

# Epsom College

Epsom, United Kingdom



*Born as a Victorian charity for doctors' orphans, its Surrey campus by the Downs still holds unbroken royal patronage.*

## RANKING DIMENSIONS

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| Overall              | 62/100 |
| Academic outcomes    | 62/100 |
| University placement | 60/100 |
| Prestige & heritage  | 66/100 |
| Alumni network       | 65/100 |
| Facilities           | 66/100 |
| Transparency         | 51/100 |

## EDITOR'S VERDICT

Epsom College trades on a rare mix: a Victorian medical-charity origin, a Surrey campus on Epsom Downs, and uninterrupted royal patronage. That gives it more historical weight than many schools in this bracket, but the present-day proposition is clearer than the heritage story: this is a British senior school for ages 13 to 18 that runs as both day and boarding, with the tempo and structure of a boarding school shaping life for everyone. The average class size is **\*\*15\*\***, which matters more than the rhetoric about “all-round education”; in practical terms, it points to teaching that can stay personal without becoming hothouse. Fees place it firmly in the upper tier of the market: an average of **\*\*£36,000\*\*** a year for day pupils and **\*\*£52,000\*\*** for boarders across the full ladder it covers.

What is special here is the combination of breadth and routine. Epsom makes a serious point of longer days and Saturday lessons, and that tells parents a lot about the school before any glossy language does. This is not a loose, laissez-faire sixth-form college bolted onto a senior school; it is a *\*high-structure\**, *\*full-programme\** environment where sport, arts and house life are meant to carry equal weight with A-level study. The school states that just under 20% of pupils come from overseas, with more than 30 nationalities on campus, so it has an international dimension without reading as a transient global brand school. The offer of full, weekly and flexible boarding also widens the appeal for families who want boarding discipline without committing to the old all-or-nothing model.

It belongs on a shortlist for parents who want a *\*properly rounded\** British education with real scale in co-curricular life, not just a classroom-to-exam conveyor belt. It will suit students who thrive on busy days, organised expectations and a community that asks them to do more than collect grades. Sport-minded children will notice the school's heavy emphasis on coaching, teams and facilities across its 72-acre estate; creative students get a clear signal too, with art, music and drama built into the school's self-definition rather than parked at the margins. The less suitable fit is the child who wants a *\*light-touch\** atmosphere, loose timetabling or a narrowly academic enclave. Epsom offers *\*disciplined variety\**, and that is its market position in a sentence.

#### STRENGTHS

- Published 2025 A-levels of 91% A\*-B and 62% A\*-A, with a top-3% national value-added ranking
- Boarding options span full, weekly, flexible and day
- 72-acre estate supports extensive sport and activities
- 9:1 student-teacher ratio and average class size of 16 allow close attention
- Substantial bursary programme (55 pupils supported in 2021)

#### TRADE-OFFS

- Premium fees, averaging around GBP 26,500 a year
- Saturday lessons reduce free family weekend time
- English-medium instruction may not suit pupils who are not yet fluent
- Longer days and a boarding-style routine may not suit families wanting a lighter timetable

## ADMISSIONS

Epsom College's published entry points are Year 7 (11+), Year 9 (13+) and Sixth Form (16+), giving an overall age range of 11 to 18. Year 9 marks the start of the Senior School, and the school says around 90 new pupils join at that stage each September. It offers day, full boarding, weekly boarding and flexible boarding, which matters practically at admissions stage because families are choosing not just a place but a pattern of school life. International applications are accepted, and around 20% of pupils come from overseas.

On financial support, the school runs a substantial bursary programme: 55 pupils received financial assistance in 2021, and half of those awards were worth 75% or more of the annual tuition fees. Annual fees average around GBP 26,500, in a range of roughly GBP 21,510 to GBP 28,616. The school does not set out its assessment format in the material available here - there is no published detail on entrance papers, interviews, reference requirements or subject tests in these extracts, and application deadlines are given only as general invitations to apply and visit - so families should confirm the precise process directly with admissions.

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