

WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

WELLS, UK



Age Range
11-18



Private
Boarding
School



EU Students
accepted



NON-EU
Students
accepted



Academic
Year



Bristol
Airport



OUTSTANDING PRIVATE BOARDING SCHOOL WITH SPECIALIST MUSIC AND MATHS PROGRAMMES!

Wells Cathedral School is a co- educational, private boarding school for students aged 11-18. Located in the cathedral city of Wells in Somerset, the school is one of the oldest continuously operating schools in the world and has a storied tradition of producing choristers (dating back to the 10th century), talented musicians and accomplished scholars.

The Specialist Music programme at Wells Cathedral School is second to none and the school is one of only a handful of specialist centres in the world. Academically, they offer a wide range of A Level options alongside English Language provision for international students. With strong links to the Royal Family (Prince Charles is a patron), Wells Cathedral School gives students from around the world a unique opportunity to have a modern British education with a stunning historical backdrop. The Telegraph and The Good Schools guide have even named Wells Cathedral as 'the loveliest school in the UK'.

The school's motto is 'Be What You Are', and this approach is reflected in all areas. Students extend their 'core' education with the vast range of extra-curricular activities on offer - ranging from sport and creative arts to outdoor education and beyond. These opportunities allow them to develop their talents and discover new ones within an accepting community that encourages everyone to be exactly what

Where is Wells Cathedral School?



Facts about Wells

- Population: 12,000
- 1 hour from Bath
- Closest airport: Bristol Airport
- Wells is the smallest city in England with a population of 12,000. It can call itself a city thanks to its incredible Gothic cathedral which overlooks the school.



SCHOOL TYPE	
State (Public)	
Private Day	
Private Boarding	●

QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE	
A Level (1 year intense)	
A Level (2 year)	●
GCSE	●
T Levels	
BTEC	
Extended Project Qualification	●
University Foundation	
IB	
Other (iGCSE)	



Total Number of Students Enrolled
767

IELTS LEVEL REQUIRED
5.5

TEACHER: STUDENT RATIO
1:15

Average number of different nationalities
20

FAMOUS ALUMNI
Mei Yi Foo - Pianist
Richard Jacques - Composer

Total Number of International Students Enrolled
100

- University Acceptances**
- The University of Cambridge
 - The University of Oxford
 - Guildhall School of Music & Drama
 - Tryinity Laban
 - The Julliard School
 - The University of Edinburgh
 - Bern Conservatoire
 - Royal College of Music

In 2023 ISI Inspection, academic achievements were rated 'excellent'

School Uniform
YES

A* - C Grades
92%

CORE SUBJECTS

Maths	●
English Language	●
English Literature	●

SCIENCES

Biology	●
Chemistry	●
Agricultural Science	
Environmental Sciences	
Geology	●
Sport Science	
Physics	●

LANGUAGES

French	●
Spanish	●
Russian	
Mandarin	
Italian	●
Turkish	
German	●
Latin	●

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Psychology	●
Religious Studies	●
Business Studies	●
Sociology	
History	●
Politics	●
Physical Education	
Classics	●
Geography	●
Economics	●
Philosophy	●

PRACTICAL/BTEC

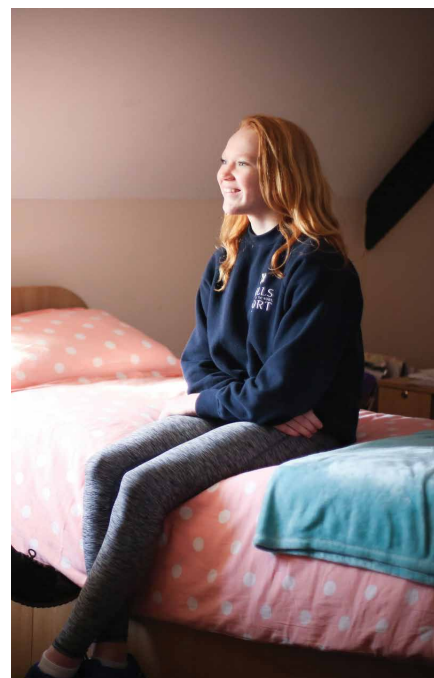
Sport	
Food Science & Nutrition	●
Home Economics	
Hospitality	
Hair & Beauty	
Business Studies	
Physical Education	●

