



Rye St Antony  
OXFORD



# Boarding Information

Be Ambitious. Be Curious. Be *Yourself*.

# Boarding

At Rye, we pride ourselves on creating a warm and friendly family atmosphere where each girl is treated as an individual whose needs and preferences are our priority. This reflects our whole school ethos, where we encourage all our girls to respect one another, take an active role in the community, try new experiences and, just as importantly, develop strong and lasting friendships with their fellow pupils.

Boarding is a busy and vibrant part of our school and the friendships cultivated in both houses are remarked upon by every boarder. Our boarding houses provide a home away from home, with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. At the end of the school day, the girls can spend quality time with friends, engage in fun activities, help each other with homework and relax together. There is always something for our boarders to do; we offer weekend excursions, evening clubs and activities, theme nights and parties.

We are proud to have been consistently rated 'Excellent' in the inspections of the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI 2017–2021). This achievement is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of our experienced boarding staff combined with our excellent facilities offered in a safe and secure environment.



Our boarding staff are always available to encourage, support, guide and offer friendly, practical advice whenever needed.

We welcome girls in Years 5 to 13, to ensure that each pupil can fully participate in all that Rye has to offer.

Boarding options at Rye include:

- Full
- Weekly
- Flexi
- Occasional nights



## Boarding Houses and Facilities

### The Cottage:

Nestled in a quiet corner of the school grounds, The Cottage, with its 35 bedrooms, has its own courtyard garden, dining room, kitchen, common and computer rooms. Years 11 to 13 girls get a taste for university life by having their own well-equipped single bedroom, and take their first steps towards independence.

### The Croft:

Well known for its fun family atmosphere, The Croft is for our younger boarders from Years 5 to 10. As a Croft boarder, girls will share a comfortable and spacious room, and enjoy all the fantastic facilities the school offers from the performing arts building and art studios to the sports hall and fitness suite, not to mention the spacious grounds to play in.



The Cottage



The Croft

### Be Ambitious, Be Curious, Be Yourself

At Rye, we encourage every individual to try new things and develop new interests. We encourage our pupils to be aspirational with a strong sense of curiosity and confidence. We believe that 'The Rye Way' creates strong and resilient young people with a positive outlook, fully prepared to move on to the next stage of their journey.

### Activities and Trips

Our boarders help to plan our busy programme of activities and trips for the evenings and weekends so that no two weeks are ever the same. From baking, arts, to sports, cultural visits and trips to the seaside, there is never a dull moment! Boarders also take full advantage of the school's facilities and co-curricular programme including ballet, drama, sport, fitness and lots more.

The younger girls take part in a busy and diverse programme of supervised trips whilst our more senior boarders have greater independence to organise their time between study and relaxation.

The weekend activities programme includes quizzes, scavenger hunts and craft opportunities and there

are numerous Friday or Saturday night 'in-house' social events, including pamper nights, talent shows, karaoke and social events with other schools.

Boarders are fully integrated with our day girls and form long-lasting friendships, often returning to Rye at a later stage of their education or to visit Rye families with whom they have established strong connections.

Our boarders have a busy, fun and active life with us here at Rye.

Examples of trips include:

- Theatre visits to Oxford, Stratford and London
- Theme parks such as Chessington and Thorpe Park
- Warwick Castle
- Cadbury World
- Blenheim Palace
- London Dungeons
- Windsor Castle
- Aqua splash

# Facilities



*"There is a community environment, and you have an instant family."*

Susan (Nigeria)  
Year 12 boarder



*"There are lots of activities to keep you busy, but there is still plenty of time to do your work, so there is a good balance."*

Holly (France)  
Year 9 Boarder



*"Boarding has helped with my communication skills and in making friendships which will last a lifetime!"*

Celina (Spain)  
Year 13 Boarder



The enrichment programme is carefully designed to support the academic learning of all our pupils, encouraging everyone to try new things, build on their talents, and widen their skill set.

## Community Service

Our programme encourages girls to take part in activities that will make a difference in our wider community with many opportunities for service. Through leadership roles the school gives the girls a sense of responsibility and the chance to make a difference.

## Drama

Every year, the school stages a major musical or play, giving the Senior School pupils a chance to participate both onstage and offstage. Our production of Bugsy Malone involved over 80 pupils, and a host of further volunteers to help with hair, makeup, and set. We offer LAMDA lessons up to Year 9 giving the girls an enjoyable and challenging opportunity to improve their acting and performance skills.

