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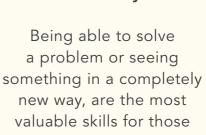
Guildhouse School creates change makers

We provide an education environment where ideas are free to incubate and empower students to positively change the world.





Confidence in making correct decisions and judgements is the key to becoming a successful leader and changing the world for the better



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Where

change makers are made



Creativity

who want to achieve



Impact

Understanding and emotional intelligence are key to shaping the conversation and becoming an effective change maker

Guildhouse School is a boarding school in Central London for ages 15+ that provides an immersive environment for ideas and creativity, where students are empowered to make a positive impact on our world.

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Welcome to Guildhouse School

Throughout the centuries, City of London Guilds and Livery Companies have been synonymous with enterprise and enlightenment. At Guildhouse School, we mirror this, encouraging creative ideas to flourish and students to be empowered to pioneer.

We have spent 10 years perfecting our approach. Through our core values we build our students' confidence and decision-making capabilities by nurturing their intuition and creativity so they can problem solve, make an impact, and become effective change makers.

Being in the heart of London means we can draw on the world's most successful centre of commerce. We are proud to be the only high school in Europe with a Bloomberg Business Lab and actively encourage every student to develop an entrepreneurial spirit through our year-round programme of business inspired activities. Through taking the most dynamic qualities from business and creative industries, we offer an all-encompassing education that gives our students the skills and experience they would not normally receive until they are well into their university studies.

From our Bloomsbury Square campus, our students can experience London in a way that few other schools can offer. Through an encouraging environment where ideas are free to incubate, Guildhouse makes change makers. "Change makers envision a better world and act upon their dreams. They are pioneers who engage with others to make tangible improvements to all our lives, and the world."

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Carmel O'Dolan Head Teacher, Guildhouse School



Why Guildhouse School?



The Only Bloomberg Lab in a High School in Europe

As the only high school in Europe with a Bloomberg Lab, Guildhouse uniquely offers students the opportunity to gain practical insights into the business world and complete the prestigious Bloomberg Markets Concepts qualification.

Our commitment to taking the best teachings from the business world is shown in the success of our students with over 48% going on to study a business or economics related degree. We are the creators of the first University Foundation Programme in Financial Trading which introduces students to the dynamic world of modern commerce, and we also offer a range of extracurricular business activities which allow students to develop their skills and intuition.



A Pioneering Central London Boarding School

For over 10 years, Guildhouse has been educating students from Bloomsbury Square in central London. Built in the late 17th century, our campus comprises a row of impressive regency townhouses with all the style and flourish one would expect from historic Bloomsbury. Our classrooms overlook the famous Bloomsbury Square and with a short walk to Holborn Underground Station, we are perfectly placed to explore the city.

Our location not only gives our students access to all the attractions of the world's greatest city; our school is also surrounded by some of the world's most famous universities, businesses and the international financial centre of the world.

