

# Shaftesbury School - Dorset, UK

Shaftesbury School is sited high above the Blackmore Vale on the edge of the ancient and picturesque Saxon town of Shaftesbury. It is a thriving School combining several distinctive buildings of architectural quality and open grounds affording magnificent views to the hills of North Dorset. The school is an internationally outward-looking community promoting harmony, participation, friendly competition and opportunities for recognition and celebration.

Our Mission is our commitment to our community to provide the highest quality of education through the promotion of individual and collective worth and the principles of care, involvement and achievement within a framework of mutual respect, rigour and responsibility.



## Key Facts

### LOCATION

- Shaftesbury, Dorset, UK
- Population: 7,000
- Nearest Airport: London Heathrow / Bristol

### SCHOOL TYPE

- State Day & Boarding

### SIZE

- 1050 students

### ACCOMMODATION

- Homestay & Boarding

### UNIFORM

- Compulsory

### AGE RANGE

- 11-18

### EFL LESSONS

- Some lessons included



## Facilities

### ACADEMIC FACILITIES

- Dance studio
- Commercial catering facility
- Envious Art facilities
- Well equipped ICT department
- Science laboratories

### SPORT & LEISURE FACILITIES

- Abundance of playing fields and outdoor space
- Flood-lit, all-weather pitch
- Superbly equipped fitness suite
- Climbing wall
- Gymnasium

### BOARDING FACILITIES

- Barton Hill house, which has capacity for over 100 boarders
- On-site staff and personal mentor

## Life at Shaftesbury School:

We promote the highest expectations of our students, and encourage each individual to be the best they can be. At the heart of our school are the values of our Christian Foundation, the ideals of the Olympic movement and the spirit of internationalism. We encourage all students to take an active role in school life. On entry to the school students are assigned to one of four houses, each named after a famous Olympian – Thompson, Redgrave, Owens and Sanderson. Tutor groups comprise students from years 7 – 11, and older students act as mentors for younger students, encouraging and guiding them.



## Boarding:

Following a £3 million refurbishment over the last few years, the Barton Hill House of today provides a modern comfortable home for over 100 students. The latest addition to the complex is a block of 24 en suite, single study bedrooms for sixth formers. This, coupled with the extensive refurbishment of all of the dining facilities and bedrooms in the main house, led Ofsted to declare the boarding facilities to be “Outstanding” in their report in 2011. The new facilities were officially opened in July 2012 by HRH Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

## Sixth Form:

We believe that our Sixth Form is the ideal size; large enough to offer a wide range of courses, small enough that you feel part of a community where you are known and supported. Every student is part of a small form with a specialised Sixth Form tutor. As well as registrations every student has a regular one to one tutorial. This support helps students successfully make the step from GCSE to Sixth Form studies.

