

Stephen Perse

Cambridge

Sixth Form

Prospectus

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Who We Are

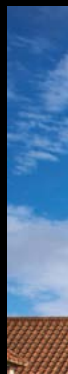
**We are
Stephen Perse
Cambridge**
a vibrant school
educating children
aged 2 to 18.

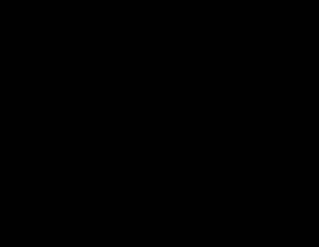
**Home to
more than
1400 students,**
our campuses
are located across
Cambridge and
Maddingley.

**Founded
in the 19th
century**
with support from
the 17th century
legacy of Dr Stephen
Perse.

The school consistently provides a superb education

Utilising modern teaching techniques and tools in the heart of Cambridge, a centuries-old historic seat of learning and now also a hub of high-tech industry and bioscience, with all the benefits that this brings.



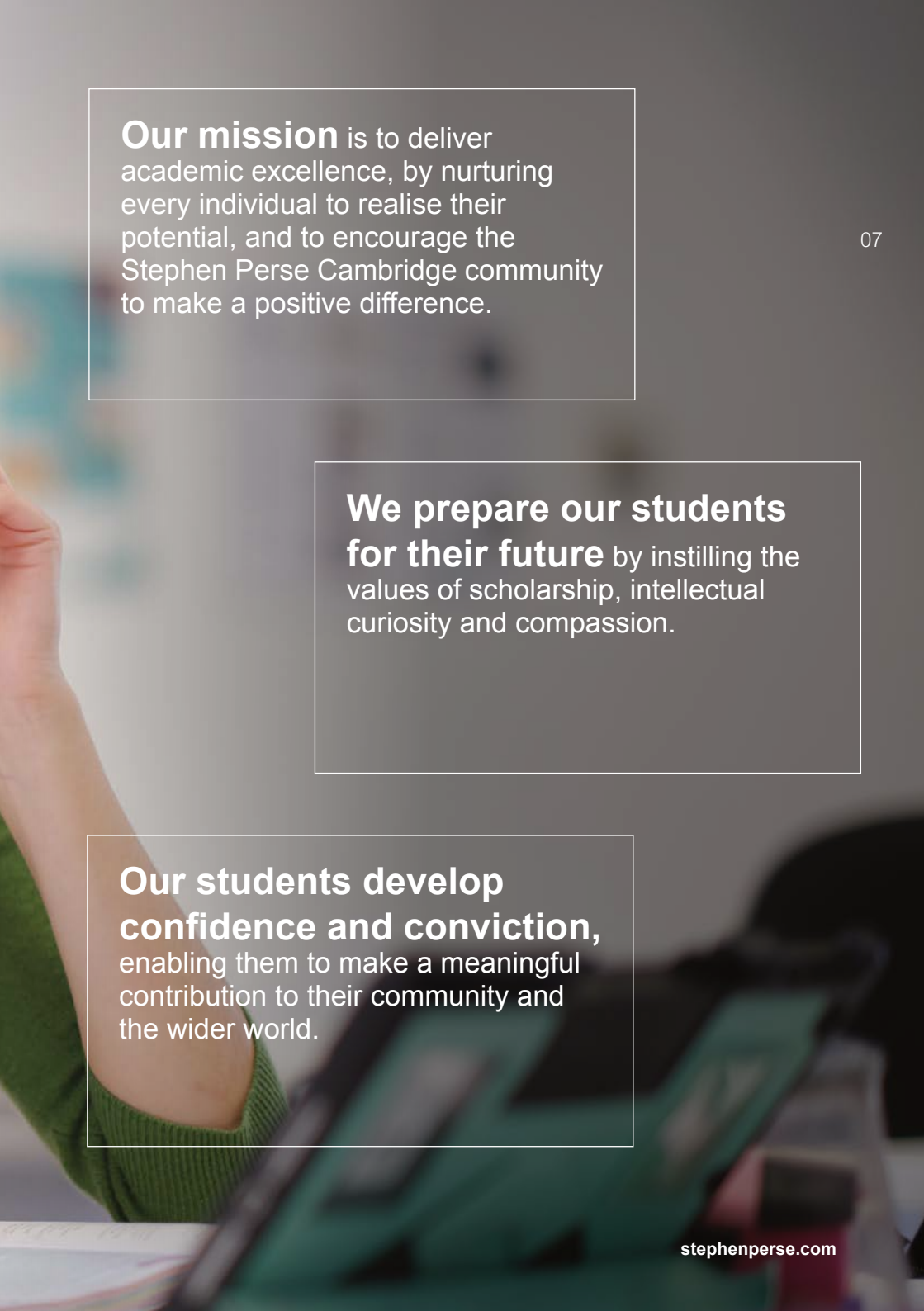


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A young woman with dark hair and glasses is smiling and looking down at a book on a desk. She is wearing a green sweater and has her hand near her ear. The background is blurred, showing a classroom or library setting.

What We Do



Our mission is to deliver academic excellence, by nurturing every individual to realise their potential, and to encourage the Stephen Perse Cambridge community to make a positive difference.

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We prepare our students for their future by instilling the values of scholarship, intellectual curiosity and compassion.

Our students develop confidence and conviction, enabling them to make a meaningful contribution to their community and the wider world.

Why Choose Stephen Perse Cambridge?

At Stephen Perse Cambridge, we are committed to delivering academic excellence, personal growth and social responsibility for all our students.



Coming from a variety of international schools from a few different countries, I enjoyed a diverse environment with people from different countries and cultures.”



Our environment fosters the best in every student, offering a dynamic and diverse curriculum alongside engaging co-curricular activities. This approach encourages each learner to pursue their educational goals with ambition.

Our curriculum, grounded in strong values and a close-knit community, equips students with the skills and confidence needed to thrive and make a positive impact in the world.

