



A pathway to excellence

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# Welcome

I am delighted that you are considering Padworth College for your studies.

Each year, we welcome up to 100 students to study with us at Padworth. They are united by one ambition – to gain entry into leading universities across the UK and other key destinations. Our students, working with our experienced and highly skilled staff, form a vibrant and multicultural community.

At Padworth, we provide the foundations for independent learners, who develop a passion for life and learning. We treat every student as an individual, but it is also important that they participate in College life as a team player, whether that is on the sports field, during a walk in the countryside or in the classroom. Our 'classroom' at Padworth extends to every environment, every day of the week.

Our boarding and teaching staff are approachable, friendly and supportive. It is our aim to provide a positive, caring, family-orientated and safe environment in which each individual is valued and respected for who they are.

Today, we all live and operate in a global environment. That is why pursuing your academic studies at Padworth will provide you with a fantastic international experience for life.

I do hope that you and your family will visit us soon, to see just how special Padworth is for yourself.

Lorraine Atkins  
Principal

# Our Aims and Ethos



Padworth College was founded in 1963 by Oxford University tutor, Peter Fison, and a group of Oxford dons whose vision was to bring Oxford's educational philosophy of tutorial teaching to school-level education. Our founders saw the potential for a different, modern approach to learning, in contrast to rigid, traditional teaching methods, which allowed little room for individuality.

Padworth College strives to uphold the innovative vision of our founders to offer a truly unique educational experience – based on small tutorial style classes. This allows the development of personal

strengths and provides opportunities to succeed and thrive in a global community.

It is fundamental for our students to have a firm commitment to community values and teamwork, whilst being individuals who are open-minded, reflective and tolerant. We seek to be inclusive, respecting all faiths and promoting responsible and active citizenship. We aim to build self-discipline, self-confidence, and to develop initiative and excellent communication skills in our students, enabling them to contribute wisely and with respect to the global community.





The Padworth **ethos** is that we strive to unlock the academic and personal potential of each student, and encourage them to realise their ambitions.

- Our educational philosophy is based on the Oxford University tutorial model of teaching, with small personalised classes.
- A programme of learning is devised for each individual that reflects university and career aspirations, as well as personal interests and ability.
- Our class sizes are small for optimum learning and to encourage student-teacher interaction.

Consistent with the underlying ethos of the College are its **aims**:

- Create a healthy, safe, caring, supportive environment in which students can feel at home and voice their opinions.
- Develop all aspects of a student's character.
- Encourage a strong sense of community.
- Enable students to build self-motivation and develop a professional attitude inside and outside the classroom.

# Reasons to Study at Padworth

Padworth College offers a unique educational experience and provides a stepping stone between traditional school education and university studies. Students are closely supervised and supported, but also learn how to study independently and to develop study skills that will allow them to thrive in a university environment.



## KEY FEATURES:

- A strong focus on the development of independent learning to facilitate the transition from A Level and foundation programmes to university.
- A commitment to realising academic potential and finding the right career pathways for the individual.
- Small class sizes (average 8-10).
- A diverse international community, with the student body made up of up to 30 nationalities.
- Flexible subject combinations, with students offered advice on optimal study plans at the point of admission.
- Oxbridge tutorial style education with Personal Tutors supporting university applications.
- Medical School Preparation Programme provided at no extra cost.
- A traditional British curriculum with a modern approach and global outlook.
- The opportunity to board on a full-time, weekly or flexible basis with high quality pastoral support, promoting independence and aiding the transition to university.
- A high level of contact between staff, parents and students.
- Personalised learning plans with regular testing, leading to focused target setting for each individual student.
- Extensive sports and extra-curricular activities.
- Excellent track record of placing students in to leading UK universities.
- Set within an impressive 12 acre campus, close to the university town of Reading and just 50 miles from central London.

# Academic Programmes

PROGRAMME	AGE
Two year I/GCSE Course Years 10-11	From 14+
One year I/GCSE Programme Year 11	15-16
Two year A Level Course Years 12-13 Up to 4 subjects; September start	16-18
18-month, five 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
Study Abroad Programme For international students; minimum 4 weeks and up to one term	14-17
Pre-Sessional Programme For international students; minimum one term and up to one year	14-17





# I/GCSEs – Years 10 and 11

I/GCSEs represent the first step on the pathway towards studying at a UK university. Padworth's I/GCSE programme is taught over a one or two-year period, commencing in September.

## TWO YEAR I/GCSE COURSE

Students follow the standard curriculum, incorporating up to 10 different subjects.



