



2021/2022
HIGHLIGHTS



EXTRAORDINARY STARTS WITH EASTBOURNE



At Eastbourne College, we put all our energy into helping every child **find their own superb**. It is our belief that their potential has no limit. So, it gives me great pleasure to see so many of our children achieving within and beyond the classroom.

Tom Lawson, Headmaster

HELPING PUPILS FIND THEIR OWN SUPERB

Our ambition is to inspire modern minds with our healthy, balanced learning approach and our passion for innovation.



OUR VALUES ARE TIMELESS

Our school was founded by ordinary people who believed in the power of education to not only deliver academic quality, but also encourage good health and breadth of character. Many generations later, we still live by the same values; our pupils are ambitious and confident, but also grounded. Put simply, they are good people that others want to be with.

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO LEARNING

Our diverse academic syllabus is complemented by exceptional co-curricular opportunities. This approach helps young people nurture and grow their individual talents. Ultimately, we develop happy, successful pupils who often achieve far beyond their expectations.

SUCCESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL

There is no such thing as a typical Eastbourne pupil. Every individual is cherished for who they are, and encouraged to be inquisitive, open-minded and find inspiration in everything they do. Class sizes are small offering customised learning, our modern facilities offer greater opportunities, and our co-curricular activities are as rich and diverse as our unique surroundings.

HEALTHY LEARNING FOR THE LONG TERM

Enjoying the outdoors is a big part of our commitment to our whole of learning approach. As a blue health school, we want our pupils to grow up in an active environment that is busy and purposeful, where our idyllic coastal location and state-of-the-art campus promote healthy, social and happy lives.

CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT AND SUCCESS

We're proud of our heritage, but are always looking forward, empowering our pupils to question the answers and find their own path in life. Our year-on-year developments at the College stand as a commitment to our pupils' future success.

HEALTHY, HAPPY LIVES

Our new Mindgym programme champions exercise to help pupils improve their emotional, mental and physical health.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

The Be You group – a body of forums such as LGBTQ+, Gender, Race and Ethnicity – has expanded its range of diversity and inclusion initiatives, adding a Neurodiversity and Disability group to raise awareness of learning differences.

EXPANDING OUR PASTORAL TEAM

September 2022 saw the appointment of Jonathan Medlycott as housemaster, adding a male role model into girls' boarding. He joins his wife Helen, Lizzie the resident tutor, and Jo the matron.

CONTINUITY OF STUDY

The Bridge Curriculum for Years 7 to 9, a uniquely seamless approach to the learning transition from St Andrew's Prep to the College, has been further embedded and refined with our values and digital literacy programmes.

STRONG IN STEM

STEM participation at the College remains high, with 105 pupils studying Mathematics A-level, of whom 28 are studying Further Mathematics. We are particularly proud of the number of girls studying A-level STEM subjects as this remains low nationally; showing how a co-educational setting is a supportive environment for girls to achieve at the highest possible level in the STEM subjects.



ISI Inspection result: **EXCELLENT**

The highest possible rating. The report praised the quality of pupils' achievements and personal development.

“Pupils can be themselves and achieve their best whilst demonstrating remarkably high levels of self-confidence, self-reliance and resilience.”

ISI

COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Year on year the College is ranked in the top 4% of schools in the country, on the basis of 'value added' by the level of teaching and commitment to helping every child unlock their full potential.

65%
A*-A
**STRONG
STEM**
participation at the College

GRADE 9
the most achieved grade

Art, German, Greek and History saw some of the highest achievements, outside the core subjects

21 PUPILS
below Year 11 passed their
Mathematics **GCSE** early

ONE IN THREE
pupils achieved an **A*** or **A** in all their A-level subjects

**Economics, Further
Mathematics, Mathematics
and Physics** saw some of
the top grades

28 PUPILS
studying **Mathematics A-level**
take **Further Mathematics**

100 PUPILS
undertaking **EPQ** on top of their **A-levels**

78%
A*-B,
up 10% from 2019

30
pupils aspiring
to study **medicine**

Ten pupils win national essay competition to attend **Immerse Education** summer courses at **Oxford and Cambridge**, and **Jasmine Wright** is the national winner of the **Exeter University Politics Essay** competition.

Xanthe Lawson wins the **Queen's College Oxford Anthea Bell Young Translators** competition (south east).

College pupils win **Cambridge University Chemical Engineering** and **Biotechnology** national schools challenge for their design of a solar water sterilisation system.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR YOUNG WOMEN

50

of our top
achievers
are girls

2021 saw six of our young women leave to read degrees at Oxford and Cambridge.

