessons (four, each 30 minutes)
13:10	Lunch
13:55	Afternoon Registration
14:00	Lessons (four, each 30 minutes)
16:10	Co-curricular Programme
17:30	Dinner
18:45	Prep (study time)
20:15	Activities (weekdays)
22:00	Prepare for Bed
22:30	Lights Out

SHORT IMMERSION PROGRAMME

International students aged 13-17 years (minimum Level A2 English) can enjoy an immersive study experience, incorporating classes, activities and boarding life, for 4 weeks, half a term or a full term. This Programme gives students the opportunity to discover and experience Padworth College and offers a taste of study in the UK.

It includes English tuition, integration into a range of subject classes, a personalised timetable and optional sightseeing trips.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT, FOR LIFE

The numerous opportunities available through trips and participation in college based clubs, extend students’ cultural development in the Arts, Music and Sports. Our location enables easy access to galleries, theatres and concerts. Padworth College is also an ideal base for exploring some of the UK’s most beautiful places and popular attractions.

Shared experiences, with fellow students, create life-long memories.

“I love to have my own room, it gives me private space”

NICCOLO, ITALY

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES	
PROGRAMME	AGE
YEAR 9	13
2 YEAR I/GCSE COURSE YEARS 10 - 11	From 14+
1 YEAR I/GCSE PROGRAMME YEAR 11	15 - 16
2 YEAR A LEVEL COURSE YEARS 12 – 13 Up to 4 subjects; September start	16 - 18
18 MONTH, 5 TERM A LEVEL COURSE YEARS 12 – 13 Up to 3 subjects; January start	16 - 18
NCUK INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR PROGRAMME YEAR 13 For international students; September start	17 - 18
SHORT IMMERSION PROGRAMME For international students; minimum 4 weeks and up to one term	13 - 17
PADWORTH SUMMER PROGRAMME For international students; 2, 3 or 4 weeks	13 - 17

YEARS 9–11

Year 9
Joining Padworth College in Year 9 will help to expand a student’s educational experience in preparation for formal I/GCSE studies. Year 9 students make their I/GCSE subject choices in the Spring Term, supported with subject information and details of course options.

International students joining Padworth for Year 9 are required to have Level A2 English.

2 Year I/GCSE Course – Years 10 and 11
Formal, external I/GCSE examinations take place at the end of the two-year study period. The curriculum consists of compulsory and optional subjects and up to 10 different subjects can be chosen. International students joining Year 10 are required to have Level B1 English and EAL lessons are built into a student’s timetable (included in fees).

2 YEAR I/GCSE COURSE	
COMPULSORY SUBJECTS	OPTIONAL SUBJECTS
English Language	English as a Second Language
English Literature (native English speakers)	Biology
Mathematics	Chemistry
	Physics
	Art
	French
	Geography
	ICT
	Music

Optional subjects are available subject to demand and additional choices can often be provided on request.



1 Year I/GCSE Programme – Year 11

International students with Level B1 English or higher can study up to a maximum of 6 I/GCSE subjects in just one year, from a September start, with formal external examinations at the end of the Summer Term. This one-year course provides excellent preparation for entry to A Level study in Sixth Form either at Padworth College or other British schools. The Programme includes 30 hours of academic tuition, plus 7 hours of supervised study ('prep'), alongside up to 5 hours of sports and activities each week, as well as optional weekend excursions. Weekly testing, regular academic tracking and reporting ensure students and their families are kept well informed of progress to enable future study and career plans.

