

The Royal School

Wolverhampton

Royal Boarding






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Welcome to Royal Boarding

Boarding offers far more than a place to stay. It offers young people the chance to grow, to belong and to discover what it means to 'Be Extraordinary' within a warm, values-driven community.

Ours is a school with a proud history, a strong sense of purpose and a deep belief in young people. Our vision, Be Extraordinary, is about ambition and purpose, rather than perfection. We want every child to discover the unique brilliance within themselves and to grow in character, confidence and wisdom as well as in success.

I hope that, as you explore Royal boarding, you will begin to see what makes this community so special. We would be delighted to welcome you, and I am confident that by joining us at The Royal School Wolverhampton, you will find a place to grow, belong and thrive.

Tom Macdonald

Principal









A History Rich in Tradition

The Royal's story stretches back more than 175 years, and that history can still be felt across the school today: in our remarkable buildings, our enduring sense of purpose and our belief that education should offer both opportunity and belonging.

Set in the heart of England, The Royal occupies a striking historic site in Wolverhampton, where characterful buildings and green space give the school a distinctive sense of place. The setting says something important about who we are: a school shaped by its past, but always looking ahead with ambition for the young people in its care. The listed status of our iconic buildings reflects the significance of that heritage and the character of the school in which generations of pupils have lived and learned.




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A Home to Belong to

At The Royal, boarding feels like being part of one great big family: a warm, welcoming community where every child is known, cared for and encouraged to grow in confidence, character and friendship.

Boarders live together as part of a close-knit community, sharing meals, daily routines and the friendships that make boarding feel like home. Older pupils look after younger pupils, children support one another like siblings, and every boarder is encouraged to feel valued, included and secure.



Litchfield House - Girls' Boarding House

Cared for, Supported, and Safe

Our two boarding houses, Lichfield House for girls and Dartmouth House for boys, are designed to provide comfort, community and a strong sense of belonging. Each house includes welcoming shared spaces where boarders can relax together, kitchenettes that help create a family feel, in-house laundry rooms to compliment the school's laundry service and a range of one, two and three bed dorms and bedrooms. With live-in staff on site, pupils benefit from both independence and the reassurance of consistent adult care.

Our boarding houses are built around a genuine family-style approach. Each house is led by a House Parent and Assistant House Parent, supported by the Head of Boarding, Boarding Assistants and Gap Year students, creating a strong network of care around every boarder. With live-in staff on site, pupils benefit from consistent support, guidance and reassurance throughout the week.



Dartmouth House - Boys' Boarding House






EAT
SLEEP
GAME
REPEAT

Inspiring Ambition and Academic Success

Royal boarding gives young people the time, structure and encouragement to aim high. Within a community that values character as much as outcomes, pupils are supported to work hard, think deeply and grow into confident, successful learners.





At The Royal, ambition is about much more than grades alone. Our vision, 'Be Extraordinary', calls young people to discover the unique brilliance within themselves and to pursue success with purpose. We want pupils to leave us not only with strong academic outcomes, but also with the wisdom, resilience and confidence to make a positive contribution to the world around them.



Adventure Beyond the Classroom

Royal boarding opens the door to far more opportunities and adventures than can be achieved in a typical school. It gives young people the time, space and encouragement to try new things, pursue their interests and enjoy a rich programme of activities, trips and experiences.





The Royal already offers young people a wide set of rich opportunities beyond the classroom, and this is one of the things pupils value most about the school. Inspectors note the school's extensive personal development offer, including sporting opportunities, clubs and activities, while boarding inspection highlights the wide range of further activities available just to boarders and their access to on-site sports facilities.



Swim Boarding

The Royal has a proud pedigree in developing outstanding swimmers, with alumni including Olympians; Matt Richards MBE, Tully Kearney OBE, Alice Dearing and Toby Robinson. That legacy matters because it speaks not only of success at the highest level, but of a school that understands what serious young athletes need in order to flourish.





Train, Compete, Thrive!

What makes this provision distinctive is its single-sport focus. Our swimmers are not simply fitted around a general boarding model; they are supported within a structure that understands the demands of training, recovery, nutrition, competition and study. With flexible school and boarding routines, dedicated nutritional guidance, family-style pastoral care and on-site swim coach, swimmers benefit from a carefully balanced environment that allows them to pursue excellence without losing the support and stability young people need.



Space to Live, Learn and Grow

The character of the site is one of the things that makes The Royal so distinctive. Historic buildings, generous grounds and strong sporting provision combine to create an environment that feels both substantial and welcoming. It is a setting in which young people can live, learn and grow with confidence, supported by facilities that strengthen both school life and boarding life.

Fitness Centre



Swimming Pool





Beyond the boarding houses, The Royal offers an impressive school site set within 23 acres of grounds. Boarders enjoy access to a wide range of facilities, including astroturf, basketball and netball courts, and a leisure centre with a swimming pool, gym, dance studio and sports hall. These spaces enrich daily life, giving pupils room to train, socialise, unwind and take part fully in the wider opportunities the school provides.

Victoria Hall



Dance Studio



Find Your Extraordinary

Boarding is not only about the experience young people have now; it is also about who they are becoming.

Life in a boarding community helps pupils develop the qualities that matter far beyond school: independence, resilience, self-discipline, kindness and the confidence to live and work well with others. These are the foundations not only of academic success, but of a fulfilling life. Our boarders take their experiences from school on to university, sporting excellence, high profile careers or their own Extraordinary future.




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Exceptional Opportuniti

Royal boarding offers families something genuinely distinctive: an ambitious and enriching school experience, strong pastoral care and the depth of boarding life, all within the value of a state-funded education.



For many families, that combination is especially powerful. The Royal brings together the quality, care and opportunity associated with a richly developed boarding environment, while remaining grounded in the accessibility of the state sector. Pupils benefit from an education that is ambitious and broad, alongside a boarding experience that offers structure, community and extensive opportunity beyond the school day.

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That value can be seen across the whole boarding experience. Boarders enjoy dedicated pastoral support, access to impressive facilities, a rich programme of activities and trips, and the chance to be part of a school community with a clear sense of purpose. Boarding gives young people more: more time to study well, more opportunities to take part, more friendships, and more of the confidence and independence that come from living as part of a supportive community.

For families considering boarding, The Royal offers something rare: the feel of a deeply established boarding school, with all the warmth, rhythm and opportunity that comes with it, at a fraction of the cost associated with many independent schools. That makes boarding here not only a practical choice, but an investment in a young person's wider experience of school and life.





Your Journey Starts Here

That matters because the journey through school is only one part of a much bigger story. University, careers and the wider opportunities of life all ask young people to know themselves well, aim high and meet new challenges with confidence.

Through the rhythm of boarding life, pupils learn to manage their time, take responsibility, form strong relationships and look ahead with ambition. In this way, boarding becomes an important step on the pathway to a successful and rewarding future





Ready to Apply?

Choosing a boarding school is an important decision, and we would be delighted to help you take the next step. Whether you are beginning to explore the idea of boarding or are ready to apply, our team is here to answer questions, offer guidance and help you understand what life at The Royal can offer.

Applications are welcome from students wishing to join the school from Year 7 to Year 13. Boarding is open to pupils who have the right to access a British state education, including those who hold a British passport or relevant leave to remain. Students must also be no older than 18 when they start their final year at the school.




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Our website provides further information about boarding, school life, admissions and the wider opportunities available at The Royal. By scanning the QR code on this page, you can explore more, find key contacts and begin to picture what your child's future here might look like.





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