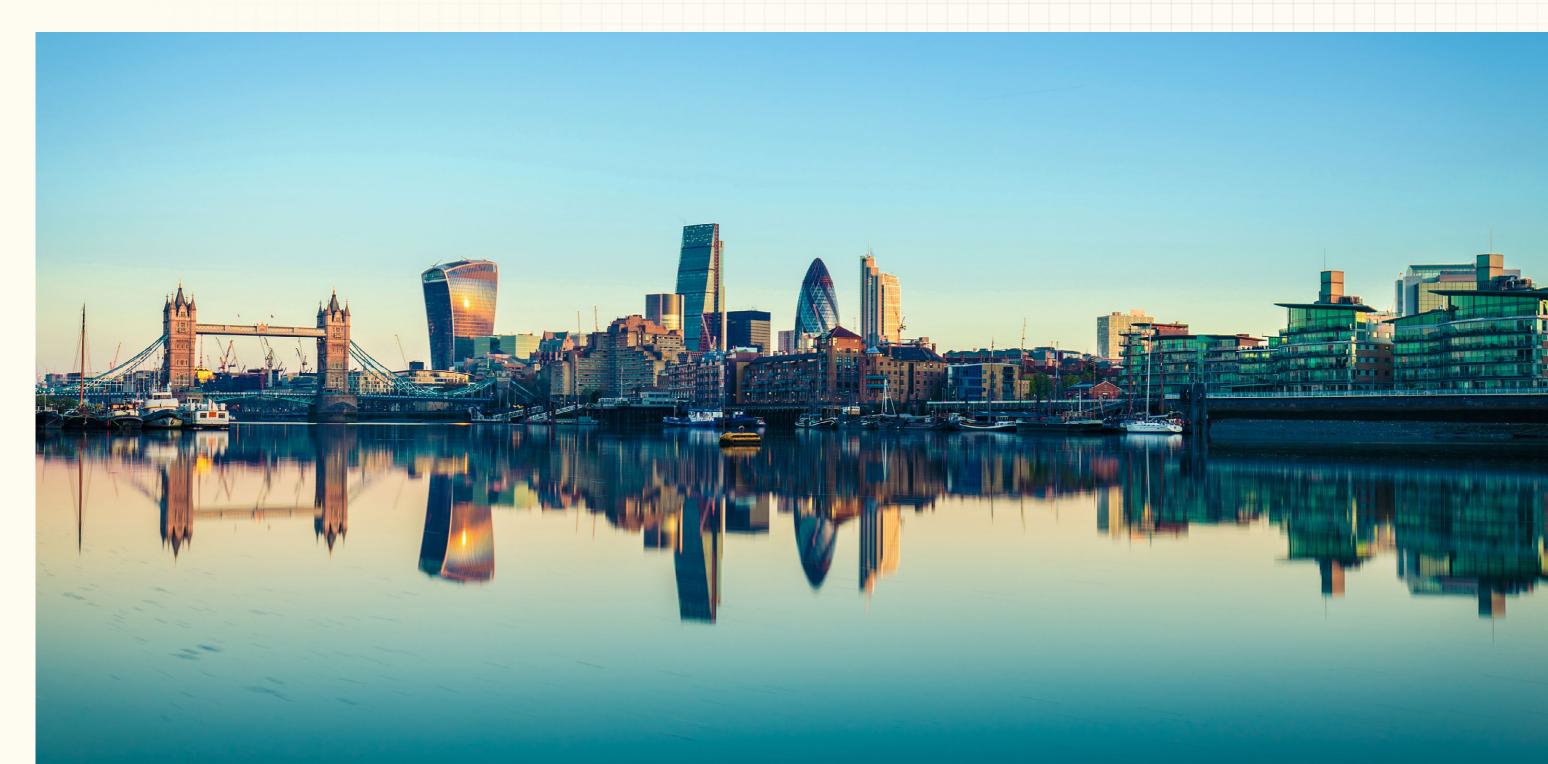
Inspiring Entrepreneurial Spirit

Our aim is to offer an educational experience that prepares future business leaders to be proactive and responsive in a fast-paced, evolving world.

With practical projects and workshops from business leaders, our students develop skills, insights and knowledge that is valuable in the business world. We introduce skills and ways of thinking that students would not normally encounter until their university studies. Our students gain the confidence to challenge norms and become change makers.



In the Heart of the Action



"Guildhouse School is at the heart of the world's greatest city. Our students have access to amazing opportunities that cannot be found anywhere else."

Carmel O'Dolan Head Teacher, Guildhouse School

Experience The World's **Greatest** City

Studying in the UK capital is the ideal preparation for students keen to pursue an international career. There is little that can be said about London that has not been said before and its high concentration of cultural sites, rich history and 21st century trendsetting is bound to inspire!





A True World City London is the heart of world commerce, being the heart of global currency trading



Excellent Links As a global hub, students in London can access the entire globe



University Excellence Home to three of the world's top 40 universities



Attracting talent £500 million of research income attracts top talent

Live Your Best Life

Although London is a huge city, students are always close to beautiful green spaces. There are eight Royal Parks where students can enjoy music festivals, relax with a picnic or watch the local herds of deer. The city also has a number of amazing outdoor spaces like the Royal Botanic Gardens.

Amazing Shopping

London's shopping will give students plenty to explore. Unique independent boutiques sit alongside major high street brands and exclusive designer labels. Students have opportunities to visit iconic stories such as Harrods and Selfridges and traditional London markets, selling gifts, locally source food and books.

Sporting Greats

Some of the world's biggest sporting events are hosted in London and the city is home to seven Premier League Football Teams. Students can watch a football match at Wembley Stadium, see cricket played at Lord's or spectate a tennis grand slam at Wimbledon.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

Redefining what a school can be

We aim to redefine what education can offer tomorrow's highfliers. The environment we have developed goes beyond the classroom to give students an introduction to the fast-moving world of adulthood that they will inherit.

