










Lower School Information for New Joiners

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Useful Online Links

 School Website	oakham.rutland.sch.uk
 My School Portal	oakhamschool.myschoolportal.co.uk/login
 Sports Fixtures and Results	oakhamschoolsport.co.uk
 School Instagram	@OakhamSchool and @Oakhamlowerschool
 School X	@OakhamSch
 School LinkedIn	@Oakham School
 School Facebook	@OakhamSchool

Contacting Staff

All staff at Oakham School can be contacted by typing their initials followed by @oakham.rutland.sch.uk

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Welcome

We warmly welcome you and your family as you embark on this journey with us at Oakham School.

We understand that the summer before starting at Oakham is filled with excitement, yet it may also bring about some natural nervousness. To support you through this transition, we have compiled this booklet to provide you with an introduction to life in the Lower School and essential information on day-to-day matters.

During the summer, you can expect to receive a Handbook tailored to your child's House, as well as a Hodges Handbook for boarders. These resources contain more information about the staff who will be caring for your child and the daily routines of each House.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are here to assist you every step of the way.

Lastly, I wish you a fantastic summer. I look forward to welcoming you in person to the Lower School when you join us in September.



David Williams
Head of Lower School

Induction and Arrangements for the Start of Term

Induction

We are holding an **Induction Day** on **Saturday 15 June from 9.00–11.30am** for all new Lower School families. This is an opportunity for you and your child to get to know other children who will be joining Oakham School and meet the key staff in Lower School who will support and care for them.

For children and families who are unable to attend, your child's Housemaster/Housemistress will make contact separately to introduce themselves.

We will also hold an **Induction Day** for new joiners and their parents on **Sunday 1 September from 2.30–5.00pm**, which is another chance for your child to get to know their House and the School before term starts and settle a few nerves.

Sunday 1 September 2024

Please note that the timings and activities below are subject to confirmation.

2.30pm	New boarders and parents arrival; unpack and register. Welcome tea on front lawn.
3.00pm	New day pupils and parents arrival; meet in House Common Rooms for welcome and presentations by HMs.
3.20pm	International pupils welcome with the Admissions team and International Pupil Ambassadors in Lower School Common Room
3.30pm	Welcome to Lower School for all parents in the Wilson Auditorium. Pupil treasure hunt with the Decem [Senior School Prefects].
3.45pm	Parents drinks reception
5.00pm	Pupils return to Lower School for family BBQ
6.00pm	Day pupils & parents, and boarding parents depart
6.30pm	Boarding pupils return to Hodges for Film Night

Monday 2 September 2024

7.30am	Boarders go for breakfast.
8.15am	Term starts with Roll Call in Houses for all pupils, followed by tutorial and House Assemblies. Logging on to computers, <u>mouthguard fitting (where relevant)</u> , voice testing, introduction to the library for new pupils.

School Routines

The full timetable is available in the Red Book on My School Portal.

Weekly Timetable

- Specific times may vary depending on the day of the week.
- No Saturday lessons for Lower 1 pupils.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
7.30am	Breakfast in the Barraclough					
8.15am	Roll Call					
8.35am	Tutorial/Assembly/Chapel					
9.15am	Morning lessons					
12.30pm	Lunch in the Barraclough					End of lessons
1.30pm	Lessons/ Games	Afternoon lessons	Games	Afternoon lessons	Lessons/ Games	
4.15pm	End of School day	End of School day	End of School day	Activities	End of School day	
6.00pm	Houses close; Supper in the Barraclough					
6.45–7.30pm	Supervised prep for Extended Day pupils and Boarders					
7.30pm	Extended Day pupils go home					



The School Day

Pupils can arrive at School each day from 7.30am for breakfast (see Extended Day Arrangements in Wraparound Care) and should be here by 8.15am in time for Roll Call and a House meeting.

Every day begins with Tutorial, Chapel or Assembly. Lessons then start at 9.15am; each one lasting for 50 minutes.

On Mondays and Fridays there are games sessions. Sports fixtures against other schools are usually played on Wednesday afternoons.

Core Sports	Girls	Boys
Winter Term	Hockey	Rugby
Spring Term	Netball	Hockey
Summer Term	Cricket, Tennis, Athletics	Cricket, Tennis, Athletics

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays (subject to away sports fixtures) and Fridays the school day finishes at 4.15pm. On Thursdays the school day finishes at 6.00pm after Activities and 12.30pm on Saturdays. Houses remain open each school day until 6pm, with day pupils welcome to join the boarders in Hodges until 7.30pm (1pm on Saturday). See Extended Day arrangements in Wraparound Care.

Leave-outs and Exeats (Half-Terms)

Leave-outs are short weekend breaks from School which happen once each side of half-term. On Long Leave-out weekends, lessons finish on a Friday afternoon (Saturday lunchtime if a Short Leave-out) and School resumes at 8.15am on Monday. Lower School boarders return to Hodges on Sunday evening.

We expect all children to go home/to Guardians for Leave-out weekends.

Exeat (Half-Term) is a fortnight in the Winter Term and a week in the Spring and Summer Terms. All pupils are expected to go home/to Guardians for Exeats.

Dates of the Leave-out weekends and Exeats for the next academic year can be found in the term dates section of this document.



The Connected Curriculum

Our Connected Curriculum sits at the heart of an Oakham education. As part of the weekly timetable your child will enjoy teaching and learning in three areas of equal importance to their development: academic, co-curricular and pastoral learning inside and outside the classroom.



Academic Information

Latin and Modern Languages

All Lower 1 pupils study French.

In Form 1, all pupils study French for the first two terms of the year. In the Summer Term, they continue with French for one lesson per week alongside beginner's German and Spanish on a rotation for a half-term each.

At the end of Form 1, pupils then choose two Modern Languages to continue in Forms 2 and 3 from the three that they have tried.

We set our language classes from Form 1, so to help us assign your child to an initial set, please fill out the Modern Languages New Joiner Form. It is also useful for us to learn about pupils who are multi-lingual through family or overseas residency or education.

Lower 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French		
Form 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French• Latin	Summer Term German and Spanish taster sessions	The Learning Support (LS) group have LS lessons instead of Latin. Overseas pupils taking EAL lessons may have individual or small group additional English lessons instead of Latin and/or French.
Form 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A choice of two languages from French, German or Spanish• Latin		Learning Support and EAL continue as in Form 1.

Pupil Organiser

Organisers are supplied to each pupil by the School. As well as containing essential pupil information, the Organiser also includes a prep diary in which all pupils are expected to write down preps set and indicate when they have been completed.

Rewards and Sanctions

To encourage good behaviour and celebrate hard work, we use a variety of rewards: T-Ticks, B-Ticks, Optima and Commendations. Descriptors for these rewards are quoted in the Pupil Organisers and the Red Book. If a pupil's behaviour or work falls below acceptable standards, constructive sanctions will be applied.

Prep

Setting and completing prep is part of the weekly routine and an important part of your child's education, helping them to develop independent working and time management skills.

The amount of prep set will vary depending on your child's year group. Your child will be given a prep timetable at the start of the year, which is also posted on the School website. Each prep should take about 20 minutes to complete.

No prep is set on a Wednesday night, weekends, or over holidays, although your child may be asked to read a specified book over the holidays. Day pupils are strongly advised to adopt a routine at home whereby they set aside a certain time for prep. Boarders will have a supervised prep session in the evening. Pupils who stay in House until 6.00pm may also use the time between the end of their school commitments and 6.00pm to complete prep.

Wraparound Care

Our Lower School Houses are open Monday to Saturday from 7.30am, with staff on hand to help the pupils with their day-to-day needs. They close at 6pm on Monday to Friday and 1pm on Saturdays.

Extended Day – free of charge

Day pupils can choose to arrive at 7.30am for breakfast and stay for supper and prep with the boarders until 7.30pm (this option is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) at no extra charge. To take advantage of this free service, please contact your child's HM or the Head of Lower School Boarding.

Boarding

We offer flexible boarding from two to five nights a week, weekly boarding up to six nights a week or full boarding in Hodges. During their stay, pupils become part of the boarding community and take part in supervised prep, breakfast, supper, and after school activities.

Whether a flexible boarder, a weekly boarder or a full boarder, your child will have the same facilities and routines while they are in School.

