



BRIGHTON
COLLEGE





“Brighton College is one of the great modern success stories of independent education.”

The Sunday Times

Welcome

If you were to ask our parents why they chose Brighton College for their child, they would tell you that the girls and boys here are happy, confident, at ease with themselves and each other – as well as excited and enthusiastic about the future they see before them. Of course we are renowned for our academic excellence, but this is balanced by a wealth of activities, a caring and supportive community, and a deep commitment to the individual needs and enthusiasms of each and every child.

As Principal, I believe passionately in the importance of the individual. Every child at Brighton College is valued for his or her own sake and encouraged to develop his or her talents to the full in a community where there are no stereotypes and where every achievement, however small, is noticed. If this ethos appeals to you and your family, do please visit and register with us. We would be delighted to continue your Brighton College journey.

Richard Cairns, MA (Oxon)

Principal

UK Head of the Year

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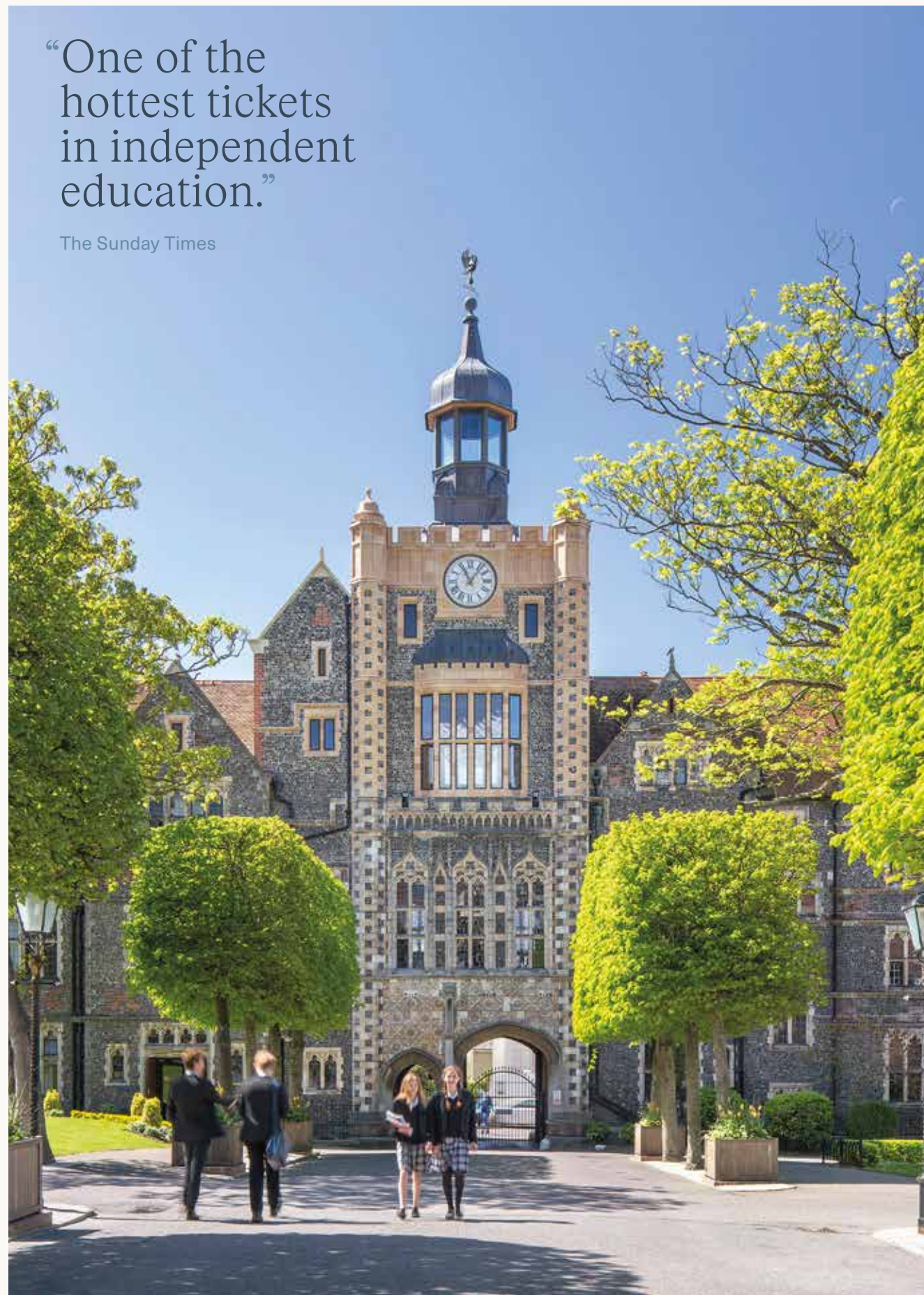
“Top Co-educational
School in the UK
2025 & 2026.”

