

# Cherwell College Oxford

PRE-UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL COLLEGE

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Sixth Form (A-Level) & (I)GCSE

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# 1. ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Based in the heart of the ancient university city of Oxford, Cherwell College is a leading independent co-educational boarding and day school for students aged 15 to 22. The College specialises in pre-university education for students aiming to achieve the qualifications they need in order to progress to higher education or their chosen career.

Since its foundation in 1972, Cherwell College has established and maintained a strong reputation based firmly upon its founding principles: treating each student as an individual; delivering first-class teaching by highly committed and dedicated staff; and providing a learning environment that is positive, highly motivating, encourages industry and responsibility, and is both enjoyable and rewarding.

Students work in an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding that enables them to develop their abilities to the full, acquiring the self-confidence and self-discipline so valued in higher education, while enjoying an environment that promotes independent thinking.

The facilities include ***Cherwell House*** boarding accommodation and the ***Administration & Study Centre***, which are within short walking distance of each other in the heart of Oxford.

***The College's Administration & Study Centre*** is located at Frewin Court, adjacent to the Oxford Union. The study block spans four floors and comprises tutorial and seminar rooms, an art studio, a common area, and a kitchenette for students' use.

Boarding students reside at ***Cherwell House*** — a purpose-built student residence designed to offer both comfort and independence. The facilities include 55 en-suite study bedrooms, a dining room, a spacious common area, a laundry room, and a private garden for summer barbecues.



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*“I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.”*

*“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.”*

Albert Einstein (Oxford Union speaker – 1933)



## 2. TEACHING EXCELLENCE & FULL-TIME ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The College follows the Oxbridge tutorial method of teaching, where students benefit from small group classes supported by one-to-one tutorials and tutorial pairs. This is widely regarded as the gold standard of UK education, enabling students to have their unique needs met and to engage deeply with their tutors and subject material.

The format of tuition is discussed at the interview stage and determined by the subject syllabus and the specific needs of the student. This combination of small group and individual tuition ensures comprehensive syllabus coverage, enhanced by student feedback and classroom discussion, while enabling each student to understand each topic fully and apply this understanding effectively under examination conditions.

Regular progress tests and mock examinations feature in the timetable and are particularly important for students whose examination results do not always reflect their true academic potential.

Monthly reports written by each subject tutor allow parents to monitor academic and pastoral progress closely. The blend of individual tuition, interactive seminars, lecture-based learning, and the development of essay-writing technique through trial examinations produces a thoroughly prepared candidate for public examinations.

The College offers bespoke educational provision through the following full-time academic programmes:

- *Full-time two-year traditional A-level programme for students aged 16+*
- *Intensive/fast-track one-year A-level programme (considered for students aged 18+ who demonstrate the required academic ability)*
- *One-year (I)GCSE programme for students aged 15+*

The College strongly supports each individual's unique development and strives to ensure that all students achieve their fullest potential.





*“The College Exceeds Expectations for the quality of education – all standards for educational oversight were met and quality is excellent”*

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### 3. OXBRIDGE ENTRANCE

Oxford and Cambridge have particularly challenging entrance requirements, including:

- *Early application deadline (15 October)*
- *Interviews*
- *Submission of written work*
- *Subject-specific tests for certain disciplines (e.g., Law and Medicine)*

Careful preparation — particularly for the interview — is therefore essential. Cherwell students receive full support throughout the application process, including:

- *Advice on choice of college and degree course*
- *Guidance in drafting the UCAS personal statement*
- *Advice on selecting and developing written work for submission*

Most importantly, the College provides comprehensive interview preparation, helping students move beyond A-level study and approach their chosen specialist subject from different academic perspectives and in greater depth. Students undergo mock interviews with detailed feedback highlighting strengths and areas for improvement. The College also provides preparatory practice for admissions tests that may form part of the selection process.





## 4. RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

The Russell Group represents 24 leading universities in the UK. Its “Informed Choices” guide provides students with information and advice regarding post-16 subject selection. Choosing A-level subjects carefully is essential — particularly for students aspiring to study at leading universities.

“Informed Choices” provides guidance on admissions processes and recommended subject combinations for a wide range of degree courses, as well as advice for students wishing to keep their options open.

Entry to Russell Group universities can be highly competitive. Examination results are vitally important but represent only one element considered in university admissions decisions.