### FEATURES

Age	From 14+
Minimum English Language Level	CEFR Level B1 (IELTS 4.5)
Compulsory Subjects	English Language, English Literature (native English speakers), Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics
Optional Subjects	English as a Second Language, Art, French, Geography, History, ICT and Music
Academic Study	30 hours of academic tuition, including enrichment studies, plus 5-10 hours of supervised study ('prep') after the school day
Weekly Assessment	2-3 hours, designed to ensure that revision is continuous and cumulative





# One Year I/GCSE Programme

This one-year course provides excellent preparation for entry to A Level study in Sixth Form either at Padworth College or other British schools.

Students study a maximum of six I/GCSE subjects in just one year, from a September start.

For both programmes, students also have five hours of sports and activities each week, as well as optional weekend excursions. Formal external examinations take place at the end of the Summer Term.

For international students, EAL lessons are built into the students' timetable (included in fees).

## FEATURES

<b>Age</b>	15-16
<b>Minimum English Language Level</b>	CEFR Level B2 (IELTS 5.5)
<b>Subjects</b>	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)
<b>Academic Study</b>	30 hours of academic tuition, including enrichment studies, plus 7 hours of supervised study ('prep') after the school day
<b>Weekly Assessment</b>	2-3 hours, designed to ensure that revision is continuous and cumulative



# A Levels

Our A Level programme is taught over two years (September start) and 18-months (January start). There is also the option for students to transfer to Padworth for the final year of A Levels, provided there is alignment with subjects studied in Year 12.

Students enrolled on the two-year course may choose to start the first year with four subjects, in consultation with the Deputy Principal, 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.

The weekly timetable also includes PSHE and PE.

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is also available to all A Level students.

International students with an IELTS score below 6.5 overall must join the IELTS course for the duration of their first academic year. This is timetabled alongside A Level lessons.

## FEATURES

<b>Age</b>	16-18
<b>Minimum English Language Level</b>	CEFR Level B2 (IELTS 5.5)
<b>Subjects</b>	Accounting, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English Language and Literature, Fine Art, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, Graphic Communication, History, ICT – Cambridge Technicals Introductory Diploma in IT, Mathematics, Music, Photography, Physics, Politics, Psychology, Sociology and Textile Design
<b>Academic Study</b>	Individual subjects are offered at five hours per subject per week, with an additional five hours per week allocated to IELTS, if required. In addition, students must commit 5-10 hours each week to prep, after the school day
<b>Weekly Assessment</b>	2-3 hours, designed to ensure that revision is continuous and cumulative







# NCUK International Foundation Year

## PADWORTH COLLEGE

All visitors please report to  
Reception in Padworth House

- Padworth House
- College Office
- Boarding Houses
- Classroom Block
- Fitness Centre



Padworth College is proud to be a fully accredited NCUK partner.

Starting every September, the NCUK International Foundation Year (IFY) Programme is an intensive one-year course designed to enable international students, aged 17-18, to progress on to study at a range of top UK universities.

The IFY is a modular programme that prepares students for first-year undergraduate degree courses. Students study a combination of modules that fit with their degree destination, with four pathways available.

All NCUK qualifications also include a specialist English for Academic Purposes (EAP) module designed to give students the language ability, and study skills, that will give them a head start on their undergraduate degree in the UK. Overall, total teaching hours (including enrichment subjects) are 20 hours per week.

The **Business Pathway** prepares students in a variety of subject areas, offering a wide range of progression options, particularly for those with an interest in business, finance and all areas of management. This is a great option for students interested in studying Maths as one of their modules and who wish to keep their options open to both Business and Humanities degrees.

The **Engineering Pathway** with compulsory Maths and Physics modules provides the perfect route for students wishing to study Engineering-related degrees at university. This pathway gives

students access to virtually all Engineering degrees, whilst keeping their options open to most Business and Humanities degrees.

The **Humanities Pathway** is ideal for students who wish to access a wide range of degree programmes in the Social Science, Humanities and specific areas such as Law and International Relations. This pathway is aimed at those students not wishing to include Maths as one of their modules, though many of the Business and Management degrees will still be open as a future choice to graduates of this route.

The **Science Pathway** provides the perfect preparation for, and access to, a wide range of Science and Medical degrees, through the addition of Chemistry and Biology module options. In addition, students can also secure a place on many of the same degrees as the Humanities, Engineering and Business pathways.

International students must have a minimum English language level of IELTS 5.5 to enrol on the programme.