“These six women of the future are role models for all pupils at Eastbourne College. Their excellent results and prospects show what can be achieved through hard work, dedication and an inclusive, balanced and ambitious education.”

Tom Lawson, Headmaster

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

The sporting programme gives pupils a broad experience of sport and still allows for specialisation and focus on elite pathways. The College achieves remarkable success at county, regional and national level, as well as enabling sport for all.

HOCKEY

The girls 1st XI won the **T3 national schools final**, vs The Perse School, at the Olympic Hockey Centre. Recent College teams have finished runners-up in four previous national finals. **Tilly Fox**, current girls' 1st XI captain (2022), has played for **England Schools** and for **Sevenoaks** in the **National League**.

CRICKET

Six former pupils are currently playing professional cricket for **Kent CCC** and **Sussex CCC**, while the College has been named in **The Cricketer's top 100 schools** for the seventh year running. **Emmanuel Bawa** captains **Zimbabwe** in **U19 cricket World Cup**. **1st XI beat Eton College** to get through to national **semifinals of ECB U17 national plate**.

SWIMMING

The **Weald and Downland competition** saw 26 new personal best times from across the whole squad and a second place for the senior boys. Our senior boys finished on the podium in the **National Independent Schools' Relay Competition**, the Bath Cup, at the Olympic Park; with three swimmers involved in the **England Swim Programme**. The girls' freestyle relay team also reached their final.

RUGBY

The boys 1st XV were runners-up in the **RFU U18 Bowl Final**, vs Nottingham High School, at StoneX Stadium in London, home of Saracens RFC.

TENNIS

Both boys' and girls' teams are ranked **number one in Sussex**, and have won a number of schools' titles in 2021/2022 from U15 to U18, including five county titles. During the summer the tennis teams achieved unprecedented success. Both the A and B girls' teams reached the **British Schools' National Finals** with the boys' top team reaching the finals too; a feat matched by only one other school in the UK. The girls' A team won the **National Plate title**.

Our senior boys' and girls' squads were runners-up in the **National Winter Schools LTA** championship event. Girls are seeded in the top four in the UK, 5 years running. There are currently ten Old Eastbournian girls on tennis scholarships in the US.

CROSS COUNTRY

Current pupils **Matt Geddes** and **Tom Hutton** recorded a first and second place in the senior boys' **Sussex Schools Cross Country Championships** and compete nationally within cross country and triathlon. Both senior boys and senior girls won team gold, while **Lisa Shi** recorded third place.



ANNUAL INTERHOUSE COMPETITIONS

STEEPLECHASE

Pupils from every house and year group ran a course on the nearby South Downs, ending at the Wish Tower on the seafront.



NETBALL

Our 1st VII finish regularly in the top four at **Sussex Independent Schools' Tournaments**. The senior girls won the local league for the fourth consecutive season and now play in a top adult league. Our junior team are also unbeaten in their first season.

ATHLETICS

In the newly formed **Sussex Independent Diamond League** there have been a host of bronze, silver and gold medals for boys', girls' and relay teams. Including **George Pool** (2021 leaver) winning gold at the **Sussex County Championships** in the 3000m, finishing ninth nationally; he is also ranked third in the UK for the 5000m.

SAILING AND WINDSURFING

Current pupil **Emma Marsh** competes at national level. **Sam Williams, OE**, was selected in the **Great Britain windsurfing programme**.

TRIATHLON

Following the path of many of our OEs, two current pupils compete at an **elite junior** and **representative-level**.



AQUATHON

Around 60 competitors, both pupils and staff, took part in this year's continuous two-stage race: starting in the water, with a 300 metre swim parallel to the beach, before completing a two-mile footrace along the promenade to Holywell in Meads and back.



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

We support young people in all areas of creative and performing arts, and offer an inspiring arts journey. We seek to empower pupils to gain confidence and creativity through expression, providing endless opportunities for growth.

DRAMA

Finlay Tomlinson wins a place at **Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama** and **Guildford School of Acting**, and **Christopher O'Hanlon** at **Bristol Acting School**. **Layla El Jishi Cluskey** to appear in **Channel 4 series The Change**.

Over 50 pupils were involved, both behind the scenes and on stage, in our December production of **Les Misérables**. Each sold-out performance received a standing ovation.

MUSIC

The production of **Les Misérables** was one of the largest music highlights, along with our two outdoor concerts in the summer term and our Jazz band playing for the **Children's Respite Trust Ball**.