The Sunday Times



“One of the hottest tickets in independent education.”

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

United Kingdom *School Of The Decade*

We were delighted to be named United Kingdom School of the Decade by *The Sunday Times*. Here are some of the lovely things they had to say about us:

'Under the leadership of Richard Cairns, Brighton College has emerged as one of Britain's top institutions.

When Cairns took over in 2006, the school was ranked 147th in our schools guide. By 2010 it was 41st in England and its sustained improvement has made it a regular in our top 10, reaching third place in 2019 – its highest position and the best yet achieved by a coeducational school. Brighton was named our Independent School of the Year in 2011 and 2018.

Its students head to top Russell Group universities and 30 or more have won places at Oxford or Cambridge each year since 2016 (up to a record 37). More Brighton

pupils are also choosing to study in America, at prestigious institutions such as Columbia and NYU.

“Brighton College turns out good human beings, not just clever ones.”

The school's high achievement is driven by inspirational teaching and its emphasis on kindness and tolerance. The school wants to turn out good human beings, not just clever ones. “At the end of our lives we will be judged not by what car we drove, what house we owned or job we held but by how we made people feel,” says Richard Cairns.

The school has constantly adapted to address the many and varied challenges of the past decade,

ensuring that children are not simply equipped with great GCSE and A-level results but understand the challenges facing the world today and stand ready to play their part.

“Under the inspiring leadership of Richard Cairns children are taught kindness and respect for one another.”

Children who are happy in their own skin, valued for who they are and valued by their peers will achieve more than their parents ever thought possible – and that really is the story of Brighton.'

“Britain’s
most forward-
thinking school.”

The Week



Join us
at 13+



Years 9, 10 and 11 are one of the most important times in a child’s educational journey. We prepare pupils for taking their GCSEs at the end of Year 11, developing their lifelong love of learning.

Teaching at Brighton College is characterised by passion. Outstanding teachers encourage inquisitive minds, inspire confidence, and provide a wide range of exciting activities outside the classroom.

In Year 9, pupils learn in mixed-ability environments, meaning they get to

know their peers and develop enduring friendships.

Each lesson provides support for learning, and pupils are guided by dedicated Form Tutors and Housemasters or Housemistresses. GCSE subjects are chosen during Year 9, in conjunction with parents and based on the pupil’s passions and abilities.

With boys and girls joining our wonderful House system at the start of Year 9, these years mark a vibrant and exciting time in the lives of our pupils.



“A true centre of excellence
in all things.”

The Telegraph

Join us at 16



Sixth Formers at Brighton College enjoy the best of all worlds: a supportive and dynamic academic environment, a friendly and caring school community, a wide range of sporting, arts and activities, and a beautiful campus in one of Britain's most vibrant cities. Our stunning new Sixth Form Centre provides pupils with the perfect balance of study and down time, complementing classroom teaching.

As one of the UK's top co-educational schools at A-level, with an enviable



track record in admissions to the world's top universities including Oxford, Cambridge, the Russell Group and the US Ivy League, we are also home to talented athletes, dancers, musicians, artists and performers. Pupils are encouraged to explore their passions and achieve their full potential, to love their time with us and leave ready to make their mark on the world.