Clubs such as Dance and Movement, Ballet, LAMDA, Modern Dance, and Scottish Dancing help to develop the pupils' confidence and coordination skills, whilst having a lot of fun!

## Music

Music plays a major part in life at Rye, with our musicians appearing in events throughout the year. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in Chamber Choir, Senior Choir, Prep and Senior Orchestra and Music Theory Club. Concerts and competitions showcase our wide range of talent from across all years including musicals, recitals and operatic events. Tea time recitals and more formal concerts enable pupils to practise and showcase their talents. Specialist teachers enhance our music offering, encouraging pupils to access lessons in a variety of instruments from saxophone to harp, jazz piano to drums.

## Sport

In addition to curriculum PE, we have a plethora of different sports for our pupils to get involved in, and fantastic facilities on our large site including a purpose-built indoor sports centre, tennis, netball courts, astro and outdoor swimming pool. Pupils enjoy being part of Trampolining, Badminton and Dance Clubs at school, as well as cocurricular Netball, Hockey, Rounders and Tennis Clubs. Senior runners can join our dedicated Stryeders and mini Stryeders running clubs.

The wide variety of sport on offer, along with termly House competitions and annual Sports Day, means that there is something for every pupil.

## Charity Days

There are four Houses at Rye, Hendred, Holywell, Stonor and Binsey, and every pupil and member of staff belongs to one of the Houses in our House system. One of the key benefits of the House system is that pupils develop strong friendships with peers from right across the school. This gives a wonderful sense of community and support, and means that pupils always know a familiar face around school. Charities' Days are planned in each House and every pupil takes an active role in raising money for and awareness of their cause. Pupils support initiatives at the John Radcliffe Hospital, local care homes and for the homeless, and take part in the annual Oxclean event. In 2019 the whole school community worked together to raise over £30,000 for the Royal Brompton and Harefield Transplant Appeal in memory of a former pupil.

## Visiting Speakers' Programme and Alumnae

Rye invites external speakers to share their knowledge and expertise on a variety of topics from music to internet safety, or careers in fashion to medicine. Opportunities to hear different viewpoints and to question a speaker builds our pupils' confidence and enhances their knowledge of the subject.

## Public Speaking and Debating

There is a national competition 'Youth Speaks' where students from Oxfordshire schools compete regionally and nationally. In and out of school debating competitions develop our pupils' confidence in public speaking and encourage critical thinking. Rye's Sugg Cup Competition is always hotly contested with pupils from Year 2 upwards reading aloud poetry or prose that they have studied.

## Cocurricular

Our Clubs and Activities Programme, at lunchtime and after school, offers a variety of experiences from scientific dissection to photography with drama, music, and sports clubs offering both participation and competition. There are opportunities to compete with local schools in debating, public speaking, Model UN, Science and Maths competitions plus certified childcare with First Aid and a Science Club where participants are currently building Rye's first greenpower car!

# Enrichment

## One Year International Course

For international students wishing to have a British school experience while learning English as a foreign language.

An introduction to the UK education system and British culture through a one-year programme aimed at developing your English skills with specialised teachers and giving you experience of a traditional British education alongside local students.

Rye's international programme offers:

- Education for girls aged 15–17
- Small class sizes with highly qualified and experienced staff
- Experience of an authentic British school experience
- A caring and excellent boarding environment

## The Course

Students embarking on this one-year course will focus on English as a foreign language lessons working towards the Cambridge First Certificate in English or an IELTS qualification. In addition to these, you will join local students at Rye for GCSE Maths and classes in GCSE Art, Business Studies, Computing, Drama, Science or Food and Nutrition in Rye's own Leiths' professional kitchen.

There is also the opportunity to take GCSEs or A Levels in your own language depending on your age.

At the end of the one-year course, students graduating will have gained an internationally recognised qualification in English, GCSE Maths, developed higher level reading skills in English, and will have achieved local qualifications in one of the many subjects on offer. Upon graduation, you will be ready to embark on A Level studies in the UK in preparation for university.

As part of the experience, pupils will study Religious Education and Personal, Social and Health Education with local students. Being in the historic city of Oxford, renowned for its academic excellence, students will quickly realise how exciting and enriching it is to study in this cultural hub.