All Year 13 pupils studying academic music receive offers to study music at colleges and conservatoires, including **Guildhall School of Music and Drama**. In the past four years 47 pupils have been awarded a **Diploma or Grade 8**.

Ella Parker's song **Favourite** is **track of the week** on the **BBC** in the south.

DANCE

For the second successive year, **Herbie Sleep** won the national **Great British Dance Off**, where the college dance team finished in the top five. **Millie White** was placed in the top 10 for the **National Theatre Dance competition**.



ART

During the Michaelmas term, in our Nugee Gallery, we displayed a series of 14 watercolour portraits with interactive functionality by Old Eastbournian **Ben Wolstenholme**. Drawing inspiration from the events surrounding the 'Black Lives Matter' movement, Ben questioned his own privilege and explored ways to create awareness through art, the result being a collection of portraits of artists, thinkers, writers and icons and representatives of civil rights in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In the spring term the Birley Centre displayed a variety of pupil art exhibitions:

- The **exhibition by our junior art scholars** focused on the climate crisis and displayed imagery of human evolution with the idea of retracing our steps as a species.
- The **Year 12 textiles exhibition** was a product of workshops, using either photoshop or screen-printing to create repeat patterns.

Isaac Lee's 'Greener Lives' monument design was selected for publication in a national competition run by the **Goldsmith's Centre for Contemporary Art**.

Looking ahead, some of our pupils' work will be shown in an outdoor exhibition as part of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**.

TEXTILES

Nellie Yarrow Davies and **Marcus Skyrme** were joint winners of the national **Royal Opera House Competition** to design costumes for Carmen. **Liv Reade** won the **Young Fashion Designer of the Year** competition. The brief was to design a range of 'Athleisure' in response to the changes seen in our wardrobe during the lockdown.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Ptolomy Ridge was awarded the prestigious **Arkwright Engineering Scholarship**.

Five of our DT pupils were also runners-up in the **British International Education Association STEM** competition to eliminate plastic waste.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Year 12 pupils have embarked on the **Royal Opera House Design Challenge** project for design and marketing, by investigating the old town and fishing district of Hastings.

All year groups have been invited to take part in an online professional workshop, where images by **Jessie Tarrant**, **Jake Lawson-Johnston** and **Lottie Thorley** will be reviewed by professional photographers.

Leander Walters wins the **national BSA photography competition** in honour of Khadija Saye.

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Modern young people want to make a positive difference in society. We encourage pupils to reflect on their good fortune and consider, as an integral part of their wider education, the needs of others.



There are many opportunities for pupils to be caring and generous, including events organised by our houses, individual pupils supporting their own charities, the Charity Society and the Chapel Charity.

CHARITIES

Gonville House raised over £400 for **Matthew 25 Mission**, a charity which seeks to rebuild broken lives, including those who are homeless. As part of the house's ongoing support, over 4 boxes of fleeces and rain jackets were hand delivered.

Watt House raised over £320 for **Macmillan Cancer Support** at their House Revue. This supplemented over £700 raised in a Cake Sale!

A 24-hour Rowathon was undertaken by **Wargrave House**, raising a monumental £5,000 for **Warming Up The Homeless**.

Reeves House had a fantastic Revue in support of Ukrainian refugees, raising just over £400 to donate to **The British Red Cross**.

Pennell House raised over £400 for **UNICEF's Afghanistan Appeal** at their House Concert.

In March, a musical evening by pupils was held in Tim's Café also fundraising for **The British Red Cross**.

Blackwater House raised over £200 at their House Concert for **Young Minds** and a further £775 for **Makomborero UK**, a small charity which seeks to relieve poverty in Zimbabwe through the education of disadvantaged children, and by supporting their families and the communities they live in.

Our annual **Charity Revue** was held in February with some great performances, raising money for the school's two Chapel Charities: **Bright Idea** in Tennis and **International Rescue** (Afghanistan).

In January we held a 24-hour tennis marathon in aid of **'Bright Ideas for Tennis'**, a charity run by former Pro and Davis Cup player, **Danny Sapsford**. Funds were raised for disability tennis and will be distributed to local schools and tennis providers in the Eastbourne area.



What we do

We are an Eastbourne based charity assisting people in need, offering practical help and support to anyone, regardless of race, religion or gender. We provide a listening ear and sympathetic pastoral care with information and advice as well as provision of food, clothing and basic necessities.

Volunteers and key workers at the Matthew 25 Mission aim to support people trying to rebuild broken lives, especially the...



