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Our  
*learners*

**PROSPECTUS**

Your future starts with a *great* foundation

# WHAT IS EDUCATION FOR, IF NOT TO HELP US FULFIL OUR DREAMS?

Across our six schools, we truly understand what makes each child tick. By thinking of pupils as individuals, with unique hopes, talents and ambitions – we unlock their true potential.

We enjoy learning for its own sake. Our teachers ignite curiosity, encourage critical thinking and creativity. By learning to think for themselves our pupils go on to achieve exceptional results.

But for us, education is not just about grades. It is about strength of character, a sense of social responsibility, learning to innovate, communicate and collaborate. Sport and the arts are key to this and are integral to our learning.

Education needs to prepare youngsters for life beyond tests, exams and certificates. Our pupils gain an exceptional skill-set – one that prepares them for life in an ever-changing global and digital world. They leave us ready to achieve their dreams.

**Tricia Kelleher**  
Principal

*“The quality of pupils’ personal development is excellent. The emphasis placed on the individual ensures that all feel valued as members of this caring community.”*

In our latest Independent Schools Inspectorate Report, we achieved the rare ‘Exceptional’ rating.

*“I can’t imagine a series of schools that could prepare me better for life. The challenges, opportunities and support I’ve had over the years have facilitated an education that was more than fulfilling; it’s been inspirational.”*

Freya Sanders, now studying at the University of Cambridge

# AN EDUCATION ABOUT CHARACTER

Developing character is at the heart of everything we do. By encouraging the individual strengths of every child we instil confidence and resilience, as well as a strong sense of personal and social responsibility.



## EXCELLENCE COUNTS

Examinations are important but, unlike other schools, alongside our excellent results we offer a true breadth of learning.

Whether it is philosophy for children in Junior School, our unique Guidance Programme from Year 10 onwards, or our 6th Form Theory of Knowledge course – we never lose sight of learning in its broadest sense.

Excellence in results, combined with achievements in sport, music and drama ensure our pupils are well-rounded and leave us genuinely prepared for further study and life beyond.

# 91%

A\* OR A GRADES AT GCSE

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

Across our six curriculum areas, we help pupils to bring ideas together creatively, to solve problems and find their own perspective.

In short, they learn how to think for themselves. Inspirational teaching plus attention to individual needs enables learners to discover how they learn most effectively. All pupils learn in small communities, supported by the best pastoral support, teaching and guidance.

*“The best thing is the amazing support network of teachers – not only are the class sizes perfect for interesting and topical debates but the lessons are dynamic.”*

Khadijah – 6th Form pupil



# LEARNING WHEEL

Our Learning Wheel informs everything we do. It puts pupils at the centre of our learning world. All subjects link and lead to the outer key goals.

These goals are broader skills that offer an exceptional foundation for life way beyond school. The wheel represents a world of connectivity and underpins our philosophy of education.



*“What’s unmeasured in the league tables is the quiet confidence instilled in the pupils here ... and how the school balances academic expectation with a happy, nurturing environment.”*

M & J Evans, parents

**DRAMA**  
Regular shows, productions and big stage musicals offer plenty of scope for pupils to tread the boards, or try out their stage management and technical skills.

**MUSIC**  
Music is everywhere. Many students play an instrument and across our schools there are plenty of performances for everyone to enjoy. Our choirs, orchestras, brass ensembles etc. often take centre stage – stealing the show every time.

**Beyond the classroom**  
Trips away from home, opportunities in drama, sport, music and the arts are integral to our educational experience.

**SPORT**  
Excellent facilities including an all-weather sports ground in Cambridge and a sports hall in Saffron Walden support a diverse range of activities. Our teams have celebrated wins at district, county and regional level in hockey, netball, cricket and tennis.

**ARTS**  
Our Visual Arts Centre and bespoke art room at Dame Bradbury's are hubs of creativity where budding artists can try out textiles, print-making, life drawing, glass-making, digital art, felting, sculpting and claywork ... anything they can think of!