Many university courses build on knowledge gained during sixth form. Some degree programmes require prior study of specific subjects. These are often referred to as “facilitating subjects” and include:

Mathematics and Further Mathematics  
English Literature  
Physics  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Geography  
History  
Classical and Modern Languages

As with Oxbridge preparation, Cherwell students receive full guidance and support throughout the application process to Russell Group and other UK universities.





## 5. THE OXFORD UNION

Since its foundation, Cherwell College has developed strong links with the Oxford Union — the world’s most prestigious student-led debating society, founded in 1823. The Union is renowned for hosting international speakers and distinguished guests.

Unlike other student unions, the Oxford Union holds no political affiliation and serves as a forum for debate and discussion of controversial issues, promoting freedom of speech.

Cherwell’s full-time students have the privilege of enrolling as members of the Oxford Union, attending high-profile debates, participating in weekly debating workshops, and making use of the Union’s excellent library facilities.

Members may borrow books housed in various rooms within the Oxford Union buildings, including the Old Library, Poetry Room, Gladstone Room, and Goodman Library — all of which provide quiet and pleasant spaces for study.

More information can be found at: [www.oxford-union.org](http://www.oxford-union.org)





## 6. ENRICHMENT

The enrichment programme forms an important part of College life and includes:

### **Professorial Talks & Lectures**

Designed to provide thought-provoking discussion for well-rounded academic development. The annual programme includes talks by prominent economists, journalists, and academics on topics ranging from Science, Literature, Technology, AI, Law, Politics, and Current Affairs at colleges of the University of Oxford.

### **Current Affairs Club**

The weekly Debate Club at Cherwell College focuses on the discussion of current affairs and topical controversies among students with an interest in Sociology, Philosophy, History, and Politics. The Club is led by a former BBC researcher who is now a senior History and Politics tutor at Cherwell College.

### **Debate Workshops**

Participants in the Current Affairs Club have the opportunity to progress to formal debate workshops led by experienced Oxford Union debaters. The British Parliamentary Debating System is one of the most widely used formats in intercollegiate debating competitions worldwide. Cherwell students may also join weekly Oxford Union workshops run by undergraduate members.

### **Student-Led Clubs**

Students are encouraged to establish Art, Science, Literary, Language, and Current Affairs clubs with weekly meetings and presentations.

### **Art Club**

Led by an experienced Cherwell tutor and local artist, supporting students in developing their creative potential.

### **AI & STEM Club**

Led by a rocket and materials scientist. Students attend professorial talks and the Atom Festival, chaired by the College Principal.

### **Innovation & Entrepreneurship Bootcamps**

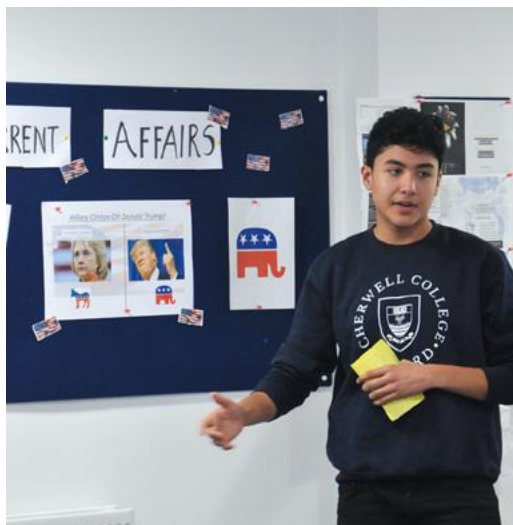
Annual immersive bootcamps offering students the opportunity to explore the mindset and mechanics behind Silicon Valley innovation.

### **Cultural Tours & Visits**

Educational visits throughout the academic year, including trips to Culham Centre for Fusion Energy, trips to the colleges of the University of Oxford, Blenheim Palace, and local Oxford museums and theatres.

### **Sports**

Students may join local gyms and pursue personalised fitness programmes. Evening activities include badminton, tennis, football, basketball, pool, chess, and board games.





# 7. BOARDING

Cherwell College is proud to be one of the few boarding tutorial colleges in Oxford offering its own residential campus.

Full-time and weekly boarders are accommodated at Cherwell House — a purpose-built residence within short walking distance of the study centres.

