

# MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY PROSPECTUS



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# WELCOME

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for showing an interest in Magdalen College School for your child's secondary education.

At Magdalen we aim to provide an excellent quality of education for all our students and this is exemplified through our recent successes in the GCSE examination results of the last few years which have been consistently well above the national average.

Our students performed amongst the best of all schools in the county and in the area.

Examination success is only a part of what we value at Magdalen: we believe in providing an all-round education and our enrichment activities, extra-curricular trips and foreign visits give opportunities for students to develop personally and to prepare them for their future lives.

We offer an excellent level of pastoral support and our house system offers students opportunities for leadership as well as the chance to interact with students in a range of different year groups and contexts.

Our exciting Magdalen diploma will be awarded to pupils who show progress in their own development and recognises the skills they have demonstrated to prepare them for employment.

We hope that this prospectus will give you the information needed to make the right choices for your child's next step.

Yours sincerely



**I H Colling (Mr)**  
**Headteacher**



## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The Governing Body of Magdalen College School are proud of our long history of serving the local community and believe that young people learn best in a spirit of partnership between home, school and the wider community.

The Governors and staff aim for all students to be given every opportunity to realise their aspirations by developing their academic and personal potential in an enriching, stimulating and supportive environment.

We are proud of our school, our students and our community. I look forward to welcoming you to Magdalen College School.

**Dr Jane Powell**  
**Chair of Governors**



# OUR VISION

## AIMS

To provide an inspiring educational experience for young people to make a positive difference to the life of each individual:

- enabling each pupil to achieve their full potential as learners
- developing pupils' ability to make a positive contribution to the community

## OBJECTIVES

We aim to inspire pupils to develop:

- a curiosity for the world around them and to value their learning as well as the resulting outcomes
- passion and pride in what they do
- the resilience to achieve success
- the ability to be economically successful







## ETHOS

We value motivation, commitment, success.

We share the **ambition** to do the very best that we can and to value excellence in all that we do. We value **commitment** – hard work and engagement in learning, full participation in the life of the school that leads to success.

All members of the school community are encouraged to support the education of everyone and the teamwork that enables this to be successful. Relationships are built on mutual respect, leading to an inclusive, harmonious community.



# AN INSPIRING CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is recognised as being an outstanding element of our provision. At Magdalen students in all years follow a broad and balanced curriculum which gives them the best preparation for progressing to higher education institutions or the world of work. It is reviewed each year to ensure that it reflects best practice and decisions are made which reflect the needs of our students in a constantly changing environment.

Our students are able to start to make subject choices early in their education to enable them to focus on their strengths and develop their talents and interests.

## YEARS 7 & 8

The curriculum comprises English, Drama, Maths, Art, Technology, Music, Physical Education, Computer Science, History, French, German, Religious Education, Geography and PCSHE (Personal, Citizenship, Social, and Health Education including Careers).







## YEARS 9, 10 & 11

In addition to the core subjects (English, Maths, Double Science, Religious Education, Physical Education), students have a broad base of option subjects to choose from. These may include some of the subjects below:

- Fine Art
- Physical Education
- Business Studies
- Sociology
- Drama
- Geography
- Music
- French
- German
- History
- Photography
- Art: Textiles
- German
- Product Design:  
Major in Resistant Materials
- Product Design:  
Major in Graphics
- Computer Science
- Food Nutrition and Preparation
- Functional Skills
- Triple science (Biology,  
Chemistry & Physics)



# CARING FOR OUR STUDENTS

It is very important that in a large school each student feels part of smaller groups within the school. Here the key person is the Form Tutor who has daily contact with students and who:

- gets to know individuals well
- helps deal with any problems
- maintains close links with home
- monitors overall progress, both academic and social

The work of the Form Tutors is co-ordinated by a Leader of Learning, one for each year group. Each year group is supported by a Pastoral Support Assistant who can offer advice and help to students on general and more specific issues.

## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

These are a part of every day life in our school. Most of our students participate in at least one of the many clubs that meet regularly. These cover a wide range of sport, music and creative activities. Students also have access to a wide variety of curriculum based trips and visits including trips abroad, field studies, recreational trips and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, to enhance their studies and broaden their experiences. Students benefit greatly from the enrichment activities on offer as these help to build confidence, team-working skills, knowledge and agility and they are good fun too.

## ADMISSIONS

Our first priority is to serve children from our local community and surrounding area; however we do welcome all enquiries. We run a number of open evenings and open mornings and we would be delighted to welcome you. Please contact the school for an application form and further information. Information is also available on our website.







## SIXTH FORM

Magdalen College Sixth Form offers a wide range of A-Level courses. Full details of courses available are in our School Sixth Form prospectus.

Our Sixth Form students fulfil a vital role within the school community offering leadership skills, support for younger students and aspiration for achievement. Their many talents and achievements inspire us all.

**For Sixth Form enquiries please use e-mail [sixthformenquiries@magdalen.northants.sch.uk](mailto:sixthformenquiries@magdalen.northants.sch.uk) or [www.magdalen.northants.sch.uk](http://www.magdalen.northants.sch.uk)**



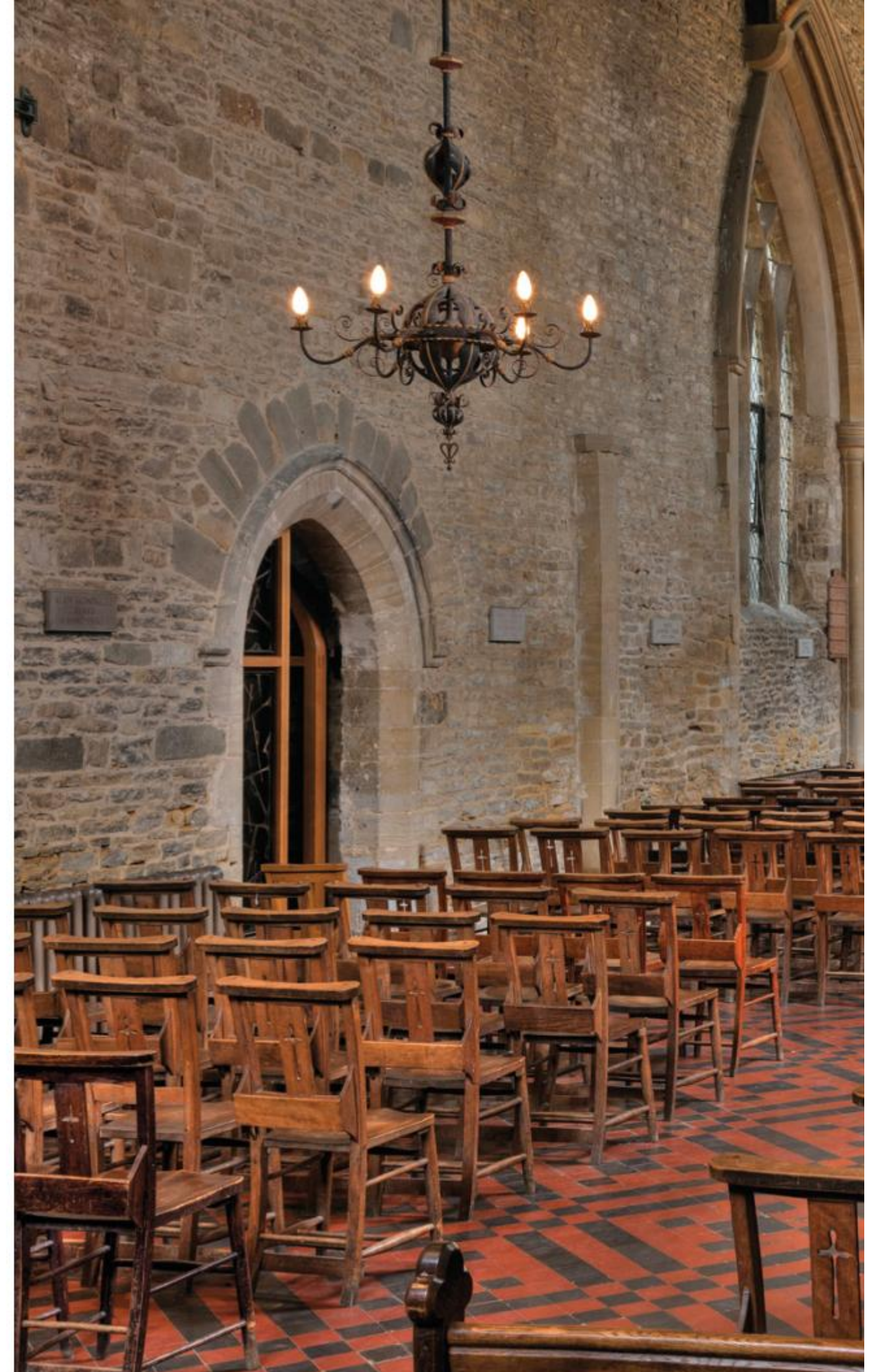