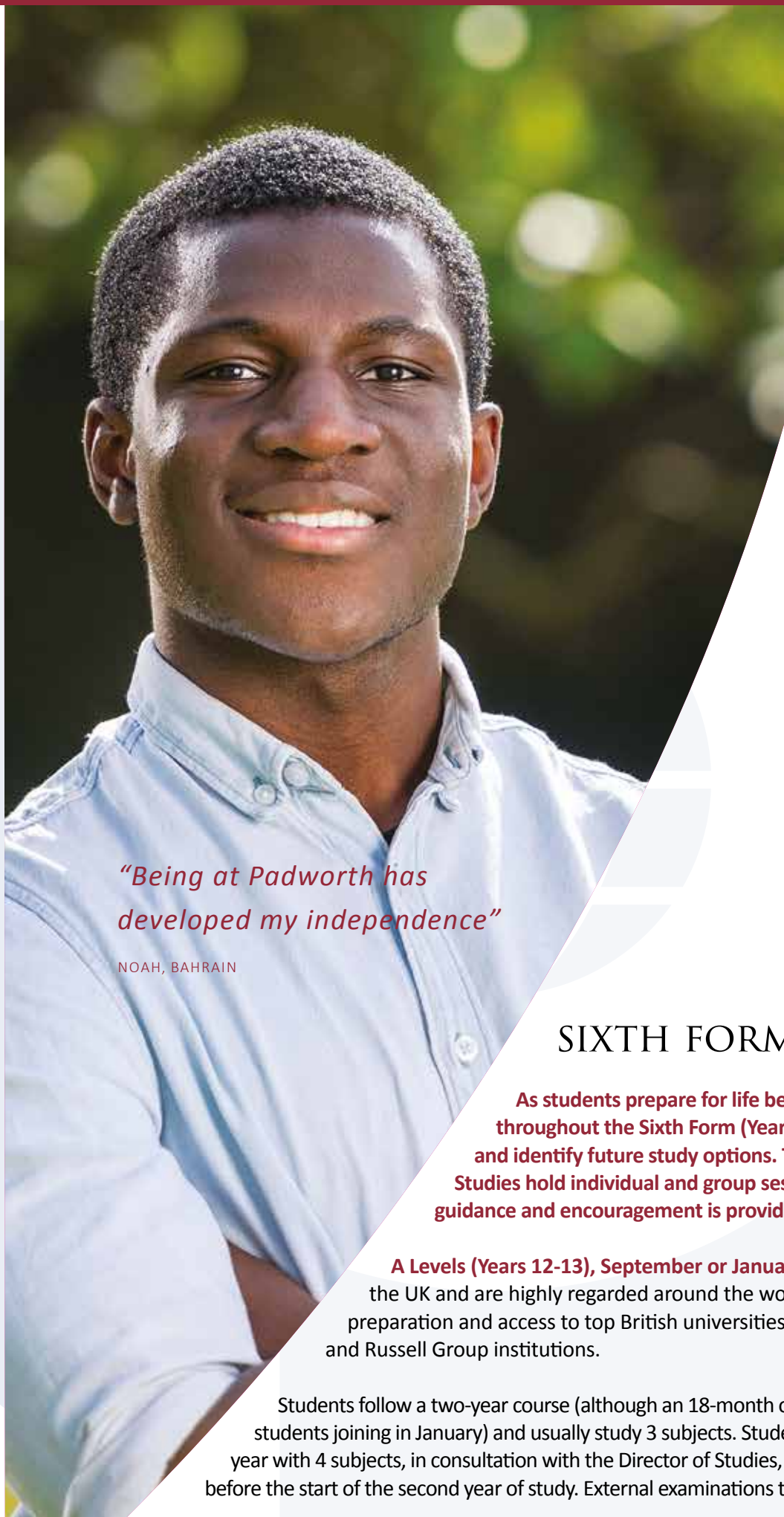


1 YEAR I/GCSE PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME SUBJECTS

English as a First Language or English as a Second Language
Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Art
Business Studies
ICT (not examined)
Music (not examined)
PSHE (not examined)

Optional subjects are available subject to demand.



“Being at Padworth has developed my independence”

NOAH, BAHRAIN

A LEVELS
PROGRAMME SUBJECTS
English Language and Literature
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Accounting
Business Studies
Economics
Government and Politics
Fine Art
Graphic Communication
History
Geography
Sociology
Psychology
ICT
Photography
Textiles
Extended Project Qualification

SIXTH FORM

As students prepare for life beyond Padworth, support is given throughout the Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13) as students research and identify future study options. The Principal and the Director of Studies hold individual and group sessions with students, ensuring care, guidance and encouragement is provided throughout this pivotal period.

A Levels (Years 12-13), September or January Start – A Levels are unique to the UK and are highly regarded around the world as providing excellent preparation and access to top British universities, including Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group institutions.