If you would like to apply for flexible or weekly boarding for your child, please email admissions@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Prior to the start of term, we ask you to return a form that indicates which nights of the week you would like your child to stay over in School. This must be returned to the Head of Lower School Boarding.

We ask that parents give 48 hours' notice if they would like to make any changes to those arrangements.

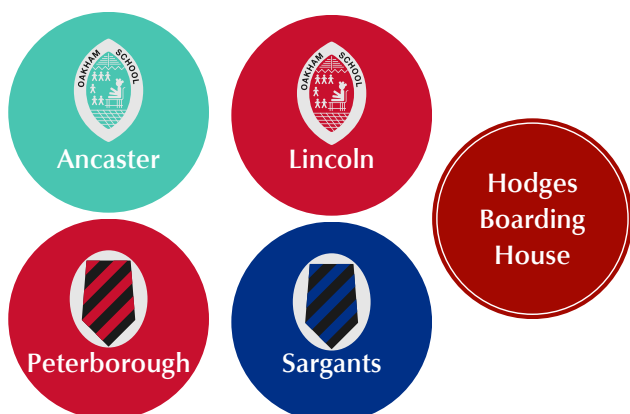


Pastoral Care

Houses

All pupils who join Oakham School belong to a House and through this structure we deliver our pastoral care to provide the care and support your child needs to develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The Lower School Houses are:



Your child's Housemaster or Housemistress has overall responsibility for their care. He/She is supported by a team of Tutors, a Matron, Gap students and cleaning staff, who will support your child on a daily basis. The Deputy Head Pastoral provides overall responsibility for the wellbeing and safeguarding of Lower School pupils and works with the Assistant Head Pastoral and PSHE Co-ordinator to deliver the Tutorial Programme. They also liaise with the Medical Centre staff.

The House environment is special, as it is designed to be your child's home whilst they are at School. As such, each House is filled with lots of different places where your child can do their work or relax with friends. Plus there are lots of creature comforts for them to enjoy, such as their own study area, large sitting rooms with relaxing sofas and chairs, TVs, consoles and games, and a kitchen stocked with fresh fruit, snacks and hot drinks, as well as changing rooms.

Tutors

Each pupil has a Tutor, who meets with your child in their tutor group in the tutorial periods on a Monday and Friday. Tutors also do duties in their House, so will be available to the pupils several times over the course of a week.

The tutors will be in touch with you by phone or email within the first fortnight and are always happy to speak with parents about personal or academic matters affecting your child. We encourage you to develop a strong relationship with your child's tutor and to get in touch should you have any concerns or queries and importantly successes both in and out of school.

You can contact them by telephone or email, or arrange to meet them in person at any point in the year.

Pastoral Learning

The Pastoral Curriculum is formally taught through timetabled weekly lessons. Subjects covered in the first term of the year include friendship and friendship building, wellbeing, healthy living, and balance. These timetabled lessons are reinforced in the tutorial programme.

Chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy is at the heart of Oakham School, providing opportunities for our boarding and day community to come together for spiritual reflection, as part of the weekly rhythm and routine of School life.

Our full-time Chaplain offers a variety of support to pupils and staff, whatever their religious beliefs. This ranges from full services in our beautiful School Chapel, a place for all year groups to sing, commemorate and celebrate, to more informal gatherings in the relaxed atmosphere of the Boarding Houses.

School Policies

Copies of all School policies, including the School Rules, can be found in the Red Book on My School Portal and on the website. We would be grateful if you could draw your child's attention to the section on 'mobile phones and other digital technology'.

Medical Centre

**Oakham School Medical Centre,
15 Station Road, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6QT**

+44 (0)1572 758555

medical@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

School Medical Centre Manager: **Mrs Abby Oakenfull**

The Medical Centre is on Station Road opposite the junction with Church Street.

The department is open and staffed by trained nurses from 8.00am until 7.00pm Monday and Friday and 8.00am until 6.00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. *Nurses are on call from home overnight and on Sundays.*

Please do not hesitate to contact the Medical Centre's nursing staff if you are concerned about your child's health. In the first instance, we encourage pupils who are unwell to seek advice from the Lower School Matron (or Houseparent for boarders in Hodges), but we work closely with the Houses and are always happy to see pupils if it is something that cannot be dealt with in House. If your child is admitted to the Medical Centre for care, the House will contact you and keep you informed of your child's progress.

Boarding Pupils

Full Boarding pupils are always registered with the School Doctor (GP) and will be treated at the Medical Centre either by the Doctor (GP) or by the nurses. Weekly boarders have the choice to remain registered with their home GP or be registered with the School Doctor (GP).

In order to register your child with the School Doctor (GP) please complete the online link, which will be sent under separate cover, before arrival at the school.

If your child is unwell during the holidays or whilst at home, your home GP can see him/her as a 'temporary resident'. It is important that you do not fully re-register your child with the home GP at this time as this may cause problems with your child accessing the School Doctor's service on their return to School.

Day Pupils, Flexible Boarders and Weekly Boarders

Day pupils, flexible boarders and weekly boarders (that are not registered with the school GP/Oakham Medical Practice) can be assessed and treated by the School Nurses but if further ongoing treatment is needed, they will be referred back to their home GP. If a child is staying overnight at School and needs to see a doctor, they will be seen as a 'temporary resident' on just that one occasion (for example, if they are acutely ill). If further treatment/investigation is needed, we will ask parents or guardians to refer to their own GP and, if hospital treatment or home rest is required, that they come and collect their child.



Available Medical Services

Minor Illness and Minor Injuries

Our nurses are trained in the assessment of minor illness and injuries. For boarders, it may not be necessary for a pupil to see the school doctor as our nurses can treat a range of minor illnesses, such as earache, tonsillitis, and chest infections.

They also assess and treat injuries and, if necessary, refer on to the pupil's own doctor or to Accident and Emergency.

Sports Injuries

The majority of sporting injuries are treated at the Medical Centre. If a pupil has a suspected fracture, we will send them to hospital promptly for assessment. We also have paramedic cover on rugby match afternoons and 999 would be called in the event of an emergency.

Physiotherapy

Oakham School has its own physiotherapist. There is free triage through the week and appointments can be arranged on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dentists and Opticians

There are both private and NHS dentists in Oakham and several opticians, however it can be difficult to get appointments out of School time.

For boarders the Head of Lower School Boarding can make arrangements for you; however, we advise that routine check-ups are done at home during the school holidays.

Mental Health Provision

Oakham School have a Clinical Psychologist and Mental Health Practitioners, in addition to the School nurses.

All pupils can access this service, whether they are day or boarding, by completing a referral form accessed via the Oakham start page and clicking on the wellbeing icon. Consultations with the counselling service remain confidential.

There is a charge to see our Mental Health Practitioners after six sessions.

Further details are available on request from the Medical Staff and costs are outlined in the Bursary Booklet.

Vaccinations

The local NHS Community Immunisation Service comes into School and offers all routine childhood vaccinations.

Travel vaccinations can be arranged through the local pharmacy and recharged back to your school account.

Parental consent for any vaccination will be necessary for all Lower School pupils.

Communication

Communication between parents, pupils and staff, both formally and informally, is valued and is seen as integral to your child's success at Oakham School.

Your Child's Tutor/HM

Your child's Tutor will be in touch with you by phone or email within the first fortnight of the Winter Term to introduce themselves and let you have their contact details.

Do contact your child's Tutor at any point if you would like information or have any concerns about their school work.

There will be a **Parent/Tutor** meeting during the week before the start of half-term in the Winter Term to give you early feedback on how your child is settling in to his/her classwork.

Your child's HM will also be available as the next point of contact.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports (PRs) provide regular updates on your child's progress at Oakham School. These will be issued regularly throughout the school year. The short PRs include comments from each subject teacher and grades and the longer PRs (usually issued at the end of each term) will present more detailed comments from your child's teachers, Tutor and HM.

There is one exception to this; during those half terms when there is a parent/teacher meeting there is no PR.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Each year there will be one parent/teacher meeting per year group and a letter will be sent to explain this nearer to the event. All of the dates are also published in the Term Dates section of the Red Book.



Red Book

This is the online termly School List and Calendar which lists every School event due to take place during each term. It also contains a directory and details of School rules, discipline and our policies. You can download it from My School Portal as a pdf, or to your iPhone, iPad or other devices.

Arts Calendar

The Arts Calendar features all the upcoming performing and creative arts events and is available on the website.