Families choose Stephen Perse Cambridge for our values-driven ethos and exceptional pastoral care. We prioritise independence of thought, creativity, curiosity, and compassion, nurturing and celebrating each student's individuality, wellbeing, and personal growth. This supportive environment inspires students to develop with ambition and contribute positively to their community, both during their school years and beyond.

We offer

Exceptional Academic Results and University Placements.

We consistently achieve top results in GCSEs and A Levels. Students progress to leading universities, as well as elite conservatoires and art schools. UK destinations include the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, Imperial College London, the Russell Group institutions, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and sought after degree apprenticeships, whilst overseas our students progress to universities including Princeton, Stanford, Toronto, Amsterdam, Sciences Po, Heidelberg and Hong Kong.

59.1%

2026 GCSEs
graded 9-8

53.4%

2026 A Levels
graded A*-A

77.9%

2026 GCSEs
graded 9, 8 or 7

80.5%

2026 A Levels
graded A*-B





Expert Teaching

Our passionate and experienced teachers deliver exceptional and motivating lessons that provide stretch and challenge within a supportive environment. Our staff includes those with experience of setting and marking public examinations, including university admissions tests, and also authoring course textbooks.

Personalised Pastoral Care

All our students are known individually by our dedicated tutors and Heads of Year, ensuring that they receive support and guidance tailored to their individual needs.



Holistic Development Beyond the Academic

We go beyond our superb academic programme, fostering strong character, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Our extensive co-curricular opportunities allow students to explore their talents, build confidence and connect with their peers. Our enrichment programme further develops crucial transferable skills through activities like Model United Nations, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, and overseas exchanges and expeditions.

Supportive and Inclusive Community

We celebrate diversity and practise inclusion, fostering a warm, welcoming environment.

