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ABOUT BLUNDELL'S

The two Blundell's Schools are co-educational throughout and situated on the outskirts of the small market town of Tiverton in Devon. They occupy two adjoining sites covering some 120 acres, with some shared facilities (e.g. swimming pool, astro-turf pitches and theatre).

The Preparatory School at Milestones operates from Monday to Friday and consists of a Nursery & Pre-Prep (3–7 years) with 90 pupils and a Prep (7–11 years) of 146 pupils.

NUMBER OF PUPILS	TOTALS
PUPILS IN SCHOOL	600
BOYS	330
GIRLS	270
11-13 (YEARS 7 & 8)	100
13-18 (YEARS 9-11)	300
17-18 (SIXTH FORM)	200

*APPROXIMATE NUMBERS ONLY

On the old site, Blundell's Senior School is academically organised as an 11–18 education. School House (11–13 years) has its own pastoral area (including dedicated full boarding facilities) with lessons Monday to Friday – there are some sports fixtures on Saturdays which selected pupils are expected to be available for. The main school (13–18 years) academic programme operates Monday to Saturday, with all pupils having games on Saturday afternoon.

35% OF OUR PUPILS ARE BOARDERS

55% BOYS | 45% GIRLS

15% OF OUR PUPILS ARE FLEXI-BOARDERS

50% ARE DAY PUPILS

*APPROXIMATE NUMBERS ONLY

150 In 1604 Blundell's was founded on Uplowman Green and endowed by the will of wealthy clothier, Peter Blundell – the aim was to provide schooling for 150 protestant grammar scholars. His good friend, Sir John Popham was the Executor of his will and he oversaw the building of "Ye Olde Fine School" in his hometown of Tiverton.

1882 The school relocated to its current site at Horsdon and the pupil role quickly increased to 280 by 1891

100 The beautiful campus covers approximately 120 acres on the outskirts of the small market town. The 600+ pupils today form a vibrant and happy community, who enjoy a genuinely all-round education built on over 400 years of history.

KEY

BOARDING HOUSES

1. FRANCIS HOUSE (B. 13-17)
2. GORTON HOUSE (G. 13-17)
3. NORTH CLOSE (G. 13-17)
4. PETERGATE (B. 13-17)
5. SCHOOL HOUSE (Co-Ed. 11-13)
6. WESTLAKE (Co-Ed. 17-18)
7. OLD HOUSE (B. 13-17)

FACILITIES

1. CLOCK TOWER & RECEPTION
2. PORTER'S OFFICE
3. BLUNDELL HOUSE
4. DINING HALL
5. KITCHENS
6. MEDICAL CENTRE
7. SCHOOL SHOP
8. MUSIC SCHOOL
9. BIG SCHOOL
10. ONDAATJE HALL
11. THE POPHAM CENTRE
12. BURSARY
13. FIVES COURTS
14. SQUASH COURTS
15. SPORTS HALL & FITNESS SUITE
16. EAST PAVILION
17. SWIMMING POOL
18. CRICKET PAVILION
19. CHAPEL
20. LIBRARY
21. FOUNDATION OFFICE
22. FOBS CAFÉ
23. GYMNASIUM
24. BEALE CENTRE (OBs)
25. CCF & RIFLE RANGE
26. TRANSPORT OFFICE

PREP SCHOOL

1. MAYFIELD
   NURSERY & PRE-PREP. (Co-Ed. 3-7)
2. MILESTONES
   PREP. (Co-Ed. 7-11)

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

All pupils at Blundell's are assigned to a House. Each House consists of boarders (full, weekly & flexi) and day pupils and the academic tutoring system operates under the guidance of the House Parent. We are committed to the boarding ethos here at Blundell's. Founded in 1604 we are a school with a long tradition of drawing pupils from the West Country and further afield including a range of other countries. This boarding ethos underpins all aspects of school life.

AGES 11–13
YEAR GROUPS 7 & 8

CO-EDUCATIONAL

HOUSE PARENT
Mr J.A. Rochfort

AGES 13–17
YEAR GROUPS 9–12

BOYS

HOUSE PARENT
Mr R.J. Walter

GIRLS

HOUSE PARENT
Mrs S. Holman

BOYS

HOUSE PARENT
Mr L.P.N. Barnsbrook

GIRLS

HOUSE PARENT
Ms L.M. Hunt

BOYS

HOUSE PARENT
Mr H. Roffe-Silvester

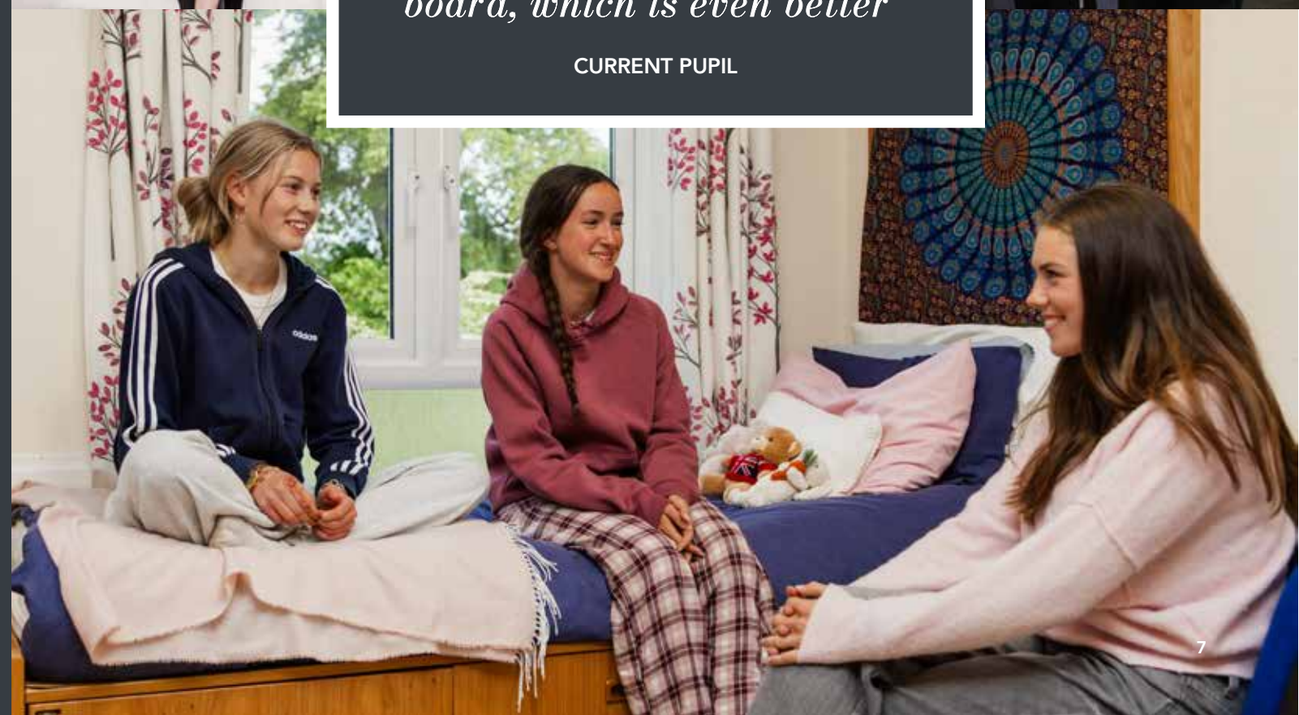
AGES 17–18
YEAR 13

CO-EDUCATIONAL

HOUSE PARENT
Mr G.J. Baily

"I have never enjoyed school as much as when I started to flexi-board in Yr 9. To be surrounded by your friends both in school and in the boarding house makes learning such fun. In the Sixth Form *I now weekly board, which is even better*"