My School Portal

My School Portal hosts a wealth of useful information including Progress Reports, rewards and conduct, your child's timetable, the School calendar, parent letters and links to our dedicated sports website. The Portal also contains links to school policies, term dates, and news and events. When your child arrives at Oakham School, you as parents will receive access to My School Portal. You can also update your contact information here if anything changes.

The Parent Directory

The Parent Directory is accessible only to parents. It lists phone numbers, e-mails and addresses. You can use filters to list parents who share the same year group, form or house as your children. As it draws on our current database each time you use it, you will always have the most up to date information available.

To share your details to other parents, you will need to opt-in to the Parent Directory and choose which information, such as your mobile, address or e-mail you want to share. You can at any time choose to opt-out of the Parent Directory through the system.

Parent Directory Terms of use:

The following is an extract from the Parent Directory Terms of Use. Please ensure you read the Terms of Use in full the first time you log into the directory pages:

"The Parent Directory is intended for the private use of parents and staff of Oakham School only. We will only publish contact details of those parents who have asked to be included in the Directory. You may ask us to remove your details at any time.

You may download information from this directory for your own personal use only. You may not use it for any commercial purposes. You are not entitled to pass the information from this directory to third parties for their use. Unauthorised reproduction of its content is forbidden.

You undertake that you have read our Privacy Policy (see link at the foot of the School's website) and are familiar with its contents."

Data Protection

The School's Data Protection Policy can be found on the [School website](#).

One area which possibly needs a little more comment is the use of pupil photographs, for example in print, video or audio, online, in the press and via social media platforms. This use comes under the general area of marketing, and our usual practice is to publish photographs of pupils without full names. However, we think it important to note high achievements by individual pupils and in such cases our practice is to publish a photograph with a name. More details are included in the Parent Contract.

If you have any concerns at all, please contact either the Chief Operating Officer (COO), who is the School's Data Controller, or the Head of Data Systems.

Communication

Sports Website

Our dedicated sports website holds details of all our fixtures and results as well as team sheets and useful directions for away fixtures:

www.oakhamschoolsport.co.uk

A web app is also available for the sports website. Instructions on how to add the web app to a mobile phone can be found [here](#).

Emails, Bulletins and Newsletters


We send parents regular emails and newsletters, to ensure that you have all the information that you need for your child as well as news about the wider school community.

Each week during term time we send a bulletin, which contains all the key information for the week ahead.

We produce a twice-termly e-newsletter, which is emailed out to all parents and contains various highlights and achievements from the previous half-term.

Social Media

You can keep up to date with everything that is happening in the Lower School by following us on:

 **Instagram** [@OakhamSchool](#) and [@Oakhamlowerschool](#)

 **Facebook** [@Oakham School](#)

 **X** [@OakhamSch](#)

 **LinkedIn** [@Oakham School](#)

Reading the latest school news on our **website**

 www.oakham.rutland.sch.uk

The Oakhamian

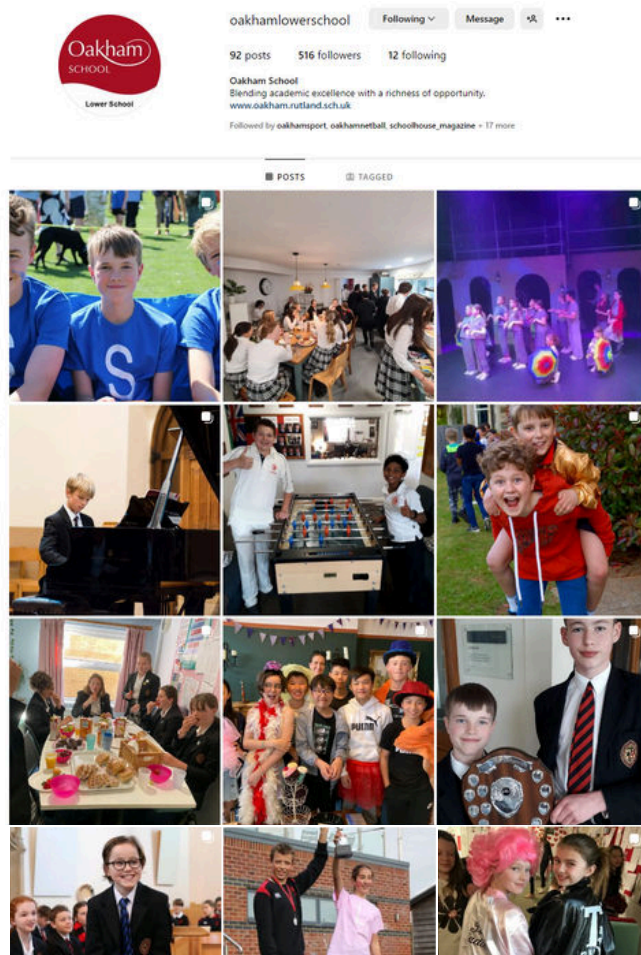
The *Oakhamian* is the Oakham School magazine and is published once a year in the Winter Term. It contains an overview of all aspects of Oakham School life – from academic achievements to sports team reports – and will give you an insight into the many opportunities on offer to your child, not just in the Lower School but further up the School.

Reporting Illness, Leave of Absence and Early Departures

Please advise the House by 8.10am if your child will be away from School due to illness.

If any illness or injury occurs outside School time that will affect your child's attendance or performance at School, particularly if they will require a Leave Off from Sport, please email the request to your child's HM.

Please plan trips and holidays outside term time. For absences of a single day or part of a day, including for medical appointments, please contact your child's HM. For absences of more than a day, please contact the Head of Lower School, copying in your child's HM and the Head of Lower School Boarding if your child is a boarder.



School Meals

Breakfast

Day pupils can opt to join the boarders in the main Barraclough Dining Hall for breakfast at no extra charge as part of our Extended Day provision.

Lunch

Everyone eats in the main Barraclough Dining Hall and the pupils may sit where they wish. They help themselves to food in the servery and water.

There is a wide variety of wholesome and delicious options each day. The catering team can cater for all diets and allergies and take great pride in encouraging the children to eat healthily and enjoy their meals.

The daily lunch and supper menus can be viewed on My School Portal.

Supper

Day pupils can opt to join the boarders in the main Barraclough Dining Hall for supper as part of our Extended Day provision. Additionally, if a day pupil is required to stay in School for a recognised evening activity, they are welcome to join the Lower School boarders for supper at 6.00pm. This occasionally happens for evening concerts or drama productions when we prefer the children to stay at the school.

Snacks

Fruit is provided in House at morning break times and biscuits for afternoon breaks and pupils may choose to bring in additional snacks.

Food Allergies and Dietary Requirements

The catering team will happily cater for children with different dietary requirements. Please make us aware of any allergies or dietary requirements for your child on the Medical Form.



School Uniform and Appearance

All pupils are expected to wear the Oakham School uniform and should be careful to be smart when in uniform. We would be grateful if you could draw your child's attention to the section on 'Dress Regulations and Appearance' in the Red Book.

Our aim is for all pupils to feel comfortable in what they are wearing and we have a sensitive and inclusive approach for any child wishing to wear the uniform that feels right for them.

Our Uniform Supplier

Our School uniform and sportswear are supplied through Schoolblazer. You can order your child's uniform online at www.schoolblazer.com from **Monday 24 June onwards**.

The Schoolblazer site is bespoke to Oakham School.

It is constructed in sub-sections for each area of the School and indicates which items are compulsory and which are optional for your child.

The website also indicates which items can only be purchased through Schoolblazer.

How Schoolblazer works

A helpful guide is available here:
schoolblazer.com/how-to-shop

Register as a parent to set up your account, then follow the steps to add your child's details, including sizing, select items to purchase and check out.

Accessories

Schoolblazer also supplies a number of items of sporting equipment and accessories for parents to purchase. These include rugby boots, hockey shin pads, stationery items, towels, laundry bags, and swimming goggles, etc. Select the 'Accessories' tab on the relevant page to view available items.

Sizing

Schoolblazer will ask parents to enter some key measurements of their child: height, chest, waist, etc. From there, their "intelligent sizing" system recommends the best size to buy for each garment. We are aware that some parents want to buy for growth so their sizing guide also shows how the garment will fit in a year's time.



Naming of all Clothing

Each article of clothing must be named with your child's full name and House, and to aid this a name tagging service for each item is provided free of charge by Schoolblazer.

