



2022/2023
HIGHLIGHTS



EXTRAORDINARY STARTS WITH EASTBOURNE



At Eastbourne College, we put all our energy into helping every child **unlock their extraordinary**. 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.

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.

NEW CRICKET PROFESSIONALS

Matilda Callaghan joins the College as Director of Cricket, while former Sussex County Cricket Club player Nick Wilton joins the team as a new cricket professional.

THE NEW NATURAL HISTORY GCSE

The Department of Education has announced a new GCSE in natural history from 2025 – part of their recently launched Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. We are the first school to announce our intention to add the new GCSE to our curriculum.

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.



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.

57%
A-A*

66%
grade 9 in
modern languages

GRADE 9
achieved by 90% of pupils passing
their GCSEs early

82%
A*-B in science, mathematics,
computing and design

90%
A*-B in
history

GIRLS ACHIEVED
85%
A*-B across all
three sciences

50%
A*-A

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

93%
A*-B in
mathematics

ALL PUPILS
in our medics programme got into their
chosen university

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Our curriculum is designed to provide a broad academic experience, both within and beyond the classroom, to help inform future educational choices.

ENGLISH

Grace King was shortlisted in the **Northeastern University London essay competition** for English, attending their Competition Award Ceremony over the Easter holiday.

DEBATING

A number of teams took part in the **Oxford and Cambridge Regionals**, with **Hannah Sewell, May Fogerty Stevens, Xanthe Lawson, Akari Ikeda** and **Tilly Chapman** all achieving first and second places.

SCIENCES

In the **UK Chemistry Olympiad**, 11 pupils achieved bronze awards, five achieved silver awards, with **Isaac Tam** taking the gold. 85% of entrants won an award, far above the national average.

In the **Physics Olympiad**, **James Zhou** and **Cindia Zhou** won silver and bronze awards respectively.

ECONOMICS

Two teams of Year 12 pupils entered into the **Institute of Economic Affairs' annual Budget Challenge**, giving their own views on how they would manage the economy if put in the Chancellor's shoes. Both teams progressed to the semi-final and the team of **Alex Bailey, Struan Dunlop, Olivia Reeves** and **Nellie Yarrow-Davies** reached the final – a huge achievement!

MATHEMATICS

Pupils in years 9, 10, and 11 achieved some fantastic results in the **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge**. Year 9 achieved six silver awards, including **Miyu Katsumata** who was awarded the highest score in the year. In Year 10, there were four gold awards, with **Dean Zhang** achieving best score in the year and overall in school – qualifying for the **Hamilton Olympiad**. Year 11 secured five gold awards, with **Cici Liu** emerging as the top performer and qualifying for the **Pink Kangaroo**, along with the gold award winners from Year 10.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Reuben Mace, May Fogarty-Stevens, Aline Allenspach and **Antonia Inderfurth** took part in the **UK Linguistics Olympiad**.



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.

ATHLETICS

Lisa Shi, Year 13, ran the **London Landmarks Half Marathon**, completing the course as the fourth fastest woman – finishing only 2.5 minutes behind the winner.

Lucas Gorrill, Year 10, represented the South East in the **Inter Regional Duathlon competition**, finishing second.

OE Hamish Reilly achieved a bronze medal in the **U23 World Triathlon Championship** in Abu Dhabi.

22 athletes qualified for the **Sussex championships**. There were 7 gold, 4 silver and 7 bronze medals won in the **Sussex schools diamond league (SISDL)** along with personal bests and new College records. Congratulations to Year 9 for reaching the national finals in the shot.

CROSS COUNTRY

The senior girls' cross country team took the gold for a second year in the **Sussex County Championships**. Several other runners qualified through to the regional rounds and the nationals, finishing in the top 25 in the country – **Lucas Gorrill**, Year 10, placed 18th out of 327 in his age group and **Matt Geddes**, Year 13, placed 25th out of 317.

Matt Geddes was also crowned **Sussex U20 Cross Country Champion**.

