



**OXFORD**  
**International**  
**College**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

ENGLAND'S  
**NO.1**  
INDEPENDENT  
A-LEVEL COLLEGE  
2023

# PIONEERING a new standard

Oxford International College (OIC) provides a different approach to education – instilling career and life skills alongside academic progress to give our students that extra edge.

An independent sixth form college offering A-levels, GCSEs, and a range of short courses, we prepare students in every possible way for competitive degrees at the world's top universities.

Our tried-and-tested, career-focused curriculum gives our students the tools, guidance, and life experiences to help them truly stand out from their peers. We take pride in our unique integration of three key pillars to success:

Academic  
Excellence

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Career  
Preparation

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Personal  
Development

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OIC attracts students worldwide and has become a vibrant community of like-minded young people who inspire and learn from each other. Students are taught by some of Oxford's finest tutors, who are experts in their fields; with most being Oxford University alumni and many having Doctorate degrees in their area of specialism.

Whether they are studying GCSEs or A-levels, our young students represent the future of this world, and we very much look forward to welcoming them to Oxford and supporting them at the start of this journey of a lifetime.



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## Guiding you with **PASSION** and purpose

Being academically minded is no longer enough to thrive in today's competitive world, filled with uncertainty and complexity. You also need skills to navigate your way through challenges – with determination, resilience, and focus.

In addition to the first-class tuition, we offer all our students the chance to expand their knowledge beyond the curriculum with a wide range of programmes and immersive experiences. We encourage them to join clubs, enter competitions, complete internships, and take on volunteering roles – all of which enrich their experience and help them to develop into well-rounded young people, ready for success at university and beyond.

Every year, our students progress to top universities worldwide: in the UK, USA, Canada, Australia, Ireland, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and more. However, OIC's educational ethos is about so much more than university destinations. It is about nurturing our students' individual talents, guiding them towards their goals and witnessing them develop into confident, compassionate, and responsible young adults.

Being the architect of the curriculum design and academic vision at OIC, I continue to follow our students' post-OIC journeys with immense pride and joy.

I hope that your time in Oxford will be a start of a uniquely fulfilling and rewarding period of your life.

**Kindest regards**

YASMIN SARWAR, CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER



OIC is a school known for outstanding academic results, as well as providing an inclusive, warm and welcoming environment where every student feels valued and respected. Our culture of passion and purpose enables students to explore and develop their individuality, whilst being supported by our dedicated pastoral and welfare team.

Boarding is at the heart of the OIC experience, and we pride ourselves on understanding and nurturing every individual. Our residential focus provides an unparalleled opportunity to develop independence and resilience; students are taught to respect and support one another, forming bonds that last many years beyond graduation.

The close relationship between students, parents and staff is critical to a student's success at school. We actively encourage students to talk to us about anything and seek advice when they need it. Parents are always fully informed of their child's academic progress and wellbeing.

It is a great privilege to be entrusted with the education of some of the world's brightest young minds and it is my pleasure to welcome you into our thriving international community.

**Kindest regards,**

KIM TERRAR, PRINCIPAL










# TOGETHER we go above and beyond

## OUR VISION AND APPROACH

Studying at OIC offers students a unique, tailored journey - from their first meeting with a student advisor through to progressing to their chosen university.

From the outset, our students embark on their own Global Strategic Pathway, a personalised approach that empowers them to tailor their educational journey based on their desired outcomes. With the guidance of our dedicated team of tutors and mentors, students choose the right career path, degree courses, and universities that align with their aspirations.

Our comprehensive programme consists of mapping out your student journey from start to finish and optimising every single aspect to give you the maximum advantage in the extremely competitive university admissions process. These include:

-  Selecting the right subjects
-  Showcasing your passions through Supercurricular activities
-  Gaining work experience or volunteering
-  Entering relevant competitions
-  Exploring suitable extracurricular options
-  Obtaining additional qualifications
-  Developing a strategy to choose the most suitable universities

We also assess our students weekly through SCITs (Saturday Cumulative Information Tests) to pinpoint the exact support they need at any one time, whether it's academic, career-related, or simply emotional.

The students that graduate from OIC are not just book-smart, but efficient, resourceful, and resilient. It's a journey that sees them reach their dream degrees as well-rounded young people, ready for success at university and life beyond.