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

Successful completion of the IFY provides guaranteed access to one of over 40 NCUK Universities. Progression options include University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, Durham University, University of Exeter and University of Manchester, as well as a number of high-ranking universities in the UK and worldwide.

Pathway	Business	Engineering	Humanities	Science
<b>Academic Modules</b>	Business Studies Economics Mathematics (for business)	Chemistry Mathematics (for Engineering) Physics	Business Studies Economics Sociology	Biology Chemistry Mathematics
<b>Core Module</b>	English for Academic Purposes	English for Academic Purposes	English for Academic Purposes	English for Academic Purposes



# Study Abroad Programme

The Study Abroad Programme gives international students aged 14-17 (minimum Level A2 English) the opportunity to discover Padworth College, UK life and to see whether they enjoy boarding without committing long-term. Students will enjoy an immersive study experience incorporating classes, activities and boarding life for four weeks, half a term or a full term.

This programme provides intensive English tuition, a taste of boarding, a personalised timetable and optional sightseeing.

For students who are moving far away from home for the first time, this programme provides the opportunity to experience what it is like to live abroad in a safe and caring environment.







# Pre-Sessional Programme

The Pre-Sessional Programme consists of intensive English language tuition and study skills support for international students who need to improve their English before enrolling on the GCSE, A Level or NCUK International Foundation Year courses.

Courses start at the beginning of each term in September, January and April. Depending on the level of English, the Pre-Sessional Programme can be taught for one, two or three terms. As well as improving English language skills, students are prepared for learning in a typical British classroom environment. This includes study skills development, including project work, independent reading, discussion work and team building. Sports and PSHE also form part of the pre-sessional curriculum.

The Pre-Sessional Programme consists of 30 hours of tuition per week. Alongside English, students study from three to nine subjects, with the number of subjects being dependent on age and English language ability. The Programme also includes a wide range of social, cultural and physical activities to broaden students' learning and experience.





# University Preparation Support

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. Tutor groups also provide further opportunities for individual discussions and guidance.

All students enrolled in Years 12 and 13 benefit from 1:1 advice and support from their Personal Tutor in relation to university admissions. Support with UCAS applications, including personal statement preparation and interview practice is provided as part of the College's regular weekend clinics.

For those students wishing to study subjects where there is high demand for university places, such as Medicine or Law, specialist support is available, including expert tuition to prepare for specialist admissions tests and advice in relation to securing work

experience or internship opportunities during the holidays in Year 12. A dedicated lecture series, with visiting speakers and visits to university fairs are also organised.

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







The Medical School Preparation Programme is designed to give students the best possible chances of gaining a place at UK university medical schools. The College has an established record in placing students on specialist degrees in Medicine or related subjects such as Dentistry. Our tutors are experts in their field, and have a considerable amount of experience supporting medical school candidates through the application process.

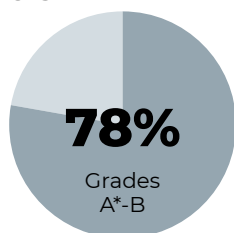
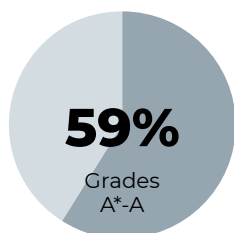


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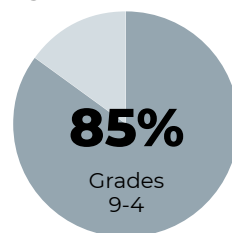
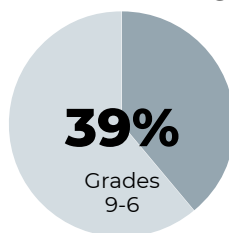
- Personal Tutor who specialises in medical preparation.
- Weekly medical sessions, designed to provide students with a thorough understanding of what a medical career involves, and the opportunity to discuss medical ethics and current medical issues.
- Support with UCAS applications, including personal statement preparation.
- Expert tuition to prepare for specialist tests, namely the UKCAT and BMAT.
- Interview preparation, both traditional interviews and MMIs.
- Support in securing work experience or internship opportunities.
- Dedicated lecture series, with visiting speakers delivering a series of lectures during the Autumn Term.