CRICKET

The **1st XI boys** finished as champions of the **Sussex Schools Langdale final** and the 2nd XI were crowned **County 2nd XI champions** for the second consecutive year.

Georgie Pedley, Year 9, was selected for the **Southern Vipers Emerging Players Programme**. **Emma Valks** was selected for the **U14 County Cricket**.

Eastbourne College was featured in the **Cricketer Schools Guide, Top 100 Senior Schools** in the UK, for the eighth year running.

OE, **Tawanda Muyeye** won the 2023 Hundred cricket competition with the **Oval Invincibles**.

EQUESTRIAN

The equestrian team took first place in the 80cm show jumping at **Felbridge** – qualifying for the **National Finals** in October 2023.

FIVES

Our **U18s** and **U16s** competed in the **National Schoolgirls Rugby Fives** tournament at Marlborough College. The standard of fives at the competition was high, with a record number of entries from 11 schools. The tournament saw our girls coming away as national doubles plate champions at both U18 and U16.

GOLF

Both **George** and **Archie Shakespeare** came joint 10th in the **National U15 Championships**. They also participated in the prestigious **MacGregor Cup, U16 National Finals**, which requires players from a handicap of 1.4 or better to qualify. At the time of writing **George** is the **Sussex U15** champion and **Archie** holds the Martlets trophy for best performance in both **U18** and **U15 Sussex Championships**.

HOCKEY

An impressive 150 goals were scored by all the teams this year. The **U14A** boys hockey squad became **County Champions**, and the **U15As** were unbeaten this season.

Six **1st XI** players qualified for the **national club T2 final** at Nottingham, with their local Eastbourne club coached by our very own Olympian, Mr Hill.

NETBALL

1700 goals scored in 115 fixtures was a superb reward for the efforts in training. The **1st VII** netball squad completed an impressive season, winning 12 matches and a fourth place finish at **SISNA, the Sussex Cup**. The **U14C** have won four from six and the 2nd team have won over 50% of their matches.



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.



90% of pupils competed in fixtures

18 SPORTS 900+ FIXTURES

7 sports in national finals with 3 in latter rounds

100 TEAMS

15 county team titles plus individual county medals

RUGBY

Ollie Wigman, Year 13, was selected for the **Lambs National Rugby squad**. **Hector Summers**, Year 13, represented the **Swedish U18 rugby squad** in a match against Gibraltar. **Jack Greig** and **Will Daniels**, Year 11, continue to represent **Harlequins U17**.

FOOTBALL

Kayla Ginger, Year 12, represented the **Hungarian U19 International football** team at a tournament in San Pedro del Pinatar, Spain.

SWIMMING

The swim team broke the school's record at the National Independent Schools' Relay Competition, **the Bath Cup**, at the Olympic Park – qualifying for the finals in both the freestyle and medley events. The girls recorded an impressive ninth in the freestyle and the boys finished seventh in the medley and eighth in the freestyle. The College finished tenth overall in over 150 independent schools. **Zach Howard**, Year 12, set a new school record for breaststroke.

TENNIS

The tennis teams have had an outstanding season with ten county titles won – more than any other school by a distance and arguably the largest haul of trophies by one school in one season.

On top of being **Sussex LTA School of the Year**, the **girls 1st team** retained their **Sussex County** title, won their regional final, and finished a very impressive sixth at the **national finals** in Nottingham.

The U18 boys won their **county title** and narrowly lost in the regional final as they sought to join the girls in the national finals in Nottingham.

The U16 girls and boys retained their **Sussex titles**. **The U15 girls and U14 boys and girls** also won their **county titles**.

Gaby Pacheco-Lagoda, Year 9, and **Becky Fisher**, Year 12, represented both **Sussex and Kent U18 tennis squads** respectively at the **County Cup Competition**. **Emma Walks** was selected for **County Tennis (U16) squads**.

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.

ART

Scholars and several other pupils entered work into the **RA Young Artists Summer Show**.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Oliver Edmead, Year 12, was awarded the **Ward and Burke Arkwright Engineering Scholarship**.