# World-renowned UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS experts

Through our Global Strategic Pathways approach, OIC students consistently receive offers to the world's top-ranked universities (in the order of the number of our students received offers from):

## UNIVERSITY

UCL (University College London)  
Imperial College London  
The University of Hong Kong  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
LSE (London School of Economics and Political Science)  
University of Cambridge  
University of Oxford  
University of California, San Diego (UCSD)  
The Australian National University  
University of Toronto

## COURSE

Medicine  
Computer Science  
Mechanical Engineering  
Physics  
Economics  
Law  
Accounting and Finance  
Dentistry  
Pharmacy  
Veterinary Medicine



Unlike many other schools where only a select few top students are permitted to apply to Oxbridge, the rigorous application process offers valuable benefits to our young students throughout their academic journey. As a result, at OIC, students are encouraged to apply to Oxbridge if they are well-prepared and willing to embrace the challenge.

## G5 UNIVERSITIES

This year has been genuinely exceptional for OIC as we celebrate the remarkable achievement of receiving a total of 124 offers from the G5 universities (University of Oxford, University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, LSE and UCL). Among these offers, 9 were extended from Oxbridge.

**9** Oxbridge offers  
**124** G5 universities offers

## SUCCESS RATES

**73%**

**G5 UNIVERSITIES**  
(non-medicine courses)

**64%**

**G5 UNIVERSITIES**  
(all courses  
including medicine)

**55%**

**UCL (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON)**  
(non-medicine courses)  
Compared to 30% nationwide

**44%**

**IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON**  
(non-medicine courses)  
Compared to 30% nationwide

**FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
(2022 & 2023)**

**1 in 3**

**CAMBRIDGE MEDICINE**  
Compared to 1 in 7 nationwide

**OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS  
(2020 - 2023)**

**> 50%**

**G5 UNIVERSITIES**  
(all courses including medicine)





### A data-driven approach

Students are required to take short exams (SCITs) in each A-level subject on most Saturdays. These help students and teachers identify exact areas for improvement and prepare most effectively for exams through sufficient past paper practice.

### World-class teachers

Our teachers are graduates of the UK's top universities – very often Oxbridge – as well as accredited examiners who know what it takes to achieve the highest grade. Our students benefit from their excellent teaching experience and in-depth knowledge of the system.

### Beyond the classroom

Demonstrating your passion in the career you are pursuing is a parallel crucial element to academic excellence when applying to competitive courses at the world's top universities. At OIC, our Supercurricular department equips students for future success by deepening subject knowledge, engaging in diverse programmes, competitions, and awards, nurturing personal interests through clubs and societies, fostering a 'growth mindset' for personal development, offering university exploration support, and providing expert guidance throughout the university application process. This includes specialised Oxbridge mentoring and tailored pathways for students applying to overseas universities.

# A BEACON for education

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

OIC has earned a reputation as one of the top-performing A-level colleges in the UK since 2019. In 2023, we have once again secured our top position in the league tables in England despite notable changes in A-level grading nationwide. News reports indicate there has been a greater decline in top grades in England compared to other regions, with a difference of at least 7.5%. While England has experienced grade disinflation, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland have implemented additional supportive measures since the pandemic. This has raised concerns about potential disparities in university placements due to the various grading approaches throughout the UK. However, the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) has assured that universities comprehend these differences.

### 2023 A-LEVEL

90.8%  
A\*-A grades

### 2023 GCSE

87.4%  
9-7 grades (equivalent to A\*-A grades)

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The college provided plenty of valuable courses to improve our personal statement and prepare for our admission tests and interviews. Also, all my teachers helped me better understand and taught me a lot of interesting expansions of the content both in and beyond A-level. I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all my teachers and the admission team!

🇨🇳 Jenny, A\*A\*A\*A\* and Distinction in AEA Maths, Mathematics at the University of Oxford

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# A-LEVEL

Our A-level course is OIC’s principal programme, during which each student follows an individualised pathway to their dream university.

