

A leading independent day and boarding school
for girls aged 11–18

Girls Non-denominational

About School

Cheltenham Ladies' College is a girls' day and boarding school for 818 pupils aged 11–18 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, 662 of them boarders.

It ranked 62nd among UK independent schools and 74th overall in the Sunday Times Parent Power 2026; in 2025, 71.7% of A level grades were A*/A and 87.6% of GCSE grades 9–7.

Key facts for parents

Academics

2025: A level 35% A*, 71.7% A*/A, 87.3% A*/B; GCSE 87.6% 9–7 (Sunday Times Parent Power 2026). It offers A levels and the IB (2025 IB average 38). Music is huge, with over 1,000 individual music lessons (GSG 2026).

Where leavers go

2024: 10 to Oxford or Cambridge and 17 medics. UCL, Exeter, St Andrews, Durham, Imperial, Bristol and King's College London are popular (GSG 2026).

Recognition

Sunday Times Parent Power 2026 (2025 results): 62nd of UK independent schools and 74th in the combined state and independent table (A level 71.7% A*/A, GCSE 87.6% 9–7; A-level rank 97=, GCSE rank 55).

For international families

662 of 818 girls are full boarders, and about 30% are non-UK nationals from 47 countries. Entry is at Year 7, Year 9 and the Sixth Form (GSG 2026).

Good to know

About 9% of girls receive bursaries (GSG 2026). London is about 2 hours by train (estimate).

Students



International students: 30%

Fees / term

Day
£38,520 – 43,380

Boarding
£61,200 – 68,220

Per year, 2026/27 (Good Schools Guide); VAT status not stated

Educational Programmes offered

- GCSE / IGCSE
- A Levels
- IB Diploma
- EPQ

Academic Results

GCSE 2025	9–7		
	87.6%		
A-LEVEL 2025	A*	A*–A	A*–B
	35%	71.7%	87.3%

GCSE bands are grades (9 = top); only bands the school publishes are shown.

School Ranking

#62 UK independent schools (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)
#74 State and independent, combined (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)

Location

Nearest airport: Birmingham / Bristol / London Heathrow

About 1 hour by car from Birmingham or Bristol airports and about 1 hour 30 minutes from Heathrow (estimates).