

PATE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Cheltenham
Gloucestershire

A leading state grammar school
for boys and girls aged 11-18

Co-educational Non-denominational

About School

Pate's Grammar School is a co-educational state grammar school (no tuition fees) for 1,288 pupils aged 11-18 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

It ranked 6th among UK state schools and 42nd overall in the Sunday Times Parent Power 2026; in 2025, 77.1% of A level grades were A*/A and 90% of GCSE grades 9-7.

Key facts for parents

Academics

2025: A level 37.9% A*, 77.1% A*/A, 92.6% A*/B; GCSE 90% 9-7 (Sunday Times Parent Power 2026). Pupil-teacher ratio 18:1 (GSG 2026). Physics, Maths, Chemistry and Biology are the strongest subjects. Ofsted rated it Outstanding in every category in March 2024 (GSG 2026).

Where leavers go

2025: 26 to Oxford or Cambridge. Most leavers go to Russell Group universities such as Bristol, Exeter, Durham and UCL (GSG 2026).

Recognition

Sunday Times Parent Power 2026 (2025 results): 6th of UK state schools and 42nd in the combined state and independent table (A level 77.1% A*/A, GCSE 90% 9-7; A-level rank 44, GCSE rank 42).

For international families

A free state grammar school with no boarding. Entry is through a very competitive 11+ exam, and recent admissions changes favour local and disadvantaged applicants. International families need to live locally with the right to reside in the UK (state school rules) (GSG 2026).

Good to know

No tuition fees. The Good Schools Guide (2026) describes music as 'massive'. London is about 2 hours by train (estimate).

Students



Fees / term

Tuition
No tuition fees (state school)

State school: no tuition fees

Educational Programmes offered

- GCSE / IGCSE
- A Levels

Academic Results

GCSE 2025	9-7		
	90%		
A-LEVEL 2025	A*	A*-A	A*-B
	37.9%	77.1%	92.6%

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

School Ranking

- #6 UK state schools (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)
- #42 State and independent, combined (2026) (Sunday Times Parent Power)

Location
Nearest airport: Bristol / Birmingham
About 1 hour by car from Bristol or Birmingham airports (estimates).