Global Outlook in a Thriving City

Located in the heart of Cambridge, a world-renowned centre of learning and culture, we prepare students for citizenship in an interconnected, fast-developing world.

International exchange programmes and a strong emphasis on languages broaden perspectives and develop intercultural understanding.



Clare College (left) and King's College (right) Cambridge

**Our campus provides
a safe and inspiring
environment for
students to:**

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live

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**Watching a day of
philosophy talks
at the University of
Cambridge with the
RS class was
a highlight.”**



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I have thrived at Stephen Perse since Year 3. Currently, I am studying A Level Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics, alongside an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). With a deep interest in science, particularly biology, I chose these subjects to prepare for a career in Veterinary Medicine.

I appreciate the smaller, more individual, and caring environment compared to larger schools, which has provided me with extensive support and a variety of extracurricular activities.

I have enjoyed many aspects of my time at Stephen Perse, especially the inclusive and supportive atmosphere that has enabled me to balance academics with sports, music, and drama. My favourite places in the school include the common rooms and café, which foster interactions and friendships.

Highlights of my time at the school include reaching the National Finals in hockey and netball, captaining the netball team at the World Schools Games, playing the baritone saxophone at the West Road concert, and winning best in year group at the Regional Philosothon.”

Abbey H

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You are constantly informed of the extracurricular opportunities that you can participate in and encouraged to take additional challenges.”

Life at Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form



A World-Class Learning Environment

Depth and Breadth of Learning

Our Sixth Form curriculum is rich and varied. Students study four or three A Levels and may supplement these core subjects with either the Extended Project to AS level or our own Stephen Perse project, as well as a host of enrichment options such as Critical Thinking, or a Modern Language qualification in French, German, Spanish or Mandarin Chinese if they wish to keep up a language but not take it as an A Level.

Highly Qualified and Experienced Teachers

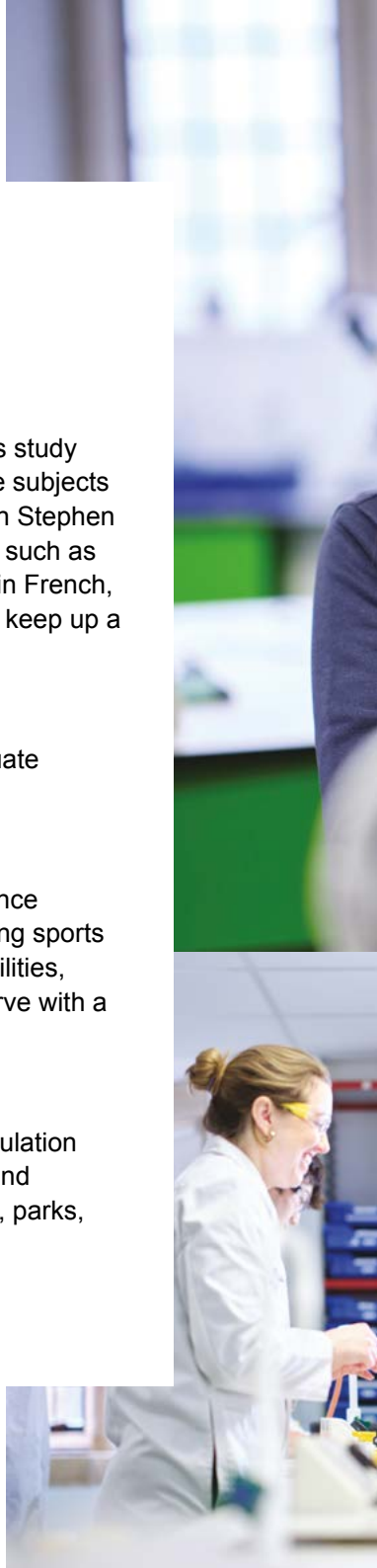
Including A Level examiners and many with postgraduate qualifications in the subjects that they teach.