All garments ordered from Schoolblazer will arrive fully name-tagged utilising permanent printed tags. The tags are sewn on at no extra cost, although the company does charge a nominal cost for the tags. During checkout the correct number of name tags to label your items will automatically be added to your basket. Name tags are supplied in multiples of 12: the first 12 cost £3.00 and each additional 12 costs 50 pence. If you purchase name tags with your order, Schoolblazer will sew them into your items. If you do not wish to purchase name tags, these can be removed from your basket prior to checkout.

Positioning of Name Tags

- Trousers/Pants/shorts/skorts/tracksuit trousers/leggings: *inside waistband at rear*
- Socks: *vertically at the opening*
- Shirts/blouses/sports shirts/jumpers/jackets: *inside the collar*
- Jackets/coats/tracksuit top: *inside the collar*
- Shoes: *marked inside with permanent marker pen*
- Towels: *in a hanging loop in the middle of the long side*

Delivery and Returns

Uniform will be delivered via courier, with a normal turn-around of 1-2 days for name-tagged garments, but a firm promise of all deliveries within 3 working days. Urgent garments which do not require name-tagging can be shipped in 24 hours on a Fastrack service.

Schoolblazer will offer parents free 120-day online returns, whereby your replacement item is dispatched to you as soon as you notify Schoolblazer of your return. This is designed to minimise waiting and means that the replacement items also arrive name taped.

Delivery for Parents Living Overseas

You can choose any address to have uniform delivered. This will usually be your home address (UK or overseas), but many international parents



All items of uniform must be clearly identified. It is essential that the name tape includes your son or daughter's House initial(s).

A	Ancaster	PH	Peterborough
L	Lincoln	S	Sargants

Lost Property

Any misplaced uniform, sports kit or school equipment that is found around the School campus will eventually return to the relevant House. It is therefore essential that all items of school uniform and kit are named so that they can be returned to pupils.

do choose to have their orders delivered direct to School rather than to their home address. Delivery is free on purchases over £175. Please ensure that deliveries made to School are clearly marked with your child's name and House.

Additional Purchases in Term Time

Items of clothing can be bought during term time from www.schoolblazer.com and can be delivered directly to Houses.

Further Information

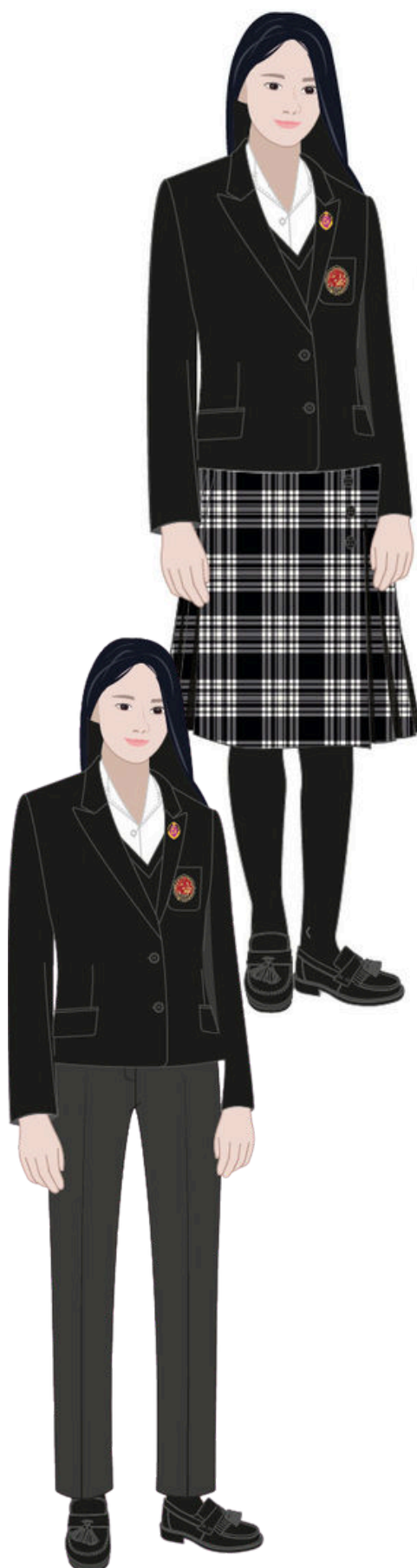
If you have a problem or a question about your child's uniform, please contact Schoolblazer. Schoolblazer have their own FAQ webpage which is a useful first point of call: <https://www.schoolblazer.com/faqs>. If the answer is not there, please contact their customer services team on 0333 7000703. Calls from the UK are charged at local rate or email customerservices@schoolblazer.com

Uniform A



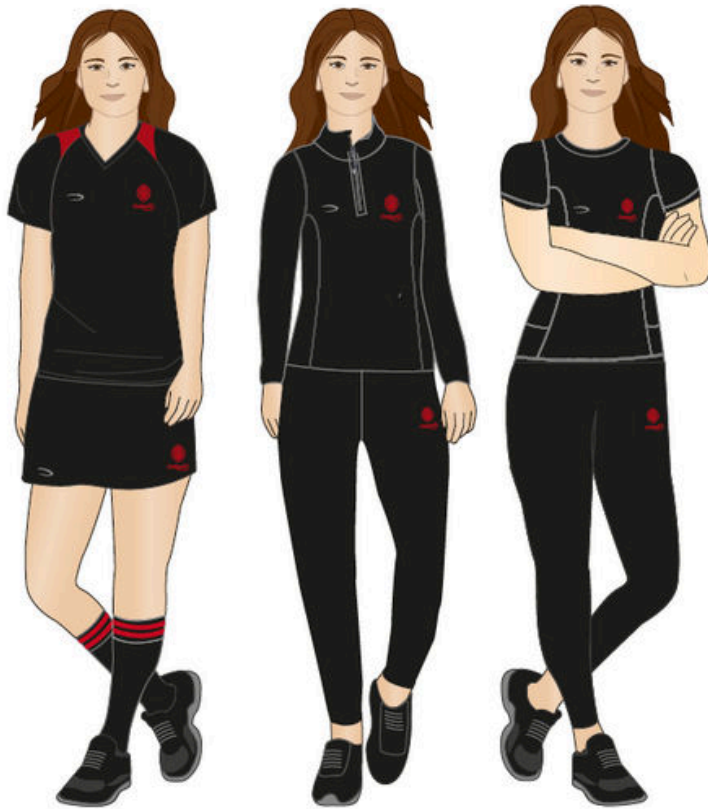
School Uniform

Skirt or trousers worn with a blouse and House Pin. Typically worn in Ancaster and Lincoln.



Required	
✓	1 Black Crested Blazer*
✓	1 Black V Neck Long Sleeve Pullover (2 for boarders)
✓	6 White Blouses (open-neck revere blouse)
✓	2 Oakham School Tartan Kilts* and/or 2 pairs charcoal grey trousers* (Both must be purchased through Schoolblazer)
✓	1 Plain Dark Coloured Coat (black, navy or charcoal)
✓	1 House Pin*
✓	6 pairs black 70D tights or 6 pairs black knee length socks (<i>with kilts</i>) or 6 pairs black ankle socks (<i>with trousers</i>)
✓	1 Pair Black Leather Shoes - sturdy and capable of being polished (Heel max 5cm. No ballet style pumps or kitten heeled shoes. No suede, nubuck, patent, canvas, coloured laces or buckles)
✓	1 Plain Black Bag for carrying books or Oakham crested rucksack*
✓	1 Refillable Water Bottle (<i>Oakham School branded bottles are available for purchase from the Sports Centre although any refillable bottle is acceptable.</i>)
Optional	
✓	1 Oakham Lower School Scarf*

**These items can only be purchased through Schoolblazer.*



PE and Games Kit

✓	1 Black crested active jacket*
✓	1 Black crested midlayer top*
✓	1 Black crested fitness t-shirt*
✓	2 Black crested games shirts*
✓	1 Black crested games skort*
✓	1 Black crested PE shorts* (optional)
✓	1 Black crested training pants*
✓	1 Black crested baselayer top* (optional)
✓	1 Black baselayer leggings (optional)
✓	1 Black Oakham School crested sub coat* (optional)
✓	2 Pairs Oakham School games socks*
✓	1 Black crested duffel bag for games clothing*
✓	3 Pairs white PE socks
✓	1 Pair trainers with non-marking soles (named on outside)



Ancaster



Lincoln

Swimming Kit

✓	1 Plain black swimming costume
✓	1 Red crested swimming cap*
✓	1 Black crested swimbag*
✓	1 Large Towel (with tape hanging loop in middle of long side)
✓	Goggles (optional)

Hockey (main sport in Winter Term)

✓	1 Mouthguard
✓	1 Pair shin pads
✓	Hockey stick
✓	1 Pair astro trainers (optional)
✓	1 Black crested boot bag* (optional)
✓	1 Stick bag (optional)

Athletics, Tennis and Cricket (main sport options in Summer Term)

Your child's HM will send you details of which items to purchase at the end of the Spring Term.