Lower Sixth pupils initially choose four subjects to study, from 27 options. From the second term

onwards, pupils may choose to drop one of these, although some will continue with four subjects. Uniquely, pupils also study our history and international politics course, *Our Human Story*, which considers events that are shaping our world and how these may affect everyone's future.

Our innovative entrepreneurship programme enables the Lower Sixth to develop creative and commercial ideas and products, with prize money given to winning teams to help bring their ideas to market.





Boarding

“UK Boarding School of the Year 2025 & 2026.”

The Sunday Times

Boarding is extremely popular at Brighton College and we are proud to offer a genuine home away from home for our pupils. With six modern boarding Houses and state-of-the art facilities, boarders form warm relationships with those in their House families, and enjoy a rich programme of clubs and activities, and all that the College has to offer.

Every boarding pupil takes full advantage of the excellent facilities within the College and the many arts and community events taking place in the city itself. There is a full and exciting activities programme on offer each evening and every weekend – there are no Saturday lessons, so our boarders enjoy life to the full at school. These activities ensure every child's experience is educational, social, busy and, importantly, fun!

The happiness and welfare of each of our boarders is of the utmost importance to everyone in our boarding community. We pride ourselves on providing our pupils with a safe and supportive environment, and our pupils make friends and memories in their boarding Houses that will last forever.

If you would like the option of boarding from ages 8-12, we can offer this at our beautiful award-winning prep school at Brighton College Prep Handcross, close to London Gatwick Airport.





“The leading co-educational school in England.”

The Sunday Times

The College takes great pride in recruiting only the very best teachers, and regularly achieves the best A-level and GCSE results of any co-educational school in the country.

Inspirational teachers transform lives, and at Brighton College we have inspirational teachers in abundance. Ask any pupil here what makes our school special, and one of the first things they will say is “our amazing teachers”. Their passion, commitment and kindness explains why Brighton College is one of the highest performing schools in the world.

Our unique curriculum is designed to prepare children for the challenges of the 21st century. Specialist courses enable pupils to gain skills that will enable them to achieve what they aspire to do, and to instill a love of learning that will stay with them throughout their lives.

A Love of Learning

A Culture of Kindness



We know that young people who are happy are young people who thrive. And we believe the best way of achieving a happy and content community is to ensure that everyone feels valued for who they are.

We want our pupils to be first-class versions of themselves, not second-class versions of someone else, and we place great emphasis on acceptance and mutual respect.