Innovative Learning Spaces

We offer digitally connected classrooms, modern science laboratories, a dedicated Sixth Form library, outstanding sports facilities, well-equipped music and performing arts facilities, a superb Visual Arts Centre, and our own nature reserve with a jetty on the River Cam.

Thriving Cambridge Location

Students benefit from the intellectual and cultural stimulation of Cambridge, a vibrant university city with historical and cutting edge modern architecture, museums, theatres, parks, and restaurants.





Developing the Whole Student

Timetabled Enrichment

Weekly enrichment activities allow students to hone critical skills and contribute meaningfully to society through projects, conferences, and environmental initiatives.

Extensive Sports Programme

All students participate in weekly sports activities, with additional options for those seeking further development.



I got offers to Southampton, Manchester, and Oxford to study engineering. For now, my focus is on the next four years of university.”

Exceptional Support and Guidance

Small Tutor Groups

Through regular meetings and tutorials, our dedicated tutors provide each student with the right balance of inspiration, challenge and support to excel both academically and personally.

One-to-One Support

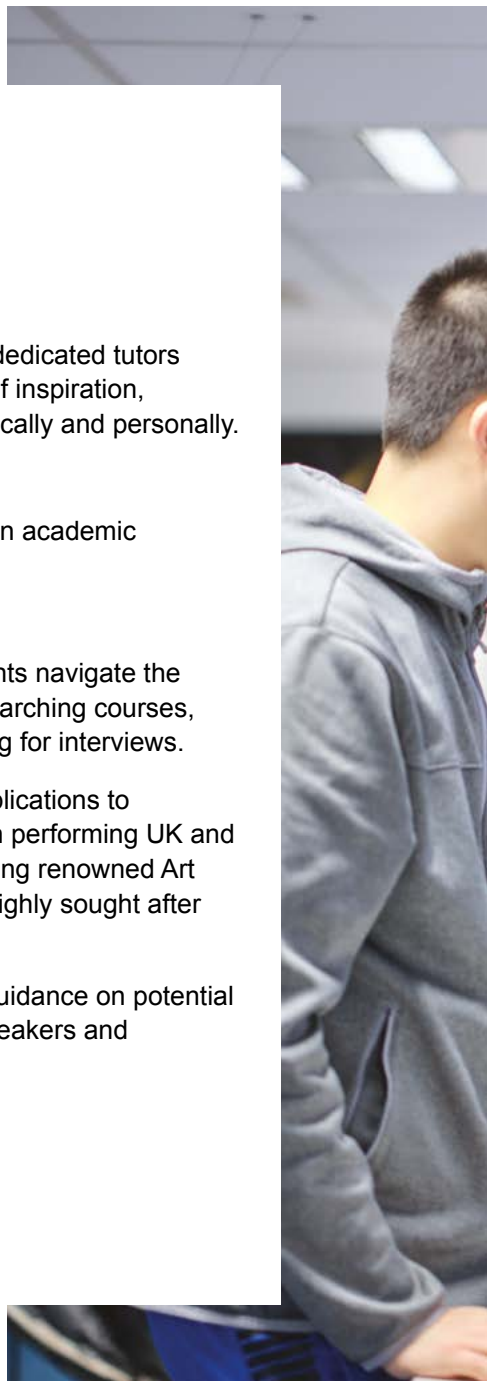
Tutors are available for individual guidance on academic progress and personal concerns.

Expert University and Careers Guidance

We offer a tailored programme to help students navigate the university application process, including researching courses, preparing personal statements, and practising for interviews.

Our specialist teams provide expertise in applications to Cambridge, Oxford, Medicine, and other high performing UK and international universities and courses, including renowned Art and Music schools and conservatoires and highly sought after degree apprenticeships.

Additionally, our careers programme offers guidance on potential career paths through workshops, industry speakers and mentorship opportunities.









Boarding at Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form

Tailored Sixth Form Experience

Our boarding houses and staff provide a comfortable and supportive environment designed specifically for older students. This includes living in the heart of Cambridge, fostering independence whilst still providing guidance, as a stepping-stone to university and beyond.