Business-inspired education

By developing the most soughtafter skills from the world of business, we instil in our students the confidence to challenge the norms and become the change makers of tomorrow. We want to ensure that our students understand what they can achieve and introduce them to skills and ways of thinking that they would not normally encounter until well into their university studies.

Business masterclasses

Learn about different aspects of commerce and what it is like to work in a range of professions through masterclasses delivered by professionals, business leaders and entrepreneurs - either on campus or at business in London. Recent masterclass examples including talks from tech startups, visits to the Bank of England, workshops from the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a seminar from leading education charity, United World Schools.





The Business Incubator Challenge

A big event in our calendar is our annual Incubator Challenge, an inter-school competition where students can pitch their unique business ideas to experts from our Creative Commerce Board. Previous entries include a sustainable energy device, an edible coffee cup and smart tech home security. The 2023 winning idea was a plastic free food delivery service.



"My winning idea is BrandFit, a brand identifying clothing app. In future, I'll be working towards getting more collaborators and making my business a reality."

> **Tofi** Incubator Challenge winner 2022 and creator of BrandFit





Bloomberg Business Lab

Guildhouse School is home to the only Bloomberg Lab in a high school in Europe

All our students have access to the Bloomberg Terminals and are encouraged to take the Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) Qualification, which offers students an unparalleled introduction to financial markets that they would not normally receive until studying at university.



Every Guildhouse student, irrespective of programme or subjects, will have the opportunity to earn the BMC qualification.



Over 250 Guildhouse students have achieved the BMC qualification.



48% of students go on to a business or business or economics related degree.



Get Bloomberg Certified

Every student at Guildhouse School has access to Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC), a self-paced e-learning course that provides an interactive introduction to the financial markets and features over 70 Bloomberg Terminal functions.



Search **Guildhouse School Bloomberg Lab** to discover more

The Competitive Edge

Boosts students' competitiveness for university and the job market by developing hands-on knowledge and real-world experience that most students do not gain until postgraduate study.

Gain technical understanding

Students are introduced to the techniques employed by traders and investors to maximise returns through simulated trading and investment projects.

Develop Analytical Skills

Deepen research and classwork, while learning how to analyse financial markets, assess economic scenarios and interpret the key news developments that impact the global economy.

Applicable knowledge

Each year we run business activities including our Incubator Challenge where students can apply the knowledge they gain from the Bloomberg Lab and shine.



"Guildhouse students have exclusive access to Bloomberg Terminals where they make decisions based on real life live data and analyse the results, giving them much needed transferable skills that can be applied in real world situations."

> **Carmel O'Dolan** Head Teacher, Guildhouse School



Personal Development Curriculum

Key areas covered include

- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) - the development of skills and knowledge not necessarily associated with a curriculum subject or discipline.
- Being a 'global citizen' understanding the world around us and current affairs with a focus on learning to digest and process information to make informed views.
- Respecting and embracing equality and • diversity - appreciating the differences between people and understanding that prejudice and discrimination are unacceptable.
- Preparing for independence and responsibility in readiness for adulthood.
- Understanding how to assess risk and make good decisions.



Guildhouse School Student

Experience to discover more

Immersive English

Subject Support

All school life is conducted in English, giving every student the opportunity to master the language in both academic and social settings. Our immersive education style nurtures every student to build knowledge, become resilient and achieve the best outcomes in life.

Student Experience

Student life at Guildhouse School

At Guildhouse School we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive education environment. We understand that studying in the UK may be a very different experience for international students and over our history have created a school that allows students to flourish.

What Students can expect at **Guildhouse School**

Students engage with their teachers to assess their progress and if extra subject specific support is needed additional sessions outside of usual lesson times in one-to-one or small groups can be made available.

Additional Learning Support

Students are encouraged to highlight any additional learning challenges they may have. Our teachers also monitor for indicators of any challenges a student may have in their own learning.

Supportive Staff

Our academic staff team and live-in House Parents are always on hand to provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care and help students settle into the school by creating a caring and comfortable home.