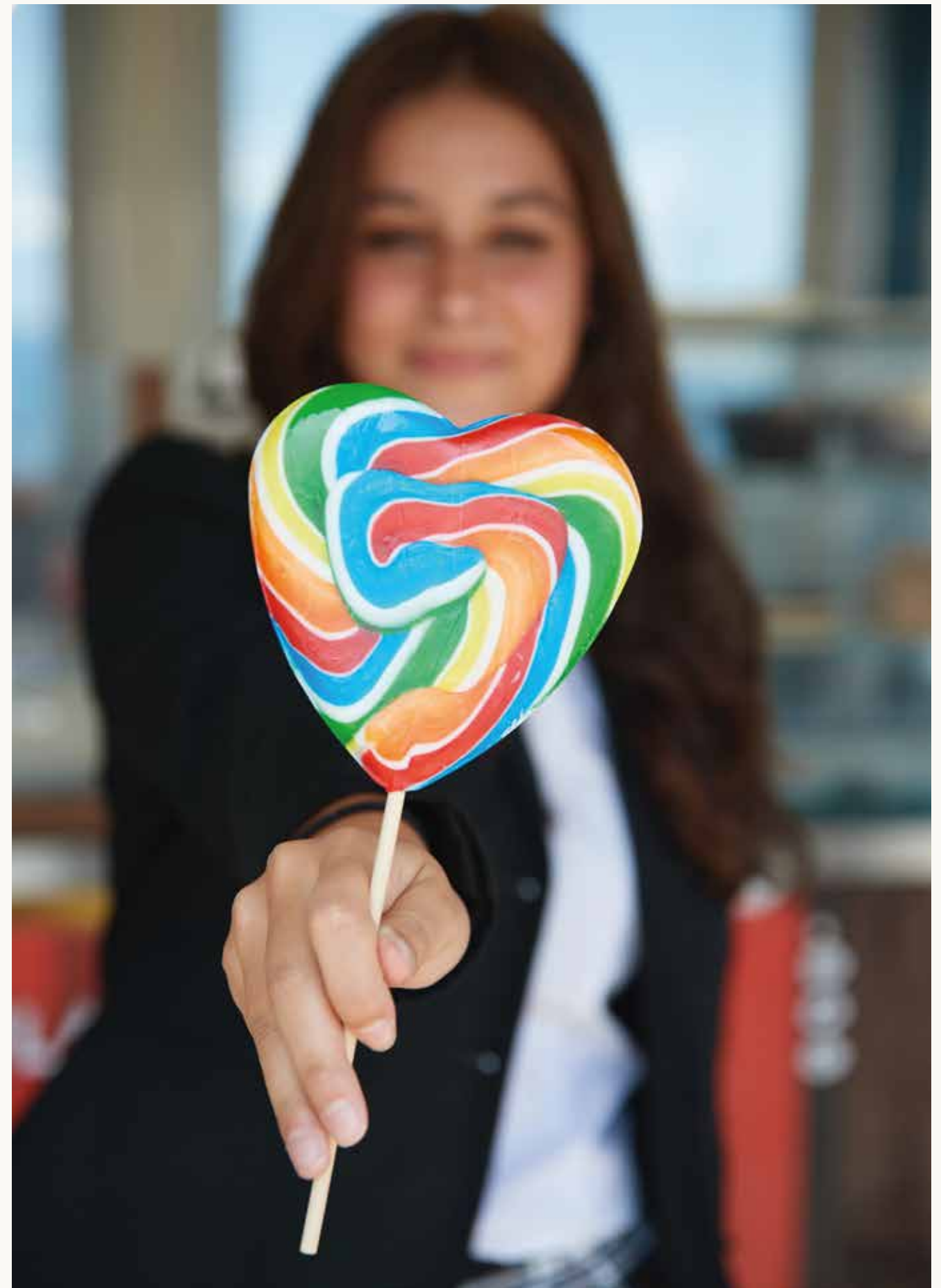
Our pastoral system, overseen by a dedicated Deputy Head, ensures that all pupils are supported in academic and personal matters. We have an on-site Health Centre, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and a school Nutritionist, who ensures that our pupils are healthy as well as happy.

Pupils are assigned to a House, each of which has a Housemaster or Housemistress, and a team of tutors who act as day-to-day points of contact. Every House has a Common Room for relaxing and areas for quiet studying.

Wellbeing is at the centre of our school culture. We have weekly classes on mindfulness, and complement these with a range of initiatives. These include meditation workshops, yoga classes, and the Brighton Five-A-Day programme to encourage a proactive approach to health.

“There is a rich vein of kindness and inclusivity running through the school.”

Tatler





“Belief in the worth of all humanity is at the heart of the school’s culture.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate



We believe that we all have a responsibility to play a full and active part in society. Every week, pupils spend time helping out in the community, visiting elderly people and supporting homeless and disadvantaged people. Thousands of pounds are raised for local and national charities each year, and our annual Make a Difference Day sees every pupil and teacher spend the day working in the community.

Brighton College works hard to be a kind and caring community that looks out to the local surroundings, as well as beyond to national and international contexts. We are conscious the attitudes that pupils develop will remain with them throughout their lives, and so we foster a culture in which our pupils appreciate their responsibility towards other members of society. We see ourselves as a part of society, not apart from it.



*A Part
of Society*



“One of the top schools in England for rugby, cricket and netball.”

