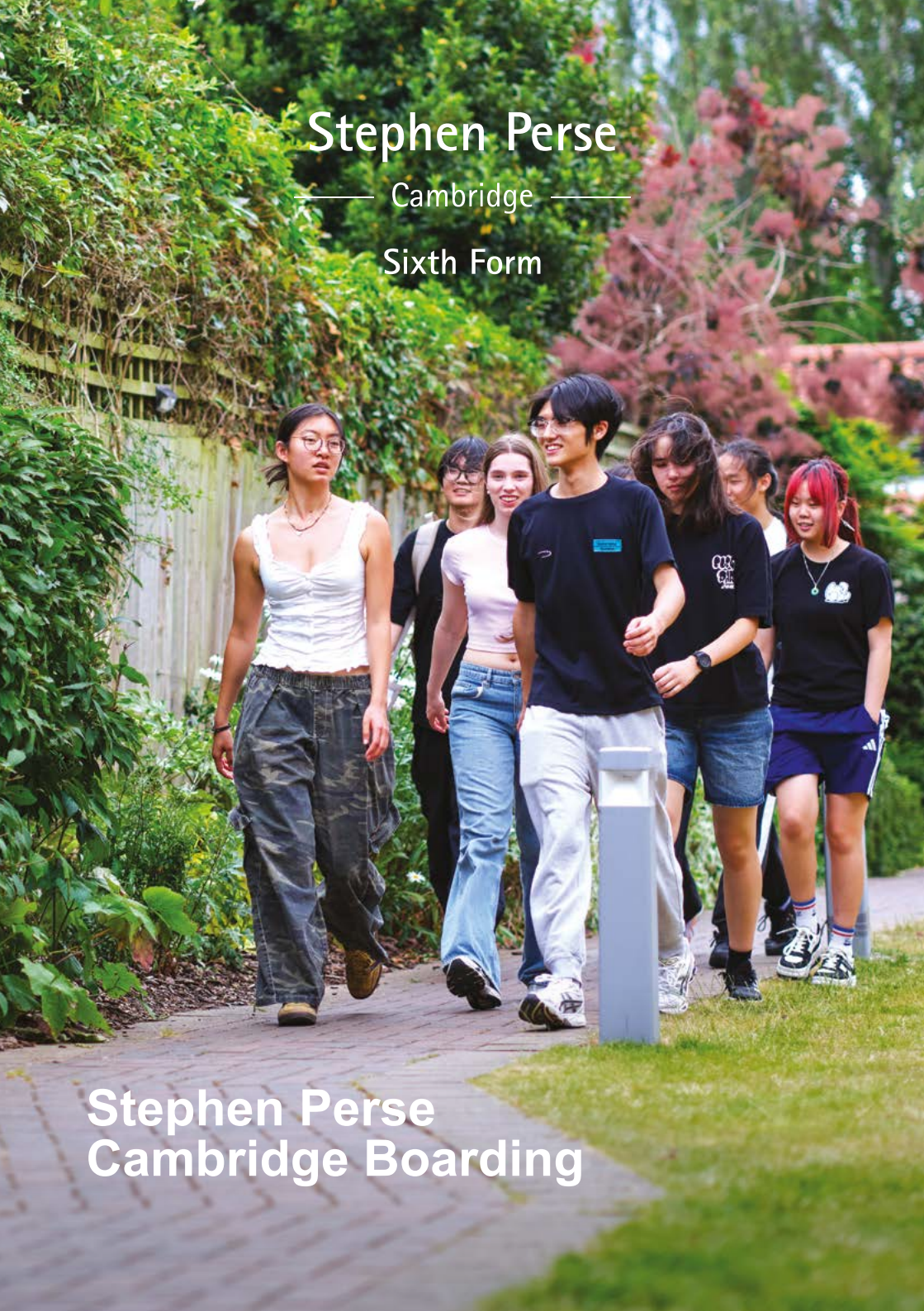


A group of about eight students are walking along a paved path in a lush garden. The path is bordered by dense green foliage and a wooden fence on the left, and a grassy area with a small grey post on the right. The students are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, tank tops, and jeans. The background is filled with various trees and plants, creating a vibrant and natural setting.

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Sixth Form

Stephen Perse Cambridge Boarding

Welcome

From the Head of Boarding

Our boarding community is vibrant, close-knit, and genuinely personal. By intentionally keeping our boarding student numbers small, with up to 40 students in our spacious boutique boarding house, we ensure that every single individual is known, valued, and given the personalised attention they need to truly thrive.

As Head of Boarding, I live right here in the boarding house alongside our boarding staff. This creates an authentic, supportive 'home-from-home' environment where every student is truly known as an individual. We combine the warm guidance of traditional boarding with the autonomy and independence unique to a Sixth Form-only setting.