DRAMA

Around 30 pupils, including the band and stage management, were involved in our annual production. Every performance of **Nell Gwynn** was sold out.

Pupils performed **Macbeth** to sell out audiences at the **Edinburgh Fringe 2023**.

MUSIC

Alice Younger was selected to join the **National Youth Orchestra** as a violinist.

Our inaugural **Composers' Concert** was a great advertisement for the wealth of creativity in the College, featuring 14 original works from pupils across all year groups.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Brooke Haycock's photography was commended in the **RSPCA Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition**.

Sassy Garrad was offered an unconditional place at **Camberwell UAL** to study Fine Art Photography.

TEXTILES

Liv Reade was selected as a finalist for the **Young Fashion Designer UK** competition, and awarded best fabric construction for her final piece.

Isaac Lee, Year 10, was awarded Joint Winner in this year's **Royal Opera House Design Challenge** and was selected as one of four finalists in his age category for the **Young Fashion Designer UK**.



ARTSMARK PLATINUM AWARD

The Platinum Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. The College is the only school in Sussex to hold this award, and one of only 74 schools nationally.

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.



CHARITIES

Four Year 11 pupils raised over £4,000 for **SUDC UK (Sudden Unexplained Death in Children)**, walking 110km over 6 days.

Quiz nights have raised almost £700 for our two School Chapel charities, **Crisis** and **Bushbells**.

Wargrave House had another incredible 24-hour Dakar Challenge Rowathon, raising more than £6,400 for the **Sam West Foundation**.

Ben Young and **Amelia Baldock** helped raise over £1,000 for **You Raise Me Up**, which provides emotional and mental health support to families who have lost a young person.

Nugent House collected clothes and other items for the humanitarian charity, **Kidogo**, helping those displaced in Ukraine.

Lisa Shi ran the **Brighton Half Marathon** to fundraise for **Sussex Beacons**, supporting people with HIV.

Watt House raised over £400 for **Holding Space** and **Amaze**, charities that support family mental health and disabled children and young people.

Pennell House raised over £800 for the **Brighton and Hove City Mission**, a charity which assists in schools, care homes and also runs a café and food bank.

The termly **Charity Lunch** raised over £350. **The Charity Revue** raised over £600 for our charities.

COMMUNITY

Local elderly residents have been enjoying their afternoon's entertainment at **Wednesday Club** in the College dining room.

The Green Team have been out and about clearing litter from the beach and the seafront.

The Chaseley group members continue to visit severely disabled residents up at **Chaseley Trust**, with games of Chess and Monopoly, as well as helping at craft sessions and in their physiotherapy department.

A small group of pupils have been cleaning and maintaining wheelchairs for the **Shopmobility Service** in the Beacon Centre to help less mobile Eastbourne residents enjoy their shopping trips.