Diverse and Inclusive Community

We welcome students from a variety of backgrounds, creating a vibrant and enriching environment.

Support for Wellbeing

We prioritise mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing, providing a safe and secure experience with trained staff available 24/7. Additional support includes supervised evening study sessions for a balanced academic and co-curricular experience.

Modern and Comfortable Accommodation

Our boarding houses offer spacious rooms, many with ensuite facilities, shared social and study areas, private gardens and well-equipped common rooms.

Delicious and Nutritious Meals

A variety of tasty and freshly-prepared meals are served throughout the week to cater to all dietary needs.



The school's individual attention from teachers has made a significant difference in my learning experience."

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Academic Curriculum

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We regularly review the subjects that we offer and add further options if there is sufficient demand. All students initially study four A Level subjects in the first term of Year 12. They have the opportunity to review their choices at the end of the first term and, if they wish, reduce their programme to three A Levels. Their choices can then be reviewed again at the end of Year 12, following their internal examinations.



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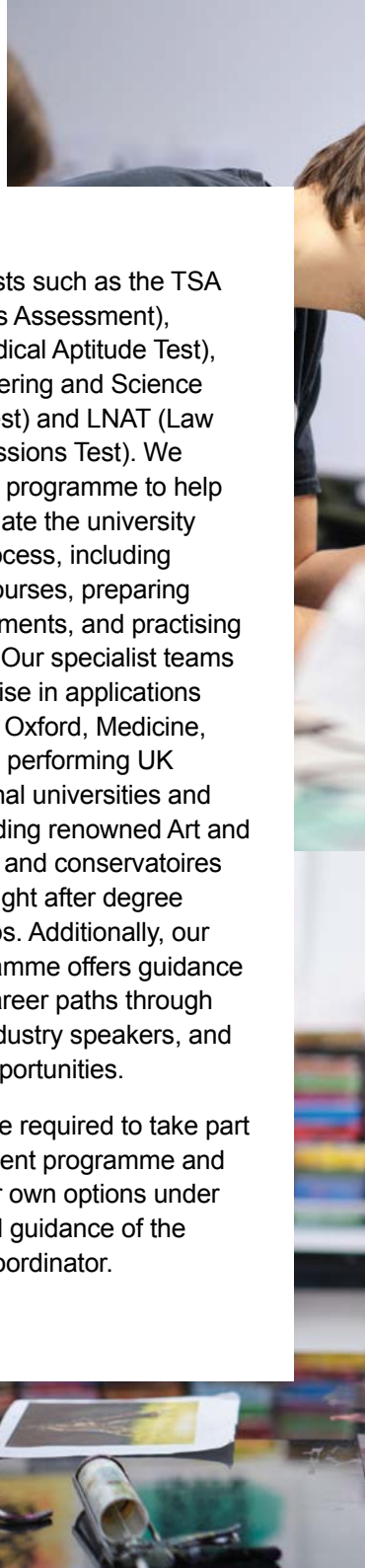
Our taught skills course in the first term of Year 12 is taken by all students and usually leads into the AS-equivalent Extended Project Qualification, or an in-house research qualification. This ensures that students develop research skills which are invaluable when moving on to university or equivalent study.

When making their A Level choices in Year 11 and the first term of Sixth Form, students are advised about their curriculum selection and initial university options and career implications through our Careers and Guidance programme. This includes various opportunities to take advice during taught sessions, assemblies, the Sixth Form Open Evening and optional one-to-one consultations with senior teaching team members during the autumn term.

