

THE PERSE SCHOOL

Cambridge
Cambridgeshire

A leading independent day school
for boys and girls aged 3–18

Co-educational Non-denominational

About School

The Perse School is a co-educational day school for 1,738 pupils aged 3–18 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire.

It ranked 26th= among UK independent schools and 30th= overall in the Sunday Times Parent Power 2026; in 2025, 79.6% of A level grades were A*/A and 90.4% of GCSE grades 9–7.

Key facts for parents

Academics

2025: A level 43.4% A*, 79.6% A*/A, 93.9% A*/B; GCSE 90.4% 9–7 (Sunday Times Parent Power 2026). Average class up to GCSE 16–24; pupil-teacher ratio 9:1 (GSG 2026). The sciences, Maths, Computing and modern languages are strongest (GSG 2026).

Where leavers go

23 to Oxford or Cambridge in 2025; other popular choices include Durham, Imperial, UCL and Warwick (GSG 2026).

Recognition

Sunday Times Parent Power 2026 (2025 results): 26th= of UK independent schools and 30th= in the combined state and independent table (A level 79.6% A*/A, GCSE 90.4% 9–7; A-level rank 31=, GCSE rank 40).

For international families

Day school only, so pupils must live with family near Cambridge. Senior entry is by exams in English, Maths and verbal reasoning (GSG 2026).

Good to know

Extra costs: registration £240 and a securing and induction fee of £840 (both non-refundable); lunch is optional at £368 a term. Bursaries cover 5–100% of fees.

Students

1,738
Total Students

Day only
Total Boarders

Fees / term

Upper School (day)
£9,482

Per term, 2026/27, incl. VAT. Day school: no boarding.

Educational Programmes offered

- GCSE / IGCSE
- A Levels

Academic Results

GCSE 2025	9–7		
	90.4%		
A-LEVEL 2025	A*	A*–A	A*–B
	43.4%	79.6%	93.9%

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

School Ranking

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

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

Location

Nearest airport: London Stansted
About 40 minutes by car from Stansted (estimate);
London is about 50 minutes by train.