**OVERSEAS TRIPS**

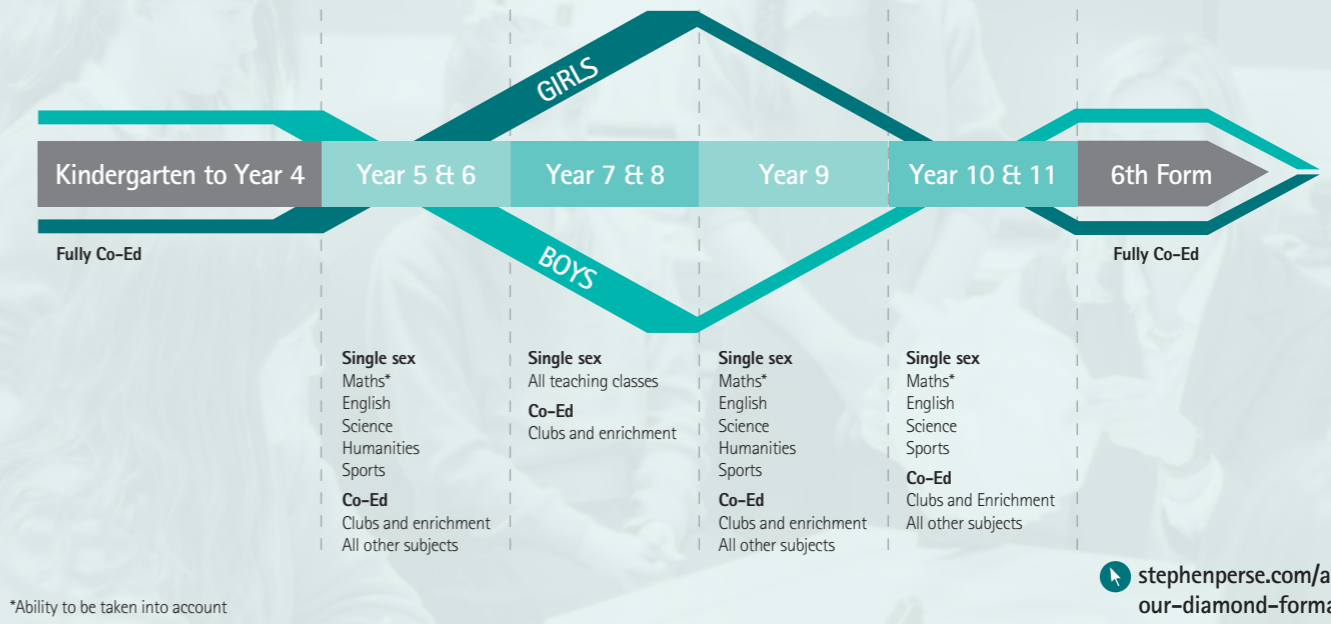
Through study visits, exchange tours and volunteering our students have experienced Costa Rica, Cuba, the Himalayas, Kiev, Munich, New York, Zanzibar and more!



**DIAMOND MODEL**

Our six schools provide a complete educational pathway for boys and girls.

We use a diamond model of learning, to offer a 21st century version of single sex education. In core subjects, boys and girls are taught separately between the ages of 9 to 16, whilst still socialising and learning together in other subjects.



**A FUTURE-FOCUSSED EDUCATION**

Innovation is important to us. We don't stand still. Thinking about the lives young people will lead shapes our education.

**Digital pioneers**

As one of only four Apple Distinguished Schools in the UK, we are leading the digital learning revolution. Our pupils use iPads as 'virtual satchels' and enjoy seamless

access to resources, unlocking new ways to learn, connect, collaborate and innovate. We also teach coding, so that our pupils can be the creators and innovators of tomorrow.

As part of our commitment to social responsibility, we share our digital expertise worldwide. Over 50,000 learners have now accessed our free learning resources via iTunes U.

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**50,000+**  
*downloads*

**DIGITAL RESOURCES SHARED WORLDWIDE**

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## STEPHEN PERSE PRE-PREP

Cambridge or Madingley



Life is an adventure and we help our boys and girls to embrace it with confidence, independence and joy.

By gently sowing the seeds of critical thinking and encouraging creative and reflective learning, we establish life-long learning habits.

In either central Cambridge or picturesque Madingley, we deliver parallel classes full of creativity, learning and fun. Active thinking begins with our 'thinking toolbox' and big concepts are learnt in easy ways. In order to help our younger children understand the learning characteristics we use familiar characters such as the resilient Nemo. The children quickly move from 'I am being like Nemo' to 'I am being resilient'.

Our children enjoy using technology to expand their learning, as well as learning outside the classroom through our Forest School and a multitude of hands-on experiences beyond the classroom – becoming independent and curious learners along the way!

