

CLIFTON COLLEGE

Bristol
South West England

A leading independent day and boarding school
for boys and girls aged 13–18

Co-educational Non-denominational

About School

Clifton College is a co-educational day and boarding school for 760 pupils aged 13–18 in Bristol, South West England, 367 of them boarders.

It ranked 190th among UK independent schools and 294th= overall in the Sunday Times Parent Power 2026; in 2025, 44% of A level grades were A*/A and 58% of GCSE grades 9–7.

Key facts for parents

Academics

2025: A level 17% A*, 44% A*/A, 75% A*/B; GCSE 58% 9–7 (Sunday Times Parent Power 2026). Pupil-teacher ratio 6:1 (GSG 2026). In 2026, 58% of GCSE grades were 9–7 and 47% of A level grades A*/A. Learning support is provided by the Fife Centre (GSG 2026).

Where leavers go

Exeter and Newcastle are popular; the full list is not public (GSG 2026).

Recognition

Sunday Times Parent Power 2026 (2025 results): 190th of UK independent schools and 294th= in the combined state and independent table (A level 44% A*/A, GCSE 58% 9–7; A-level rank 292=, GCSE rank 314=).

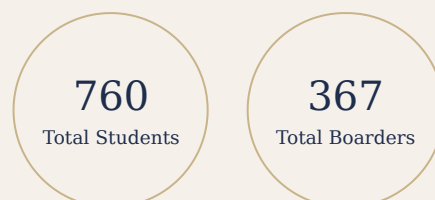
For international families

There are 367 boarders (294 full, 73 flexi) in seven boarding houses, and up to 25% of pupils are international. Entry is at 13+ and 16+ by entrance exams (GSG 2026).

Good to know

There are 35 visiting music teachers, and scholarships are offered for academic, arts, music and sport (GSG 2026).

Students



Boarders who stay at weekends (full boarders): 80%

Fees / term

Day
£36,645 – 37,275

Boarding
£55,605 – 57,840

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

Educational Programmes offered

- GCSE / IGCSE
- A Levels

Academic Results

GCSE 2025	9–7		
	58%		
A-LEVEL 2025	A*	A*–A	A*–B
	17%	44%	75%

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

School Ranking

#190 UK independent schools (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)

#294 State and independent, combined (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)

Location

Nearest airport: Bristol

About 25 minutes by car from Bristol Airport (estimate);

London is about 1 hour 40 minutes by train.