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Sport for All

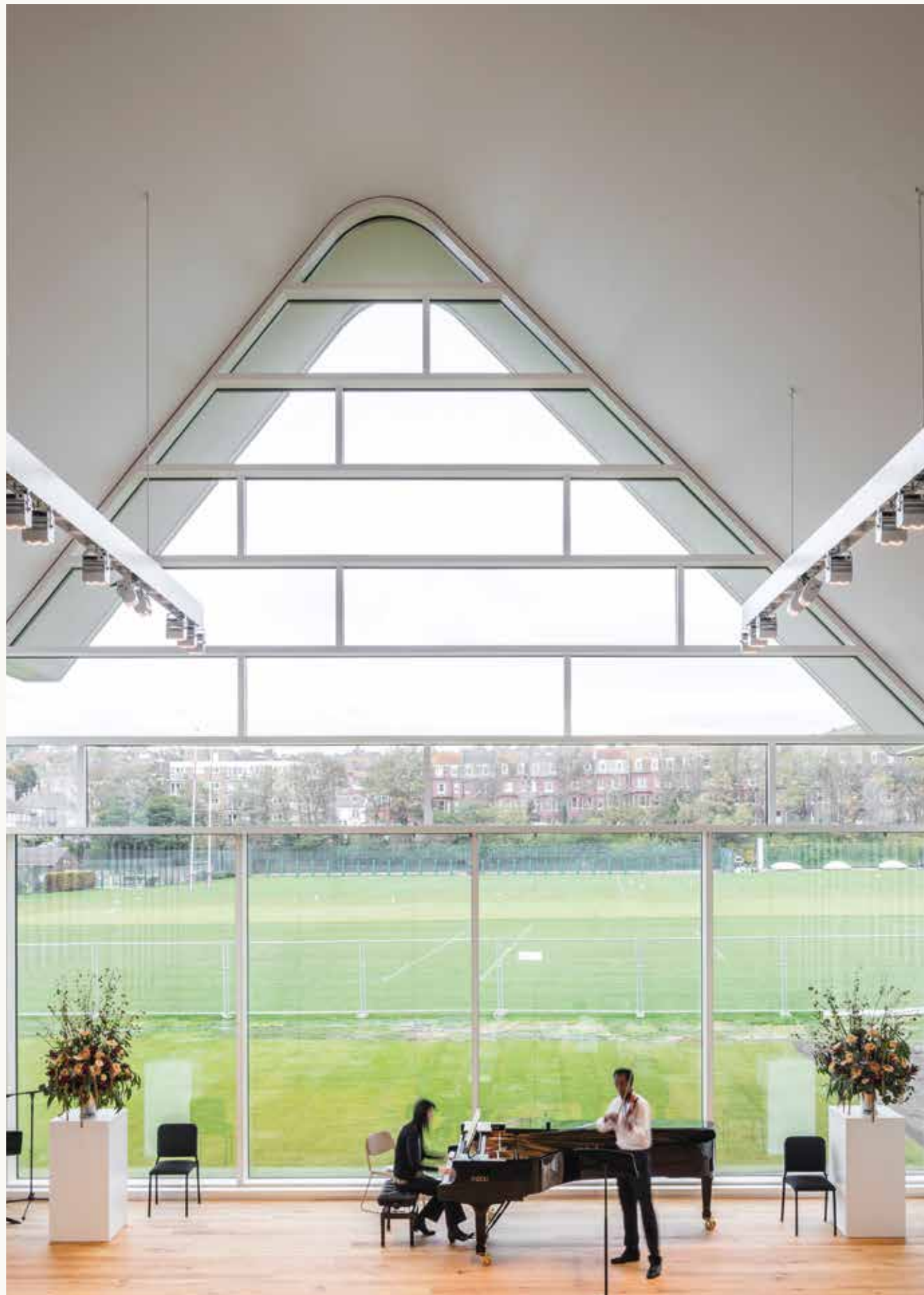


We are one of the leading sporting schools in England, where our top sporting talent regularly achieve regional and national honours. Our ethos is very much about sport for everyone, and we cater for all pupils.