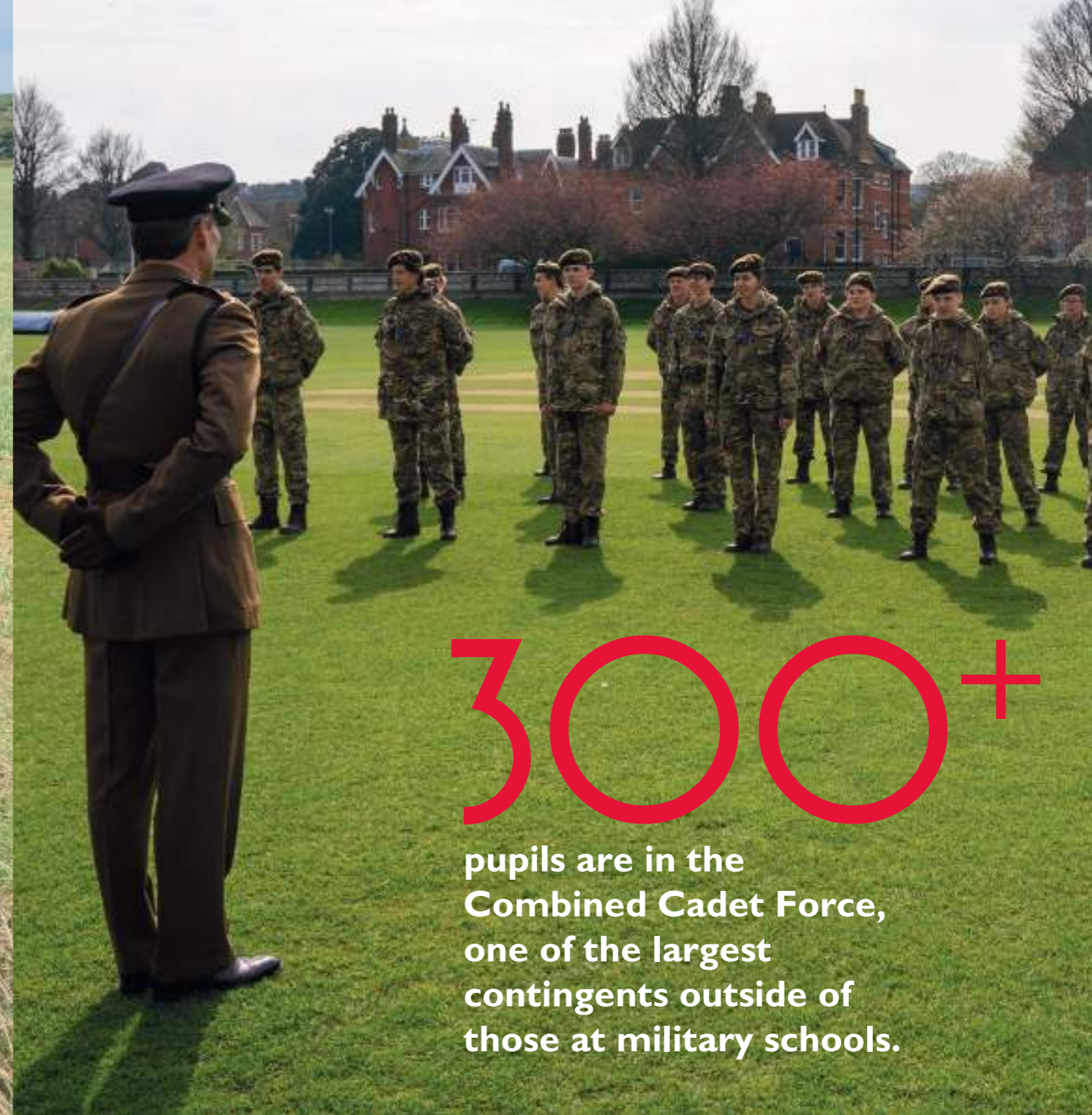


50+

pupils are working towards Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

144

pupils are working towards Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



300+

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

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Within the Army Section, B Company sections have been undertaking a rotation of training.

All Year 10 cadets are being trained to carry out CPR, build a shelter, cook in the field, use a radio, handle a rifle safely, and are introduced to basic navigation, infantry tactics, and teamwork skills. Year 11 cadets on the leadership development programme have prepared and taught individual practice lessons and worked at leading a squad drill.

Royal Air Force Year 11 and Year 12 cadets completed the RAF's own cadre course, teaching them how to deliver lessons to junior cadets. The highlight of the year was the air experience, when eight lucky cadets enjoyed a 30-minute sortie with a pilot from RAF Benson, each having the opportunity to take control of the aircraft. The photo that Alfie Lulham took from the cockpit has even been uploaded onto the main RAF Instagram page.

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.

“Working with Eastbourne College has had an important impact on our most vulnerable students. Paired with all the support they have had at Ratton, 57% managed to increase their results.”

Ratton School



The CSP has proven impact on the quality of learning across the Partnership and on the self-esteem and leadership skills of the young people involved. We focus on seven areas, decided on by the Partnership:

RAISE ASPIRATION

We have links with universities, run interactive workshops and support Oxbridge applications.