Living in the heart of historic Cambridge, our boarders enjoy an extraordinary location. Situated in a world-renowned, student-focused city rich in academic and cultural heritage, our students develop real-world confidence and self-reliance within a safe, inspiring environment.

Boarders benefit from exceptional academic guidance, one-to-one tutoring, and dedicated university preparation at our Sixth Form. Our students consistently achieve outstanding A Level results and progress to top global institutions,

including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, Edinburgh, and leading universities across the US and Europe, as well as elite conservatoires and degree apprenticeships.

Beyond the classroom, they enjoy a rich array of house entertainment alongside our extensive Sixth Form co-curricular programme, from themed evening meals and film nights to paddle boarding on the River Cam.

Our dedicated boarding staff and excellent facilities provide a comfortable, caring, and secure base. It is the perfect, purposeful stepping stone to university life and beyond.

Mrs Denise Hammersley
Head of Boarding



04 | The Experience of Boarding with Us

Home From Home

Our boutique boarding house is staffed by our friendly, experienced and well-trained boarding staff to provide a comfortable, secure environment that quickly feels like a home from home. We will help you to develop the independence you need to thrive at university and beyond. It's the perfect balance of support and freedom.

Pastoral Care

You will get to know our dedicated boarding staff extremely well. The Matron will look after all your daily needs including booking appointments with a doctor, dentist or optician when required and will meet with you regularly to check how things are going. Teachers will also meet with you individually each half-term for academic support.

Age Range

Full-time boarding is available to UK and International A Level students aged 16 or over. Our boarding is specifically tailored to the requirements of this older age range and boarders enjoy the independence that living away from home brings whilst feeling comfortable and secure in a friendly and sociable community of like-minded peers.



05 | Activities

Boarders enjoy a lively mix of evening and weekend entertainment within the house, including special themed evening meals in our Kirby's Dining Hall. Beyond the boarding house, students take full advantage of the extensive Sixth Form co-curricular programme. This may include regular weekly sports sessions like basketball and badminton, outdoor activities such as climbing, archery, and paddle boarding on the River Cam, as well as art exhibitions, and a wide variety of student-led clubs and societies.

Study Time

There is compulsory study time Monday to Thursday from 7-9pm. Boarders study in their own rooms, with academic staff on hand to provide help and guidance if required. This supports students to complete assignments, coursework and revision in a productive and motivating space and to build good study habits for the future.

Cambridge is our Campus

Stephen Perse Cambridge boarding is located in central Cambridge, a vibrant and celebrated student city with rich cultural and scientific heritage.

Our boarders appreciate our central location, situated close to cosmopolitan Mill Road with many restaurants and stores selling international produce.

We are:

5 minutes
walk from a park,
gym and swimming
pool.

15 minutes
from the city centre.

**A short walk
or cycle ride**
to our teaching
buildings.

08 | Living with Us Boarding Life

What Makes Our Boarding Special?

Our homely, comfortable boutique boarding set-up is distinctive. As we cater exclusively for older boarders, there is an emphasis on managed independence with the aim of developing self-reliance and the acquisition of valuable life skills in preparation for university and beyond. Our boarders move relatively freely around Cambridge, enjoying living in this beautiful student-focused city.

Food and Dining

Our boarding house has its own dining room, so boarders can share wholesome, delicious meals with their friends before and after classes. We work hard to ensure our food is balanced and nutritious, so students have the energy they need to make the most of every day. There's plenty of choice, and we cater for all special dietary needs, from vegetarian to Halal.



Flexibility and Freedom

We don't have Saturday school or compulsory weekend activities as we understand that, as older students, they have their own interests and value their free time. There is no requirement to pack up rooms during half-terms or the Christmas and Easter holidays, and we don't have fixed exeat weekends when boarders have to leave. Instead, boarders can request an exeat any weekend.

Social Spaces

We have a well-equipped common room in the boarding house, providing a great space for our boarders to socialise and relax. The boarding house has a TV lots of comfy seating, and facilities for making tea, coffee and snacks. Our boarding house has a lovely private garden, in which our students enjoy both relaxing and studying in the summer.

Accommodation & Facilities

Our boarding is mixed with boys and girls having separate and secure living areas.