*These items can only be purchased through Schoolblazer.

Uniform B



Peterborough



Sargants

Trousers worn with a shirt and House Tie. Typically worn in Peterborough and Sargants.



Required	
✓	1 Black Crested Blazer*
✓	1 Black V Neck Long Sleeve Pullover (2 for boarders)
✓	6 White Shirts
✓	2 pairs charcoal grey trousers* (3 for boarders) <i>Must be purchased through Schoolblazer</i>
✓	1 Plain Dark Coloured Coat (black, navy or charcoal)
✓	2 House Ties*
✓	10 pairs black socks
✓	1 Pair Black Leather Shoes - sturdy and capable of being polished (No suede, nubuck, patent, canvas, coloured laces or buckles)
✓	1 Plain Black Bag for carrying books or Oakham crested rucksack*
✓	1 Refillable Water Bottle (Oakham School branded bottles are available for purchase from the Sports Centre although any refillable bottle is acceptable.)
Optional	
✓	1 Oakham Lower School Scarf*

**These items can only be purchased through Schoolblazer.*

(Forms L1-2)

Games Kit



Peterborough



Sargants

PE and Games Kit

- ✓ 1 Black crested active jacket*
- ✓ 1 Black crested midlayer top*
- ✓ 1 Black crested fitness t-shirt*
- ✓ 2 Reversible crested games shirts*
- ✓ 2 Black crested rugby shorts*
- ✓ 1 Black crested training pants*
- ✓ 1 Black crested PE shorts*
- ✓ 1 Black crested baselayer top* (optional)
- ✓ 1 Black baselayer leggings (optional)
- ✓ 1 Black crested smock top* (optional)
- ✓ 1 Black Oakham School crested sub coat* (optional)
- ✓ 2 Pairs Oakham School games socks*
- ✓ 1 Black crested duffel bag for games clothing*
- ✓ 3 Pairs white PE socks
- ✓ 1 Pair trainers with non-marking soles (named on outside)

Swimming Kit

- ✓ 1 Plain black swimming shorts or jammers
- ✓ 1 Red crested swimming cap*
- ✓ 1 Black crested swimbag*
- ✓ 1 Large Towel (with tape hanging loop in middle of long side)
- ✓ Goggles (optional)

Rugby (main sport in Winter Term)

- ✓ 1 Mouthguard
- ✓ Headgear (optional)
- ✓ 1 Pair rugby boots (with kitemark safety studs)
- ✓ Black crested boot bag*

Hockey (main sport in Spring Term)

- ✓ 1 Mouthguard
- ✓ 1 Pair shin pads
- ✓ Hockey stick
- ✓ 1 Pair astro trainers (optional)
- ✓ 1 Black crested boot bag* (optional)
- ✓ 1 Stick bag (optional)

Athletics, Tennis and Cricket (main sport options in Summer Term)

Your child's HM will send you details of which items to purchase at the end of the Spring Term.

*These items can only be purchased through Schoolblazer.

Additional Requirements for Boarders

Every effort has been made to keep these clothing requirements to a minimum.

Parents of boarders are particularly asked not to pack extra items that are unnecessary and cause storage problems.

A large soft bag or trunk is required for packing and should be clearly marked.

A tuckbox may also be brought to School, but is not essential.

Bed Linen

Bed linen, pillows and a duvet are provided, but boarders may personalise their bedroom by bringing their own duvet covers if they wish. Please bring three large towels (not bath sheets), with securely fastened loops for hanging in the middle of one long side.

The School Laundry

All items of clothing (apart from suits and jackets) should be machine washable. All washable home clothes should be suitable for tumble drying.

The School Laundry washes by standard mechanical processes. It does not wash pupils' clothing by hand. All pupils' clothing must be capable of being washed at temperatures between 40° and 60° centigrade, with the exception being badly stained sportswear and Infection Control Measures which are washed at 80° centigrade.

Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for damage caused to garments by the laundry process and request that pupils **only** bring items of clothing that can be machine-washed and tumble-dried.

Required for Boarders	
✓	A small supply of home clothes , including jeans, shirts, sweaters, etc
✓	2 netted laundry bags with name tags (a suitable size for all underwear and socks)
✓	10 sets of underwear
✓	2 pairs pyjamas
✓	1 dressing gown
✓	1 pair of slippers
✓	1 set of clothes for outdoor pursuits
✓	1 set of smart casual clothes
✓	1 hairbrush and/or comb
✓	1 wash bag (which can be hung on a peg, containing sponge, toothbrush, toothpaste and roll-on/stick deodorant – no aerosol cans)
✓	2 or 3 large towels (with name tape hanging loops in middle of long side)
✓	Shoe polish (easy application kind)
✓	Handkerchiefs or tissues
Optional	
✓	2 face flannels



Stationery Requirements for Lower School Pupils

Laptop computers

All pupils, both day and boarding, need access to a web-enabled computer in the evenings to complete research and preps, which are often set on Microsoft Teams. Boarders must, therefore, purchase a laptop/2-in-1 device to complete their schoolwork whilst they are in School.

We recommend that a pupil's personal computer should be a Microsoft Windows-based computer, ideally running Windows 10, as this offers the highest level of compatibility with our School-based computers and a similar working environment.

This does not exclude Chromebook or Apple devices, but they will need to have the Teams, OneNote and Office combination of applications installed, as these components form the core digital toolkit used by staff and pupils. More information and guidance on the choice of device can be found [here](#).

Scientific calculator

Calculators are issued to Lower One pupils for classroom work.

For all other year groups, the Mathematics Department recommends any current version of the Casio FX 83 or 85 family. There is not a great deal of difference between the various models (GT, ES, GTPLUS etc.) other than solar power in addition to battery power. Please ensure your child's name is on both the calculator and its lid.

Dictionaries

There is no need to bring a dictionary to School – they are supplied in classrooms and school computers provide excellent resources for checking and developing language. Day students need access to a quality dictionary/thesaurus online/paper copy at home.

Translation dictionaries for overseas students whose first language is not English

Please purchase before you arrive in September

- A simple word-for-word electronic bilingual translator or a simple word-for-word bilingual translation dictionary for internal and public examinations. Translators must not be multifunctional or show diagrams or pictures on the screen or give definitions or explanations of words. Simple translators are available on a number of websites, including Amazon.
- You may also buy a multifunctional electronic bilingual translator to use in lessons and prep times, but you will still need the word-for-word model for examinations.

Stationery

The School provides textbooks, exercise books and paper for writing, but you will need to purchase the following:

- Writing pen. Fountain pens must use a cartridge rather than bottled ink
- Pencil case (named)
- An HB pencil is essential. A soft (B) pencil and a hard (H) pencil are desirable
- Coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Rulers: one short (15cm/6") ruler and one long (30cm/12") ruler. Metric markings are essential; inches optional
- A pair of compasses
- Circular protractor
- A backpack to carry books in (branded ones are available from Schoolblazer). Please ensure it is named.

Pupils may **not** use liquid correction fluid.