- Co-educational
- Admission by selection
- Entry from the day you turn three
- Choice of location
- Feeder school for our Junior School

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# 3 to 7 YEARS

*“Our small classes enable us to support, stretch and know every child as they start their learning journey with us.”*



## DAME BRADBURY'S PRE-PREP & PREP SCHOOL



Saffron Walden

Every child that joins us takes an individual journey at Dame B's, through which they flourish and succeed.

Based in the beautiful town of Saffron Walden, we pride ourselves on getting to know every child and their family. We are not afraid to do things differently. In class, building the use of digital media into lessons provides invaluable insight into the learning process. In our Forest School, pupils learn about risk and teamwork as they toast marshmallows and play ukulele by the campfire.

Creativity and fun is everywhere – from our inspiring art facilities to our choice of clubs ranging from ballet to photography, rugby to rock band – there is something to capture the imagination of every child. Our pupils are willing to experiment, to take on challenges and leave us full of enthusiasm, ready for their next steps.

- Co-educational and non-selective
- Entry from the day you turn three
- Pre-prep – 3 to 7 years
- Prep – 7 to 11 years
- Feeder school for our Senior School

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 [damebradburys.com](http://damebradburys.com)



*“In our Forest School, pupils learn about risk and teamwork as they toast marshmallows and play ukulele by the campfire.”*

# 3 to 11 YEARS



## STEPHEN PERSE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Cambridge

We encourage children to be active learners – to ask questions, to make mistakes and to explore their interests and talents.

By combining academic rigour with creative, flexible teaching we see our pupils grow as independent learners.

We pride ourselves on an approach which is motivational, innovative, inspiring and highly creative. Following the opening of a unique and visionary library and brilliantly designed learning spaces, our Junior School offers an exciting, skills-based, thematic curriculum which hinges on enabling pupils to become active thinkers and learners.

We offer a breadth of experience, in art, sport, drama and music, as well as in Philosophy for Children. Our pupils enjoy endless ways to discover their own strengths and gain lifelong skills, as well as the confidence to take their next steps in education when they leave.

- Co-educational
- Admission by selection
- Feeder school for our Senior School

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*“We pride ourselves on an approach which is motivational, innovative, inspiring and highly creative.”*

# 7 to 11 YEARS



## STEPHEN PERSE SENIOR SCHOOL

Cambridge

Our school buzzes with activity from dawn 'til dusk – as pupils pursue their ambitions in the classroom and beyond.

In our close community each individual pupil shines – supported and encouraged by committed, brilliant teachers.

Our educational experience has both breadth and depth. Pupils excel academically, but that's not the whole picture. From sporting victories and dazzling stage performances, to the creative arts – there is plenty of time dedicated to igniting new interests and exploring talents.

New, dynamic facilities including a rooftop sports pitch and provision for Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics enable our learners to benefit from the latest learning environments, whilst also receiving a high level of academic support and pastoral care.

- Boys joining in Year 7 from 2017
- Admission by selection
- Diamond model – 21st century single-sex education
- Preparation for our 6th Form College

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*“The teachers make a real difference; they really care about us and always find time...”*

# 11 to 16 YEARS



## STEPHEN PERSE 6th FORM COLLEGE Cambridge

We deliver outstanding results because we value individuality.

By taking time to know and understand each student, we offer exactly the right balance of support, inspiration and challenge.

In our modern, purpose-built campus we offer a choice of A Levels or the International Baccalaureate – the only Independent, 6th form College in Cambridge to do so. All students enjoy an excellent level of academic and pastoral care, plus access to a bespoke Guidance Programme – full of support for careers and further education.