CURRENT PUPIL



ADMISSION TO BLUNDELL'S

BLUNDELL'S SENIOR SCHOOL	YEAR GROUP	AGE	ENTRY LEVEL	NATIONAL CURRICULUM
SCHOOL HOUSE (Junior Department)	Year 7	11-12	Yes	Key Stage 3
	Year 8	12-13	Possibly	
MAIN SCHOOL	Year 9	13-14	Yes	
	Year 10	14-15	Possibly	Key Stage 4 GCSE
	Year 11	15-16	Yes	+ one year GCSE
	Year 12	16-17	Yes	A-Level + BTEC
	Year 13	17-18	Possibly	

METHODS OF ENTRY

11+ ENTRY (see page 9)
By the Blundell's Entrance Tests in English, Mathematics and the New Group Reading Test. These are taken in January at Blundell's - earlier acceptances are possible by arrangement. Late entrants can be tested separately by arrangement, dependent on places still being available.

13+ ENTRY (see page 10)
By the Blundell's Entrance Tests in English and Mathematics or via the scholarship programme – early acceptances are possible by arrangement. 13+ Entrance exam results are welcomed and form part of our setting procedure.

16+ ENTRY (see page 12)
The minimum requirement for entry to the Sixth Form is at least 6 GCSE passes at grade 6 or above. We also require at least a grade 7 in any subject to be taken at A2 level. A report will be requested from the present school and, where possible, candidates will be interviewed at Blundell's. There are various scholarship options available.

REGISTRATION
A Registration Form is available from l.wright@blundells.org; this requires a non-refundable fee of :

UK £120 including VAT;
International £150 including VAT.
(no fee for Blundell's Prep School or Foundation Bursary applicants).

All pupils taking entrance examinations, at any level, must be registered prior to the examination.

This reserves a provisional place for your child, conditional on satisfying the entrance criteria, and enters your details on our computer. You will then receive termly updates on events such as Head's Guest Mornings, concerts, open days, plays, school matches and curriculum developments. This will obviously enable us to keep communication channels very much open and help to keep our records up to date with your intentions and changes of circumstances/address etc.

ACCEPTANCE
Once a place has been formally offered, you will be emailed a link to the New Pupil website, which has all the information you will need

11+ ENTRANCE

EXTERNAL CANDIDATES CAN CHOOSE TO SIT ENTRANCE PAPERS OR AWARD PAPERS
- both are taken at the same time

1.ENTRANCE PAPERS
based on the National Curriculum
MATHEMATICS (1 HOUR)
ENGLISH (1 HOUR)
There are no sample papers available

2. AWARD PAPERS
which will exceed the National Curriculum for their age.
MATHEMATICS (1 HOUR)
ENGLISH (1 HOUR)
Sample papers are available

All applicants will also take a **New Group Reading Test**.

> "In School House we want pupils to spend time getting to know what inspires them. We are passionate about creating a warm, positive environment where each and every pupil feels confident enough to express themselves – we strive to build solid foundations *which underpin all Blundellians as they move upwards through the school*"
>
> MR ROCHFORT
> (HOUSE PARENT OF SCHOOL HOUSE)

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11+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS & AWARDS*

EXAMINATION DATE
Saturday 10th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 5th January 2026

MUSIC AWARDS
Monday 12th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 5th January 2026

*11+ Awards are up to 20% of the fees

ACADEMIC AWARDS
A small number of academic awards will be offered to those who excel in the Award Papers. These awards can be up to 20% of the fees and will last for 2 years, pupil performance is reviewed annually.

FOUNDATION BURSARIES
Blundell's is fortunate to be able to offer a number of Foundation Bursaries to successful applicants whose parents need financial assistance. These awards are competed for via the 11+ Awards and take the form of a fee reduction. All Bursary Awards are subject to the School's ability to fund them within the context of its overall budget, and therefore levels cannot be guaranteed. Candidates are requested to visit the school before the closing date for the 11+ examinations. Foundation applicants should be registered as per normal, however, they are exempt from paying the registration fee.

MUSIC AWARDS
Music Awards at 11+ will be held in the Spring Term and will usually entail an audition and interview. Candidates should bring their instruments with them and music for the accompanist if required. Music Awards continue into the Senior School.

Candidates at 11+ should be able to offer one or two instruments or voice. As a guide, Grade 3+ would be advised and if presenting one instrument it would be expected to be more advanced. Considerable importance is also attached to general musical knowledge, aural ability and sight reading. Choral Awards are awarded to singers and they may apply without an instrumental second instrument. Candidates will be required to play two contrasting pieces on their first study plus another piece of their choice on their second study. Music Award holders are expected to make a valuable contribution to the musical life of the School. Parents and Head Teachers are invited to contact the Director of Music for further information and advice.

CURRICULUM

In Years 7 & 8, pupils study 18 different subjects to give them experience of a wide range of courses. They also partake in the 'Roots and Wings' extension and enrichment programme, which challenges them in topics not covered in the classroom.

13+ ENTRANCE

ENTRANCE TO BLUNDELL'S IS VIA ONE OF THREE ROUTES:

1 **BLUNDELL'S ENTRANCE TEST (BET)**
Those who do not wish to compete for a 13+ Scholarship can sit the BET. Please apply via the school website or contact l.wright@blundells.org.

2 **BLUNDELL'S SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS**
taken in the Spring Term.

> "All three of my children made a seamless transition from their Prep school to Blundell's. The care and thought put into their settling-in process was exceptional, from the buddying system within the house to the exciting Williams Cup weekend away – they could talk of nothing else when they came home – *simply first class pastoral care and all-round education*"
>
> PARENT

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13+ SCHOLARSHIPS*

SPORT
Friday 10th October 2025
CLOSING DATE: Monday 29th September 2025

ACADEMIC
Tuesday 27th January – Wednesday 28th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 12th January 2026

MUSIC
Thursday 29th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 12th January 2026

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
Friday 30th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 12th January 2026

ART
Friday 30th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 12th January 2026

DRAMA
Monday 26th January 2026
CLOSING DATE: Monday 12th January 2026

*Named and normal scholarships are up to 30% of the fees. Exhibitions are up to 10% of the fees

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

These are taken over two days in January and will include academic interviews for external candidates and papers in the following subjects.

- Critical Thinking
- English
- Humanities (Geography & History)
  Language: French, German or Spanish
- Latin (optional)
- Mathematics
- Science practical

FOUNDATION BURSARIES

Blundell's is fortunate to be able to offer Foundation Bursaries to successful scholarship applicants whose parents need financial assistance to afford a place at the school for their son or daughter. Assessment will be through the 13+ scholarship examination and an online bursary application. Candidates are requested to visit the school before the closing date for the 13+ examinations. Foundation applicants should be registered as per normal, however, they are exempt from paying the registration fee.

External candidates who are not entered for the academic scholarships must satisfy the entry requirements by sitting the Blundell's Entry Test or by Common Entrance. Please apply via the school website or email l.wright@blundells.org.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS

13+ Art Scholarships will be held in January. Candidates should submit an art portfolio (max 5 pieces) 4 weeks in advance of their interview and a letter of support/reference from their Art teacher. Assessment is made by interview and a 1 hour observational drawing test. Scholars will be expected to continue studying the subject until GCSE level.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Music Scholarships at 13+ will be held in January and will usually entail an audition and interview. Candidates should bring their instruments with them and music for the accompanist if required.

