# Taunton School – Somerset, UK

Taunton School is a co-educational day and boarding school with pre-prep, preparatory and senior schools sharing the same campus and catering for pupils from 2 to 18 years. Taunton is a bustling county town dating back to Saxon times, nestling on the banks of the river Tone in the county of Somerset, South West England. Academic results are excellent and the school regularly sends significant numbers of students to Oxbridge, with 95% of sixth formers going on to HE. The academic offering has been enhanced by the International Baccalaureate, which alongside A levels, acts as an effective pathway to University and the world beyond.



# Key Facts

### LOCATION

- Taunton, Somerset, UK
- Population: 56,000
- Nearest Airport: : Exeter / London Heathrow

# SCHOOL TYPE

- Private, co-educational
- Day & Boarding

### **SIZE**

• 770 students

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Homestay & Boarding

## **UNIFORM**

- Up to 16: Compulsory
- 16+: Smart business dress

### AGE RANGE

• 2.-18

#### **EFL LESSONS**

Available at extra cost

# **Facilities**

### ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Arts and theatre centre
- Library
- Recently modernised science department
- Modern languages centre
- Plentiful music rooms and facilities

### **SPORT FACILITIES**

- All-weather pitches
- Fitness suite
- 2 sports halls
- Extensive playing fields on a 50 acre site
- 2 indoor swimming pools

#### **SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

- 5 boarding houses with residential Housemasters
- Wide-ranging, excellent facilities
- First-rate pastoral care

### A Word from the Headmaster:

"I am ambitious for your children. I and my staff seek to prepare young people to shape a changing world in the 21st century. That is our challenge and not simply spin. I intend to give my parents and pupils full value for the investment they are making, because there is no greater commodity than human potential. As a leading independent school for boys and girls aged two to 18 years, located in Somerset, in the South West of England, we offer boarders and day pupils an opportunity to live a full and forward-looking school life."



# Boarding at Taunton School:

Each pupil (boarding or day) is attached to a House, which is not only the centre for administration and recreation, but is also, and most importantly, a pastoral base. Pupils develop great loyalty to their Houses, whilst understanding that they are part of the whole school community.

The Housemaster or Housemistress (boarding Houseparents are resident in the House) is primarily responsible for pupils' daily well-being and progress, and is the first point of contact for parents - at any time.

# Outside the Classroom:

Sport, and the benefits of exercise, is well known and that plays an important part of life at Taunton School. There are also opportunities available through the Arts - Music, Drama, Public Speaking - and the challenges offered by Outdoor Activities - CCF, Ten Tors, Duke of Edinburgh Award. There are numerous clubs and societies, ever changing as a reflection of the enthusiasm and interest brought to the School by new staff.