86

Pupils are working towards Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

150

Pupils are working towards Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



320

more pupils are in the Combined Cadet Force, one of the largest contingents outside of those at military schools.



COASTAL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Eastbourne College is a founding member of the Coastal Schools Partnership (CSP) comprising Eastbourne College and 13 maintained secondary schools, free schools, academies and colleges, whose mission it is to collaborate on projects for the mutual benefit of pupils and staff.

Our overall objective is to provide opportunities where local pupils can take part and succeed in inspirational activities to increase their self-esteem and self-confidence, and in so doing encourage their goals for the future.



EASTBOURNE EDEN PROJECT

College pupils are working with Sir Tim Smit, and his Eden Project team, to transform an 11km woodland walkway into a world-class centre for environmental education.

CURRICULUM CHANGE

College Sixth Form and St Catherine's College pupils, are working with the House of Lords Select Committee for Environment and Climate Change, to deliver lessons that encourage behavioural change in pupils nationwide to help reduce their carbon footprint.

ROY'S HOMEWORK CLUB

We are continuing to support local Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils with a weekly one-to-one mentoring scheme – tailoring the sessions and resources used according to a pupils' abilities in their chosen subjects.

TOUGH TEAM CHALLENGE DAYS

Drawing from their experience in the Combined Cadet Force, our pupils have created an outdoor series of leadership tests to encourage communication and teamwork skills.

X-CALIBRE SATURDAY CLUB

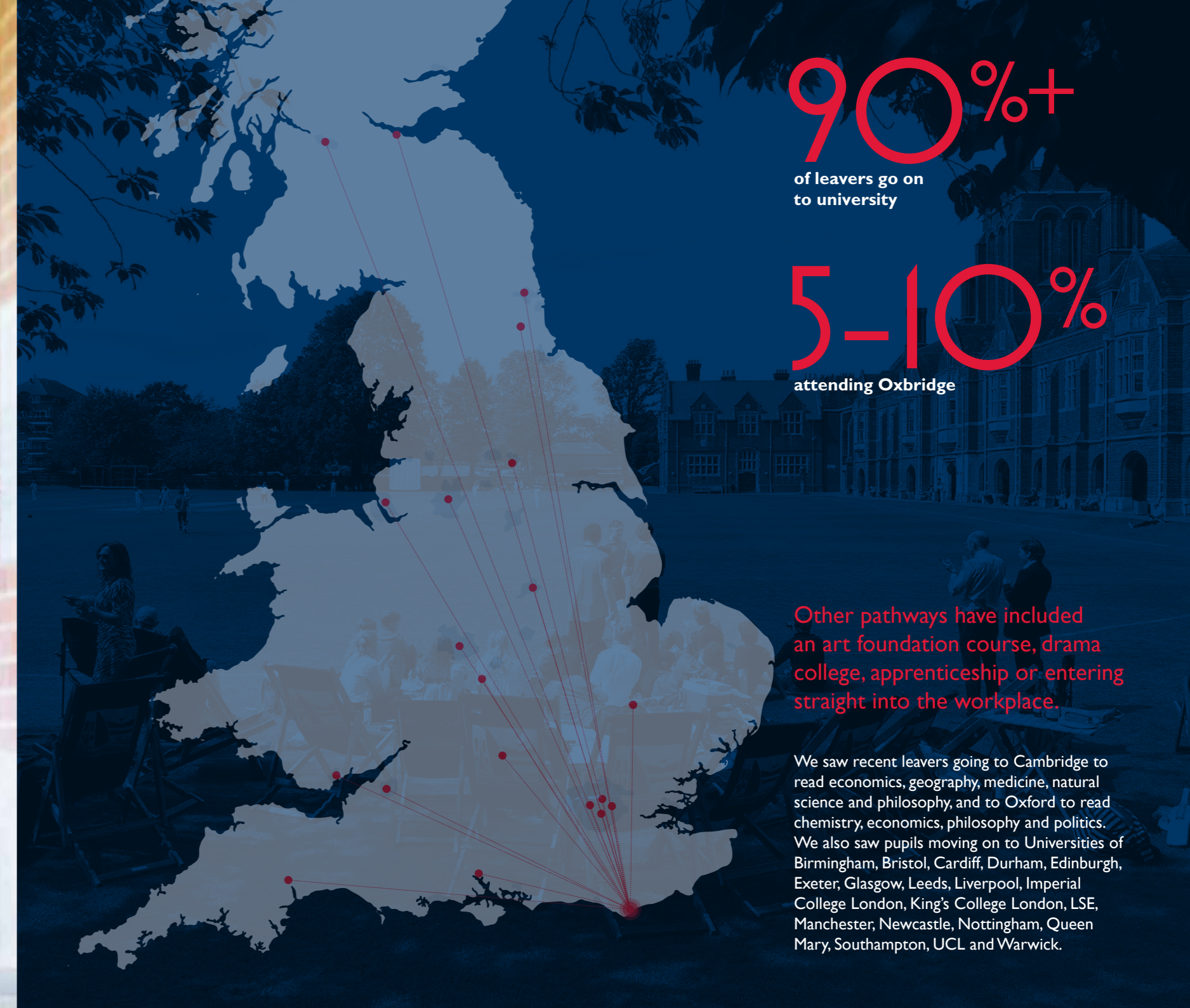
Break-out groups have enabled pupils to develop their communication and problem solving skills as they follow courses on making connections, discourse theory, pedagogical approaches and tackling real-life issues.

