



The Abbey



Information & Results

2021 - 2022





Joining The Abbey

1. Visit

To decide if The Abbey is the right school for your daughter, we invite you to come and visit us. Ideally this should be at least one year prior to entry.

We hold Open Events every term. We also offer Stay & Play sessions giving toddlers the opportunity to experience the Nursery.

2. Register

Registration can be completed online via the Admissions section of the website.

We require a non-refundable £100 fee (£250 overseas). It is advisable to register early in the Autumn Term for a place the following September.

Once you are registered we will keep you updated with the next steps.

3. Assessment

The assessment process ensures that your daughter can fully access the curriculum and have the potential to thrive in, and contribute to, the School.

In addition to academic ability and potential, we look for a range of qualities and skills which your daughter might contribute to life at The Abbey.

Entry assessments vary from informal play sessions to more traditional interview and examination settings, depending on the stage at which your daughter would enter the School and we hold informal interviews for prospective entrants to the Senior School and Sixth Form.

4. Offer & Acceptance

Once you receive the offer of a place for your daughter, please return the Form of Acceptance with a £1,000 deposit.

£500 will be deducted from the first term's fee invoice and the remaining £500 will be held for the duration of your daughter's time at the School, then refunded.

We will keep you up to date with details about familiarisation events for both you and your daughter and information to help you prepare for her first day.





Admissions

At the heart of The Abbey lies a shared enthusiasm for lifelong learning, an intellectual curiosity and a spirit of discovery that our dedicated teachers encourage at every stage.

We understand the importance and challenges of choosing the best 'fit' for your daughter's education and our Admissions Department is on hand to guide you through the process.

Common entry points

- Nursery
- Reception
- Lower I (Year 3)
- Upper II (Year 5)
- Upper III (Year 7)
- Upper IV (Year 9)
- Sixth Form (Year 12)

Get in touch

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Key staff

Chairman of the Governing Council

Mrs Elizabeth Harrison

Head of The Abbey School

**Mr Will le Fleming BA, MA
(Cambridge)**

Head of the Junior School

**Mrs Nisha Kaura BSc (Surrey),
PGCE, MEd (Buckingham)**

Head of Finance and Resources

**Mrs Nadine Doble Bsc (Cardiff),
ACMA**





A day at The Abbey

The official School day is from 8.30am to 3.45pm, with girls below Lower I (Year 3) finishing slightly earlier.

Many lunch time and after-school clubs and fixtures are organised and Senior School students may remain at School, fully supervised, to complete homework until 5.45pm.

In the Junior School parents may take advantage of the additional chargeable out-of-hours services - before school from 7.30am and after school until 6.00pm.





Fees 2021-22

Fees are inclusive of school lunches, mid-morning drinks in the Junior School, text books, classroom materials and personal accident insurance. In the Junior School all curricular extras and trips, other than residential ones, are included in the fee.

- **Nursery (aged 3+)**
£3,675 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each
- **Reception (aged 4+)**
£4,295 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each
- **Lower Preparatory (Year 1)**
£4,665 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each
- **Upper Preparatory (Year 2)**
£5,025 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each
- **Lower I to Lower III (Years 3 – 6)**
£5,235 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each
- **Senior School**
Upper III to Upper VI (Years 7 – 13)
£6,295 for Autumn, Spring & Summer terms 2021-2022 each

For any questions please visit theabbey.co.uk or contact the Admissions Department:

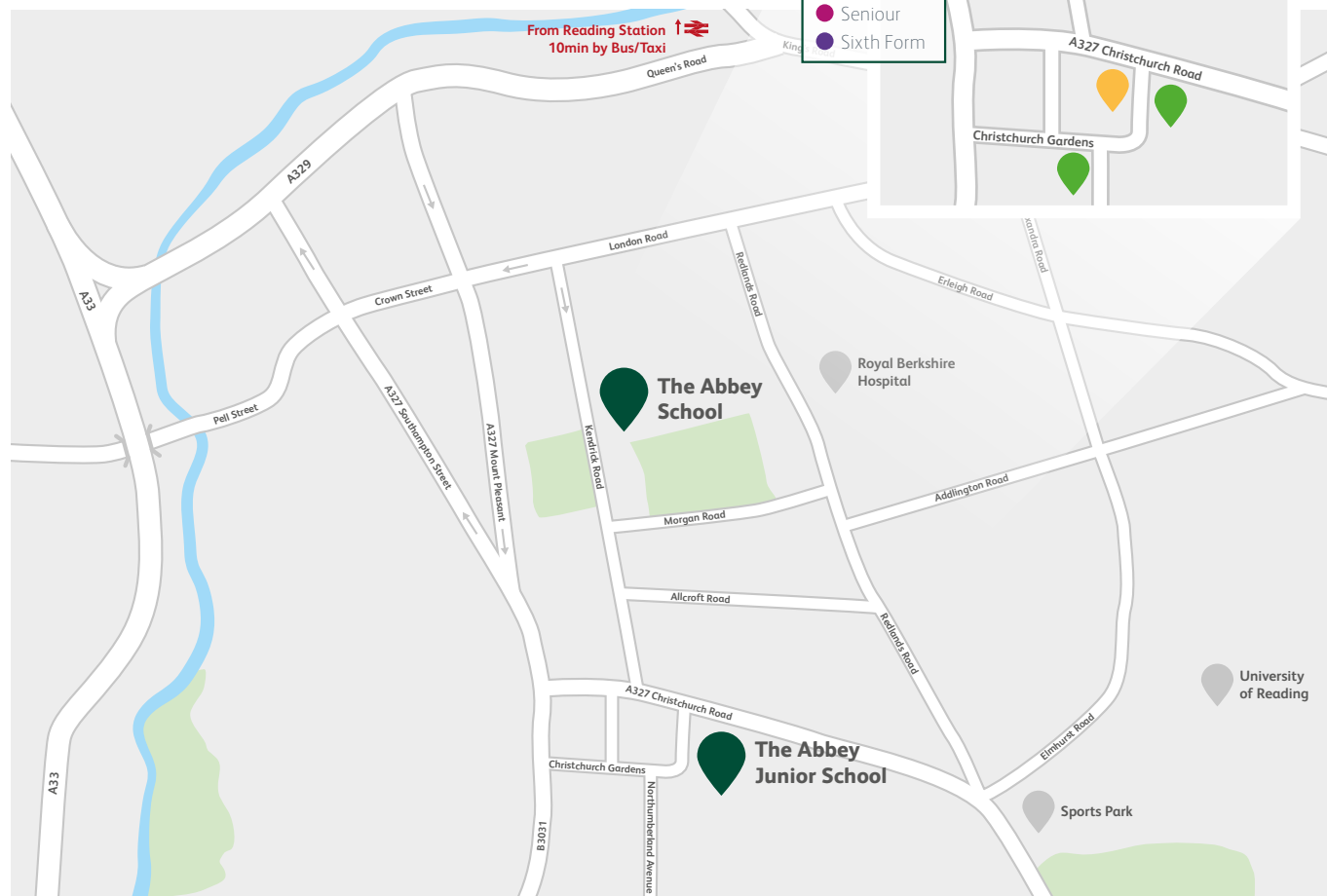
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Central Location

Pupils come to The Abbey from Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Hampshire and Buckinghamshire and are able to make their way to and from school easily due to excellent transport links.

Located within easy walking distance from Reading Station, The Abbey is also just a few minutes' drive from key business hubs.





Transport

Coach routes

The School offers (via third parties) an extensive coach network across Berkshire and Oxfordshire for both the Junior and Senior School. The exact routes change each year to reflect demand from parents.

Visit theabbey.co.uk/life-at-the-abbey/transport to view the latest coach routes or contact the Coach Manager at The Abbey on: 0118 987 2256.