# OUR HERITAGE

The site now occupied by the school was originally the Hospital of St. James and St. John, founded around 1150 by Robert le Bossu, Earl of Leicester. In 1484 it was given to Magdalen College, Oxford, by 1548 there was a school at the site. The school's initial purpose was to enable pupils of the college in Oxford to escape the plague affecting Oxford at the time. In September 1973 Magdalen College School merged with the Girls Grammar School (Brackley High) and Brackley Secondary Modern School to form a new comprehensive school on two sites, while the girls' school was converted into the new Southfield Primary school.

Many of the school buildings are listed, including the school chapel the earliest datable parts of which are late 12th century. The chapel underwent a major restoration 1869–1870 by Buckeridge. It is constructed of stone rubble and is the oldest school chapel still in use in England. It remains in regular use by the school, Church of England and local community.

In January 2013 the school became an Academy to enable provision to be developed further to enhance the experience for students. Our link with Magdalen College Oxford continues today with 4 foundation governors from the college supporting our work alongside parent, staff and community governors to provide us with a broad governing body committed to supporting our work to provide an excellent education for our students now and into the future.

**Further information on our history can be found on our website.**









# CONTACT DETAILS



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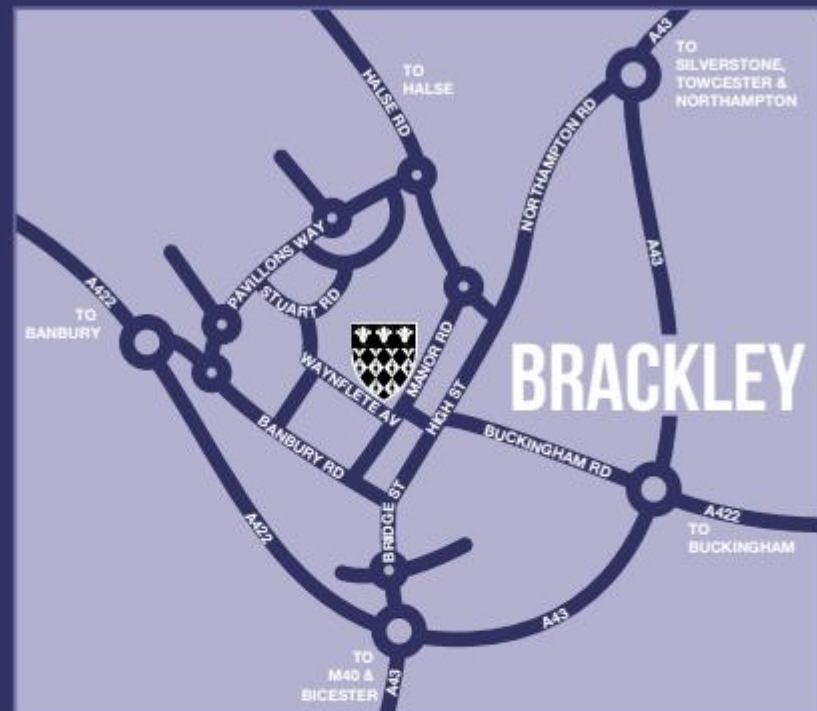
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