Candidates at 13+ should be able to offer one or two instruments or voice. As a guide, Grade 5+ would be advised and if presenting one instrument it would be expected to be more advanced. Considerable importance is also attached to general musical knowledge, aural ability and sight reading. Choral Scholarships are awarded to singers and they may apply without an instrumental second instrument. Candidates will be required to play two contrasting pieces on their first study plus another piece of their choice on their second study. Music Scholars are expected to make a valuable contribution to the musical life of the School. Parents and Head Teachers are invited to contact the Director of Music for further information and advice.

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports Scholarships at 13+ will be held in October and are offered for excellence in sport. A Curriculum Vitae detailing the candidate's sporting achievements must be submitted with the scholarship application form. School reports will be requested in support of the candidate's application and external candidates will be expected to take the Blundell's Entry Tests in English and Mathematics.

Scholarships will be made to those who will make an active contribution to the sporting life of the school. They will be expected to provide leadership at their own level and will have achieved or be of a standard to achieve representative honours at County, Regional or National level.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS

Drama Scholarships at 13+ will be held in January. Assessment is made by interview and observation of practical performance skills and includes a group exercise. Candidates should prepare in advance, a short monologue of no more than two minutes. They will be seen individually for a further 5-10 minutes by the Head of Drama.

The successful candidate(s) will have demonstrated the skilful use of body and voice to characterise a role or roles and the ability to work creatively with others. They should demonstrate genuine interest in the subject and the determination to succeed, and they will be expected to continue studying the subject until GCSE level.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Design & Technology Scholarships will be held in January. Applicants are expected to take the subject for GCSE.

There are limited scholarship places available and the process of applying consists of the following stages:

- Submission of a concise portfolio of work.
  Maximum 2 A3 pages submitted online in PDF format.
- Invitation to sit a short assessment focusing on design and problem-solving ability.
  Assessment to last 45 minutes consisting of a design task to explore, rationalise and suggest a solution to a design problem.
- 2 hour practical assessment.
- Interview with a member of D&T staff.
  Successful applicants who are short-listed from the portfolio and design focused assessment task will be interviewed by a member of teaching staff from the D&T Department.

CURRICULUM

At GCSE, pupils will have the opportunity to study up to eleven subjects from the twenty available, with English Language and Literature, Mathematics and a minimum of two Science subjects studied by all pupils. Selection of GCSE courses is made during Year 9 with support from tutors, Academic Head of Years 9-11 and the Careers Department. This ensures appropriate choices are made to act as a foundation for study in the Sixth Form and beyond.

GCSE SUBJECTS*

Art
Art (Photography)
Biology
Chemistry
Classical Civilisations
Computer Science
Design & Technology
Drama
English
French
Geography
German
Graphic Products
History
Latin
Mathematics
Music
PE
Physics
Religious Studies
Spanish

*** Mandarin and Greek**
(by special arrangement)

SIXTH FORM 16+ ENTRANCE

ENTRANCE TO BLUNDELL'S IS BASED ON AN INTERVIEW AND A SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN THE GCSE EXAMINATIONS. CANDIDATES FOR THE SIXTH FORM WILL IDEALLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF FIVE GCSE'S AT GRADE 6 OR ABOVE. SIXTH FORM ENTRANTS SHOULD SEND A REPORT FROM THEIR PRESENT SCHOOL WITH THEIR PREDICTED GRADES.

"I had always wanted to join Blundell's for my Sixth Form and it was the best decision I ever made. The small classes mean that our teachers get to know us really well and they take a real interest in everything we do - there is so much to do outside of the classroom and *I made new friends almost immediately*"

SIXTH FORM PUPIL

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16+ SCHOLARSHIPS*

MUSIC
Thursday 20th November 2025
CLOSING DATE: Monday 3rd November 2025

SPORT
Monday 17th November 2025
CLOSING DATE: Monday 3rd November 2025

ACADEMIC, ART, DRAMA AND STEM
Tuesday 18th November 2025
CLOSING DATE: Monday 3rd November 2025

*Named and normal scholarships are up to 30% of the fees. Exhibitions are up to 10% of the fees

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS
These will include a computer-based cognitive ability test, a paper in a specialist subject of their choice and papers in Mathematics and English. They will also be interviewed.

FOUNDATION BURSARIES
Blundell's is fortunate to be able to offer Foundation Bursaries to successful scholarship applicants whose parents need financial assistance to afford a place at the school for their son or daughter. Assessment will be through the 16+ scholarship examination and an online bursary application. Candidates are requested to visit the school before the closing date for the 16+ examinations. Foundation applicants should be registered as per normal, however, they are exempt from paying the registration fee.

SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS
A Curriculum Vitae detailing the candidate's sporting achievements is required and a school report will be requested. Candidates will be interviewed and their sporting ability tested.

Scholarships will be made to those who will make an active contribution to the sporting life of the school. They will be expected to provide leadership at their own level and will have achieved or be of a standard to achieve representative honours at County, Regional or National level.

ART SCHOLARSHIPS
Candidates should submit 5 pieces in advance of the assessment via Microsoft Lens. They will be interviewed by the Director of Art. There will be a 1 hour observational drawing test.

DRAMA SCHOLARSHIPS
Candidates should prepare in advance, a short monologue of no more than two minutes followed by a 10 minute interview.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
These will entail an audition and interview. Candidates should bring their instruments with them and music for the accompanist if required.

Candidates at 16+ should be able to offer one or two instruments including singing. As a guide, Grade 7+ would be advised and if presenting one instrument it would be expected to be more advanced. Considerable importance is also attached to general musical knowledge, aural ability and sight reading. Choral Scholarships are awarded to singers and they may apply without an instrumental second instrument. Candidates will be required to play two contrasting pieces on their first study plus another piece of their choice on their second study. Music Scholars are expected to make a valuable contribution to the musical life of the School. Parents and Head Teachers are invited to contact the Director of Music for further information and advice.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) SCHOLARSHIPS
The STEM scholarship aims to engage talented and ambitious pupils in A-Level subjects such as D&T, Maths, Physics and Chemistry and who wish to enter the world of industrial design, engineering and architecture.

Applicants must take Product Design at A-Level alongside a minimum of one other STEM subject (Maths, Physics or Chemistry). Assessment is via a portfolio, interview plus:

- Design focused, problem solving paper
- Maths Paper

CURRICULUM

In the Sixth Form pupils choose three or four subjects from a choice of at least 27 to study during Year 12. Some subjects may require a minimum number of students to be viable. Most pupils will then concentrate on three subjects in Year 13.

A-LEVEL SUBJECTS*

- Art (Fine) & Art (Photography)
- Biology
- Business Studies
- BTEC Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology
- Drama
- Economics
- English
- Ethics & Philosophy
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Latin
- Mathematics & Further Mathematics
- Music & Music Technology
- PE & BTEC Sport
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Spanish

***Greek and Mandarin** (by special arrangement)

Most Popular Universities

BRISTOL
EDINBURGH
BATH
BIRMINGHAM
DURHAM
NEWCASTLE
OXFORD
SOUTHAMPTON
IMPERIAL
UCL

90%
OF BLUNDELL'S A-LEVEL STUDENTS GAINED THEIR **UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE**

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS

A TAILORED CAREERS EDUCATION, INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE PROGRAMME FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP FOLLOWING THE GATSBY CAREERS BENCHMARKS: A WORLD-CLASS STANDARD FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

The 'Open Doors' Programme for the younger years, introduces the world of work and employment, different ways to gain qualifications and employability skills, alongside increasing self-awareness of personal motivation and strengths.

