

# Westbourne School - Cardiff, UK

Westbourne is a small school with about 200 students and a community-based family atmosphere. The school was founded in 1896 and combines strong traditions with a modern approach to teaching and learning.

The very low pupil-to-teacher ratio of only 15:1 up to GCSE and 5:1 on the IB programme ensures that teachers and students form very close bonds and that students receive enormous one-to-one support in their academic pursuits, extra-curricular activities and pastorally. There is a diverse, well integrated international student population with no one nationality's numbers dominating.

Westbourne is located in the most affluent and beautiful area of Cardiff, in a delightful seaside suburb with a spectacular marina. The area is very green and leafy and very, very safe. Westbourne students go through school enjoying a happy and stimulating place; one in which they feel valued and develop confidence. They leave Westbourne not only having fulfilled their personal best in terms of examination results, but also equipped to progress to the next stage of their lives.



## Key Facts

### LOCATION

- Cardiff, Wales, UK
- Population: 325,000
- Nearest Airport: Cardiff / Heathrow

### SCHOOL TYPE

- Private, Mixed

### SIZE

- 200 students

### ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay and Boarding

### UNIFORM

- 3-16: Compulsory
- Sixth Form: None

### AGE RANGE

- 3-19

### EFL LESSONS

- Included in programme



## Facilities

### ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Excellent academic standard in the IB programme
- Good student to teacher ratio in class
- School-wide student Wi-Fi
- Subject specific class rooms
- Regular field trips
- After school homework club
- Excellent record of University leavers

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Language clubs
- Photography club
- School Council
- Healthy Schools Committee
- Debating club, and many more...

## Two Year IB Diploma Programme

The IB Diploma Programme is universally recognised as the 'gold standard' in international education for 16-19 year olds and is widely acknowledged as the best possible preparation for leading universities in the UK and around the world. Students who study the IB are more than twice as likely to gain entry to a top 20 university, and Westbourne in particular was ranked top 5 for independent schools in the UK in 2007 at GCSE level.

During the two-year course your son or daughter will study six academic subjects: their mother tongue, mathematics, a humanities subject, a science, a second language and one further elective such as a second science or humanities subject, or art. This broad range of study ensures that students become 'all-rounders' and develop the breadth of perspective, critical thinking skills and insight necessary to succeed in an increasingly global society. And by studying three of these subjects at 'higher' level they also develop the skills, depth and focus to become leaders in their chosen field.



## Accommodation Options

We offer two types of accommodation for students studying away from home: a traditional boarding house experience or our 'homestay'/family context. Our boarding house is the ideal context for students to experience accommodation which offers personal attention, a safe and secure environment and increasing personal responsibility. However we acknowledge that some students prefer the smaller, family environment that our 'home-stay'/ host family programme offers. Host families live close to school, making journeys to and from school extremely convenient. All our host families are carefully vetted and monitored to ensure that they provide suitable care and accommodation for our students.. Staying with a family gives students additional insights into local culture, British family life, and provides further opportunities to gain confidence in using English.

## Extra-Curricular Programme

In line with our principle of developing all-round characters, our students participate in a range of sports where enjoyment and variety are the key factors. Ranging from the individual sports (such as tennis, badminton, squash, track and field, or table tennis) or traditional team sports (such as rugby, football, cricket, rounders, basketball and netball) to outdoor pursuits (such as orienteering, cross country and canoeing, surfing, rowing and yachting), there are sports for all tastes. Well-qualified and enthusiastic teachers ensure that activities are fun, safe and enjoyable as well as being educational.