Following on from their A Level choices support, Year 12 students prepare for their university applications during the academic year and are offered supra-curricular extension, enrichment and university application sessions, which include support for university

admissions tests such as the TSA (Thinking Skills Assessment), BMAT (Biomedical Aptitude Test), ESAT (Engineering and Science Admissions Test) and LNAT (Law National Admissions Test). We offer a tailored programme to help students navigate the university application process, including researching courses, preparing personal statements, and practising for interviews. Our specialist teams provide expertise in applications to Cambridge, Oxford, Medicine, and other high performing UK and international universities and courses, including renowned Art and Music schools and conservatoires and highly sought after degree apprenticeships. Additionally, our careers programme offers guidance on potential career paths through workshops, industry speakers, and mentorship opportunities.

All students are required to take part in the Enrichment programme and will select their own options under the advice and guidance of the Enrichment Coordinator.





A Level subjects

Art

Ancient Greek

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Classical
Civilisation

Computer
Science

Design
Engineering

Drama

Economics

English
Literature

French

German

Geography

History

Latin

Mandarin
Chinese

Mathematics

Further
Mathematics

Music

Philosophy

Physical
Education

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Spanish

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I was drawn to Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form by the teaching atmosphere, the focus on more individual methods of teaching, and the impressive facilities I observed during one of the open days!

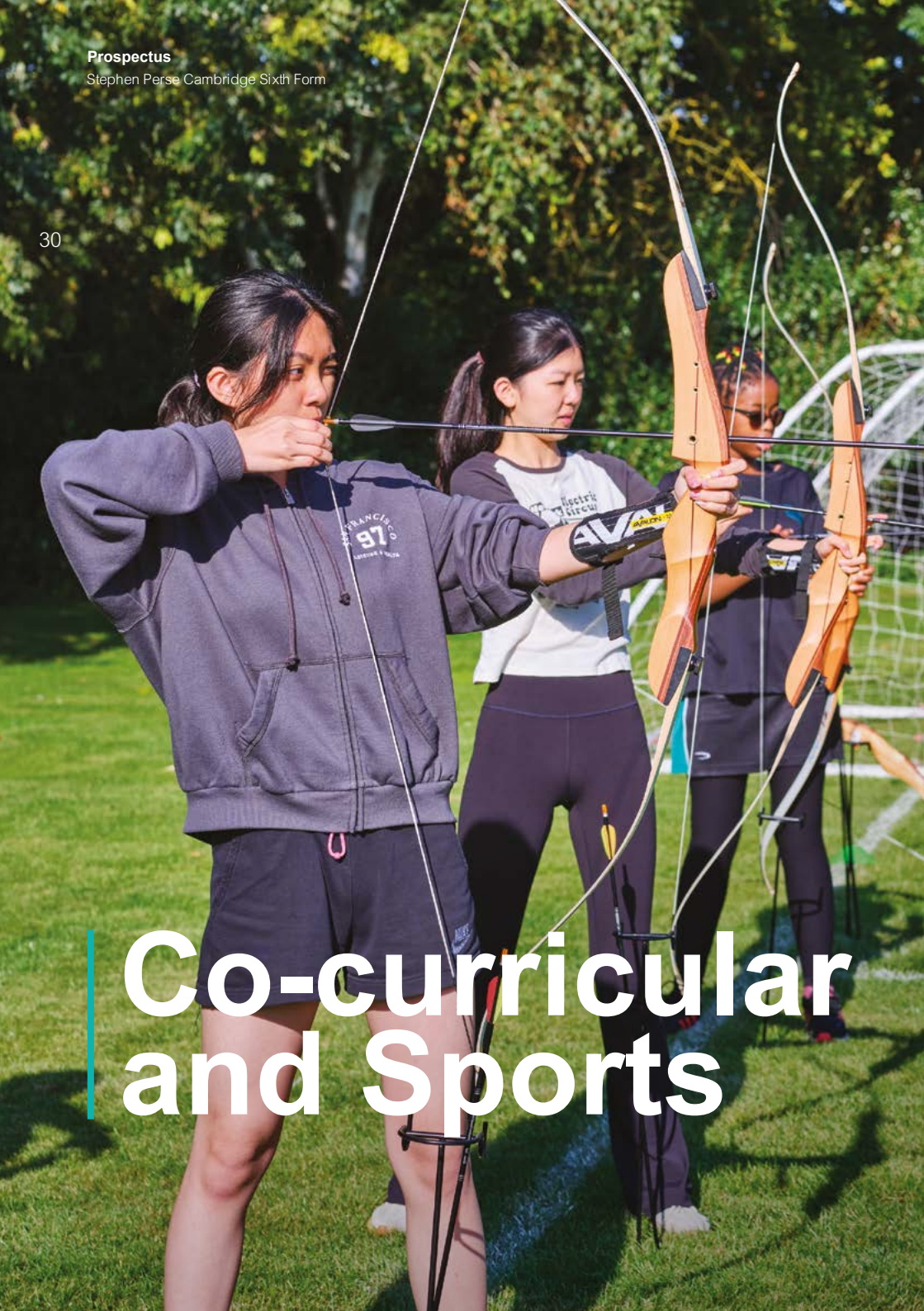
For me, the school's environment provides a wide range of sports and extracurricular activities alongside academic studies, greatly aiding my personal development. I particularly enjoy studying in the library, which offers a great range of academic and non-academic books, a light, comfortable area with computers, ideal for a humanities student.