Term Dates 2024 / 2025

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Winter Term 2024	
Term begins	Monday 2 September
Long Leave-out weekend	Friday 20 September – Sunday 22 September
Service weekend	Friday 4 October – Sunday 6 October
Half-Term Exeat	Saturday 19 October – Sunday 3 November
Long Leave-out weekend	Friday 22 November – Sunday 24 November
Term ends	Wednesday 11 December
Spring Term 2025	
Term begins	Monday 6 January
Long Leave-out weekend	Friday 24 January – Sunday 26 January
Half-Term Exeat	Friday 14 February – Sunday 23 February
Service weekend/Short Leave-out weekend	Friday 7 March – Sunday 9 March
Term ends	Friday 28 March
Summer Term 2025	
Term begins	Wednesday 23 April
Short Leave-out weekend	Saturday 10 May – Sunday 11 May
Half-Term Exeat (Lower School)	Friday 23 May – Sunday 1 June
Half-Term Exeat (Middle and Upper School)	Saturday 24 May – Sunday 1 June
Term ends	Saturday 28 June

Transport - Pupil Bus Services

For bookings and further information please contact:

Transport Manager: **Mr Christopher Dook**

☎ +44 (0)7977 435552

✉ cdd@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

🚌 **Bus Routes - Oakham School**



Pick-up Points and Times:

Route 1: Leicester to Oakham (and return)

Route 2: Foxton to Oakham (and return)

Route 3: Rothley to Oakham (and return)

Route 4: Stamford to Oakham (and return)

Route 5: Long Bennington to Oakham (and return)

Route 6: Hallaton to Oakham (and return)

Route 7: Easton on the Hill to Oakham (and return)

Route 8: Brampton Ash to Oakham (and return)

Route 9: Nottingham to Oakham (and return)

Route 1: – Leicester – – Billesdon – – Tilton-on-the-Hill – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Leicester, Manor Road Ext Bus stop, Oadby, LE2 4FG	07:15
Houghton on the Hill, Uppingham Road (bus stop), LE7 9JJ	07:25
Billesdon, Market Place Bus stop, LE7 9AJ	07:35
Tilton-on-the-Hill, Shop/Post Office on Oakham Road, LE7 9DB	07:45
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Tilton-on-the-Hill, Shop/Post Office on Oakham Road, LE7 9DB	18:35
Billesdon, Market Place Bus stop, LE7 9AJ	18:45
Houghton on the Hill, Uppingham Road (bus stop), LE7 9JJ	18:55
Leicester, Manor Road Ext Bus stop, Oadby, LE2 4FG	19:05



Route 2: – **Foxton** – – **Great Bowden** – – **Medbourne** – – **Oakham**

Morning	Mon - Sat
Foxton , Swingbridge Lane, LE16 7RH	07:15
Great Bowden , Village Green (next to Post Office), LE16 7EU	07:25
Medbourne , Nevill Arms Car Park, LE16 8EE	07:35
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Medbourne , Nevill Arms Car Park, LE16 8EE	18:40
Great Bowden , Village Green (next to Post Office), LE16 7EU	18:50
Foxton , Swingbridge Lane, LE16 7RH	19:00

Route 3: – **Rothley** – – **Gaddesby** – – **Twyford** – – **Burrough on the Hill** – – **Somerby** – – **Oakham**

Morning	Mon - Sat
Rothley , Miller and Carter car park, LE7 7NJ	07:15
Gaddesby , Village Hall, LE7 4WF	07:30
Twyford , Village Hall bus stop, LE7 2HU	07:40
Burrough on the Hill , Church bus stop, LE14 2JL	07:45
Somerby , Primary School bus stop, LE14 2QH	07:50
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Somerby , Primary School bus stop, LE14 2QH	18:30
Burrough on the Hill , Church bus stop, LE14 2JL	18:35
Twyford , Village Hall bus stop, LE7 2HU	18:40
Gaddesby , Village Hall, LE7 4WF	18:50
Rothley , Miller and Carter car park, LE7 7NJ	19:05

Route 4: – Stamford – – Empingham – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Stamford, Bath Row car park, PE9 2QY	07:30
Empingham, Church Street, LE15 6PN	07:50
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Empingham, Church Street, LE15 6PN	18:30
Stamford, Bus Station, PE9 2PE	18:45

Route 5: – Long Bennington – – Grantham – – Colsterworth – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Long Bennington, Primary School, NG23 5EH	07:15
Grantham, AI Moto services, NG32 2AB	07:20
Colsterworth, Bus Stop on High Street south, NG33 5JA	07:35
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Colsterworth, Bus Stop on High Street south, NG33 5JA	18:45
Grantham, AI Moto services, NG32 2AB	19:00
Long Bennington, Primary School, NG23 5EH	19:05



Route 6: – Hallaton – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Hallaton, Fox Inn Car Park, LE16 8UJ	07:40
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Hallaton, Fox Inn Car Park, LE16 8UJ	18:40

Route 7: – Easton on the Hill – – Tinwell – – Ketton – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Easton on the Hill, 34 Stamford Road, PE9 3NU	07:25
Tinwell, Main Street / Casterton Road junction, PE9 3UD	07:30
Ketton, C of E School, PE9 3TE	07:40
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	08:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Ketton, C of E School, PE9 3TE	18:40
Tinwell, Main Street / Casterton Road junction, PE9 3UD	18:50
Easton on the Hill, 34 Stamford Road, PE9 3NU	18:55



Route 8: – Brampton Ash – – – Cottingham – – – Uppingham – – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Brampton Ash, Hermitage Road, LE16 8PE	07:30
Cottingham, Spread Eagle, High Street, LE16 8XL	07:35
Uppingham, Welland Vale Garden Centre, Glaston Road, LE15 9EU	07:50
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	8:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Uppingham, Welland Vale Garden Centre, Glaston Road, LE15 9EU	18:30
Cottingham, Spread Eagle, High Street, LE16 8XL	18:45
Brampton Ash, Hermitage Road, LE16 8PE	18:50

Route 9: – Nottingham – – – Upper Broughton – – – Melton Mowbray – – – Oakham

Morning	Mon - Sat
Nottingham, Porsche Centre, Edwalton, NG12 4DE	07:10
Upper Broughton, Tap and Run Pub, LE14 3BG	07:30
Melton Mowbray, Sainsbury's, LE13 0UL	07:40
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	08:05
Evening	Mon - Fri
Oakham School Minibus Park, LE15 6QG	18:15
Melton Mowbray, Sainsbury's, LE13 0UL	18:40
Upper Broughton, Tap and Run Pub, LE14 3BG	18:50
Nottingham, Porsche Centre, Edwalton, NG12 4DE	19:10



Fares

Please Note:

- Bus fares will be added to the Oakham School end of term invoice
- One term's written notice is required to cancel your booking
- Once you have received confirmation of your booking, we assume this will be required for the whole of your child's time at Oakham
- All routes are operated internally by Oakham School
- Should a route be over-subscribed, we will start a waiting list and notify you as soon as a place becomes available

2024-25 Termly Fares	Day Pupils	Weekly Boarders
Route 1	£715	£610
Route 2	£715	£610
Route 3	£540	£460
Route 4	£540	£460
Route 5	£715	£610
Route 6	£540	£460
Route 7	£540	£460
Route 8	£715	£610
Route 9	£715	£610



Road Safety

We take road safety very seriously indeed, especially as the Lower School site lies on a busy road. We maintain a high level of awareness and teach and enforce sound road drills. Please help us by being just as strict at home. Pupils are **only allowed to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing** and then **only when the light is green**. Any child breaking this rule can expect a severe reprimand.

Drop-off and pick-up parking

Please **do not** park in the Lower School Campus when dropping off and picking up day and flexible boarding pupils. There is insufficient space and cars manoeuvring pose a significant risk to pupils crossing the area on their way to and from the main School.

The **Schanschieffs Car Park** is the approved drop-off and pick-up point (the Burley Road car park is an alternative). Please help to avoid congestion on Ashwell Road by turning left when leaving **Schanschieffs**. Children can walk to the Lower School from there, accompanied by parents if preferred.

Please help us to maintain good relations with our neighbours:

Please do not...

- Pull up on the side of Burley Road
- Use Vicarage Road **for any reason** (turning, dropping off, parking)
- Use the area in front of the Barraclough.

Your help with this is much appreciated.





School Trips

Deputy Head Co-curriculum:

Mr James Robinson

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jhr@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Parental Consent

We must have a School Trip Parent Consent form, signed by a pupil's parent or guardian on file before any pupil is allowed to go on any off-site school activity, trip, or away sports fixture. To give parental consent you need to hold legal parental responsibility for the child. New parents must also have completed and submitted the medical section of the New Joiners' Form.

One-day trips

Once you have lodged your signed School Trip Parent Consent form with us, it will be valid for one-day trips taking place within normal school hours such as sports fixtures, department, or house outings for the whole time a pupil is at Oakham. We will ask parents/guardians for specific consent for any day trip that costs more than £20 per pupil or that takes place out of normal school hours.

