

PANGBOURNE

— A community where you can flourish —



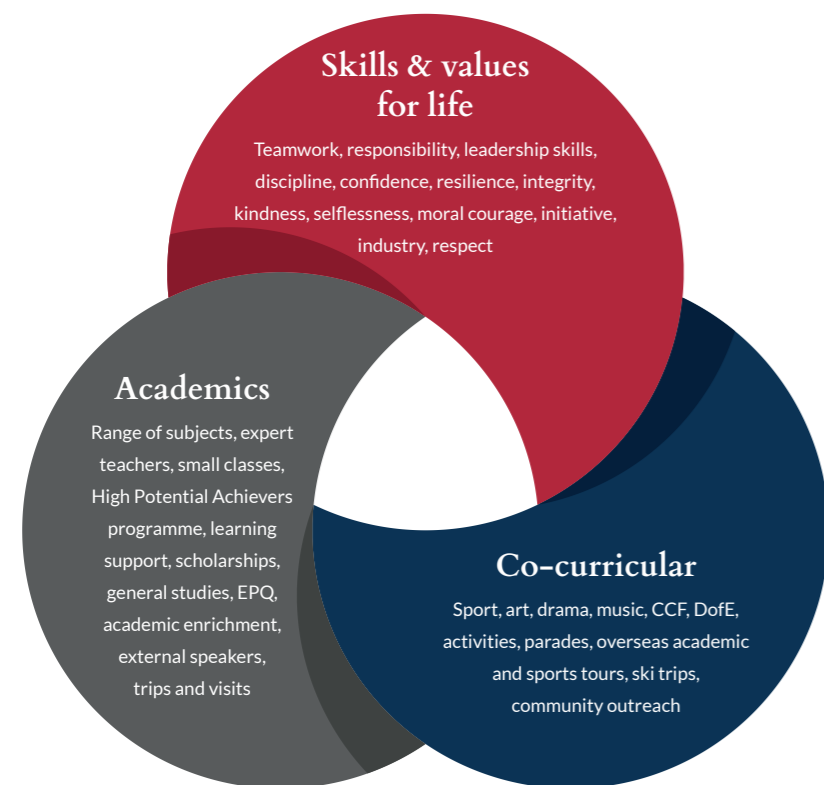
DUNBAR (YEARS 7 & 8)

STEPPING UP TO PANGBOURNE

Starting a new school is a significant event for any child. At Pangbourne, Year 7 pupils benefit from a very special introduction to Senior School, where they will be welcomed into Dunbar Division, a nurturing and supportive co-educational environment, for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, where the key focus is to settle happily into life at Pangbourne, make new friends, and develop the skills and attributes needed to progress into Year 9.

Pupils join us from a range of primary and prep schools and we put great emphasis on ensuring each and every child receives the individual care and support needed to fully integrate into the school.

Our caring and professional Admissions Team ensure the transition to Pangbourne is as smooth as possible, offering a range of events and useful information to guide you through the process, and to provide reassurance and support.



‘One of the best experiences of my life. I absolutely loved every single second I was in Dunbar.’

Maximus, Pupil



'Dunbar's happy, nurturing environment and the dedicated staff have made the whole transition to secondary school enjoyable and seamless. I have seen my daughter's confidence grow.'

Nicola James, Parent



DUNBAR DIVISION

A bright, homely and welcoming building, Dunbar is located separately from the older pupils' Divisions, and has its own extensive grounds of green meadow and woodland called the 'Piggeries'. The shared social area has been designed to enable the pupils to relax and study, but also have fun, with a range of activities available both inside and outside the Division.

Watches

Dunbar is split into four 'Watches' (Port, Starboard, Forward and Aft) who compete in challenges against one another. They each have their own Watch Captain (a prefect in Year 8) providing early leadership opportunities. To further friendly competition and maintain high standards, there are weekly uniform and dormitory inspections to help prepare pupils for this process when moving up to the Senior Divisions.

Boarding

Our boarding structure is a key part of our pastoral provision. At Dunbar, boarders and day pupils are fully integrated in the Division. This integration creates a strong sense of community and belonging, enabling strong friendships to form and grow. Dunbar offers different boarding options, including occasional nights, to enable pupils to experience their first taste of boarding.



CURRICULUM

During their time in Dunbar, pupils receive a grounding in all the key academic subjects, giving them a broad range of learning that embraces individual interests and strengths. Pupils benefit from the expertise of subject specialists, with experience of teaching the curriculum across all year groups.

Dunbar pupils have access to the same learning facilities as the older pupils, this arrangement helps with the smooth transition from junior into senior education. Our friendly, experienced staff are dedicated to making sure this considerable change is as easy as possible for your child.

Where pupils demonstrate high academic abilities, they are invited to work towards the Dunbar Project Qualification (DPQ). The qualification includes a project on a subject of the pupil's choice along with Theory of Knowledge lessons. The DPQ offers prospective Academic Scholars in Year 7 a pathway to our HPA programme.

NACE

In Summer 2023, Pangbourne College was accredited with the NACE Challenge Award. Pangbourne is one of only two independent Senior Schools, with a Sixth Form, in England to have this award. The award has been given in recognition of our commitment to high-quality provision for more able learners, within the context of challenge for all. It demonstrates that at the heart of the College's offering pupils are challenged and given the opportunity to excel in whatever field they are working.