University Success

Achieving the best academic outcomes

At Guildhouse School, we understand that attending a top UK university is a dream for many young people. To give our students the best advantage when applying to university, we have developed an enhanced package of application support that ensures students are fully prepared for admissions interviews, including producing the best personal statement and helping them feel confident in their application.

22 out of 24 We've sent students to 22 out of

the 24 Russel Group Universities*



conditional progression agreements with UK universities

University Visits

Universities from around the world visit Guildhouse School throughout the year to present their course offerings and give students the chance to ask any questions they might have.

Open Days

It is important that students know as much as possible about the universities they are applying to. We support students to attend open days so they can get the best insight into their chosen university and decide if they feel that it is the right destination for them.

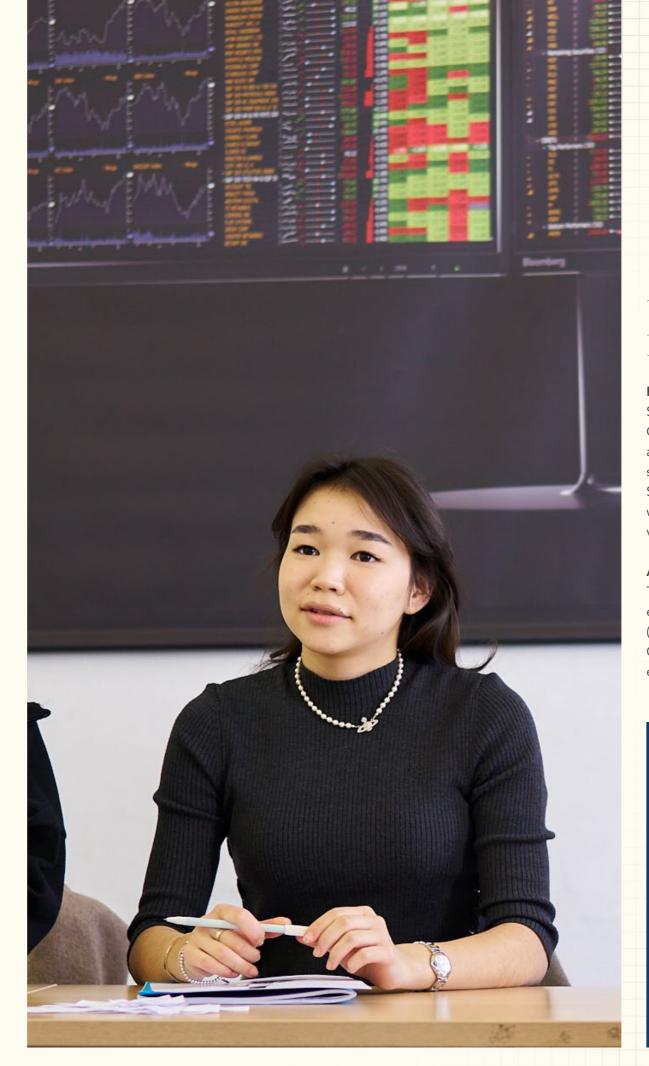
Personal Statement

Personal Tutors (PTs) have extensive experience of university admissions and know what will make a student's application stand out. PTs dedicate time to getting to know each student and their interests to ensure their personal statement is the best reflection of them as an individual.



Search Guildhouse School University Success to discover more

*between 2012-2021



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University Progression Team

Higher Education Counsellors

Students are allocated a specific Higher Education Counsellor (HEC) who works with them to ensure their applications are completed to the highest possible standard and correctly submitted. The Guildhouse School HECs organise higher education lessons and workshops, organise external speakers and university visits, and oversee the university application process.

Academic Counsellor

The AC oversees preparation for university entrance exams including the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT), the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) and Oxbridge additional tests along with organising work experience and practice interviews.

> "My proudest moment is always results day – when you see students fulfil their goals and move onto the next step in their educational journey!"

> > **Christopher Cernuschi** Assistant Head (Projects and Outcomes)

Key Professions Programme

For students wishing to pursue a degree in a competitive field such as law, finance, medicine, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM), or apply to Oxbridge we offer additional tailored support:

Local Lectures - we encourage students to attend lectures at London's universities and other institutions.

Work Experience and volunteering is beneficial to candidates for any degree course as it demonstrates the student's willingness and ability to contribute beyond the school.

University exam preparation- we offer support with specialist classes for UKCAT, LNAT and Oxbridge admissions exams.