## WE OFFER:

- » 2-year A-level programmes with a September start
- » 18-month A-level programmes with a January start

## Choosing your subjects

It is vital that students choose their A-level subjects with a particular university degree in mind. The choice of specific A-levels can maximise a student’s chance of being accepted onto their chosen degree. Our expert academic team can advise on which combination is the most beneficial. Most students take Mathematics in addition to two other subjects. **All subjects can be offered if the student’s preferred degree requires them.**

## The most common subjects offered:

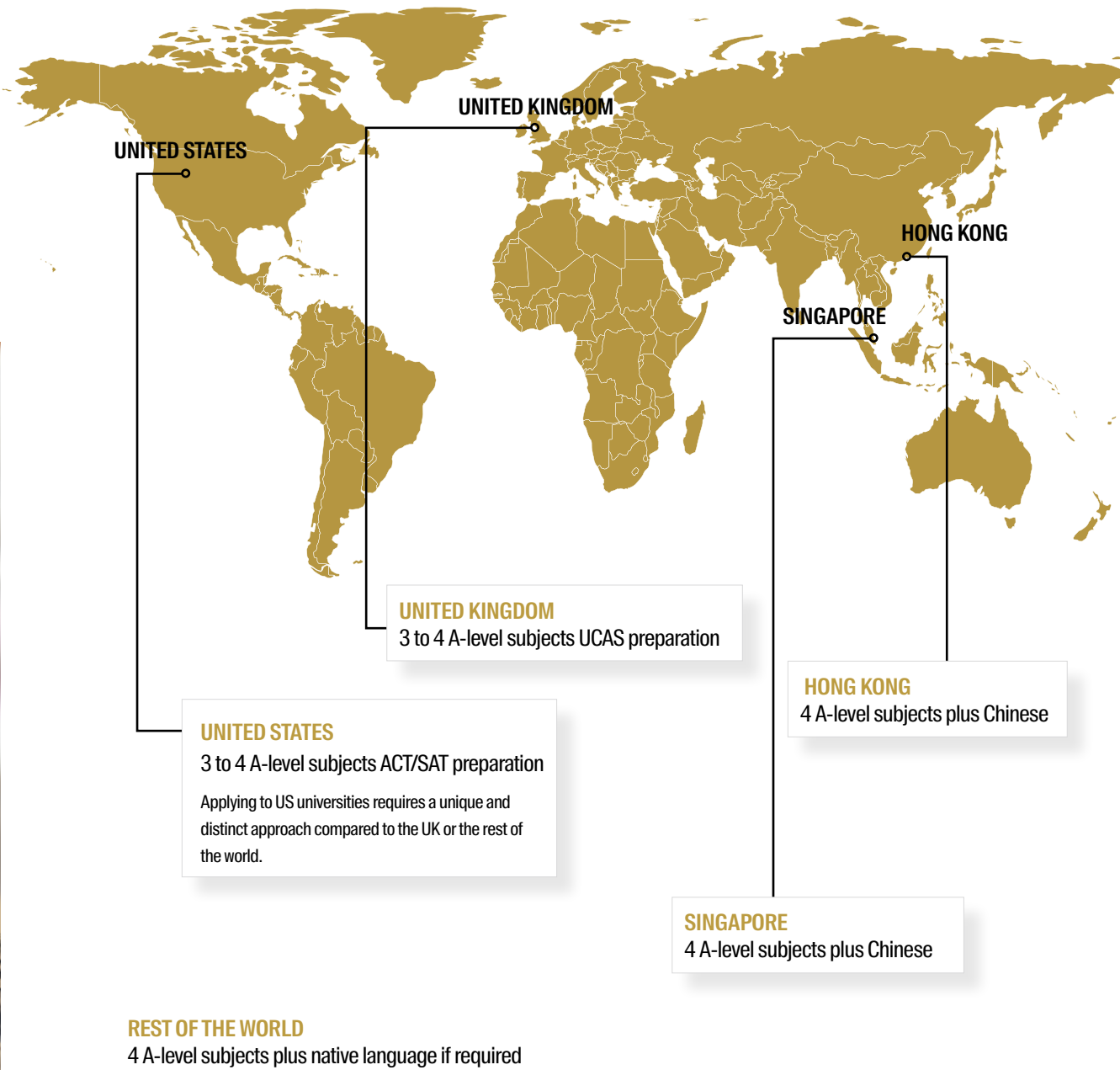
- » Art
- » Biology
- » Chemistry
- » Computer Science
- » Economics
- » EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- » Further Mathematics
- » Geography
- » History
- » Mathematics
- » Native Language (Chinese or Russian)
- » Physics
- » Psychology



# A clear PATHWAY to success

## GLOBAL STRATEGIC PATHWAYS

We offer different pathways depending on the preferred outcome:





## ONE-YEAR GCSE

**Our fast-track, one-year GCSE programme ensures that students enter their university applications with a strategic advantage.**

GCSE results are the first data point universities review before making an offer. Our one-year GCSE programme ensures that every student takes on eight subjects, which allows for flexibility when choosing a university degree.

