



## KEY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### INTRODUCTION

We understand that having your daughter leave home for the first time to attend a boarding school overseas can be worrying. We also appreciate that parents wish to be involved in this application process. This information sheet has been designed to give you a full understanding of this process as well as other relevant information that will be key in your decision making.

### THE ADCOTE FACTOR

Established in 1907, Adcote School is an Elite Independent Boarding School for Girls based in Shrewsbury, England. We at Adcote School for Girls take pride in our outstanding academic results as well as the quality of experience our girls get as a result of studying at a truly traditional and unique British Boarding School.

The school has around 270 on roll and is housed in a magnificent Grade I listed building. The School is set in 30 acres of grounds, including playing fields, tennis courts, gardens and forests. The School maintains small class sizes in order to ensure pupils get one-on-one care and attention.

### Why Choose Adcote?

Adcote School was ranked 1st in Shropshire in 2014. 100% of our students go on to study at their first choice of University of which 50% were accepted into Russell Group Universities as well as overseas. We currently have 75 international students across 20 different nationalities.

Furthermore, we offer a wealth of extra-curricular activities such as Horse Riding, Rounders, Ballet, Netball, Gymnastics, Drama, Music and many more.

### Why choose an All-Girls School?

In recent years, single gender schools for girls dominate the top of the exam results league tables. Research conducted in schools amongst teachers showed that there was increased confidence in both genders when taught separately and that due to different rates of maturing that separation removed distraction and allows them to flourish academically. Finally, it allows a freedom from stereotypes, our girls at Adcote are just as likely to excel in Physics and Design as they are in English and Drama.

### Location

Adcote is set in the beautiful rural county of Shropshire and is only a 10 minute drive from the historic town of Shrewsbury. We are within one hour of some of England's top cities like Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool. We are only two hours from London.

### Courses

At Adcote we offer GCSE, iGCSE and A-Level courses between Years 9 and 13. We offer a wide range of subjects in these curriculums as well as a number of BTEC courses to support academic and personal development.

In addition to our full academic curriculums, we also offer short courses and Summer School programmes.

### University Counselling Services

We offer an in-depth counselling service where we advise our girls on their education beyond Adcote. Our mentors assist our girls in the issues they face such as career decisions, university choices, UCAS applications, relevant internships and course guidance. This service paves the way for our girls to be accepted by the best universities worldwide.

### University Destinations

Our graduates have gone on to top universities around the world including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London, Kings College London and Loughborough University. We also offer an SAT program specifically designed for any students who wish to apply to US universities. Recently, we have had students who have been awarded places at Harvard and Princeton.

### HOW TO APPLY

We work with many overseas representatives who will manage your application and will assist you with all of your Visa processes. Everything can be completed electronically to ensure the application is as smooth as possible.

### Application Process

Each student must complete our application form which can be sent to you by email. This form must be returned to our regional admissions officer along with a scanned copy of your daughter's passport, most recent transcript and an academic reference. Once we have this information, we will be able to make a Conditional Offer.







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At this stage, students will usually be required to undertake an admissions exam and interview. After successfully completing these, we will be able to offer an Unconditional Place at the School to successful candidates. The Unconditional Offer Letter contains an Acceptance of Offer from and will state the minimum financial deposit required. Once the deposit and acceptance forms are received, the place will be secured.

### Interview & Examination

We assess each application on an individual basis and all students are required to sit an entrance exam. The exam usually covers English and Maths. This will be administered during two exam periods with the dates to be confirmed.

The interview is with one of our Admissions Team and is either face-to-face during our visits to your country or via Skype from the UK.

### Deposits

The minimum deposit required to secure a place at Adcote is two terms fees, plus a £200 Registration Fee and a £1000 Refundable Security Deposit. This deposit must be transferred within 14 days of issue of the Unconditional Offer Letter.

If you require any further information regarding deposits and fees please contact our International Admissions Team (contact details are provided at the bottom right of this page).

### ACCOMMODATION

We have a range of accommodation including a traditional British option within our Grade I listed school building and a state-of-the-art luxurious option within the new boarding facility Aston Hall.

Living accommodation comprises of a range of rooms including twin en-suite, shared rooms for up to 6 students and single rooms. Rooms allocated vary in accordance with fees paid and are subject to availability. Unlike many UK Boarding Schools, we remain open during our half terms and are happy for our girls to stay on campus.

During this time we arrange many different trips and activities for our girls to enjoy. Furthermore, staying open during half term means students do not have to leave the School to stay with Guardians.

### BOARDING & TUITION FEES

Please contact the international office for your regions fees.

### Scholarships

There are a number of Scholarships available. Please contact us for further information.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

What makes us unique from many other UK Boarding Schools is our world class, internationally focused welfare provision and pastoral care. Our representatives can meet your daughter at the Airport and accompany them to the School. We can also arrange executive cars to collect students from the airport for an additional charge.

We believe it is essential to ensure our pupils are happy and have the perfect environment in which to learn, develop and succeed. Starting any new school can naturally be a daunting experience. We ensure all pupils regularly meet with our pastoral team who are highly experienced, dedicated and approachable.

All our girls have someone with whom they can discuss any issues or concerns. We also hold regular workshops based on integration and cultural awareness to make settling in and making new friends as easy as possible.

### Medical Provision

Each boarder at Adcote School is registered with the local General Practitioner and is accompanied on visits to the doctors by the boarding matron. Each member of staff at the school is First Aid trained with the Emergency First Aid at Work. All teachers have standard Child Safeguarding training.

Each student has a medical questionnaire on file which makes staff aware of any medical conditions.

Medication is administered by the boarding matrons, who look after the student's medication during the term. Any emergency is dealt with swiftly and the emergency services in the UK provide one of the fastest responses in the world.



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