*"Even though I have only been here since September, I have already significantly improved my language skills and gained more confidence. I wholeheartedly recommend boarding for anyone who wants to improve their English."*

Joan (Poland)  
Year 12 Boarder

*"Boarding has helped with my communication skills and in making friendships which will last a lifetime!"*

Sarah (Germany)  
Year 6 Boarder

*"I barely spoke any English when I first came to Rye, but I quickly learnt, and now I feel confident in my speaking ability."*

Cole (Korea)  
Year 13 Boarder

*"I find that the teachers really encourage you to always speak English in the boarding houses, so you pick up the language really quickly."*

Heidi (Hong Kong)  
Year 12 Boarder

# International

# Boarding Options

## Full Boarding

### Activities:

Every evening, Boarders enjoy a programme of activities which include sport, art, baking, and games. Our weekend activity programme is much more extensive.

## Weekly Boarding *Mon - Friday*

## Flexi – Boarding *One to Three Fixed Days*

## Occasional

*As needed, subject to  
availability. Arranged with  
1 weeks' notice.*

### Living in Oxford:

Rye is proud to be a boarding school within a mile of Oxford city centre. Oxford is a historic city renowned for its academic excellence and our pupils quickly realise how exciting and enriching it is to study in this cultural hub. We are also conveniently placed to reach bigger cities such as London, Birmingham and their environs with direct transport links.

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# Fees and Extras

## SINGLE PAYMENTS

REGISTRATION FEE £150.00

## DEPOSIT

Prep School  
Senior School

## BOARDING

£1,000  
£1,000

## OVERSEAS BOARDING

£2,500\*  
£2,500\*\*

\* Advance fee payable £8,400

\*\* Advance fee payable £9,805

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## TERMLY FEES (SEPTEMBER 2022 – AUGUST 2023)

### SENIOR SCHOOL Years 7 to 13

Weekly Boarder £10,260.00 per term  
Full Boarder £10,785.00 per term

### PREP SCHOOL Years 5 to 6

Weekly Boarder £8,735.00 per term  
Full Boarder £9,240.00 per term

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## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

AXA PPP Private Medical Scheme TBC per term  
School Fees Protection Scheme: TBC per term  
Development Fund £30.00 per term  
Instrumental Music and Singing Lessons (10 lessons) £308.00 per term  
Speech and Drama Lessons £120.00 per term  
Occasional Boarding £68.00 per night

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## EXTRA TUITION

Extra-curricular languages (eg German, Italian, Chinese) £61.50 per hour  
English as an Additional Language £61.50 per hour  
Learning Support £61.50 per hour

*"Boarding here at Rye was such a good experience for me, the boarding staff were welcoming and made me feel comfortable since the first day. Having them all here is like having a second family and I'm grateful for being able to live here."*

Jana (Czech Republic)  
Year 12 Boarder







*"I've been here 2 months and I feel like I've been here a lifetime, we all became a family in a short period of time. I will leave for Germany with a lot of new memories, I'm so grateful for the opportunities and new friends. I'll never forget."*

Celina (Germany)  
Year 8

### **A day in the life of a 'Rye Girl'**

The day starts with breakfast in the dining room at 8.00, girls need to come to breakfast ready for school. Bedrooms need to be left tidy, with beds made. Registration with the Form Tutor takes place at 8.35, so it is important to ensure that all girls arrive to school promptly with everything they need. Sixth Formers can return to their room for study after 12.30, but only during free periods. School ends at 16.00 and boarders are expected to return promptly to The Boarding Houses for registration and afternoon tea. Supper starts at 18.00 and all girls must attend. After supper there is a wide range of evening activities. Bedtimes start from 20.30, depending on the age of the pupil.

*"The boarding community is small, but has a very warm atmosphere, it feels like a big family. The boarding staff never fail to tender to my needs."*

Yasmin (UK)  
Year 10

# **A Day in the Life ...**



*"It's an amazing experience and you will make lifelong friends. Boarding is like home."*

Carmen (Spain)  
Year 9

*"At Rye we go on lots of fun and exciting trips like Thorpe Park and Oxford. When you come to boarding, everyone becomes your family so fast."*

Millie (UK)  
Year 5

*"All the boarding staff are so lovely and helped me with anything I needed. There was always a quiet place to study and the teachers really supported me through my A-Levels."*

Miffy (China)  
Year 13

### **Supporting you at Rye**

Rye girls have an allocated member of staff to help settle them into boarding. Staff have regular meetings with the girls to see how they are finding boarding life at Rye St Antony and how they might be able to help them with any challenges or worries they may have.

The Boarding Patrician, is an older girl, like their big sister, who they can turn to for help and support.

There is also a school nurse based in the boarding house.

# **Support**