Facilities include:

- Single en-suite rooms
- Dining room
- Full-board catering
- Water coolers
- Common area
- Laundry room
- Medical room
- Weekly housekeeping (linen and towels provided)
- Wi-Fi
- Garden
- Bicycle storage







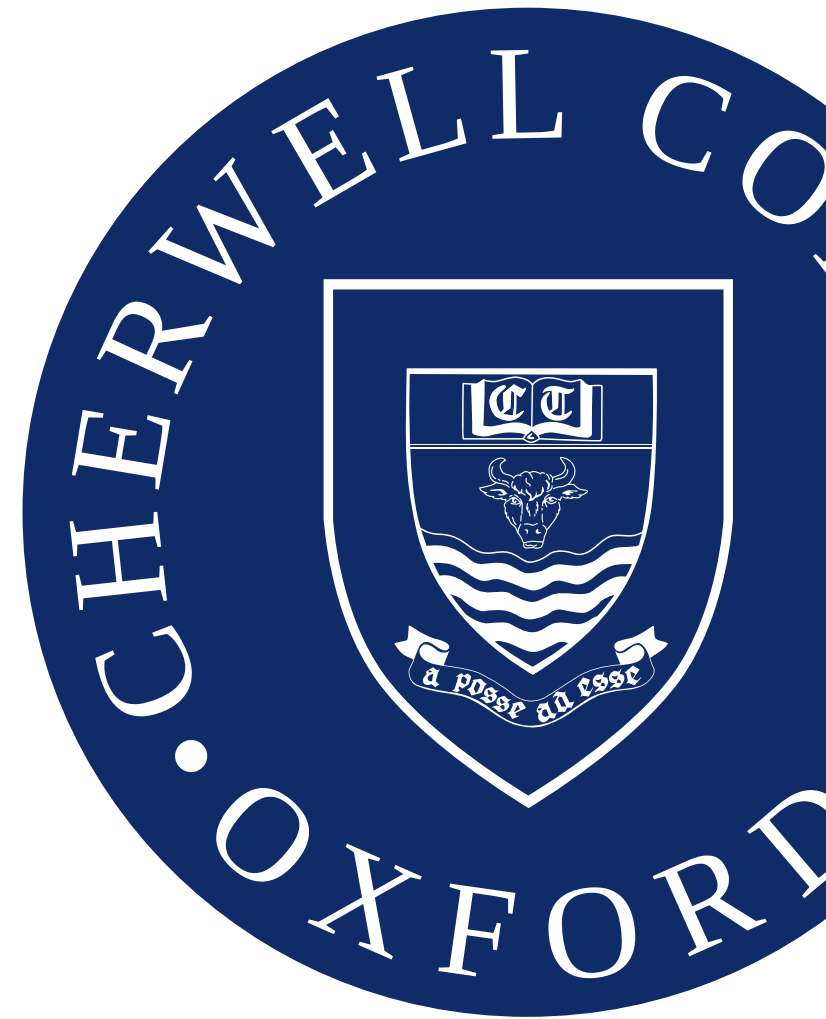


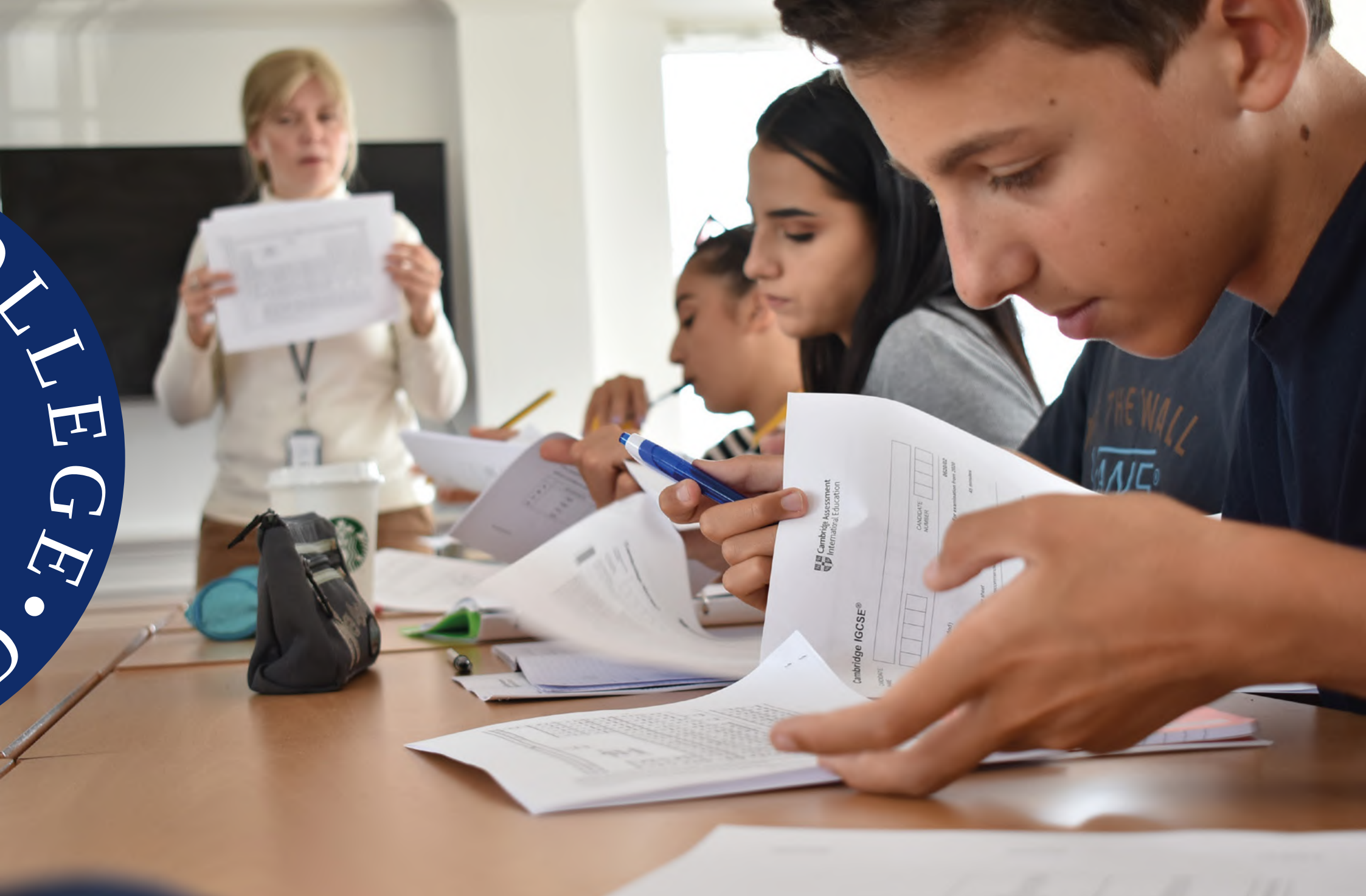
## 8. EASTER REVISION

Cherwell College has been running Easter Revision Courses for over four decades. The College was among the first tutorial institutions in Oxford to pioneer structured revision programmes more than 40 years ago.

The Easter Revision Course is one of the most important and intensive short-term programmes for (I)GCSE and A-Level students. It combines focused teaching with exam practice, creating a balanced and supportive learning environment in the run-up to public examinations.

Developed and refined over many years, Cherwell's Easter Revision Course is designed to provide an intensive programme of examination preparation and study skills for students aiming to achieve the highest possible grades in their forthcoming exams.





## 9. RETAKES

### ***One-Year Retake Courses***

Ideal for students needing to revisit the full syllabus. These programmes rebuild subject knowledge, confidence, and examination technique.

The College also supports university reapplication, particularly for competitive courses such as Architecture, Law, and Medicine.

### ***One- or Two-Term Booster Courses***

Designed for students re-sitting specific units, focusing primarily on examination technique and targeted improvement.

The College offers:

- One-year (three-term) A-level & (I)GCSE retake programmes
- One- to two-term A-level & (I)GCSE booster programmes





## 10. ADMISSIONS

Applications may be submitted via email to [secretary@cherwell-college.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cherwell-college.co.uk) or through the enquiry form on the College website. Please include full name, date of birth, contact details, and programme choice.