YOUR TOWN YOUR IDEAS YOUR FUTURE

Supported by Lord Lucas, the Chamber of Commerce, Eastbourne Borough Council and Stephen Lloyd MP, pupils devised their own innovative solutions to improve the town. Project-managed by Culture Shift, ideas included a music festival, Californian style beach gym, an app for what's on in Eastbourne arts, and cycle zones through town.

WE ARE EASTBOURNIANS

The College is proud of its reputation for preparing pupils for life. Old Eastbournians (OE) leave as confident young people equipped with the requisite values, skills and qualifications to embark on the next phase of their lives.



90%+

of leavers go on to university

5-10%

attending Oxbridge

Other pathways have included an art foundation course, drama college, apprenticeship or entering straight into the workplace.

We saw recent leavers going to Cambridge to read economics, geography, medicine, natural science and philosophy, and to Oxford to read chemistry, economics, philosophy and politics. We also saw pupils moving on to Universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Durham, Edinburgh, Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds, Liverpool, Imperial College London, King's College London, LSE, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Queen Mary, Southampton, UCL and Warwick.

TATLER®

“Deftly straddling co-curriculars with a holistic education, Eastbourne College is one to watch.”

Each year the Tatler School Guide reviews the top schools in the country. The guide praised our continued commitment to our pupils' success and wellbeing:

“Eastbourne College describes itself as a Blue Health school due to its stunning coastal location, which was originally chosen for its association with fresh air, wellbeing and happiness. Students certainly do seem to be full of vitality, and the school is riding a firm upward wave. Even amid the uncertainty of Covid, they succeeded in boosting their A-level and GCSE results for the third year in a row. Sport is also on the up, particularly tennis: 11 girls have bagged prestigious tennis scholarships across

the UK and the US, and now the Eastbourne College tennis programme has teamed up with Performance Ethnic Tennis to increase diversity in its recruitment pool and bring tennis to children who otherwise may not have the opportunity to play. Shortly before the pandemic, the students managed to stage their performance of the controversial and challenging play Jerusalem, and one student wrote and directed a film that led to him being selected to study at the University of Southern California.”

“Students certainly do seem to be full of vitality.”
Tatler School Guide 2022

“It is academic, but has breadth: music, drama and sport. There is the opportunity for any child to discover what they like – and excel at it. There is an air of positivity at the school, backed up with excellent new facilities and good results.”

Eastbournian parent

We are committed to helping our pupils unlock their individual potential and inspire their own extraordinary journey, but don't just take our word for it.

“We chose Eastbourne College for our son because of their passion and dedication to education, they have created a community that is focused on unlocking every child's potential.”



I think Eastbourne College may have a reputation for achieving success on the sports field and certainly has some of the best facilities of any senior school, however the school is encouraging of all abilities, and if your son or daughter hasn't played a sport before they will be taught how to play and encouraged to take part rather than sat on the bench.”



“Eastbourne has surpassed our expectations and is helping to shape our son's outlook on the world, we are proud to be a part of the school community and truly believe there isn't a better school.”



“I believe the school's greatest strength is its approach to nurturing and guiding students to become independent thinkers.”



The College is also exceptional at treating each child truly as an individual, gently pushing and supporting them to be the very best they can be. Ultimately, it is a very happy school, turning out motivated, kind and confident young adults you want to spend time with.”



The greatest strengths in my view are the opportunities that all pupils have with an Eastbourne College education; pupils are given the chance to excel across several disciplines and the College will encourage pupils to discover themselves and achieve their maximum potential.”





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