At OIC, our GCSE students enjoy small classes, specialist teachers, and the career focus of their personalised Global Strategic Pathway. They also benefit from the academic culture of OIC.

Students choose eight GCSEs to study. They also take courses in study skills, research skills, teamwork skills, PE and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education).

### SUBJECTS OFFERED:

- » Mathematics
- » Additional Mathematics
- » Chemistry
- » Biology
- » Physics
- » English

Plus 2 out of 6 optional subjects:




- » Business studies
- » Computer Science
- » Psychology
- » History
- » Geography
- » Native language (Chinese or Russian)

# Giving you the **ADVANTAGE**

## CAREER PREPARATION

**Regular one-to-one meetings and guidance from our Supercurricular department ensures students are prepared to start their A-levels and begin their university applications with a strategic advantage.**

Students are grouped into three specialised Career Groups:

-  Healthcare and Biological Science
-  Physical Science and Mathematics
-  Social Science, Humanities and Commerce

They are given tailored support to ensure they leave college with a tangible understanding of their chosen degree subject and future career plans.


### Supercurricular focuses on six main strands:

- » Beyond the syllabus
- » Programmes, awards and competitions
- » Clubs and societies
- » Further personal development
- » Considering university options
- » Applying to university



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We went to London in October of our first year for a one-week journey, where we participated in lots of activities about anatomy and medical ethics, as well as a lot of hands-on experience in many different fields within medicine. I had a very strong CV after coming back from that activity because of the sheer amount of knowledge and experience I gained from just that one week.

 Kyle, A\*A\*A\*A\*, Radiography at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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# RESILIENT and ready for the world

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

At OIC, we provide a comprehensive range of programmes designed to build characteristics and skills that will give you the best possible preparation for university and your future career.

OIC recognises that the skills demanded by employers are constantly changing and adapting according to the needs of modern society. Many of the qualities universities look for are also highly valued in today's job market.

We offer enrichment opportunities for students to learn team-building and leadership skills that will help them transition into university life and beyond:

## INVALUABLE LIFE SKILLS



Learning to be confident and perform at their best



Coping under pressure and tackling exam anxiety



Increased self-confidence, independence and resilience



Increasing focus, concentration and positive outlook



Gaining experience in public speaking



Find careers that excite and engage them fully



## WELFARE AND SUPPORT


We foster an environment with a closely-linked student and staff community and a culture of support to ensure that you are happy and at ease throughout your time with us.

### Mentors and Welfare Tutors

We understand that living in a foreign country while undergoing a rigorous academic programme can be a struggle. We assign each student a mentor and a welfare tutor to counsel them throughout their school experience, and they have monthly one-to-one meetings to ensure their wellbeing.

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In my own experience, coming from a very traditional Chinese-Malaysian school, the experience is very different. Before coming here, I wasn't as outspoken, and I wasn't as confident in the way I talked or articulated my arguments. However, I feel that it has brought me out of my shell ever since coming to OIC.

 Nicole, A\*A\*A and an EPQ A\*, Medicine at the University of Liverpool

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# YOUR HOME away from home



Boarding is at the heart of the OIC experience, where students live and study together, building a warm, international community. We aim to provide the perfect environment in which you can relax and study after an intense day of learning.

We offer four boarding options within the city of Oxford; each is purpose-built, spacious, en-suite accommodation with a bed, storage, and a study desk. The boarding package for all sites includes:

- » Accommodation during term times and enrichment weeks
- » Meals in the College dining room (except during summer and winter holidays)
- » Residential House Parents and Wardens
- » Superfast WiFi internet access
- » Sports centre membership for over-16s and access to sports facilities for all
- » Bedding
- » Laundry facilities (fee per load paid via app or laundry card)
- » Weekly clean of communal areas

“ It was the first time I'd been away from my parents for more than five days because that was the maximum I'd ever been away from them. I think one of the very important things that I learned through my boarding experience was independence. I think that was helpful and has prepared me for my journey into university.