Practice Interviews are used by many top UK universities as part of their selection process.

Links with external organisations - we have strong links with a range of successful London businesses, allowing students to learn outside the classroom and connect with industry professionals.



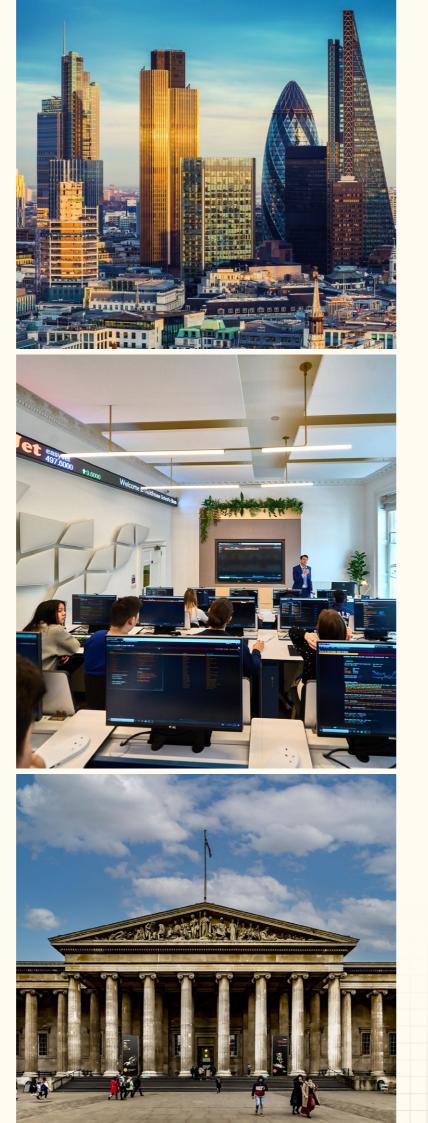
Guildhouse School students have access to our exclusive University Fair which is attended by universities including the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics, Imperial College of London, as well as world-leading US and Canadian universities. This event gives students a valuable opportunity to talk directly to university admissions teams about their degree programmes, campuses, and specific entry criteria.

A Global School in a Global City

Guildhouse School campus is in the centre of the exclusive Bloomsbury area – the heart of academic and literary London. From our central location, students become immersed in London's enterprising culture which celebrates and rewards high achievers.

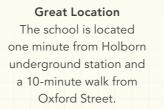
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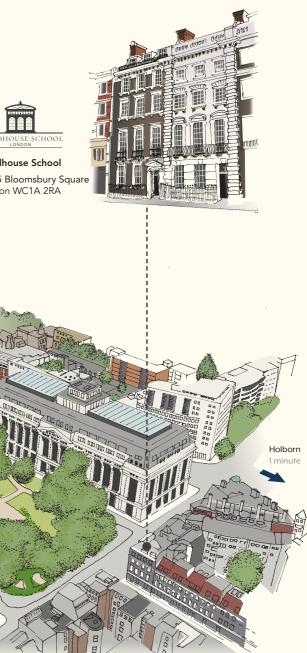
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Inspection results UK government inspectors confirm all pastoral and academic regulations met.





Safe campus Guildhouse School is located in the exclusive Bloomsbury Square. Here students can enjoy the history of this peaceful park which dates back to the 17th century.



Business focus The only secondary school in Europe with a Bloomberg Business Lab.

Boarding

Our boarding house is located just three minutes from the school, meaning students can study and live in the heart of the action.

Dining

All meals are served on campus for catered students, cooked by our team of on-site chefs. Recent menu items include: chicken curry, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, and stir fried noodles.



Single and shared rooms with private en-suite bathrooms



Shared Social Spaces



House Parents, together with 24-hour security



Full catering offered to all boarders



Walking distance of Oxford Street



Laundry facilities available on-site



Monitored Wireless internet access



Cleaning service provided









Supportive House Parents

We pride ourselves on our happy school community. Our team of live-in House Parents are always on hand to provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care and help students settle into their residences by creating a caring and comfortable home. House Parents also make teachers aware of issues that happen outside the classroom such as homesickness or trouble with homework so every student is fully supported.



Premier House

Centrally located and close to school, Premier House has over 130 beds in both single and shared en-suite bedrooms. Shared social and common room spaces offer all our students a homefrom-home feel. Live-in House Parents are available 24 hours a day onsite offering the highest standard of care and welfare. For added security the building is monitored with CCTV cameras.