I contribute to the school community by writing articles for TEAL and designing the front covers, and I have played basketball for the school team, which has improved my teamwork and coordination skills.

I aim to study History and Russian Studies at Bristol University, having developed my wider interests through supra-curricular activities such as the History Society.”

Arthur B J



A photograph of three students practicing archery on a grassy field. The student in the foreground is a young woman with dark hair, wearing a grey hoodie with 'SAN FRANCISCO 97' and 'LIVING & DYING' printed on it, and dark shorts. She is holding a bow and arrow, aiming. Behind her are two other students, also holding bows. The background shows green trees and a soccer goal.

Co-curricular and Sports



From theatre trips and art exhibitions, to accessing a wealth of local opportunities in Cambridge - learning in context away from the classroom is integral to our curriculum, both within the timetable and through our clubs and societies.

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Opportunities are offered in a variety of ways, from lunchtime and after school clubs to residential trips in the UK and further afield, encouraging young people to challenge themselves, gain independence and develop their practical and social skills.



I've enjoyed the inclusive and supportive atmosphere that has enabled me to balance academics with sports, music, and drama."

We celebrate achievement of all kinds and when it comes to sport, there's a lot to applaud. Our teams compete at local, county, regional and national level, and we also have athletes competing in sports up to and including international level.

Our Sixth Form students enjoy an extensive range of sports options, including netball, hockey, tennis, cricket, athletics, archery, paddlesports and sailing. Our curriculum offers great breadth, with students also participating in activities as diverse as touch rugby and zumba. Alongside our dedicated PE staff we work with additional specialist coaches in volleyball, dance, basketball, fencing and rowing. Stephen Perse Cambridge students and alumni compete and win on the international stage, from fencing through archery to rowing.







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I've been a student at Stephen Perse since I was seven years old, and I chose to continue my education here due to our supportive environment and excellent resources. I'm studying Physics, Chemistry, Maths, and Further Maths with the goal of becoming an astrophysicist.

My decision to choose these A Level subjects was driven by my passion for physics and my aspiration to study it at university. The small class sizes and individual attention from teachers have made a significant difference in my learning experience.

At Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form, I've enjoyed the engaging and thought-provoking lessons delivered by passionate and supportive teachers. I value the calm and relaxing environment that allows me to focus on my studies and appreciate the excellent pastoral and wellbeing support.

I've taken full advantage of the extracurricular opportunities available, performing in school drama productions, joining the Physics Club, and playing football. My highlight has been the numerous school trips, especially the memorable trip to Edinburgh in Year 6.”

Hibatullah M

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The Stephen Perse Guild

The Stephen Perse Guild Annual Reunion 2024



Founded in 1903, the Stephen Perse Guild connects alumni and former staff as lifelong members of the Stephen Perse community.