# Results and Destinations

## 2021 A Levels



## 2021 GCSEs



Students enrolled at Padworth progress on to a range of Russell Group and other universities, including medical programmes and Oxbridge. Recent destinations have included:

### Russell Group

- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- King's College London
- Imperial College London
- London School of Economics
- Queen Mary, University of London
- University College London
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Warwick
- University of York

### Other Universities

- Anglia Ruskin University
- Arts University Bournemouth
- Aston University
- Bangor University
- Bath Spa University
- Birkbeck, University of London
- Bournemouth University
- BPP University
- Brunel University
- Central Saint Martins, University of the Arts
- City University
- Coventry University
- De Montfort University
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Heriot-Watt University
- Kingston University
- Lancaster University
- London College of Fashion
- London Metropolitan University
- London South Bank University
- Loughborough University
- Middlesex University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Oxford Brookes University
- Plymouth University
- Regent's University London
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- St George's Medical School, University of London
- St Mary's University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- SOAS University of London
- Solent University
- Swansea University
- Teeside University
- Ulster University
- University College Birmingham
- University of Aberdeen
- University of the Arts London
- University of Bath
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Bradford
- University of Brighton
- University of Buckingham
- University of Central Lancashire
- University of Dundee
- University of East Anglia
- University of Essex
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- University of Huddersfield
- University of Hull
- University of Kent
- University of Leicester
- University of Lincoln
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Sussex
- University of Westminster
- University of the West of England
- University of Winchester
- Hotel Institute Montreux
- Manipal University, India
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Karachi





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*At Padworth, the classes are small compared to other schools, so I feel more involved and it is easier to ask questions during lessons. The subject teachers and my classmates ensure a positive atmosphere, allowing me to focus on my studies and free time. This has enabled me to work hard and play hard!*

**Sunny from China**

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*I have connected so much with my friends in my boarding house that we have actually become each other's family.*

**Valeria from Moldova**



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*Padworth is a very international school and I enjoy the fact that there are a lot of people from different countries. This helps us make a connection with each other and improve our skills in terms of meeting and interacting with people from different cultures.*

**Rafael from Angola**





## Boarding

*"I love having my own room;  
it gives me private space"*

Boarding is central to the ethos of the College, and the strong Padworth College community provides a home-from-home in a beautiful, calm setting.

All of the four boarding houses, which are located on campus, have kitchen facilities and common room areas for student use, with laundry facilities close by. Almost all students benefit from having their own single study bedroom, offering private space, whilst being part of the boarding house family. Bedrooms are clean, comfortable and furnished to a good standard.

Healthy and nutritious meals provided by our onsite chefs are served and eaten together in our dedicated dining room. This ensures day students are just as much an integral part of our community and can build friendships too.

The Principal and Deputy Principal also live on site, as well as the residential house staff who provide outstanding medical help and care if ever required.

Finally, to ensure new students make friends and settle quickly, we have a programme of induction, which involves team building activities and campus orientation tasks.



*"I have enjoyed pool tournaments, movie nights, making cakes, sushi and 'rocky roads' and relaxing walks around the campus."*



## Extracurricular

Our Enrichment Programme includes a varied programme of sport, social and recreational activities and trips throughout the week, as well as regular excursions every weekend. The Programme is designed to foster team spirit and confidence and to provide opportunities for students to add value to their university applications.

Sports include basketball, football, fitness, golf, table tennis, tennis, running and yoga. There is also a Fitness Centre on site.

Padworth students are diverse and curious, and take full advantage of the wide range of extracurricular activities and projects on offer throughout the week. In addition to sports, College-based activities include charitable work/volunteering, chess, conservation, cookery, debating, film, languages, leadership skills and photography.

Off-campus activities include bowling, cinema, horse riding and ice skating.





# Location and Directions

Padworth College is ideally located in the hamlet of Padworth, close to the university town of Reading. With 12 acres, our students are surrounded by beautiful countryside and clean air.

Housed in a former historic country estate with majestic views of the natural landscape of West Berkshire, the College is the perfect setting for a calm learning environment.





Oxford

Luton

Stansted

Bristol

Bath

Reading

**Padworth College**

Heathrow

LONDON  
50 miles

Salisbury

Gatwick

Southampton

## Admissions

We encourage prospective students and their parents to visit the College. We require all applicants to have an interview with a member of the academic team, during which we will offer expert and honest advice on programme and university selection. Applicants may also be required to sit an entrance test.

The interview will take place at Padworth or via Teams/Zoom.

For further information about the College, including College policies, exam results and inspection reports, or to arrange a visit to the College, please contact Clare McNally, Registrar:

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Padworth College is easily accessible by road or rail. The nearest train stations are Aldermaston (7 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.

For additional information, including term dates and fees, please visit our website: [www.padworth.com](http://www.padworth.com)



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