The Futures programme for all Sixth Formers gives feedback from Morrisby psychometric assessments, and enables small, guided, groups to research options and pathways post 18. We run specialist mentoring programmes for Medics, Vets, Dentists, Oxbridge, US/Canadian University applicants and apprenticeships or employment.

MOST POPULAR UNIVERSITY COURSES

- Biochemistry
- Business Management
- Economics/Accounting
- Geography/Geology
- History
- Languages, Ancient & Modern
- Law
- Mathematics
- Medicine & Medical Sciences
- Music

EXCELLENCE AT BLUNDELL'S

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME & THE PURSUIT OF SCHOLARSHIP

OUR TALENTED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED STAFF ARE SKILLED AT EXTENDING PUPILS IN THE CLASSROOM. OUR SMALL CLASSES ENSURE STAFF HAVE TIME TO SPEND WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL PUPIL, UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS. WE KNOW THAT OUR PUPILS HAVE DIFFERENT STRENGTHS, AND WE TAKE GREAT CARE IN FINDING WAYS TO BUILD ON THESE STRENGTHS THROUGHOUT OUR CURRICULUM.

WE ALSO HAVE A UNIQUE AND STRUCTURED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME THAT RUNS THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

YEARS 7 AND 8 - School House pupils take part in our **'Roots and Wings'** academic enrichment programme on Friday afternoons. Without the constraint of timetabled lessons there are a huge variety of activities and learning opportunities on offer, inspiring pupils to find at least one thing each term that absolutely inspires them - such as

STEM
(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

Gardening

Bletchley Park Enigma Machine demonstrated by cryptographers,

BBC News reports to learn about "Fake News"

Hands-on learning with live animals

Environmental and social lectures from nationally acclaimed experts.

YEARS 9-11 - pupils can join our **'Phoenix Society – for the intellectually curious'** - it is open to all who are interested in extending themselves. Pupils have a wide variety of experiences and challenges, from visiting Hinkley Point power station to visiting the Houses of Parliament. Trips are organized to allow pupils to follow their passions and interests. Year 9 pupils have a lesson each week on **'Character'** education, led by the Head. Year 10 and 11 have a program of **'Electives'** during timetabled curriculum time where they experience a wide range of different activities to enhance their skills at learning and broaden their horizons on what education really is.

YEARS 11-13 - have a weekly enrichment programme involving a range of compulsory and optional talks. The aim is to challenge, inspire and promote well-rounded young people by offering multifarious stimuli every Friday afternoon, delivered by members of staff and/or outside speakers – such as:

The power of creative industries

Astronomy

How to Learn

Banking & the City

Applying for Oxbridge taken by an Oxford Don

Visits from environmental businesses

Sustainability lectures and discussions

Life Skill training - sessions in self-defence, basic cookery skills, banking for students and interview techniques.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXTENSION

We have a regular programme of stretching our most able; pupils who have academic scholarships are invited to evenings where they are cerebrally challenged, as well as scholars' working lunches in the Beale Centre, where they get to mix with like-minded pupils and have a lecture from an invited expert in a particular field.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PUPILS
Blundell's has a wide variety of entrance and screening tests, from the entry exams and scholarships to the MidYIS tests and regular departmental assessments. From these, and from many other sources, a group of gifted and talented pupils is identified. Members of staff supervise and work closely with this group across a wide range of differing and interesting issues. There is a similar arrangement for the Art, Music and Sports Scholars. These gifted and talented pupils are given the opportunity to join the Phoenix Society and are invited to the Scholars' Lunches and Enrichment Evenings.

The progress and interests of these pupils are monitored by their Tutors and the relevant Academic Heads. Senior pupils who have chosen to undertake an Extended Project are given a mentor to oversee their research. This is a qualification which carries the weighting of an AS level and is increasingly favoured by highly selective Universities. Those pupils interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge are appropriately advised and supported in their application preparation.

COMMENDATIONS
Our pupil tracking system allows us to collect data on pupil effort and attainment each lesson and pupils who are working consistently well are rewarded by first their Tutor, their House Parent and, for exceptional work, by the Head.

HEAD'S MERITS AND HONOURS
For very strong pieces of work or service to the school, a Head's Merit or Honours Award can be given. The work is often presented to the Head and parents are notified of their child's success.

SCHOOL PRIZES
School Prizes are awarded on Speech Day at the end of the academic year. They cover not only subject awards but also recognise wider contributions to the School.

CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our pupils have excelled in national competitions across science and languages during the 2024-2025 Term.

Chemistry Olympiad: Lower Sixth chemists achieved outstanding results in this challenging test of problem-solving and subject knowledge. Copper Awards went to Jeanne, Myrtle, Hannah, Jessica, Jasper, Francesco and Kiptoo; Silver Awards to Nicholas and Rose (top 30% nationally); and Gold Awards to Will and Anastasia (top 10% nationally). Ed's exceptional score of 64.5 out of 65 placed him in the top 0.5% nationwide, earning the prestigious Roentgenium Award and an invitation to the elite camp at St Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Biology Olympiad: In the 2025 British Intermediate Biology Olympiad, Rose achieved Bronze, and Jasper placed in the top 5% nationally, earning Gold and a special award from the Biology Department.

Schools' Analyst Competition: Our team achieved the highest mark in the Western Region, becoming official Regional Champions.

Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators: Flora was named German South West Winner, while Johann was both German Level 4 South West Winner and national runner-up.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

ANY GREAT SCHOOL SHOULD NURTURE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARLY EXAMPLE. AT BLUNDELL'S THERE IS A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF AWARDS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING BALANCE, BREADTH AND A WILL TO LEAD FROM THE FRONT THROUGH ATTAINING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

Blundell's has foundation arrangements following the precepts of Peter Blundell himself. Four hundred years after his death, local students still go out from this school strengthened by the learning which was the important part of our founder's vision.

Whilst acknowledging that academic performance is of the greatest importance and all pupils must work towards high levels of achievement, Blundell's also has a range of awards to reflect sporting, artistic or musical achievement. Whilst at Blundell's the holders should be shining examples within their individual field.

Scholars and Award holders at Blundell's are expected to give a lead. Each year performance is reviewed. Our programmes are adapted to give a wide vision and scholars should demonstrate a lively interest in the events designed to stretch them. Energy and an enquiring mind are vital to the fulfilment of potential. There is an extensive Gifted and Talented programme throughout the School and the Phoenix Society provides further stimulus for the intellectually curious.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IN WHAT AREAS ARE AWARDS OFFERED?

We offer the following awards:

- Academic
- Music
- Art (not at 11+)
- Sport (not at 11+)
- Drama (not at 11+)
- Design & Technology (not at 11+)

AT WHAT AGE CAN A BOY OR GIRL SIT FOR AN AWARD?

Awards are made at the following stages in a child's education:

- at 11+ for entry into School House (the Junior Department); pupils are in Year 6 when they take the exam and must be under 12 on the 1st September of the year of entry.
- at 13+ for entry into the Senior School; pupils are in Year 8 when they take the exam and must be under 14 on the 1st September of the year of entry.
- at 16+ for entry into the Sixth Form; pupils are in Year 11 when they take the exam and must be under 17 on the 1st September of the year of entry.

WHAT ARE THE VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS?