Our major sports are cricket, football, hockey, netball and rugby, and there are also opportunities to get involved in athletics, badminton, basketball, beach volleyball, fencing, golf, horse riding, karate, sailing, squash, swimming, tennis, and so many more.

We firmly believe that all pupils deserve the opportunity to enjoy sport, regardless of their ability. By devoting time and attention to those who are less confident, as well as to those with more experience, we develop life skills that bring resilience and success beyond school life.





“The quality of the music and drama in school productions is exceptional.”

The Telegraph

Art, dance, drama and music are central to the life of the College. Our pupils enjoy the most modern and dynamic opportunities in all of the arts studied here.

Each year we stage a vast range of musical, dramatic and dance productions, from informal concerts to major performances. The award-winning Richard Cairns Building features a 400-seat theatre, Dance School and Drama Studio. The Music School houses a stunning Recital Hall that seats 150 and completes our amazing performing arts spaces.

Visitors to the College never fail to remark on the breathtaking array of pupils' artwork on display across the school. In the beautifully light and spacious Art and Photography School, we explore colour, form and texture in imaginative and challenging ways, leading to the creation of exciting and thought-provoking works.

The state-of-the-art School of Design Technology offers pupils the opportunity to design and create practical and innovative objects, from simple pieces of furniture to musical instruments.

The Arts

Entry to top universities around the world



As one of the leading co-educational schools in the UK at A-level, we help pupils reach the university of their choice, whether in the UK or abroad.

We support pupils through every step of their university application process, with a dedicated Sixth Form team who are experts in delivering successful outcomes, and with a number of bespoke programmes that prepare for university entrance tests and interviews.

The College aims to help all pupils reach the university of their choice. Around 20% of our pupils are offered

places at Oxford or Cambridge every year, with over 650 offers received annually from Russell Group universities.

American and Canadian universities increasingly represent a highly desirable option for well-rounded and motivated pupils. Brighton College's wide-ranging educational offering makes pupils well-suited and very attractive to the holistic US admissions process, and several Brighton College pupils have taken up places at a range of top North American universities in recent years.

“Virtually all leavers progress to universities in the UK or America with highly selective entrance requirements.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate





The College is a secure and self-contained campus, close to the fresh air of the sea. An oasis of calm and tranquillity, where pupils feel comfortable and relaxed moving around all areas of the school. Our beautiful boarding Houses surround the central Quad – allowing friends across the Houses to meet up easily.

As well as being a short walk from the famous Brighton Palace Pier, the College has the stunningly beautiful South Downs National Park on its doorstep, and is within UNESCO's Downs Biosphere Reserve.

“At the core of the school’s success is its dedication to kindness.”