Overnight and residential trips

We will ask for consent separately for each overnight or residential trip.

You can find the School's Educational Trips and Visits Policy in the School Policies section on website. Parents should be aware that School Rules apply on all School trips, activities and visits.

Calendar, Fixtures and Trips List

The School website calendar, the Red Book, and the Oakham Sport App list trips and fixtures. Listings include estimated departure and return times. Trip organisers will send you any further information you may need about a trip and let you know if an early start or late return falls outside normal school hours.

Learning Support

Charges and Terms & Conditions

Finance Bursar

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financebursar@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Oakham School has an outstanding reputation in the provision of Learning Support through its department of qualified teachers. The School's policy is set out in the Inclusion Policy, which may be found on the School's website.

Provision and Reasonable Adjustments for SEN

Oakham offers the following arrangements and adjustments to support pupils who come to the School with identified learning difficulties, and for those pupils who are identified as having learning difficulties at some point during their time at Oakham.

As stipulated in the School's Admissions Policy, parents must inform the School of any additional learning needs (SEN) and disabilities at the point of registration.

Included in the School Fees

- Small class sizes for mainstream curriculum lessons
- Group learning support lessons for Forms 1 to 3
- Drop-in learning support sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2.00pm – 5.30pm
- Weekly academic subject support sessions with subject teachers
- Preparation, maintenance and communication of Individual Education Plans (IEP)

Not included in the School Fees

Where bespoke, individual diagnosis and support is required, the following are provided at an additional charge to parents:

- One-to-one or small dedicated group support with a qualified learning support specialist teacher
- Assessments for Access Arrangements

Please note that it is not possible to use evidence provided by other assessors or educational psychologists to support applications for access arrangements. Assessments must be carried out by one of our approved assessors following permission from parents.

Terms and Conditions

Prices for one-to-one learning support for the following academic year will be advised in the Financial Information Booklet which is sent out annually over the summer holidays with the Winter Term bill. The Financial Information booklet can also be found on the [website](#).

For some pupils, the School may recommend or stipulate a certain level of chargeable one-to-one support. Offer letters may include a requirement for a certain level of one-to-one Learning Support as a condition of entry. All one-to-one lessons will be chargeable in arrears. Lessons missed or forgotten by pupils will be chargeable unless there is an adequate reason communicated in advance to and supported by the Head of Learning Support, Dr Emma Stanley Isaac, esi@oakham.rutland.sch.uk. (e.g. school commitment clash and no ability to reschedule, or teacher not available and no ability to reschedule). A register of attendance will be maintained.

Pupils may withdraw from one-to-one lessons at the start of a term providing that notice to withdraw has been made in writing to and supported by the Head of Learning Support. Please note at least half a term's notice (not including holiday time) is required.

In the event charges for one-to-one Learning Support are found to be too onerous, parents will be able to apply for bursary support, which would involve the submission of full financial circumstances and supporting documentation as for bursaries relating to School Fees. Please contact the Finance Bursar financebursar@oakham.rutland.sch.uk in these circumstances.

English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Charges and Terms & Conditions

Finance Bursar

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Oakham School has an outstanding reputation in the provision of English as an Additional Language (EAL) through its department of qualified teachers. The School's policy is set out in the Inclusion Policy, which may be found on the School's website.

Provision and Reasonable Adjustments for EAL

Oakham offers the following arrangements and adjustments to support pupils who come to the School with identified English language needs, and for those pupils who are identified as needing academic language support at some point during their time at Oakham.

Included in the school fees

The following support is included in the school fees:

- Small class sizes
- Drop-in session Tuesday 2.00pm to 5.30pm, to provide revision sessions, subject workshops or individual support
- Preparation and maintenance of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) page for all teachers

Charges to parents for EAL support

Where bespoke, individual assessment and regular support is required, the following is provided at an additional charge to parents:

- One-to-one support with a fully qualified EAL specialist teacher

Parents should note that offers to pupils for places in the School may stipulate a certain amount of EAL support initially, which will have cost implications. Clearly, the amount of EAL support will be kept under close review over time between the pupil's parents and the School.

Terms and conditions

for one-to-one EAL support for the following academic year will be advised in the Financial Information Booklet which is sent out annually over the summer holidays with the Winter Term bill. The Financial Booklet can also be found on the [website](#).

The School may recommend or stipulate a certain level of chargeable one-to-one support for a pupil. All one-to-one lessons will be chargeable in arrears. Lessons missed or forgotten by pupils will be chargeable unless there is an adequate reason (e.g. school commitment clash and no ability to reschedule, teacher not available and no ability to reschedule) with which the Head of EAL, Ms Jan Irving jmi@oakham.rutland.sch.uk, is in agreement. A register of attendance will be maintained.

Notice to withdraw the pupil from one-to-one lessons at the start of a term must be made in writing to the Head of EAL no later than the last day of the preceding term's half-term holiday (Exeat).

The School may be able to accommodate ad hoc one-to-one EAL academic language support, but priority will always be given to pupils with an IEP. In the event charges for one-to-one EAL support are too onerous, parents will be able to apply for bursary support, which would involve the submission of full financial circumstances and supporting documentation as for bursaries relating to School Fees.

For details of how to apply, please contact the Finance Bursar at financebursar@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Sport

Director of Sport: Steve May

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Sports Fixtures

Lower School fixtures are mainly on Wednesdays. Parents are encouraged to come to support pupils at sporting fixtures. Match details, directions to venues, match reports and results are on the sports pages of the website. Fixtures are also listed in the Calendar section of the termly Red Book. You are welcome for refreshments in BAFS Pavilion after home fixtures and your son or daughter can join you after showering and changing. All information can be accessed by saving the school sports app to your phone's home page www.oakhamschoolsport.co.uk.

Mouthguard Policy

All pupils in the Lower School play either rugby or hockey for which they must have an approved mouthguard.

On Monday 2 September, OPRO, a specialist national organisation of dental surgeons, will bring a team of dentists to the School to take impressions for custom fitted mouthguards. The cost is added to the School bill.

Details will be sent so that parents can sign up for a mouthguard online.

Boot Studs – Kitemark type

As a further safety measure, boys' boots must have 'kitemark' type studs which are suitable for rugby.

Music Tuition

Director of Music: John Mountford

jm@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

The Music Department offers weekly lessons in a wide range of musical instruments, singing and music theory. Standard music lessons last 35 minutes, though more advanced students often take extended lessons. Music lessons are scheduled on a rotational timetable running through the School day, or are fixed during free time or study periods for pupils in the Upper School. Every effort is made to minimize the disruption to individual academic subjects.

Pupils are supported in their preparation for solo performances, and the Department also offers the chance to enter ABRSM and Trinity music exams each term, as well as annual entries for RockSchool exams and LCM Music Theatre exams. Parental feedback is given every term in the form of a Progress Report or online Parent-Teacher meeting.

Parents may apply for lessons at the point of entry by completing the relevant pages of the New Joiner Form, or by contacting the Music Department at any time during their child's time at the School.

Most parents find it more convenient for their child to receive 1-to-1 music tuition in School. Parents may also apply for discounted tuition for beginners on one of the specified instruments. Discounted tuition is also offered to pupils once they have achieved a Merit or Distinction in ABRSM Practical Grades 6, 7 & 8, and have also passed Grade 5 theory. Full details of this scheme and the instruments on which tuition is offered can be found [here](#) on the School website. Costs of individual lessons are outlined in the Financial Information Booklet, which is sent out annually over the summer holidays with the Winter Term bill. The Financial Information Booklet can also be found on the [website](#).

The School also runs 15 regular weekly ensembles and choirs. Pupils who play an instrument will automatically be allocated to an appropriate performance group on entry to the School. New pupils have a short singing test as part of their induction process to help determine which choir they will join. Parents of pupils who will be continuing with instrumental tuition outside the School are asked to let the Director of Music know so that he can involve their child in the School's ensembles and concerts at the appropriate level.



LAMDA Acting Lessons

Director of Drama: Mrs Gilly Norell

gn@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Teacher of Acting, LAMDA Coordinator:

Mr David Norell

dn@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

Around 50 students take regular Acting or Vocal Coaching Lessons in an academic year and although examinations are not mandatory, those pupils who take LAMDA Acting and/or Shakespeare Exams enjoy a high success rate with all passing, many with Merit and Distinction.