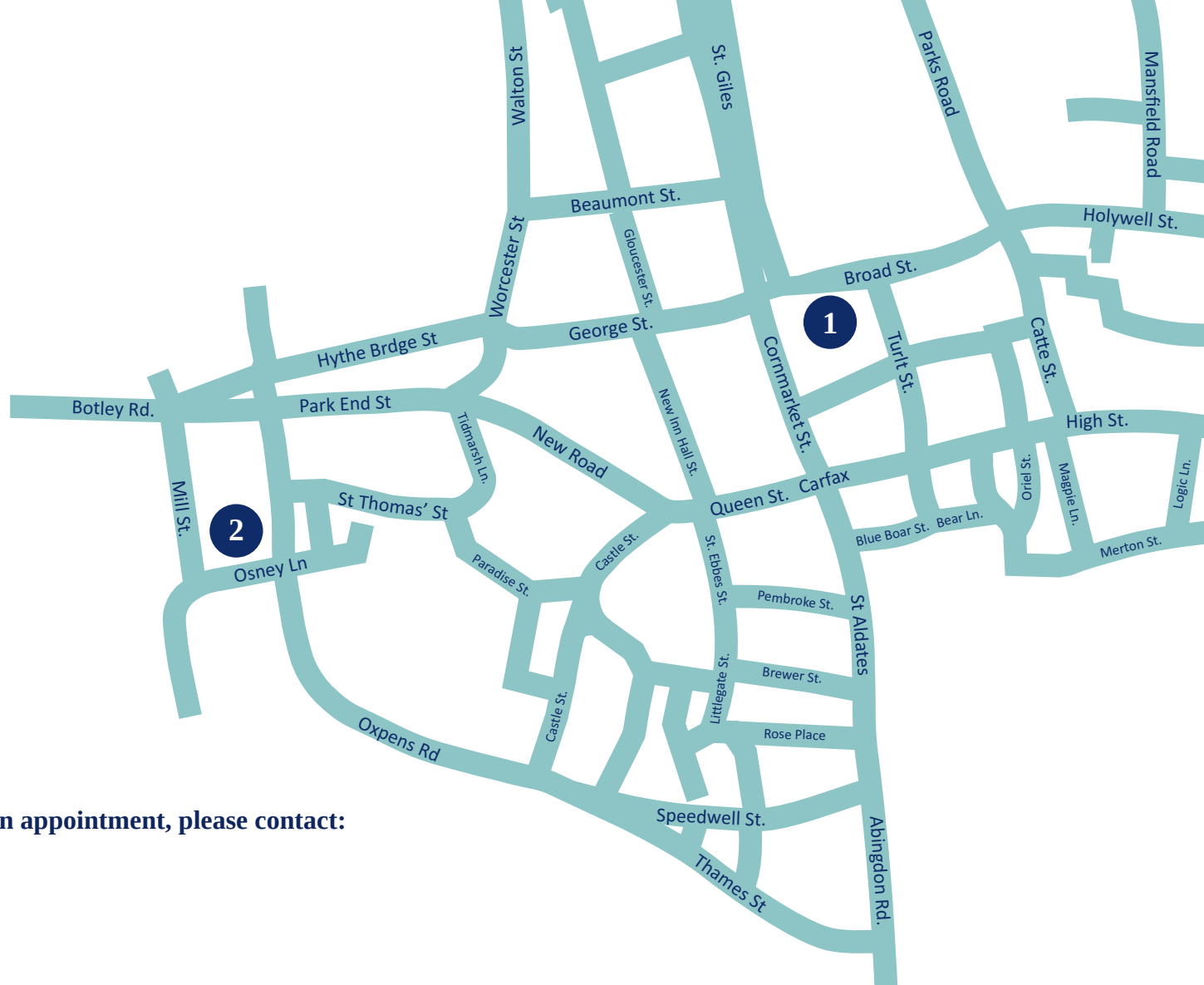
A member of the Admissions Team will advise on the next steps and entry requirements.







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2 Frewin Court, Oxford OX1 3HZ  
51 Cornmarket Street, Oxford OX1 3HA
2. **Boarding Accommodation**  
Cherwell House, Osney Lane  
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**SCHOOL FACTS & LOCATION:**

**School type:** co-educational, boarding & day

**Religion:** non-denominational

**Location:** Oxford (Southern England)

**Nearest Airports:** Heathrow (56min drive); Luton (1hr 15min drive); Gatwick (2hr drive)



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