Students follow a two-year course (although an 18-month option is available for international students joining in January) and usually study 3 subjects. Students may choose to start the first year with 4 subjects, in consultation with the Director of Studies, with the option to drop one subject before the start of the second year of study. External examinations take place at the end of the course.

NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY) Year 13

Padworth College is proud to be an accredited NCUK Delivery Partner for the NCUK International Foundation Year programme. This Year 13 university foundation course, for international students aged 17+ offers GUARANTEED progression to one of the 16 NCUK Partner Universities, upon successful completion of the course. This qualification also allows students to apply to any UK university (excluding Oxford and Cambridge), as well as many universities overseas.

As well as academic knowledge, the IFY provides international students with specialist English language, study and cultural skills that are an essential requirement of degree courses.

Both the Business and Engineering Pathways are offered at Padworth College: **The IFY in Business** is particularly suitable for students who are seeking a career in business, finance and all areas of management/leadership. Academic modules studied are Mathematics (for Business), Business Studies, Economics and English for Academic Purposes.

The IFY in Engineering is most suitable for students seeking a career in civil, mechanical, chemical and all other areas of engineering. This pathway is also suitable for students who seek many science based university courses such as Computer Science, Material Science or pure science subjects. Academic modules studied are Mathematics (for Engineering), Physics, Chemistry and English for Academic Purposes.

End of Programme Assessment consists of 20% coursework and 80% by examination. All assessments are set and moderated by NCUK.

International students should be at Level B2 English/IELTS 5.5 on entry to the Sixth Form and will also study IELTS as preparation for university entrance.



University Preparation

Identification and development of areas of interest and aptitude is important to support the most appropriate subjects and career pathway. During Years 10 and 11 careers guidance is supported through the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) programme and tutor groups, which provide further opportunities for individual discussions and guidance.

In the Sixth Form, care is taken to ensure that all students are guided carefully in their choice of A Level subjects appropriate for their intended field of study and career intentions.

This is especially important for those wishing to study subjects where there is high demand for university places, such as Law or Medicine. Students are helped and supported with researching degree courses and universities throughout the UCAS application process. Encouragement and support with writing personal statements and identifying opportunities for work experience are always on hand and our University and Careers Adviser gives comprehensive individual assistance to each student. Preparation for entry to Oxford and Cambridge universities is also provided and visiting speakers and visits to university fairs, create further access to specialists.

We have an excellent track record of placing students in leading universities, especially in the UK, and are committed to giving every possible assistance to students in our care and former students should they require further support.