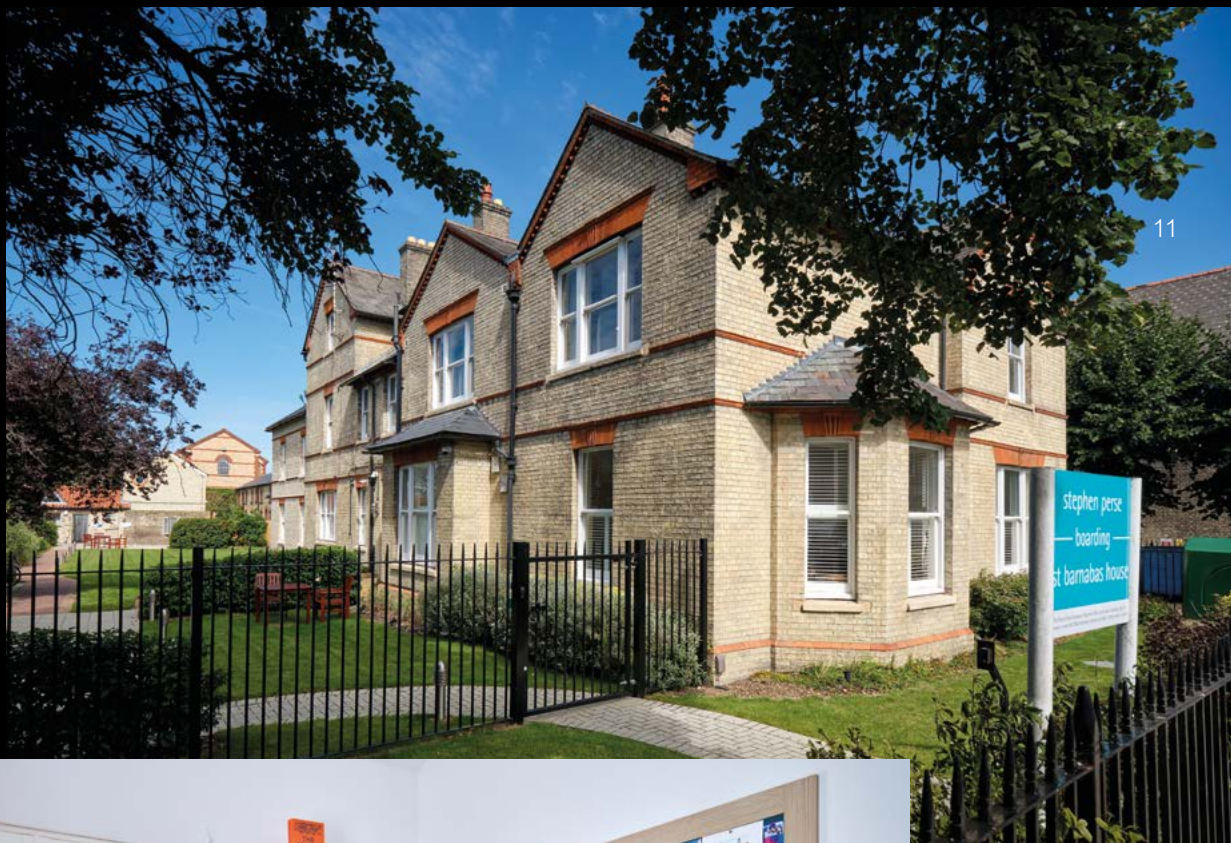
Rooms are single-occupancy, spacious, comfortable and modern, with ensuite facilities, and students have plenty of shared social and study spaces to take advantage of.

With peaceful private gardens, a bright dining room serving delicious and nutritious food freshly prepared onsite, and well-equipped common rooms, Stephen Perse Cambridge students really feel at home with us.

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I truly believe that the boarding facilities and environment at Stephen Perse Cambridge are the best I've ever seen. The rooms are comfortable and everything thoughtfully arranged. It all feels so warm and welcoming - just like a home away from home.”

Michael Y - Year 13 Boarder



Where You Will Study Our Sixth Form

The Stephen Perse Cambridge Sixth Form offers the perfect preparation for university life and beyond.

Our class sizes provide students with a similar experience to the tutorial and seminar sessions you'll encounter at top universities, and we have a dedicated guidance and preparation programme to support students to make the strongest possible applications to Oxford, Cambridge and other highly competitive universities.

It has a very different feel to our other schools, with a focus on students managing their own time and workloads but with support available as needed, and an abundance of recreation and study spaces which create a friendly, sociable and welcoming atmosphere.

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

We offer Exceptional Academic Results and University Placements

We consistently achieve top A Level results. 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.

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.

52.8%

2026 A Levels
graded A*-A

79.9%

2026 A Levels
graded A*-B

72%

of students placed
at their first choice
university in 2026

In 2026 we had the highest number of Oxbridge offers in 9 years' making it the leading leaver's destination



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.

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.

The top seven university destinations for our students in 2026

- 1 University of Oxford
- 2 The University of Edinburgh
- 3 University of Bath
- 4 University of Bristol
- 5 Imperial College London
- 6 UCL (University College London)
- 7 Durham University

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

Independent thinking,
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