Lessons are offered to all ages and can lead to LAMDA Graded Examinations in Acting (including Shakespeare) – solo and combination/duo and Speaking in Public. Students may choose to be taught on their own or, where possible, with a partner.

A student wishing to work in a pair, and who may not initially have a partner to study with, will be encouraged to study solo pieces and join a partner as and when the opportunity arises.

Audition Technique

Students are also offered the opportunity to prepare for any auditions that they have arranged, including for: Oakham School productions, Drama Scholarships, National Youth Theatre, and Drama School Auditions.

Finding their Voice

One-to-one vocal coaching sessions are offered to assist a student with self-confidence in acting and public speaking by addressing particular aspects of their spoken voice to aid their diction and clarity, and or the quality of their vocal expression.

The Cost

There is an additional charge for LAMDA lessons, which will be added to your School bill. Individual or duo lessons are available. Costs of LAMDA lessons are outlined in the Financial Information Booklet, which is sent out annually over the summer holidays with the Winter Term bill. The Financial Information Booklet can also be found on the [website](#). Examination Fees (set by the Board) are also charged at exam time.

Administration

Lessons of 35 minutes duration are offered once per week in curriculum time and every effort is made to ensure that no more than one lesson per subject is missed per half-term.

Students' achievement is reported upon under the PR system at the end of each term, and Parents/Guardians are welcome to contact their Teacher for an informal, interim report or for advice regarding their son's or daughter's progress.

You are welcome to contact the LAMDA Coordinator or the Director of Drama for further information or clarification.

We welcome students of all ages and abilities and look forward to playing our part in helping them to find their voice, develop their talents, hone their acting skills, and add to their appreciation of the dramatic arts.



Hotel Accommodation in Oakham and Rutland

The hotels listed below are just a few of the options available in Oakham and Rutland.



Rutland features regularly in national publications as one of the best places to live in the UK.

Hotels in Oakham

Wisteria Hotel


4 Catmos Street,
Oakham LE15 6HW
Tel: 01572 722844
Email: enquiries@wisteriahotel.co.uk
wisteriahotel.co.uk

Admiral Hornblower

64 High Street,
Oakham LE15 6AS
Tel: 01572 723004
Email: info@hornblowerhotel.co.uk
hornblowerhotel.co.uk

The George Inn (formerly The Whipper-In Hotel)

Market Place,
Oakham LE15 6DT
Tel: 01572 756971
thegeorgeinnoakham.co.uk



Oakham, the county town of Rutland, is a classic English market town, mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086.

Please note that these details are provided for information only. Their inclusion does not imply that the School endorses the services offered by the provider.

Hotels within 5 miles of Oakham

Hambleton Hall Hotel

Ketton Road,
Oakham LE15 8TH
Tel: 01572 756991
Email: hotel@hambletonhall.com
hambletonhall.com

The Barnsdale

The Avenue,
Exton, Oakham LE15 8AH
Tel: 01572 724678
Email: reception@barnsdalerutland.com
barnsdalerutland.com

Rutland Hall Hotel & Spa

Stamford Road,
Barnsdale LE15 8AB
Tel: 01572 757901
Email: reservations@rutlandhall.co.uk
rutlandhall.co.uk

The Finch's Arms

Oakham Road,
Hambleton LE15 8TL
Tel: 01572 756575
Email: info@finchsarms.co.uk
finchsarms.co.uk

Hotels within 10 miles of Oakham

Stapleford Park Hotel

Stapleford Road,
Melton Mowbray LE14 2EF
Tel: 01572 787000
Email: reservations@staplefordpark.com
staplefordpark.com

Travelling to Oakham

Most convenient airports:

- Birmingham 65 miles 75 minutes' drive
- London Stansted 80 miles 90 minutes' drive
- London Heathrow 100 miles 120 minutes' drive

It is possible to take a direct train to Oakham from Stansted airport. Trains from Birmingham International airport to Oakham are also available with a change at Birmingham New Street.

Information on routes, costs and timetables may be found at www.nationalrail.co.uk.

The School is only a few minutes' walk from Oakham station.

Please note that the School does not provide transfers to and from the airports. We request that Parents or Guardians arrange all transport for pupils and to inform the School of the arrangements that have been made.

If you would like to arrange a taxi to collect you from any of the above airports, you will find it cheaper to pre-book a taxi from Oakham rather than getting a black cab from the airport.

Local taxi companies include:

Berridge Taxis

0044 (0)1572 756088

www.berridgetaxis.com

Meadows Executive Cars

0044 (0)800 592 036

www.meadowscars.co.uk



Wider Community

Parent Prayer Group

The Oakham School Parent Prayer Group (OPPG) meets once every half-term for a coffee and chat as well as for prayer. Its objective is to support the School community – pupils and staff – in prayer and provide the Chaplain, Fr Tim and the work of the Chaplaincy, with prayerful backup to reflect God's love through the School.

For more information, contact Fr Tim

tft@oakham.rutland.sch.uk

The Old Oakhamian (OO) Club

The Old Oakhamian (OO) Club is a vibrant 6,000 strong community that extends to all former pupils and long-serving members of staff. Its purpose is to assist all alumni and help them stay connected with their old school and their fellow OOs. Based in College House, close to the School Chapel, the OO Club, through its dedicated website, [The Oakhamian Connection](#) provides a wealth of news, clubs, events and networking opportunities to support Oakham's alumni community.

Oakham School Foundation

Oakham School has always been a place for deserving scholars to get an exceptional education, regardless of circumstance. In 1584, Archdeacon Robert Johnson founded a 'free school' and opened its doors to 16 young boys.

The Oakham School Foundation has been supporting the School since 2001 by raising funds for various projects including buildings and bursaries. The generosity of many Old Oakhamians and former parents and friends of the School has made possible some of our wonderful buildings and provided the opportunity for talented young people to attend Oakham who would not otherwise have been able to do so.

Over recent years parents of leavers have been encouraged to donate their deposit to the Oakham School Foundation where it will be used to help future generations of Oakham School pupils. We hope that you will consider donating your deposit when your child leaves and so join the tradition of philanthropy to Oakham which has extended for more than 400 years.

To find out more and how to get involved, please email foundation@oakham.rutland.sch.uk



Forms

Please ensure that you complete all applicable forms for your child by the specified date, to allow us to circulate relevant information to staff in a timely manner.

The link to your child's joining forms can be found within your joining information email.

It is essential that we have the completed forms before your child starts at Oakham School.



Campus Map

Click here for an interactive map of the School campus

Our location close to Rutland Water, in the heart of rural England, gives us the best of both worlds: an idyllic countryside setting that is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

Within a five-minute walk of Oakham's railway station, our central location means pupils enjoy the safety of living and working in a beautifully green campus just a short distance from Oakham's historic town centre and amenities.



1	Main School Reception & Admissions
2	School Chapel
3	Old Hall in School House
4	College House: Oakham School Foundation & OO Archive
5	Old School
6	Jerwood School of Design
6	Wheelhouse Gallery
7	Ashburton Hall
8	Johnson Building
9	1584
10	Ashburton Building
11	Merton Building
12	Faculty of Social Sciences
13	Medical & Pastoral Centre
14	Richard Bull Art and Design Centre
15	Estates Office, 67/69 Station Road
16	Deanscroft
17	Music School
18	Queen Elizabeth Theatre, QET
19	Computer Science and ICT Support
20	Barraclough Dining Hall
21	Careers and Higher Education Department
21	Smallbone Library
22	Wilson Auditorium
23	Mehra Faculty of Science
24	Bowes Room
25	Bursary

Middle School Houses

27	Chapmans
28	Haywoods
29	Wharflands
30	Stevens
31	Buchanans
32	Rushebrookes
33	Gunthorpe
33	Hambleton
34	Barrow
34	Clipsham

Sports Facilities

37	CCF Headquarters
38	Farside Playing Fields
39	Doncaster Close Playing Fields
40	Sports Centre, Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre
41	Wilson Top Astro
42	Crista Cullen Astro
43	Haywoods and Chapmans Courts
44	Wilson Playing Fields and Pavilion
45	BAF Smith Pavilion
46	Kilburn Cottage Sports Office

Lower School Houses (Jerwoods Campus)

26	Ancaster
26	Hodges Boarding
26	Lincoln
26	Lower School Reception
26	Peterborough
26	Sargants

Upper School Houses

35	School House
36	Round House

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