This fabulous boarding house is situated only three minutes' walk from the school and right in the heart of the Bloomsbury area of Central London. Bloomsbury is widely recognised as a village-style residential area, close to the University of London core campus as well as many other academic buildings, including the world-renowned British Museum. Both Holborn and Russell Square Underground stations are very close.



Search Guildhouse School Boarding to discover more







Activities

We aim to provide activities that enrich the student experience and that support our mission of creating tomorrow's change makers. We place great emphasis on activities that make the best of our location in Central London and that empower our students to think for themselves, broaden their horizons and become effective problem solvers.

Extra-curricular

• Fitness class

• Girls football

• Singing lessons

ice skating)

• Intercollege football

• Holiday events, (e.g.

paintballing, bowling,

• Basketball

• Yoga

• Zumba

Current Activities

Co-curricular

- Capoeria
- Photography Club
- Model United Nations
- Biology Olympiad
- Bloomberg Trading Club
- Song Writing
- Chemistry Club
- Criminology
- Debate
- UK Maths Trust Challenge
- Business Workshops
- Computing Club Young
- Enterprise
- Maths
- Arts and Crafts
- The Incubator (Business Challenge)
- Chess
- Robotics
- Innovation

Activities may change as we try to accommodate student requests







Trips and

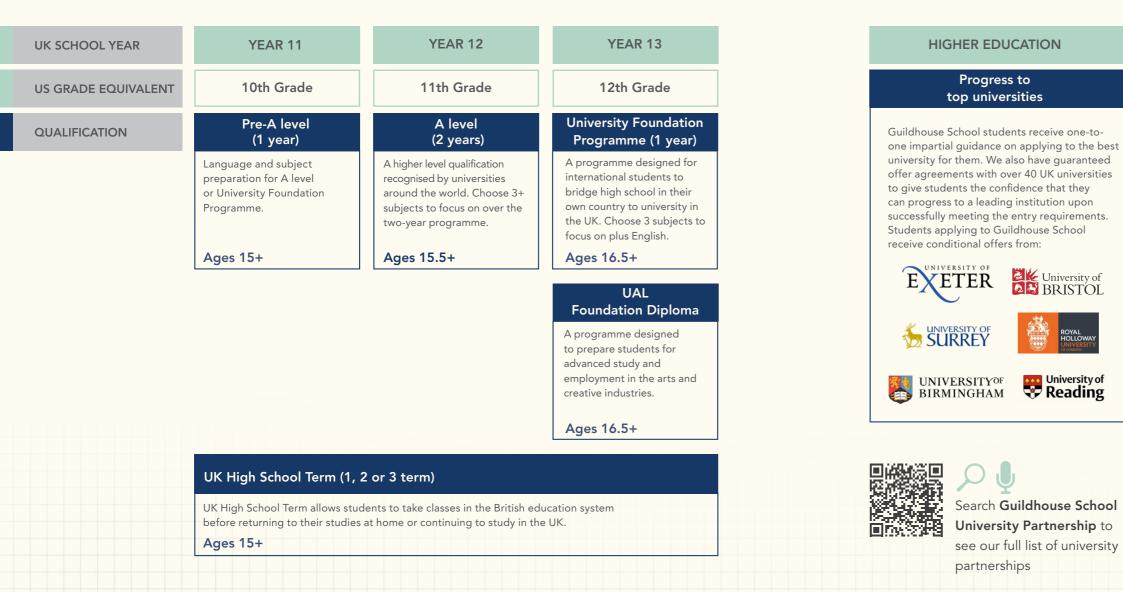
Our trips allow students to explore new cities and embrace other cultures, while also complementing their classroom learning by applying it to real world experiences. Recent trips have included Lille (France), Cambridge and the Warner Bros studio to see the Harry Potter Exhibition.



Visits

An Impactful Education

We empower every student to achieve their best academic outcome. Our range of internationally recognised qualifications has been developed to give students opportunities that suit their individual needs and aspirations and reach their university goals.





University Foundation Programme

Designed specifically for high achieving international students, the University Foundation Programme (UFP) acts as a bridge from students' high school education in their own country to university in the UK.

At Guildhouse School we offer UFP starting in September and January.