- 11+ Academic and Music Awards are up to 20% of the fees.
- 13+ Scholarships are up to 30% of the fees. Exhibitions are up to 10% of the fees.
- 16+ Scholarships are up to 30% of the fees. Exhibitions are up to 10% of the fees.

WHAT ARE NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS?

The prestigious Named Scholarships are funded by generous donations from benefactors.

WHAT IS A FOUNDATION BURSARY?

The School is fortunate to be able to offer these to successful scholarship applicants whose parents need financial assistance for their son or daughter and who, in the opinion of the Head, would derive great benefit from an education at Blundell's. This bursary is means tested and offers a discount of up to 100% of basic tuition fees. Parents and candidates must arrange to visit the School and complete an online bursary application form prior to the examination closing date.

ARE THERE SPECIAL TERMS FOR CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE SERVING IN H.M. FORCES?

A Services Boarding Package is available; please contact l.wright@blundells.org for further details.

DO AWARDS MADE AT 11+ CONTINUE INTO THE SENIOR SCHOOL?

All 11+ Awards are for 2 years, apart from Music, which continues into the Senior School

CAN A PUPIL WHO HOLDS AN AWARD TRY FOR ONE AGAIN AT A LATER STAGE?

Candidates who win an award at 11+ are reviewed annually and should automatically become 13+ Scholars. They can sit for one at 13+ to see if he or she can improve. If a higher standard is achieved, relative to their age, then a higher award can be made. However, the original award will not be lost if the reverse is true! This is also the case at 16+.

CAN INTERNAL CANDIDATES APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Pupils in Year 8 or Year 11 may apply to sit the scholarship examinations even if they failed to receive an award at an earlier stage. Pupils are not automatically entered, however, and must apply by the appropriate closing date.

WILL BLUNDELL'S REQUEST A SCHOOL REPORT?

On receipt of the scholarship application form, Blundell's will request a confidential report from the candidate's current school and this will form an important part of the assessment process.

WHERE DO THE EXAMS TAKE PLACE?

All exams are sat at Blundell's. When candidates live abroad it may be possible, given enough notice, to arrange for papers to be sat at the candidate's school or to be supervised online.

WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO STAY AT BLUNDELL'S DURING THE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS?

Candidates may stay in a boarding house overnight during the examination period.

ARE SAMPLE PAPERS AVAILABLE?

Sample papers for 11+ Awards and 13+ Scholarships are available on application.

HOW DO CANDIDATES APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS?

Entry forms are available from the school website or from l.wright@blundells.org.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

WHILE BLUNDELL'S REMAINS THE PRE-EMINENT "SCHOOL OF CHOICE" IN DEVON AND CORNWALL, IT MAINTAINS ITS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK.

Throughout its 400 year history Blundell's has provided for pupils from overseas. Improvements in travel and communication over the last two decades, has produced a wider range of International students than in the past and they usually make up about 18% of the total number. Overseas students are fully integrated into the school and the boarding houses are always open at weekends, even on Leave Weekends. All overseas students require a UK based Guardian. Prospective students can expect to be tested in English and Mathematics before entry and by interview if at all possible.

One of our greatest Old Blundellian benefactors, Sir Christopher Ondaatje OC, CBE, when opening the magnificently appointed Ondaatje Theatre, declared his wish that the building should symbolise international understanding and accord. We feel we are offering a truly international education whilst restricting numbers of students from each country so that the ethos of an English boarding school is enriched rather than diluted. Friendships quickly spring up between the English and International students at Blundell's, leading to greater understanding for all.

1 year students are accepted in all years if beds are available.
1 term students are accepted only in exceptional circumstances and when a bed is available - often possible in years 7 & 8.

23 DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES

MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

P.R. CHINA, GERMANY, JAPAN, SOUTH KOREA, FRANCE, SPAIN

ASSISTANCE WITH ENGLISH

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)
Small group and individual classes with qualified and experienced English language teachers

EAL COURSES
IELTS and Cambridge EQ

ENGLISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAMME (ELIP)
Aimed at Y9 & Y10 pupils starting their journey with the English language.

BLUNDELL'S INTERNATIONAL HUB

THE AIMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ARE TO PROMOTE INTEGRATION AND TO HELP ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SETTLE INTO THE BLUNDELL'S WAY OF LIFE

The International Committee is run by the senior overseas pupils themselves within the International Hub and they help to provide role models for the younger or new pupils. They meet regularly and put on social and cultural events in the evenings to help boarders to integrate. These have included Welcome Evenings, Moon Festival and International Games Evenings. Yearly events have included European Day of Languages, Chinese New Year and Diwali celebrations. They often co-ordinate with the kitchen staff to provide food associated with their home countries during these cultural celebrations and they make presentations to the whole school community to promote international understanding.

The new International Hub provides a central area where all international pupils will feel welcome and supported. They can drop in for a chat at any time and always find a friendly face within the EAL team, who will help and advise them – there is very rarely a problem that cannot be solved by our staff as long as they know about them.

The School arranges coaches to pick up pupils from Heathrow on the first day of each half of term at 11.30am and 6.30pm. There is also a coach to take pupils to Heathrow by 11.30am on the last day of each half of term. These coaches can be booked via the Second Master's PA.

"I was very excited about joining Blundell's in Year 9, but I was also nervous about what school life would be like and what the other children would be like. I should not have worried – everyone was so friendly, and it very quickly felt like home. I do miss my family and my dog when I am away, but time goes so quickly - and I am always looking forwards to coming back to Blundell's at the beginning of term. The boarding houses are great fun, with plenty of laughs, especially on pizza nights. ***I am very proud to call myself a Blundellian"***

CURRENT PUPIL

SPORT

AT BLUNDELL'S

AT BLUNDELL'S, SPORT IS MORE THAN JUST PART OF THE TIMETABLE: IT'S PART OF WHO WE ARE. OUR PUPILS THRIVE IN A CULTURE OF TEAMWORK, RESILIENCE AND SPORTSMANSHIP, SUPPORTED BY OUTSTANDING FACILITIES AND EXPERT COACHING. MANY OF OUR STAFF HAVE COMPETED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THEIR SPORT, AND WE REGULARLY BRING IN PROFESSIONAL COACHES TO ENHANCE OUR ALREADY EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMME.

We compete (and win) against the best schools in the South West, with teams regularly reaching the later stages of County and National competitions. Recent highlights include a National Champions Trophy Final and victory at the U18 Rosslyn Park National Sevens.

From elite athletes to enthusiastic beginners, every pupil is encouraged to find a sport they love. Our extensive offering includes Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Football, Squash, Swimming, Athletics, Fives, Equestrian, Golf, and more, with something for everyone, whether highly competitive or simply active.

Blundell's pupils train hard, play fair, and carry a love of sport with them long after they leave.

SPORTS

Athletics	Cross-country
Cricket	Equestrian
Football	Fives (Rugby)
Hockey	Golf
Netball	Gymnastics
Rugby	Hockey (Indoors)
Swimming	Rounders
Tennis	Rugby Sevens
Badminton	Squash
Basketball	GAF
Running	Yoga

100+

In the past five years over a hundred Blundellians, boys and girls have competed *at County level or above.*

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SPORTS AT BLUNDELL'S

MUSIC

AT BLUNDELL'S

MUSIC AT BLUNDELL'S OPENS DOORS TO EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES, FROM SINGING IN CARNEGIE HALL IN NEW YORK, TO PERFORMING IN THE NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION FINALS AND PLAYING ALONGSIDE THE LONDON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. MUSIC IS A VIBRANT PART OF SCHOOL LIFE, WITH THREE CHOIRS, THREE ORCHESTRAS, TWO JAZZ BANDS AND NUMEROUS OTHER ENSEMBLES CATERING TO ALL STYLES AND ABILITIES, FROM CLASSICAL TO ROCK, JAZZ, FOLK AND WORLD MUSIC.

