

TONBRIDGE SCHOOL

Tonbridge
Kent

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

Boys

Church of England

About School

Founded in 1553 by Sir Andrew Judde, Tonbridge School is an academically selective independent day and boarding school for boys. Located in Tonbridge, Kent, the School occupies an extensive 150-acre site and has just over 800 boys across seven boarding Houses and five day Houses. Tonbridge has a long academic tradition and provides a broad education combining strong academic study with sport, music, drama, art, co-curricular activities and a comprehensive pastoral programme.

Tonbridge School is well connected by road and rail. Tonbridge railway station is located on the same road as the School and is approximately a 10-minute walk away. There are direct train services to London, with London Bridge approximately 40 minutes away. Train journeys to Gatwick Airport take around a further 30 minutes, while Heathrow Airport is approximately one hour further from Tonbridge by train. The School also provides dedicated transport services for day and boarding pupils, including Sunday bus services from London for boarding pupils.

Tonbridge provides a broad education designed to develop pupils both academically and personally. Alongside a strong academic curriculum, boys are encouraged to participate actively in sport, music, drama, art, societies and other co-curricular activities. The School's House system is an important part of pastoral life, bringing together boarding and day pupils and supporting their personal development, wellbeing and wider involvement in school life.

Admission to Tonbridge School is selective, with the principal entry points being Year 9 (13+), Year 10 (14+) and Year 12 (16+). For Year 9 entry, families are encouraged to register by 1 September when their son is in Year 6. Boys applying in Year 6 sit the ISEB Pre-Test and may subsequently attend an Experience Afternoon, which includes individual and collaborative activities and a one-to-one interview. The School also requests a confidential reference from the candidate's current school. Candidates receiving a provisional offer may be required to complete further examinations and an interview in Year 7. For Year 10 entry, Tonbridge offers a small number of places. International applicants are required to sit the UKiset assessment before being considered for a place. Candidates who perform well in the initial assessment may be invited to sit Tonbridge's 14+ entrance examinations at the School or an approved overseas test centre. Successful candidates are subsequently invited to an online interview, with decisions communicated in December. For Year 12 entry, applications are normally made during Year 11, with the registration deadline being 1 October in the year before entry. Applicants specify four A Level subjects and are examined in those subjects, together with an English Language examination. Following the initial assessment, successful candidates may be invited to sit subject examinations and then attend an online interview with a subject specialist. International applicants are required to sit a UKiset assessment and may take examinations at an approved overseas test centre. Tonbridge School is also developing its Sixth Form provision: from September 2028, girls will be welcomed into the Sixth Form, while the Lower School will continue to provide boys' education. If you have any questions about the admissions process, contact Scholar Gateway – we're here to answer your questions and guide you through every step.

University Destination – 2025

- Oxford and Cambridge 5.7%

Location

Nearest Airport:
Gatwick

30 minutes drive from
Airport



Entry Process

13+ Entry

Year 9 (13+) | Entry Key Dates

Event	Date
Application deadline for Year 9 (2029 entry)	1 September 2026
Art, Drama, DT&E, Music, and Sport scholarship application deadline (2027 entry)	1 December 2026
Acceptance deadline for unconditional offers	5 January 2027
Academic scholarship application deadline	1 March 2027

Students

815

Total Students

453

Total Boarders

Percentage of Boarder stay over the weekend 100%
Percentage of International Students 40%

Fees/term

Day

£ 21,417

Boarding

£ 16,069

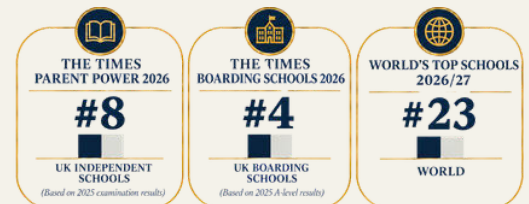
Educational

Programmes offered

- GCSE/IGCSE
- A Levels
- PRE-U

Information in year 2026

School Ranking



Academic Results

GCSE	9(A*)	8–9(A*)	7–9(A*–A)	4–9(A*–A)
	76%	92%	99%	100%
A-LEVEL	A*–A	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
	68%	91%	98%	100%

16+ Entry

Year 12 (16+) | Sixth Form Entry Key Dates

Event	Date
Registration deadline (Overseas applicants)	1 September 2026
Registration deadline (UK-based applicants)	1 October 2026
Written assessments	November 2026
Offers announced	December 2026
Entry date	September 2027

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