We have a progression agreement with over 40 **UK universities**



of Russell Group universities which accept our University Foundation Programme have accepted our students.

Overview

The UFP recognises the specific academic challenges that International students face and uses assessment strategies that offer the best opportunities to demonstrate a student's academic level and potential. Students each choose three academic subjects with exams at the end of the qualification. In addition, all students attend English classes designed to develop their English skills for university.

Final UFP grades are determined by exams as well as a significant amount of coursework which simulates the structure of most UK university courses.

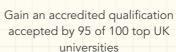
Choosing a subject combination is important as universities look for students that have good grades in the right subjects. We work intensively with each student choose the best combination to help achieve their university and career aspirations.





Search Guildhouse School **UFP** to discover more about the course, subject choices and student experience.







Unlock progression to a UK or international university





Improved English language fluency and proficiency



Key Facts

Age 16.5+ (September start) 17+ (January start)

Entry requirements At least 11 years of schooling and a good school record

Language requirements September start: IELTS 4.5+ or equivalent January state: IELTS 5.0+ or equivalent

Average class size 11

Hours per week 22+

Course duration 3 terms (September start) 2 terms (January start)

"This unique course, the University Foundation"

Abhishek from Pakistan completed UFP at Guildhouse School. He progressed to read Computer Science at City, University of London.



Develop skills needed to succeed at university with a focus on improved capacity to learn with confidence and independence



Experience life at a London boarding school and prepare for study at a UK university

A level

A levels are the classic British path into higher education and offer an excellent route to study at high ranking UK universities. A levels are a highly regarded qualification and can open the widest choice of UK universities. At Guildhouse School students can join Year 12 in both September and January to study for the A level qualification.

Overview

A levels are a focussed qualification of three subjects and English studied over two years, with examinations in the second year.

At Guildhouse School our A level delivery is specifically designed for motivated international students, with additional English language support to help them excel in their studies. We offer a wide range of subjects and work with each student to choose the best subject combinations to achieve their university goals.



of the top 30 UK universities have accepted our A level students*

of our students achieved at least one A* or A grade between 2020 and 2023

*over the last ten years *The Times Good University Guide 2023



A level qualification in a wide choice of subjects, including Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts



Develop desirable study skills, such as critical thinking, essay/report writing and solution-based thinking



Unlock progressing to a UK or international university



Complete challenging research and homework tasks





Key Facts

Age 15.5 +

Entry requirements At least 10 years of schooling and a good school record

Language requirements IELTS 5.0+ or equivalent

Average class size 11

Hours per week 22+

Course duration 6 terms (September start 5 terms (January start)





Search Guildhouse A level to discover more about the course, subject choices and student experience.

"The love and enthusiasm that my teachers had for their subjects reflected on me and I gained a lot more love and passion for them too. I really appreciate their hard work and everything they've done for me."

Leila from Kazakhstan completed A levels at Guildhouse School. She achieved AAA in Maths, Biology and Chemistry. She progressed to read Cancer Science at the University of Nottingham.





Prepare for an English qualification recognised by UK and international universities.

Pre-A level

Pre-A level is designed as an introduction to the UK Further Education system and follows a similar approach to GCSE, but with a duration of one year or less. Students experience a wide range of subjects which prepares them to progress to study A level, although this programme is also suitable for students wishing to progress to study UFP if they are of the appropriate age.

Pre-A level offers students the opportunity to improve their English prior to moving to more advanced study and students should expect to take external exams in English and Maths. At Guildhouse School, we offer both September and January starting points for Pre-A level.

Key Facts

Age 15+

Entry requirements At least 9 years of schooling and a

good school record

Language requirements IELTS 4.0+ or equivalent

Average class size

Hours per week 25+

Course duration

3 terms (September start) 2 terms (January start) *"What I enjoy about studying in London is the diversity here is very extensive."*

Abdul from Malaysia progressed to read Economics at City, University of London.



Search **Guildhouse Pre-A level** to discover more about the course.









Introduces a student to UK teaching and prepares them for further study



Improved subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



Enhanced study skills required to excel in a chosen university preparation programme



Builds personal confidence and independence



Improved collaborative skills

UK High School Term

Overview

The UK High School Term gives students an insight into British education and culture. Students are enrolled in classes depending on their schooling level in their home country and English level. Our aim is to ensure that students are placed in a suitably challenging education environment where they will soon reach the level of their peers and be able to flourish.