Our pupils perform in concerts throughout the year, including major public events at prestigious venues such as Exeter Cathedral and St George's Bristol. International tours are a highlight, with recent trips to New York, Budapest, Vienna, Barcelona and Tuscany.

Academic Music is a strength at Blundell's, with excellent GCSE and A-Level results. Many pupils go on to study Music at top universities and conservatoires. Taught to all in Years 7–9, Music is then offered at GCSE, A-Level and in Music Technology. Over 350 individual lessons take place weekly, covering a wide range of instruments, voice, theory and Alexander Technique.

The recently extended Music Department features two Mac suites, a recording studio and 12 practice rooms. Each year, a major choral or orchestral work is performed, alongside a musical production and a wide range of other opportunities. Creativity, enjoyment and excellence lie at the heart of this thriving department.

MUSIC

Senior Orchestra	SH Orchestra
Senior Choir	SH Choir
Chamber Choir	Flute Group
Big Band	Wind Orchestra
String Orchestra	Music Theatre

We have **three** choirs, **three** orchestras, **two** jazz bands *as well as brass, string and wind ensembles*

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT MUSIC AT BLUNDELL'S

DRAMA

AT BLUNDELL'S

THE EXCELLENT ONDAATJE HALL, A PURPOSE BUILT THEATRE, PROVIDES THE HOME FOR THE VERY POPULAR DRAMA DEPARTMENT. PUPILS STUDY DRAMA AS PART OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH A RICH AND DIVERSE EXPERIENCE OF THE HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES. DRAMA IS OFFERED AT BOTH GCSE AND A-LEVEL. DRAMA CLASSES ARE TAUGHT IN THE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED TEACHING SPACES BY STAFF WHO ARE EITHER SUBJECT SPECIALISTS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, OR WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE TEACHING OF DRAMA.

There are three major school productions per year: a School House production, a Year 9&10 production and a senior school production. Open auditions are held for these. The plays are directed by a member of the drama department, and are supported by the expertise of other staff members as well as external professionals with specific specialist skills such as choreography, set design or make-up.

Students are also encouraged to stage their own productions using the Drama Department resources and supported by its staff. Students also have the opportunity to take part in various clubs in activity time, whether honing their performance skills or learning new skills in set building, lighting, sound or costume.

RECENT PRODUCTIONS

Les Misérables	James and the Giant Peach
We Will Rock You	A Chorus Line
Dracula	The Crucible
The Powder Monkeys	Twelfth Night

3 Major productions a year, creating cherished lifelong memories *for those that take part*

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT DRAMA AT BLUNDELL'S

ART

AT BLUNDELL'S

PUPILS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES, EXPLORE BIG IDEAS AND DEVELOP A PERSONAL VISUAL LANGUAGE. THROUGH ART, THEY GROW AS CREATIVE THINKERS, EMPATHETIC COMMUNICATORS AND CONFIDENT PROBLEM-SOLVERS SKILLS THAT BENEFIT EVERY AREA OF LIFE AND LEARNING.

The impressively modern Art Department adjoins the Ondaatje Theatre and the Popham Centre. It comprises four large studios giving opportunities for the development of skills in drawing, painting, 3-D design, sculpture, printmaking, kiln formed glass, digital photography and ceramics. There is also a dark-room and an excellent purpose-built computer room and research library. Students gain inspiration from trips to galleries, both locally and further afield (most recently to London and Paris) and from workshops led by visiting professional artists in a wide variety of media. In addition the senior students study Life Drawing and take part in the Royal Academy outreach workshops each year.

The ethos of the department is to foster creativity and curiosity in Art, enabling students to appreciate the work of others, express themselves and develop a wide range of practical skills. These are supported by specialist teaching staff and a full time Art technician. There is an extensive range of artistic activities such as Glass Club, Ceramics, Drawing Club, Weaving, Coursework and examination support/ extension sessions, and Special Art Status (for Scholars and those identified as being gifted and talented in Art). Art Scholars are expected to lead exhibitions, community outreach and enter local and National competitions where the department has enjoyed great success. At GCSE, Art and Design is offered with both Fine Art and Photography endorsements. At A-Level, both Fine Art and Photography are offered as separate A-Levels.

The Art department offers a **huge range of Extra Curricular Activities** from Junior Photography Club to the newly launched ***Trinity College Certificate in the Arts - Arts Award.***

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ART AT BLUNDELL'S

ACTIVITIES AT BLUNDELL'S

THE SCHOOL'S STATEMENT OF AIMS AND VALUES STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WHOLE INDIVIDUAL AND THEREFORE WE PLACE A STRONG EMPHASIS ON ENCOURAGING PUPILS TO DEVELOP A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS AND ENTHUSIASMS. THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A VARIETY OF WAYS. THE ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME OFFERS A DIVERSE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, FOR EXAMPLE COMMUNITY SERVICE, ASTRONOMY, JOURNALISM, RIDING AND ARCHERY. WE ENCOURAGE THE PUPILS TO TRY SOMETHING NEW AS NOW IS THE TIME TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS. IT IS NORMAL FOR PUPILS TO HAVE TWO ACTIVITY SESSIONS A WEEK AND THE EXPECTATION IS THAT, WITH THE HELP AND GUIDANCE OF THEIR TUTOR, THEY WILL GAIN A BROAD EDUCATION.

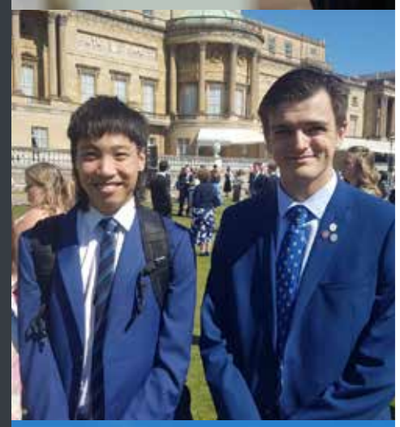
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
There are numerous outdoor activities which take place outside the weekly Activity sessions; the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, the Ten Tors' Challenge and the Devizes to Westminster canoe challenge are examples of activities which are well supported by the pupils.

ADVENTURE AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME
Blundell's is very much committed to providing purposeful and exciting activities for our boarders at weekends. This exciting new initiative provides a series of eight weekend activities over the course of the year leading towards a three-day expedition in the summer that will make use of the skills learned. The personal qualities this programme seeks to impart are very much in demand by employers as an adjunct to traditional academic qualifications and it provides an outstanding opportunity to develop useful skills while having a great deal of fun. It also leads towards an ASDAN qualification. Examples of the activities are gorge-walking, leadership challenges, navigation, survival training, surfing and team-building games.

INTELLECTUAL, CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES
As would be expected there are many opportunities for pupils to explore these areas of interest. Again we would encourage pupils to broaden their curiosity. There are many societies here at Blundell's. They allow the pupils to develop their interests outside the classroom; examples would include the Astronomy Society, the Chemistry Club, the History Society, the Business Club, the Art Club, the Economics Society, and the Poetry Society. Members of staff are always willing to help pupils establish new societies should they wish.