✿ Kristy, A\*A\*A\*A\* and an EPQ A, Medicine at Imperial College London

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## Wavy Gate

Close to the centre of Oxford, Wavy Gate comprises 93 spacious single ensuite rooms and studios. Wavy Gate has a light and clean environment with plenty of outdoor space and excellent facilities. Rooms are grouped into flats of six with a shared kitchen and communal room.

## Thames Street

Thames Street is a purpose-built student accommodation of the highest quality located in central Oxford. With 70 spacious ensuite rooms, Thames Street offers a central Oxford experience close to the picturesque old town and River Thames.



## Student Castle

Student Castle is a brandnew accommodation building located in Central Oxford, close to the train station and all amenities. Comprised of a combination of single ensuite rooms and studio flats, it provides a bright and modern living space just a stone's throw away from the city's shops, restaurants and green spaces.

## Alice House

This purpose-built student accommodation is located very close to one of our teaching sites. Alice House provides a light and clean environment with excellent facilities. Rooms are individual studios with a kitchenette. The house boasts a large shared common area where students can socialise and study.



# The CITY of dreaming spires

## OUR OXFORD LOCATION

Home to the world-famous university, the city of Oxford provides the perfect academic setting that cannot fail to inspire and captivate you.

With two teaching sites and four accommodation buildings dotted throughout, OIC students will experience this beautiful city every day.

In addition to the beautiful cobbled streets and gothic buildings that make up the university, shops, restaurants and parks are within a short distance of every site. The city also benefits from a vibrant arts and culture scene, with museums, galleries, theatres and more.

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Walking to school and just walking by the park and seeing the trees and birds chirping was so peaceful every morning. And because Oxford is a cycling town, like a walking town. So, there's just a lot more active lifestyle. Because I had never walked around much in Nigeria. So, coming here, I've been able to build my leg muscles and become more active.

🇳🇮 🇮🇪 Ettaeyo, A\*AA and an EPQ A, Medicine at Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

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▲ Threeways House

▲ Alfred Street

▲ London Place



▲ Student Castle

▲ Thames Street

▲ Alice House

▲ Wavy Gate

## EXPLORE

If you ever tire of exploring Oxford, the surrounding towns and villages make for excellent day trip options.

Visit the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill at Blenheim Palace in Woodstock, see the birthplace of British codebreaking in World War Two at Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes, or get to know over 250 species of animals at Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens in Burford.



## CONTACT US

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by completing the online enquiry form before submitting your application.

## APPLY NOW

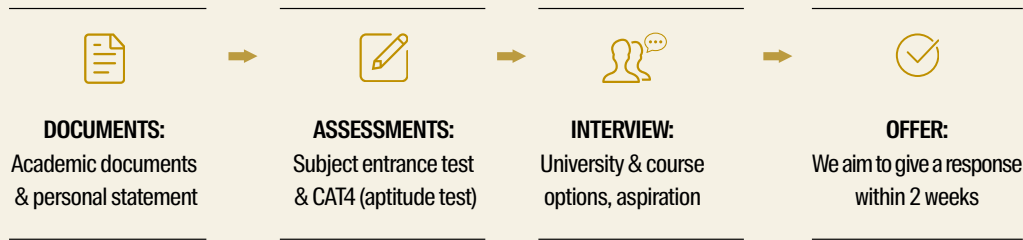
We welcome applications throughout the year. You can easily submit your application via our website.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION PROCESS

We want to get to know you and your academic interests during our application process.

It is important to us to ensure not only that you are the right candidate, but also that we can help you achieve your goals. This is why we have a dedicated admissions team to guide you through the process and help you figure out your strengths.

Our entry requirements and application process



## ABOUT NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION

As a leading premium international schools organisation, we're shaping a generation of creative and resilient global citizens who graduate from our schools with everything they need for success, whatever they choose to be or do in life.

Our strong academic foundations combine world-class teaching and curricula with cutting-edge technology and facilities, creating learning experiences like no other. Inside and outside of the classroom, we inspire our students to achieve more than they ever thought possible.

No two children learn the same way, which is why our 79 schools in 32 countries around the world personalise learning to what works best for every student. Inspired by our high-quality teachers, our students achieve outstanding academic results and go on to study at the world's top universities.

To learn more go to [www.nordangliaeducation.com](http://www.nordangliaeducation.com).

All offer holders must achieve an IELTS overall 6.5 for A-level and an overall 5.5 for GCSE.



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