'Anna has flourished academically at Dunbar which we put down to an increase in confidence, possibly from the small class sizes.'

Fiona Acworth, Parent

'Pangbourne allows the children to be 'cool' for being clever, sporty, kind, arty, or just themselves. It's inclusive, great fun, and has made my son very happy.'

Donna Croucher, Parent



SPORT AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Outside the classroom, co-curricular activities play a very important role in life at Pangbourne. They enhance our fantastic community, create the spirit of 'Team Pangbourne', demonstrate our Flag Values, and help pupils to develop positive characteristics and life skills.

Our extensive Activities Programme offers our pupils lots of opportunities to pursue their interests and to develop new ones. There is a very broad range of options to choose from including the creative arts, sciences, bushcraft, mindfulness and self-care, orienteering, and design technology.

Dunbar pupils will participate in Physical Education (PE) once a week and in Games almost every day. Pangbourne offers many sporting opportunities to pupils as they progress through the school, especially team sports. These options range from athletics to swimming, riding to clay pigeon shooting.

Whilst in Dunbar, pupils will have the opportunity to get involved in other areas of school life, including music and drama productions, as well as sporting and academic competitions. Parents are also able to meet and get to know one another through regular social events including the start of term barbeque, family quiz, and Dunbar Dinner.



SUPPORT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

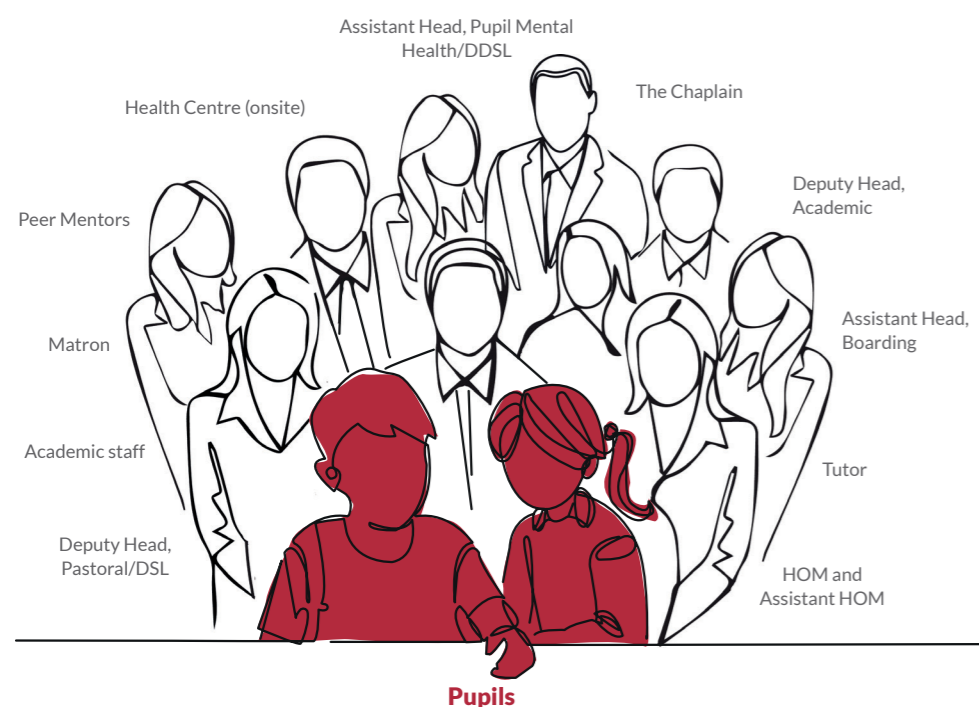
In today's world, the pressures on young people are greater than ever. We put a huge amount of effort into building confidence, resilience and determination in each pupil so that every one is equipped to deal with life's inevitable ups and downs.

Positive mental health and wellbeing is an important aspect of College life and we promote it by encouraging our pupils to participate in the many opportunities here, celebrating their successes, and providing support and encouragement when it is needed. Our Flag Values underpin everything we do, from class rewards to staff recruitment. They help to create a secure and respectful environment in which all of our pupils and staff are encouraged to be successful in their endeavours and supported through their challenges.

As a boarding and day school, we have a house structure which provides a firm base for pastoral care which benefits day and boarding pupils alike. Every pupil belongs to a boarding house (Division), staffed with Housemistresses/masters (HOMs), Assistant HOMs, Matrons, Tutors and Housekeepers. They are the first port of call for every pupil, which enables us to provide outstanding pastoral care throughout their time at Pangbourne.

Dunbar is under the care of its own HOM and Assistant HOM, who are supported by Dunbar's Matron, ensuring the Division is a happy, healthy and inspiring environment for all of its pupils.

Outstanding support structure



'From day one, I was encouraged to try new things and step out of my comfort zone. All the teachers were very welcoming and I quickly settled into Pangbourne life.'

Annie, Pupil





For further information,
including details of the admissions process,
bursaries, scholarships and visit options, please visit: www.pangbourne.com

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