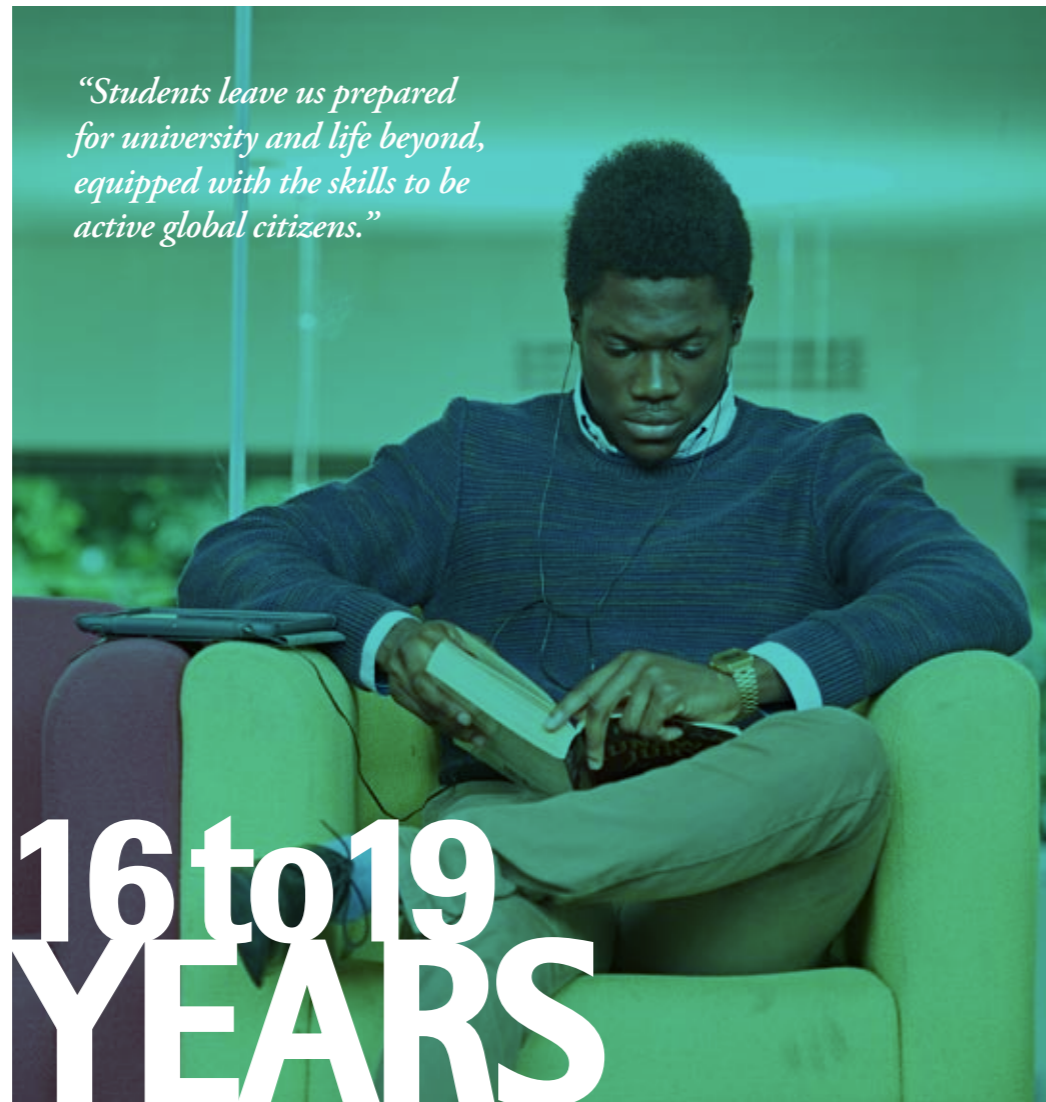
Around 1 in 4 leavers go on to study at Oxbridge, but we encourage all students to pursue the best path for their own unique goals. Young people leave us prepared for university and life beyond, equipped with the skills to be active global citizens – ready to make their mark in the world.

- Co-educational
- Admission by selection

Law at Cambridge, Medicine at Imperial, Aeronautics and Astronautics at Southampton, Economics and Management at Oxford ... see all our leaver destinations at: [sixthform.stephenperse.com/university-destinations](https://sixthform.stephenperse.com/university-destinations)

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## COME AND SEE US

Despite our fantastic results, you don't have to be a genius to join us.

We are looking for bright, curious young people who love to learn. Inspiring teaching, a huge variety of activities, great facilities and a warm, supportive community do the rest.

### Open events

To see us in action, come to one of our open events or get in touch with our admissions team to arrange a private visit.