INFLUENCE CHANGE

Pupils are given access to key opinion makers – for example the House of Lords, the Eden Project and the Local Authority – and work to develop meaningful pro-active projects about where they live.

CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT

GCSE support is provided through mentoring schemes, homework clubs and motivational talks.

PROVIDE CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our most recent Environmental Conference in November 2022 was attended by the Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Climate Change, Baroness Kate Parminter, the OCR exam board team delivering the new Natural History GCSE in 2025, and Sir Tim Smit of the Eden Project.

IMPROVE GOVERNANCE

Staff from CSP schools are invited to sit on governing bodies of other partnership schools; CSP HR managers meet regularly to share good practice.

ENRICHMENT AND CREATIVITY

We have collaborated with international dance companies and other creative organisations, as well as running a yearly dance residency. We are actively engaged with the Towner Art Gallery to provide access opportunities for all our young people including the 2023 Turner Prize coming to Eastbourne.


SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

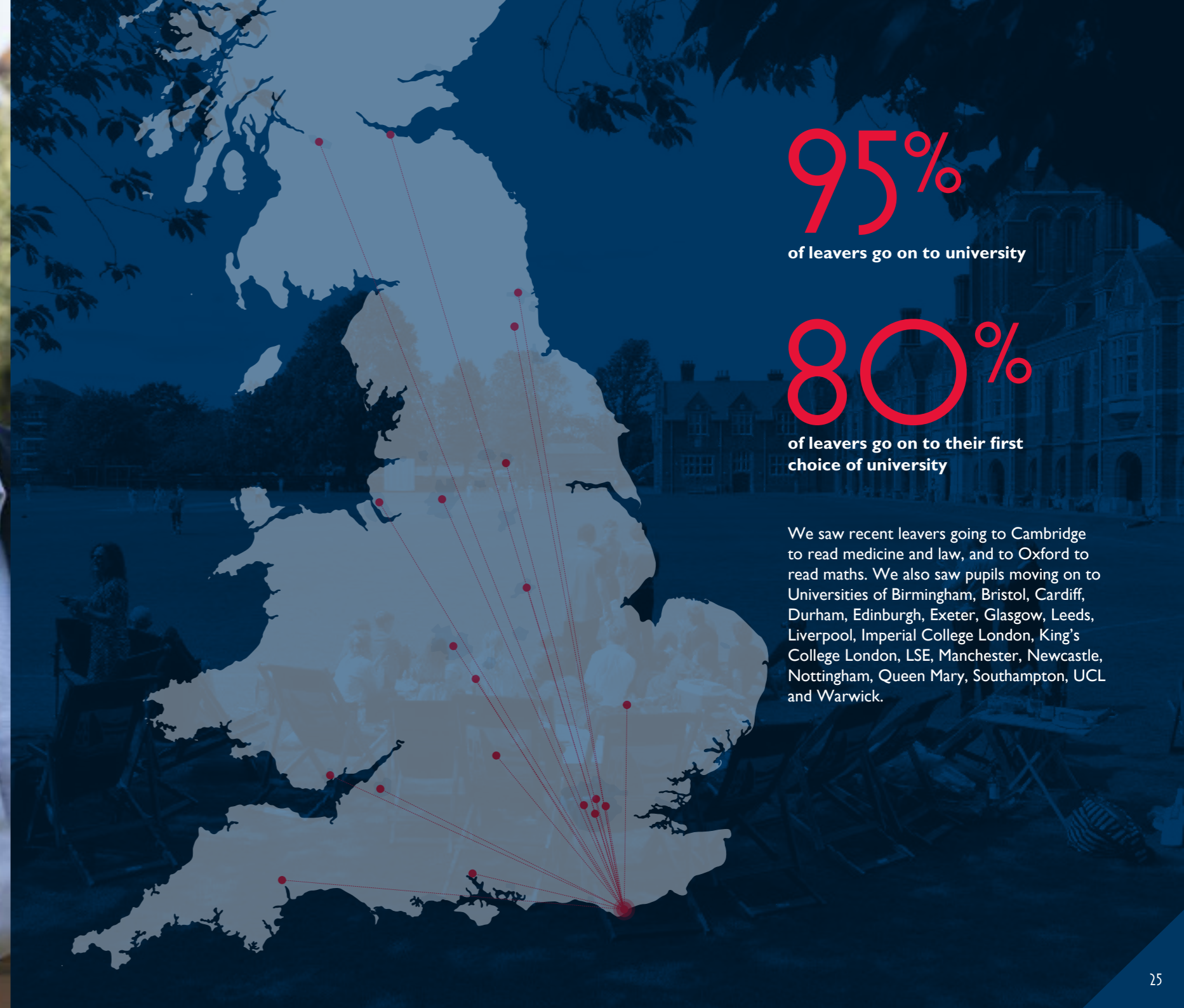
We undertake many charity opportunities to raise money for our communities.

