



An **Education** for **Life** Information 2011-2012



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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We believe that a truly excellent education is about more than academic achievement alone. We are a forward thinking school that focuses on developing the whole person, aiming to ensure that each pupil leaves here ready for life at university and beyond.

Whilst we aim to ignite our pupils' enthusiasm for learning, so they achieve the best possible exam results, we also want them to have the tools and the self-confidence to cope with the demands of an ever-changing world. We want each pupil to understand how to think independently and creatively.

As a family school with Christian values we provide a caring and stimulating environment. We value and support each member of our community as a unique individual, with unique needs, strengths and potential.

The Senior School has just over 825 pupils of whom around 260 are in the Sixth Form. The staff to pupil ratio is 1:9. There are around 170 boarders. Class sizes in the first three years are likely to be 20 – 24. This decreases to 15 – 20 on average for the two years of GCSE and, usually, 8 – 12 for the Sixth Form. Whilst most of the pupils are from the UK, we welcome pupils from 25 overseas countries. This year we have 100 pupils from overseas living in the School.

We are one of the leading independent co-educational day and boarding schools in the UK. Excellent A-level results enable all our pupils to progress to university with, usually, about 83% accepting a place at one in the UK's top tier.



Curriculum

“Learning is what I remember after I've forgotten what I was taught” (*Einstein*).

All pupils are expected to give of their best and are encouraged to develop their natural talents to the full.

We seek to challenge and engage pupils, fostering a life-long love of learning for its own sake and providing a secure foundation on which to continue into Higher Education and into the careers of their choice.

In the First and Second Years pupils receive a broad introductory curriculum. In addition to Mathematics, English, Science and two Languages they study History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art, Music, 3D Design, IT, PE and Games, and have Religious Personal & Social Education (RPSE) lessons. All pupils will also take a carousel of subjects offering the chance to explore a range of disciplines including citizenship, study skills and typing.



From the Third Year an element of choice is introduced to enable pupils to explore those subjects more fully for which they have a natural enthusiasm and/or aptitude. All pupils study the core curriculum of English, Mathematics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, Religious Studies, at least one Modern Language, PE and Games. This curriculum is supplemented by a choice of three further subjects from Latin, Greek, Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish, Italian), Art, 3D Design, IT, Music and Drama.



In the Fourth and Fifth Years, the core curriculum is English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Science and a Modern Language as well as Games and RPSE. In the Fourth Year pupils study Science as three separate subjects (Physics, Chemistry and Biology). In the Fifth Year, they either opt for the Dual Award or continue all three sciences. To this core is added three further subjects selected by the pupils. These are chosen from Latin, Greek, Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish, Italian), Art, 3D Design, Music, Drama, GCSE PE, Economics and Business Studies, History, Geography and Philosophy & Applied Ethics. GCSE examinations are taken in all academic subjects except Maths, English and Sciences, which are iGCSEs.

At Sixth Form, students have a free choice of any four or in some cases five A Levels. All of the subjects offered at GCSE are available at A level, as well as Further Mathematics, Economics, Business Studies (these are offered as one subject at GCSE, but separately at A level), Photography, Psychology, Politics and Textiles. The curriculum is supplemented by an innovative, non-examined 'Forum' programme that includes expert led lectures and seminars designed to prepare students for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life.

Students whose first language is not English are assessed prior to entry into Caterham School and again upon arrival during their induction programme to assess their English language capabilities and needs. Extra support is provided through timetabled EAL (English as an Additional Language) lessons.



■ Admissions

Academic standards are high and the intake is by selection on academic merit and on assessment of a pupil's likely positive contribution through good behaviour to the aims, ethos and co-curricular life of the School. All candidates must sit our examinations.

For day pupils the main intake ages are 11+ years, 13+ years and for the Sixth Form. All day pupil candidates are required to attend an interview and a report from the pupil's current school will be required prior to an offer of a place being made.

International applicants can enter at varying ages. All international applicants for boarding places must pass our examinations which are usually taken at the offices of the British Council or one of our overseas agents. For all international applicants we require a school report prior to registration.

■ Entrance Examinations

All applicants must register with the school prior to sitting the examinations.

Day pupils

The closing date for registration is mid November of the year prior to entry (see website for details).

Entry at 11+

All registered candidates are interviewed in November. The entrance examinations are held in January of the year of entry. There are papers in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. All papers are designed to bring out the skills and potential of the candidates, whatever they may have covered in the past.

Entry at 13+

All registered candidates are invited to the school in January of the year of entry to take our examinations in English, Mathematics and Verbal Reasoning. All candidates will also be interviewed. Common Entrance results from Preparatory Schools are used for setting purposes.

Offers of places and scholarships are based upon performance in our examinations, interview assessment and the report from the Head Teacher of the candidate's current school. Offers are despatched in late February with acceptances required in early March. Pupils joining the school will receive detailed information in May/June.

Sixth Form Entry

Places are offered subject to a minimum of six GCSE passes (or equivalent) at Grade A. Additionally, pupils will be expected to meet the specific subject entry requirements for their AS and A Level choices. This is a pass at grade A or B (or equivalent) depending on the subject. International applicants for A Level entry must pass our examinations.

Boarding pupils

We do not have set examination dates for boarding candidates but they must pass our examinations. For pupils entering up to Fourth Year these examinations are in English and Maths. For boarding pupils seeking Sixth Form entry we usually require the candidate to take examinations in at least three of the subjects to be studied at A Level.

■ Uniform

All pupils below the Sixth Form wear uniform. Pupils in the Sixth Form must wear smart, conservative, business suits. Sports equipment and uniform can be purchased from the School Shop.

■ School Hours

Lessons are from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. (3.45 p.m. on Wednesday). Additionally there is a wide range of co-curricular activity and enrichment programmes in which we expect pupils to participate.

■ School Buses

Daily bus services are arranged to the School from a number of pick up points. There is also a late bus service leaving at 6.00pm for pupils who are involved in after school practices, etc. There is a charge for these services. Please contact the Bursar's Department for further details. There is also a free shuttle service from Caterham Station between 8.00am-8.30am.

■ Parents' Association

There is a very active and successful Parents' Association, which organises a full and varied programme of social events for parents, pupils and friends of Caterham School.

■ The Sports Centre

All members of the school community (including ex-pupils and their families) can apply for membership of the Sports Centre. Members of the Sports Centre have full use of its facilities.

■ Fees

Fees are set by the Trustees in the May preceding the new academic year.

There are three terms in each academic year. The fees for 2011–2012 are as follows:

	Per Term	Per Annum		
Senior School (Day Pupils)			Music Lessons	
First Year – Sixth Form (Years 7–13)	£4,602	£13,806	Per 40 minute session	£24.00
Sixth Form Entry	£4,817	£14,451	<i>(Music teachers will invoice parents)</i>	
Senior School (Boarders)			External Examinations Fees	
First Year – Sixth Form (Years 7–13)	£8,526	£25,578	Cost per subject (approx):	
Sixth Form Entry	£8,988	£26,964	GCSE	£22 – £35
School Lunch (Day Pupils)			AS/A Level	£80 – £125
Senior School	£190	£570	Additional costs for re-marks, late entry, etc are charged as applicable	

Registration Fee

A fee of £100 is required for every application.

Deposits

If the offer of a place is accepted we require a deposit which will be repaid by means of a credit on the final extras account.

Day Pupils: £750 of which £250 will be credited back at the end of the first term.

Boarding Pupils: For parents residing inside the European Union the deposit is £1,000.

For parents residing outside the European Union, a deposit of one term's fees is charged.



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