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Our
Location

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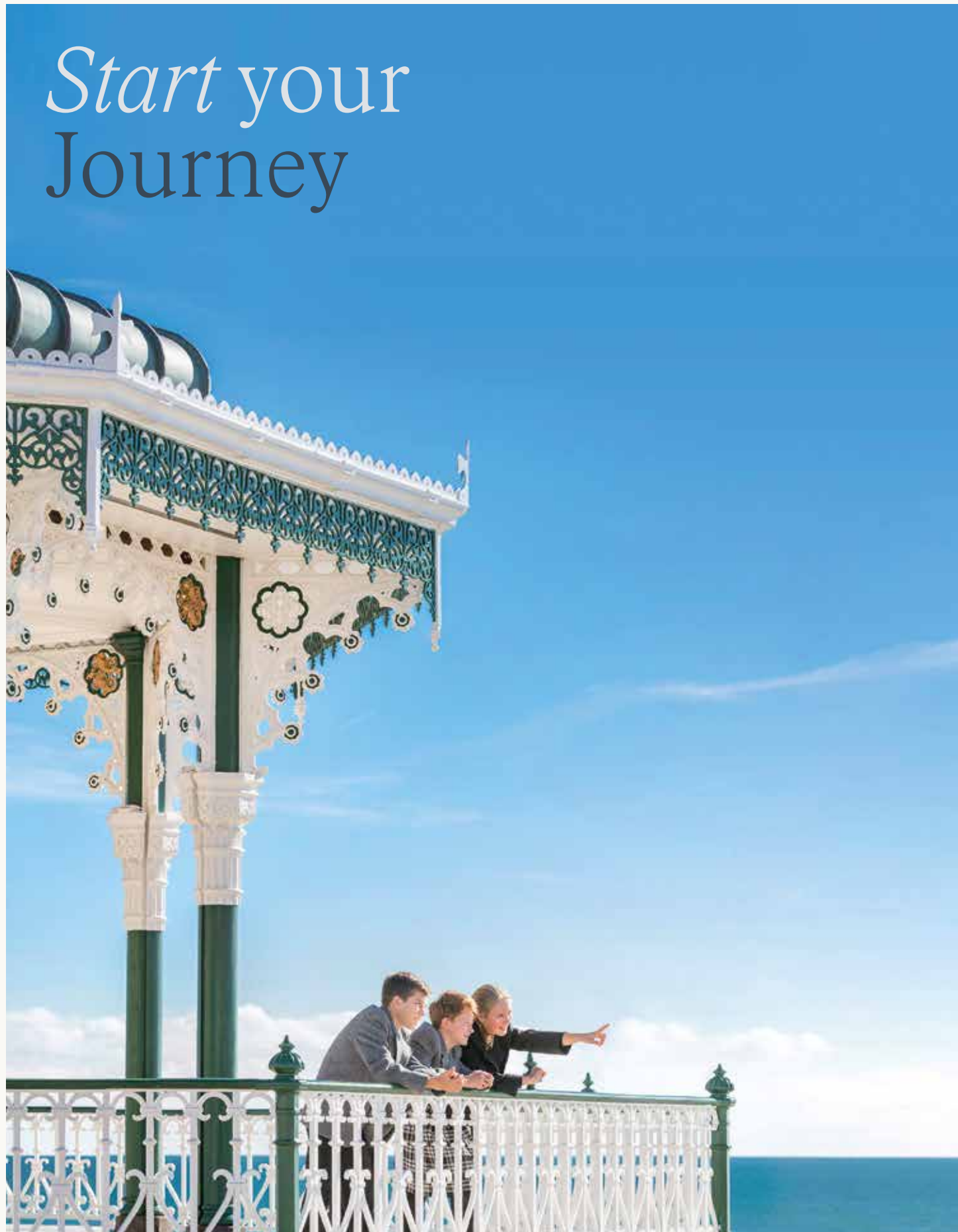
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Getting to Brighton College

Brighton College enjoys a perfect location on the south coast of England. Not only are we central in the city of Brighton, but we are also within sight of the sea and in walking distance of the South Downs countryside. Our beautiful and secure College campus is a short walk from the famous Brighton Pier.

With excellent flight links from all London airports, Brighton College is just a 30-minute drive from London Gatwick Airport and 75 minutes from London Heathrow Airport. Central London is an easy 50-minute direct train journey.



Start your Journey

STEP 1 Visit

The ideal way to see the College and to meet us is at one of our Open Mornings. Alternatively, please contact our admissions team who will be glad to help you.

STEP 2 Register

Complete our online registration form and pay our non-refundable registration fee.

STEP 3 Assessment

Following registration, overseas assessments take place in September to October before the year of entry, at a British Council office in your relative city. Interviews are conducted either in person or online via Microsoft Teams.

STEP 4 Offers

Offers are based on performance at assessment and interview. Once you have accepted our offer you will receive your joining papers and be invited to an induction and welcome afternoon.

As a 'Highly Trusted Sponsor' with the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI), the school will sponsor a non-British nationality pupil for their Child Student study visa.

“UK School of the Year for A-levels 2025.”

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