This programme is ideal for students looking for an international experience without disrupting their academic studies at home. Classes are designed to complement a student's current studies and a notarised report can be produced showing the individual progress and achievements of the student.



Search Guildhouse School UK High School Term to discover more



Experience studying in the British education system



Enjoy a range of activities and trips around the UK



Study with peers from over 70 countries and gain global perspective





Earn study credits in your home country





Key Facts

Age 15+

Entry requirements A good school report

Language requirements IELTS 4.0+ for Pre-A level 4.5+ for UFP 5.0+ for A level (or equivalent)

Course duration 1, 2 or 3 terms

"Guildhouse School has helped me a lot with my university applications. I was researching universities and they helped me to know ... which one I'd really like to go to."

Danny from Brazil joined as a High School Term student and completed A levels at Guildhouse School. She progressed to read Economics, Finance and Management at Queen Mary University of London.

Improve confidence



Improve your English language skills



UAL Foundation Diploma in Art & Design

The UAL Foundation Diplomas are a stepping stone between general arts education and specialist university study and then creative industry employment. They are taught in the CSVPA London Studio, which is based within Guildhouse School.

The Foundation Diploma is quality-assured by the UAL awarding body through a rigorous external moderation process and grades are monitored against agreed national standards. The qualifications is also regulated by Ofqual.

You will have your own space to create and study. Our studios are designed to look, feel and operate like professional studios, which is excellent preparation for your career. We make sure you are adept at using all the latest equipment, processes and programmes that the creative industries use. Students have access to our spaces seven days a week and our lecturers provide personalised tuition. Students who take our studio-based course will have access to Apple Mac computers, design tables and gallery spaces.

Housed within the gorgeous Guildhouse School buildings, CSVPA London Studio is located in the heart of London. Students have easy access to one of the world's most exciting and creative cities.



We provide access to all the Adobe software (Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere Pro, After Effects, and more) and free colour printing.



The UAL Level 3 Foundation Diplomas in Art and Design are included in the UCAS tariff and attracts tariff points for each final grade as shown below:

Pass 80 - Merit 96 - Distinction 112



You will be actively supported through a hands-on approach and extensive contact time with your tutors.



Visual Communication, Advertising, Art Direction and Branding

This course covers the areas that underpin the visual creative arts industry. Students are introduced to the fundamentals of visual communication and graphic design for branding, advertising, and art direction. Areas of focus include layouts, composition, typography, colour work, the relationships between photography and illustration and how all these unite to give students the tools of a persuasive visual communicator.

Key Facts

Age

17+

Entry requirements

Successful completion of High School (year 11 or year 12 depending on the native country) is needed or 1 x A level at grade E or above and 5 x GCSEs at grade 4 or C or equivalent, preferably in a relevant creative subject. Students must submit a portfolio of their recent work.

Students who do not meet these entry requirements will still be considered on their own individual potential to succeed subject to an interview.

Language requirements

IELTS 4.5+ (no element under 4.0)

Course duration

3 Terms



Search Guildhouse School UAL Foundation Diploma to discover more

ever made. The staff are always able to help you; it was really great to study in such a supportive school!"

Manuela from Brazil progressed to read Fashion Buying and

Film, Moving Image and Animation

This course explores Film and Moving Image as forms of communication and artistic expression. Students will cover a range of handmade and digital processes used to create moving images, buildworlds and tell stores. Learning will cover elements of film production, from initial concept through to completed piece of moving image content with sound.



Admissions

Please use our online application form to make an application to Guildhouse School.

Applying online is quick and easy and is the fastest way for our admissions team to process your application.

All current fees and dates are available on our website. https://www.guildhouseschool.com/apply-online/



Scholarship of SCHOLARSHIP Excellence

The Scholarship of Excellence is awarded to exceptional students of any nationality who make a successful application to, and then go on to attend, the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge.

Students joining or continuing their A level studies at Guildhouse are eligible for the scholarship. Winners of the scholarship will have the final two years of their course and accommodation fees reimbursed upon proof of acceptance and attendance of the first semester of the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. Students will also be asked to engage in marketing activity, events and provide a testimonial for promotional use. Students can notify the Head Teacher of their eligibility.



Search Guildhouse School Admissions, our fees, dates, scholarships and how to apply

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