 For current open events visit: [stephenperse.com/admissions](https://stephenperse.com/admissions)

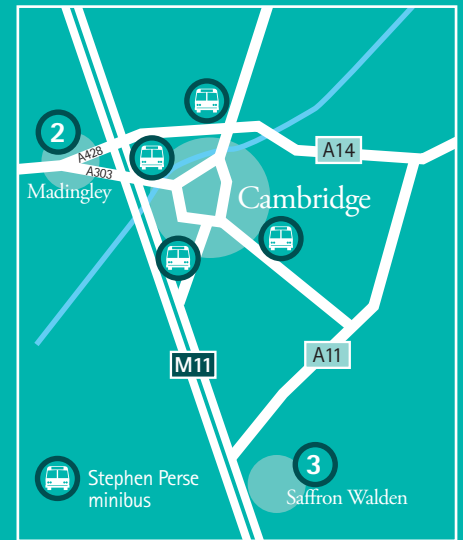
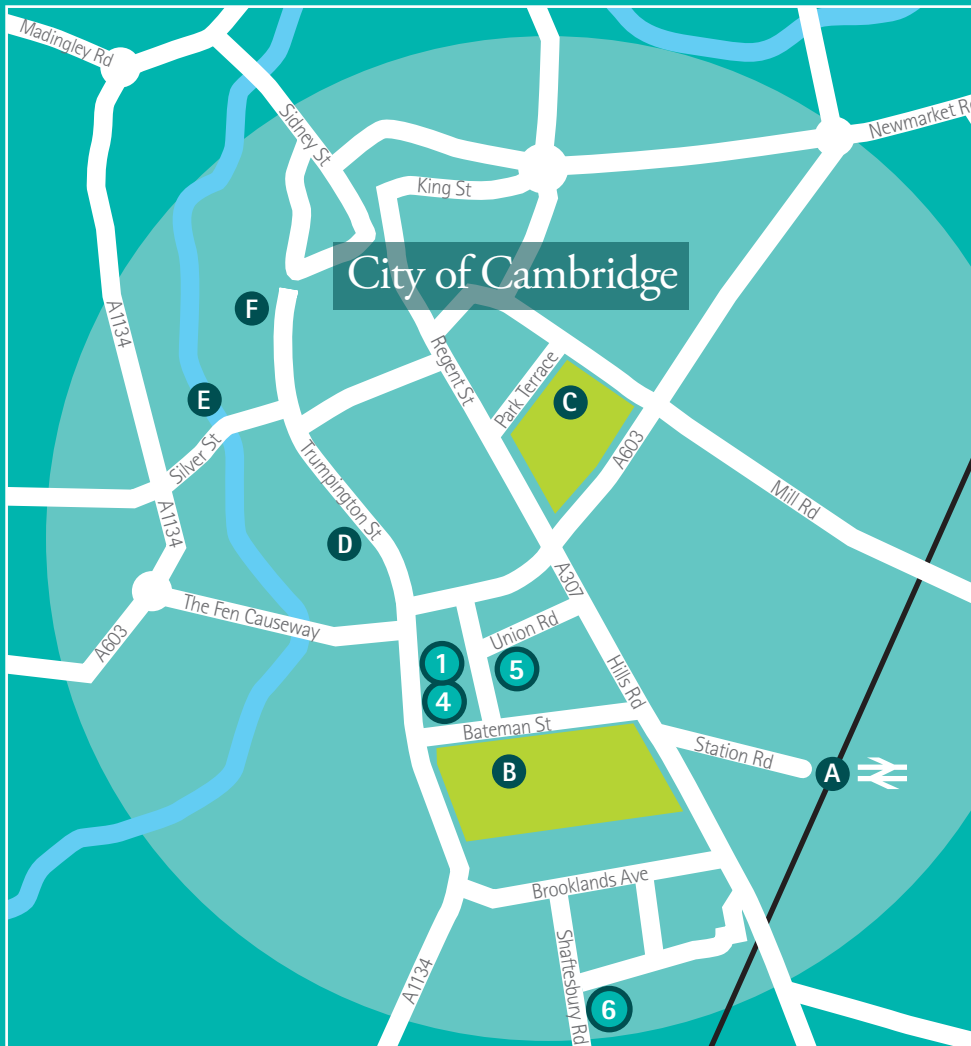
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*We look forward  
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- 3 Dame Bradbury's Pre-Prep & Prep School
- 4 Stephen Perse Junior School
- 5 Stephen Perse Senior School
- 6 Stephen Perse 6th Form College
- A Train Station
- B Cambridge University Botanic Garden
- C Parker's Piece
- D The Fitzwilliam Museum
- E Mathematical Bridge
- F King's College

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