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.

“Eastbourne College is a hidden gem. Superlative facilities and an innovative mindset seems to be a winning formula for turning out engaging, confident and grounded young adults.”

 TALKEDUCATION



95%
of leavers go on to university

80%
of leavers go on to their first choice of university

We saw recent leavers going to Cambridge to read medicine and law, and to Oxford to read maths. 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®

“Parents are exceptionally happy with the wholesome, grounded approach at Eastbourne College.”

On top of awarding Eastbourne College the 2023 ‘Eco-Warrior’ Award, Tatler praised our breadth of activities beyond the classroom and continued commitment to our pupils’ happiness and wellbeing:

“The stunning coastal location shapes life here. Beyond providing beautiful views, it’s the vital component of a new tradition – the Aquathlon – comprising a swim in the sea followed by a run. Eastbourne students have a reputation for being sporty. A £33million complex gives them a 300sqm gym, a six-lane swimming pool and two squash courts (and sports teachers are often ex-professionals themselves). The result? A thriving triathlon club; a number of hockey players competing at national level; and several rugby players involved in the Harlequins’ U17 programmes.

But the sea breeze doesn’t just make pupils hardy; it also awakens their creativity. Recent art exhibitions have explored the climate crisis, and lately a leaver was a runner-up in a worldwide design competition for eco-friendly food packaging. Thirty per cent of students take music lessons; and highlights of the past few terms have included a production of *Les Misérables*, outdoor concerts, and a performance by the jazz band at the Children’s Respite Trust Ball.

Pastoral care is underpinned by the Mindgym programme – using exercise to promote mental health and wellbeing – and a range of diversity and inclusion initiatives.”

“Eastbourne has surpassed our expectations. We truly believe there isn’t a better school.”
Eastbournian parent

“Eastbourne College is thrilled to be awarded the ‘Eco-Warrior’ Award. We constantly look at ways to educate our pupils about their impact on the environment and how they can make a difference.”
Tom Lawson, Headmaster

THE SEA INSPIRES US

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 promotes healthy, social and happy lives.



Condé Nast Traveller names the Seven Sisters Country Park, East Sussex, in their list of the 59 most beautiful places to visit in the world.

Britain's unspoilt south coast is home to one of the country's greatest walking trails and seaside parks, the Seven Sisters. Made up of 280 hectares of chalk cliffs, a winding river valley and flat top grasslands with views of the English Channel, the coastal path begins near Eastbourne, the start of the 100-mile South Downs Way."

Condé Nast
Traveller



Eastbourne tops the list of Time Out's UK Best Places to Visit in 2023.

Time Out – the global media and hospitality brand which helps people explore and experience the best of the city – heralds the East Sussex town's rising status as a creative and cultural hub, with contemporary art gallery, Towner Eastbourne, hosting the 2023 Turner Prize from September. Other events highlighted include The Screen International Film Festival and Beach Life Music Festival. The town's live music venues and independent shops and eating spots are also singled out."

TimeOut

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

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 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 sit on the bench.

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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