We are always keen to hear about their successes and achievements and to remain connected with them. Guild membership provides our alumni and former staff with easy access to a supportive, friendly and useful network of friends and contacts throughout their lives.

From raising families and volunteering in their communities, to excelling in their professional lives, Guild members are ambassadors for Stephen Perse values and support one another in many ways, including volunteering for Careers and Guidance events and activities and making gifts, or leaving legacies. These donations are the embodiment of Stephen Perse values and fund bursaries, scholarships and outreach programmes with a lasting and positive impact for current and future generations of students and society.

Prepared with their Stephen Perse Cambridge education, Guild members contribute to society in many ways, as creative and performing artists, journalists, medical and health professionals, teachers, engineers, campaigners and more. Whether performing at the Royal Albert Hall, winning a Grammy, working as President of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine during a global pandemic, protecting national security at the head of GCHQ, or teaching the next generation, Guild members make meaningful contributions across society.

Financial Assistance

at Stephen Perse Cambridge

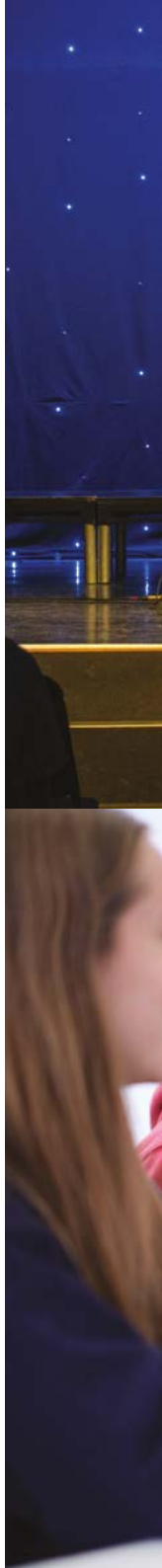
Our Founder, Dr Stephen Perse, was an academic and learned philanthropist who realised the essential role of education as an enabler of social mobility. He believed that an outstanding education should be a right, rather than a privilege, accessible to all.

Since Stephen Perse died in 1615, the ways in which education is delivered and funded in the UK have evolved and changed multiple times, often very significantly. Whilst today, Stephen Perse Cambridge is selective and fee-paying, 24% of students received some kind of financial assistance in 2023/24 rising to 42% in 2024/25, with bursaries available on a means-tested basis, alongside ability-based academic, sporting, music and arts scholarships.

To find out more

about applying for a bursary or scholarship, please visit:

www.stephenperse.com/admissions/financial-assistance





Many of our alumni are former scholarship and bursary holders. They contribute as paid and voluntary participants across a wide range of sectors, enriching society in many ways, from publishing to education, medical research to supporting refugees, sitting as magistrates to singing in and running choirs. We asked former scholarship and bursary holders to reflect on their time at our school and they responded with these thoughts:

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“There was a clear value placed on knowledge and learning, which has stayed with me.”

“My education gave me a strong sense of public service and the confidence to aim high.”

“I’m grateful for the supportive teachers I met along the way, who encouraged my approach to learning and who had a hand in paving my path.”

How to Apply

Join us at Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form for a journey of intellectual discovery, personal growth, and lifelong learning. We look forward to welcoming you to our exceptional community!

We welcome applications from talented and motivated students from the UK and overseas for Year 12 entry (age 16+), as day students and boarders.

Find out more

For detailed information on the application process, entrance requirements and open days, please visit our website at **stephenperse.com** or contact our Admissions Team on **admissions@stephenperse.com**

Final Thoughts

At Stephen Perse Cambridge, we believe in educating the whole person. Our students live, learn, and thrive in an environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and social responsibility.

Join us and be part of a community that inspires every student to achieve their best and make a positive difference in the world.





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Independent thinking,
exceptional
outcomes

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