MUSIC AND ARTS

Music & Music Technology	●
Art & Design	●
Drama	●
Photography	●
Dance	

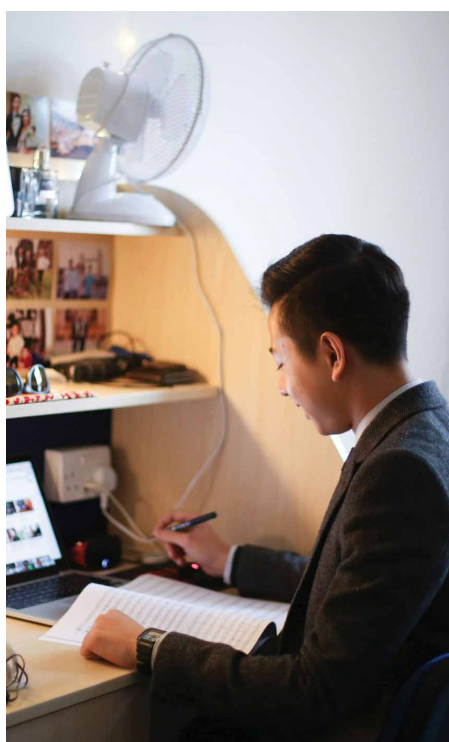
TECHNOLOGY

Media Studies	
Computer Science/IT	●
Graphic Design	
Fashion & Textiles	



BOARDING AT WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

The boarding houses at Wells Cathedral School provide family and community life in a beautiful setting. The houses are a mix of medieval and 18th century buildings with each one housing 20-30 boarders. Whilst each of the houses is gifted with quirky and unique qualities befitting historic houses, they also have all the expected modern conveniences. Each house has comfortable dorms, WiFi is provided throughout each house as well as IT equipment in designated quiet areas. The common room areas come equipped with a TV and games console as well as activities such as table tennis and pool. The houses are set within the extensive school grounds with access to tennis courts, an indoor heated swimming pool, gym, library and Sixth Form centre. Each boarding house has a resident houseparent and assistant (both are often joined by their families and pets!), along with a non-resident matron and a number of staff. The house staff members are vital to running the houses smoothly, but more importantly, they give a continuity to the boarders' lives. Boarders form strong relationships with the staff, which enables them to have an adult they trust on hand to help with anything and everything!



SPECIALIST MATHS AND MUSIC PROGRAMMES

Wells Cathedral School is one of 5 established musical schools for children in the UK. A specialist Music scheme is offered for students who wish to pursue a career in Music. They receive a first-class, pre-professional training from teachers who are world-class musicians themselves, many of whom are active performers and teach at UK conservatoires. Wells musicians achieve great success both as performers and in public examinations.

Students who are gifted and talented at Maths are given extra Maths lessons along with other specialists by dedicated Maths teachers who inspire and stretch their abilities. The school provides a flexible education so that specialists and non-specialists alike can make the most of their time at school and receive a well-rounded education, building on their strengths and talents.

SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Circuit Training
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Fencing
- Football
- Hockey
- Judo
- Netball
- Rounders
- Rugby
- Running Club
- Strength & Conditioning
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Water Polo
- Air Rifle Club
- Life Drawing
- Photography Club
- Theatre
- Dance
- School Musical
- School Play
- Instrument Tuition
- Ensemble
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- French Debating
- Economics Society
- Bridge Club
- Sewing
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- Raspberry Pi Computer Club

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application returned to Educatius
- Previous 2 years grade transcripts
- Teacher reference
- Wells Cathedral English and Maths assessments
- Interview with Wells Cathedral School



WHY CHOOSE WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL?

OUTSTANDING ENGLISH SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students at Wells Cathedral School receive a tailor-made programme of language support to complement the rest of their studies and activities. Teachers can provide subject-specific support or additional EAL teaching where needed. This approach helps students to reach their highest potential.

WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES

Cedars Hall is a purpose-built RIBA award-winning Music facility located at the heart of the school grounds. The space was specially designed for the teaching, learning and public performance of Music. Sport facilities include a fitness suite, a covered swimming pool, an AstroTurf pitch for hockey and tennis, outdoor tennis courts and three playing fields including a cricket square.

EXCELLENT PROGRESSION

Most Wells leavers progress to higher education, with many securing places at Russell Group universities to study courses as diverse as Archaeology, Songwriting and Medicine. In 2022, success stories include progression to the University of Oxford, St Andrews and LAMDA. Music specialists have progressed to some of the world's top conservatoires and Music schools, including the famous Juilliard School in New York City.