The School Calendar gives details of the numerous lectures, public speaking competitions, debating, musical performances, plays, art exhibitions and other cultural events. As with all events in the Calendar parents are most welcome to attend the public performances. If day pupils are required to stay for an activity in the evening they are entitled to have supper in the Dining Hall.

COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)
Through the use of military based training and activities, the CCF seeks to promote essential qualities such as responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. As part of the School's commitment to fostering personal development and leadership skills, cadets at Blundell's spend a compulsory service period with the CCF, starting in the Summer Term of Year 9. After this time, membership becomes voluntary, and many cadets choose to stay with us and gain additional responsibilities as senior cadets. As well as military based training activities there are also plenty of opportunities for Adventurous Training and the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. In Years 9 and 10, cadets are encouraged to complete the DofE Bronze Award, and the CCF is ideally suited to support Silver and Gold DofE level activities in Years 11, 12 and 13. The Contingent Commander is Mr B.A. Dawe MBE, and the CCF is run by members of the School staff, supported by regular Army NCO's from the local Cadet Training Team. Training takes place on Monday afternoons, and there are also regular trips, visits and field training exercises off site, there is also a week long annual camp each summer. The contingent is currently Dual Service consisting of an Army Section and a Royal Marine Section, but has links with all services.



"Blundellians don't just discover new interests: they uncover talents, build confidence, and leave *with skills for life*"

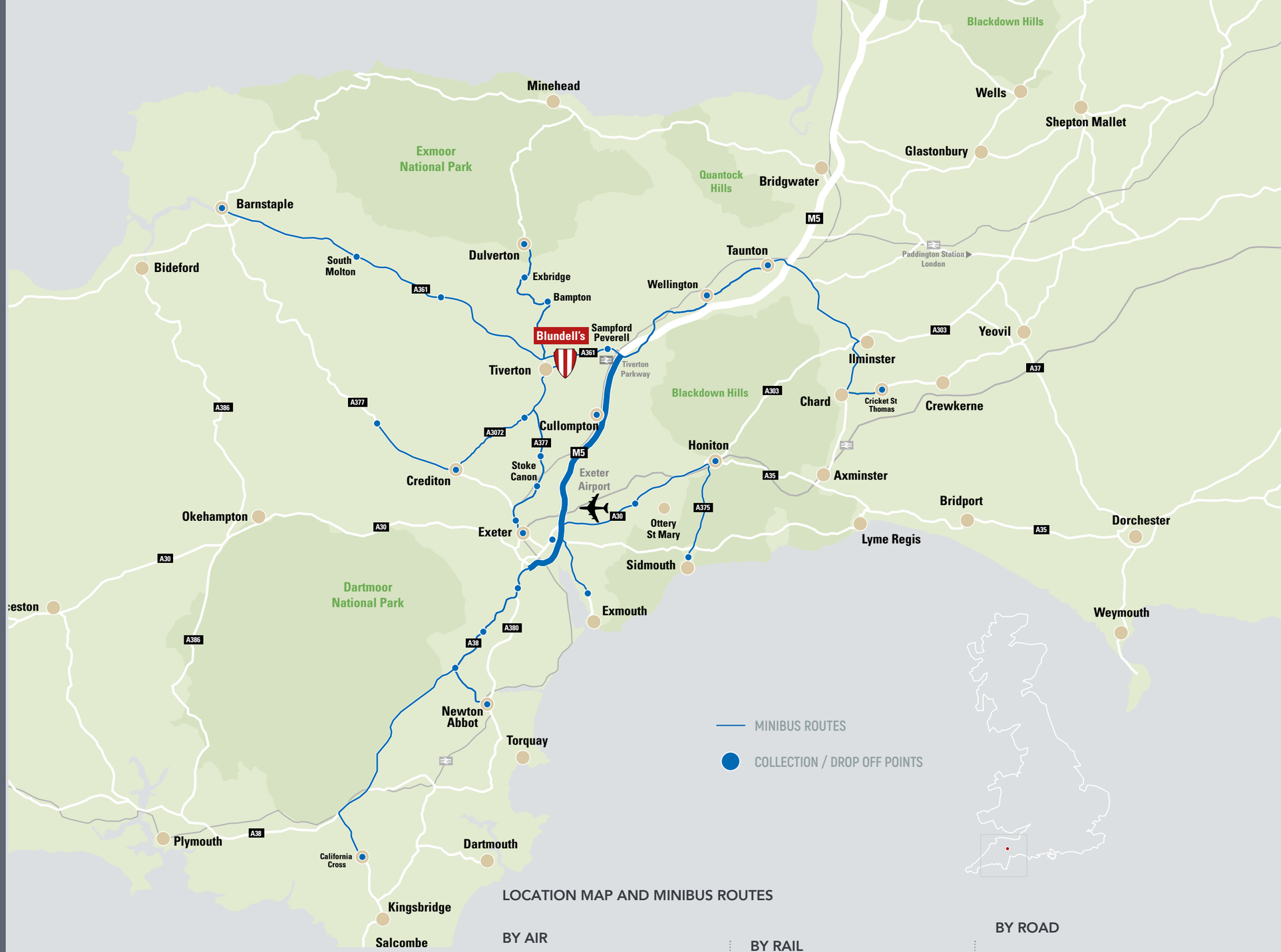
TRAVEL

TO BLUNDELL'S

BLUNDELL'S IS IDEALLY SITUATED, WITH JUNCTION 27 OF THE M5 AND TIVERTON PARKWAY MAINLINE RAILWAY STATION BEING JUST 6 MINUTES AWAY. THE HISTORIC CITY OF EXETER IS 25 MINUTES AWAY AND THE SCHOOL IS SURROUNDED BY THE GREEN AND LUSH HILLS OF MID-DEVON.

The School's own minibuses transport pupils to and from school on a daily basis from a wide range of destinations. All bookings for all routes can be made via our dedicated transport website with payments for bookings made online at the time of booking. The current charge is £6.50 per journey apart from the Kingsbridge and Crewkerne routes which are £13.00 per journey. Further details can be obtained by contacting transport@blundells.org

It should be noted that minibuses do not run on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons or on the days when Half Term starts or term ends.



MINIBUS ROUTES

COLLECTION / DROP OFF POINTS

LOCATION MAP AND MINIBUS ROUTES

We are less than 2 Hours to London Paddington By Train

SCAN TO SEE OUR TRANSPORT GUIDE AND BUSES TIME TABLE

BY AIR

Excellent International links.

Heathrow airport is 2h 30 by car. The international airport at Bristol is only 60 minutes from Blundell's by car and the nearby regional airport at Exeter is only 20 minutes away. Coaches operate every 30 minutes between Heathrow and Reading railway station to connect with the direct mainline train service from Paddington to Tiverton Parkway.

BY RAIL

Main lines serving most of England

Nearby Tiverton Parkway is on the Paddington to Penzance and South West to the North of England mainlines. Typical times to the following destinations are: Bristol 60 minutes, Plymouth 75 minutes and central London is only 2 hours away. The station is only a 6 minute taxi journey to Blundell's.

BY ROAD

6 minutes from the M5

Blundell's is 6 minutes from Junction 27 of the M5. Take the A 361 (North Devon Link Rd) towards Barnstaple. Take the first exit signed to Tiverton (after 5 miles) and at the second roundabout take the B 3391 towards Halberton.