NCUK IFY AND 1 YEAR A LEVEL STUDENTS

Jul - Aug
YEAR 12

Preparatory materials for UCAS application prior to joining Padworth

Sep - Dec
YEAR 13

Final university choices and Personal Statement

2 YEAR AND 18 MONTH A LEVEL STUDENTS

Mar - Jun
YEAR 12

Seminar. Introduction to UCAS and university fairs

May - Jun
YEAR 12

Individual meetings to discuss universities and courses

May - Jun
YEAR 12

Seminar: How to write the UCAS Personal Statement

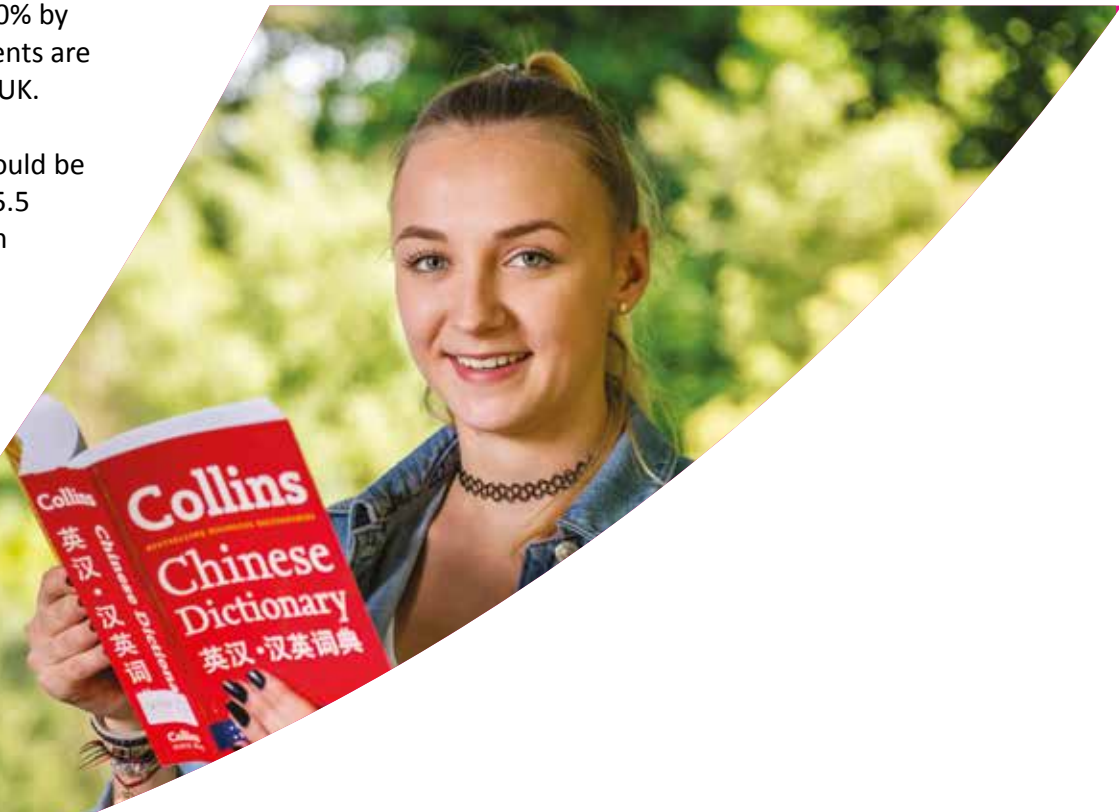
Jul - Aug
YEAR 12

Suggested reading preparation from teachers

Sep - Dec
YEAR 13

Final university choices and Personal Statement*

*October deadline for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Oxford and Cambridge



BOARDING

Boarding is central to the ethos of the College and the strong Padworth College community provides a home-from-home environment in a beautiful, calm setting. Student welfare is a priority, ensuring there is a balance of academic study alongside recreational and social activities. Through participation in a broad range of co-curricular activities, students develop skills and interests and lifelong friendships.



"There are no exeat weekends here – it's so much easier than having to go off campus"



"Every week we can go on a trip – I love the shopping and the fun activities!"

There are two boys' boarding houses and one girls' house on campus. All of the boarding houses have kitchen facilities and common room areas for student use, with a laundry facility close by.

The bedrooms are clean, comfortable and furnished to a good standard – almost all of the rooms are singly study bedrooms, offering private space for students, as well as being part of the house family.

The Principal and Director of Studies live on site, as well as the residential house staff, all ensuring a high staff ratio and level of supervision.

Residential house staff help with any medical needs and provide outstanding care and support with all student requirements. A programme of induction when students join Padworth, involves team building activities and campus orientation tasks – as a result, new students make friends and settle quickly.



Day students are an integral part of the community who also enjoy the benefits of having time and space to develop their skills, interests and friendships.

Students often comment on the excellent food made by our onsite chefs. The catering team are passionate about providing varied and healthy meals. All tastes and dietary requirements are catered for by this caring, supportive and flexible team, in our dedicated dining room.

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

Padworth College is ideally located in the lightly populated hamlet of Padworth, close to the university city of Reading. The College enjoys a 12 acre site in a safe countryside setting, with clean air and calm and natural surroundings. The College is housed in a former historic country estate and enjoys a majestic view of the beautiful landscape of West Berkshire.



Padworth College is easily accessible by road or rail. The nearest train stations are Aldermaston (4 minutes) and Theale (10 minutes). Trains from these stations travel directly to Reading (15 minutes) or to London Paddington (30 minutes), where connections are available to multiple destinations. By road, the College is accessed via the M4 motorway and then the A4. The closest airport is London Heathrow, about 40 minutes by car, although other airports are well connected.

Further Details

For information or to arrange a visit to the College, please contact the Registrar:

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