MEDICAL CENTRE & PUPIL WELFARE

Built in 2018, the modern fully equipped Medical Centre is in the middle of the campus. It is led by the School Doctor and Senior Nurse with a highly skilled team of 8 qualified nurses, who provide 24 hour supervision when required. It is fully equipped with consulting rooms and en-suite isolation rooms.

All full and weekly boarders are registered at the local Clare House Surgery and there is a doctor's surgery every morning, but all pupils are seen on a walk-in basis. Additional medical support is provided by Tiverton Hospital (2 miles) and the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital (20 miles).

Blundell's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Each house is allocated a named link nurse, who will liaise with House staff regarding medical and health issues. There is also a full time School Counsellor available throughout the week

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM

Head
Mr B Wielenga, BCom (Hons) RAU, BEd (Hons) (Economics)

Second Master
MR C H Filbey, BA (Hons) Modern European Languages Durham, PGCE Buckingham

Deputy Head (Innovation)
Mr C H List, BSc Durham, PGCE (Chemistry)

Head of Preparatory School
Mr A D Southgate, BEd (Hons) Exeter

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Head
Mr B Wielenga

Second Master
MR C H Filbey

Deputy Head (Academic)
Dr J A Ratcliffe
BSc, PGCE, PhD, FRSB

Deputy Head (Co-Curricular)
Mrs A Worsley
BSc (Maths) Bristol, PGCE

Deputy Head (Pastoral) and Safeguarding Lead
Mrs N J Klinkenberg
BSc Swansea, PGCE (Mathematics)

Designated Safeguarding Deputy
Mrs T L Winsley,
BA Exeter (Drama)

Deputy Head (Operations)
Mr A J R Berrow,
MA St Peter's College Oxford, PGCE (Religious Studies)

Head of ICT
Mr M P Dyer,
MSc Dundee, PGCE (ICT)

Head of Staff Development
Miss V J Gill,
MEd Birmingham, PGCE (Physical Education)

Director of Community Partnerships
Mr C E Olive
BSc Aberystwyth, PGCE (Biology)

Director of Marketing and Admissions
Mr D J Smart, BSc Birmingham, PGCE Exeter

POLICIES

Schools are required to publish certain Policies on their website, including the Safeguarding Policy. To access these, please visit the Information section on the School website.

FEES 2025-26

The fees below are per term.

SENIOR FEES (YEARS 9-13)	BASE FEE	MITIGATION DISCOUNT	FEE LESS DISCOUNT	FEE LESS DISCOUNT INCLUDING VAT
International Boarding	£16,602	-£662	£15,940	£19,128
Full Boarding	£15,898	-£638	£15,260	£18,312
Weekly Boarding	£13,719	-£549	£13,170	£15,804
Weekly Boarding (Local)	£12,859	-£514	£12,345	£14,814
Flexi Boarding l 22 Nights	£11,812	-£472	£11,340	£13,608
Flexi Boarding l 22 Nights l Local	£10,759	-£429	£10,330	£12,396
Flexi Boarding l 11 Nights	£11,259	-£449	£10,810	£12,972
Flexi Boarding l 11 Nights l Local	£10,164	-£409	£9,755	£11,706
Day	£9,727	-£392	£9,335	£11,202
Day Local	£8,778	-£353	£8,425	£10,110
JUNIOR FEES (YEARS 7-8)				
Full Boarding	£11,249	-£449	£10,800	£12,960
Weekly Boarding l Mon to Thurs	£9,648	-£338	£9,260	£11,112
Flexi Boarding l 22 Nights	£8,210	-£330	£7,880	£9,456
Flexi Boarding l 11 Nights	£7,662	-£307	£7,355	£8,826
Day	£6,443	-£258	£6,185	£7,442

Please see www.blundells.org for current fees
International Boarding Fee includes UKVI administration costs (CAS fee etc), Transport to and from Heathrow each half-term and to IELTs testing centres, and Boarders' Sunday trips and activities
* Extra Flexi-boarding nights £67.00 + VAT each
** Ad hoc nights, dependent on bed availability, £82.00 + VAT each

FULL BOARDER - A pupil who normally stays 7 days a week with his/her own allocated bed and study area. Laundry, all meals and some weekend activities are included in the fee.

WEEKLY BOARDER - A pupil who stays from Monday to Friday inclusive (Mon' to Thu' in School House), with the provision of his/her own allocated bed and study area. Laundry and all meals during the week are included in the fee. Weekend stays are possible at the normal Flexi-boarder nightly cost, billed at the end of term.

FLEXI-BOARDER - A Flexi-boarder can choose an 11 night or a 22 night per term package taken on any Monday to Friday night during the term. This will give them their own designated bed and the ability to stay for supper and prep on any weekday evening. Extra nights can be taken at £67.00 per night + VAT billed at the end of term. Laundry is not included in this fee.

DAY - A day pupil goes home at the end of the programmed day. Breakfast and/or supper and evening prep can be taken at an additional daily charge.

'LOCAL' fees apply to parent(s) with whom the child normally resides living within a ten mile radius of the school.

SIBLING DISCOUNTS: 7% off the elder of two, 10% off the eldest and 7% off the second of three. This includes pupils at Blundell's Preparatory School. If a pupil is awarded any other concession then this takes priority and any potential sibling discount ceases or does not apply. Sibling discount does not apply to pupils on the local fee tariff, which applies to Years 9-13 at the Senior School.

TERM DATES 2025-26

TERM	BEGINS	HALF-TERM & EXEAT	ENDS
AUTUMN 2025	Thursday 4th September 8.15am BOARDERS RETURN*: Wednesday 3rd September 6.00pm – 9.00pm (unless by arrangement)	Friday 17th October 4.00pm - Sunday 2nd November 6.00pm *Exeat* *Friday 21st November 1.00pm - Sunday 23rd November 6.00pm*	Wednesday 10th December 1.00pm SCHOOL HOUSE: Tuesday 9th Dec 3.30pm
SPRING 2026	Tuesday 6th January 8.15am BOARDERS RETURN: Monday 5th January 6.00pm – 9.00pm (unless by arrangement)	Friday 13th February 4.00pm - Sunday 22nd February 6.00pm *Exeat* *Friday 23rd January 1.00pm - Sunday 25th January 6.00pm*	Friday 27th March 1.00pm
SUMMER 2026	Wednesday 23rd April 8.15am BOARDERS RETURN: Tuesday 22nd April 6.00pm – 9.00pm (unless by arrangement)	Friday 22nd May 4.00pm - Sunday 31st May 6.00pm	Friday 3rd July 4.30pm (Speech Day)

*New International Boarders Induction Day: Wednesday 3rd September
9.00am – 6.00pm (Parents 9.00am – 1.15pm)

Blundell's FOUNDATION

The Foundation Office exists to develop a range of engagement activities for the school with Old Blundellians, past and present parents and the wider Blundell's community. The Peter Blundell Foundation and other named bursaries are designed to provide greater access to the exceptional educational opportunities available at this wonderful old and famous school.

We conduct a continuous programme of opportunities to develop career interests, to build networks and encourage social activities and events, embracing the friendships and relationships formed whilst in the Blundell's fold. Blundellians are well-known for their loyalty and passion for their Alma Mater.

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THE OLD BLUNDELLIAN CLUB · FOUNDED 1725

The Club is run from the purpose-built Colin Beale Centre and exists to maintain and foster the association of Old Blundellians, bringing them together in as many ways as possible. There are many clubs and societies worldwide keeping the community of Blundell's alive wherever Blundellians may find themselves.

The Club also promotes and furthers the interests of the school, ensuring it continues to flourish as it moves confidently through its fifth century.

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