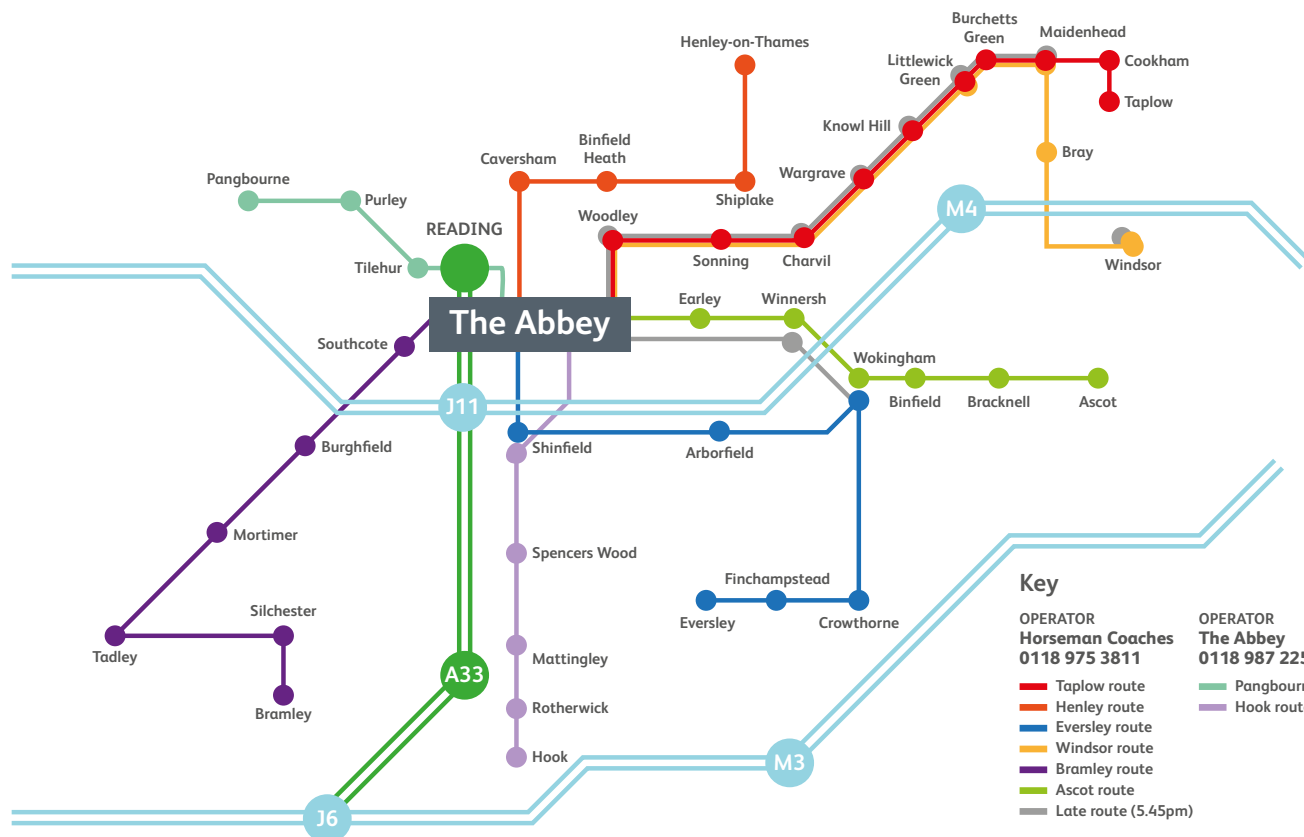
Junior School 'Kiss and Drop'

We operate a 'Kiss and Drop' zone for girls from Reception to Lower III (Year 6) in Vicarage Road.

Sixth Form parking

There is a dedicated car park for the Sixth Form students who enjoy the independence of driving to School with their friends once they have gained their full driving licence.









Bursaries

What is a Bursary?

Bursaries are provided to assist Senior School students who would benefit significantly from an education at The Abbey and whose parents could not otherwise afford to send them. Bursaries are means-tested and parental assets and income are assessed and reviewed on an annual basis. Every case will be taken on its individual merits but, among those who qualify financially, the academic potential of the student will be the overriding factor. Financial awards are not available to Junior School students.

How to apply

Parents should indicate to The Head of Finance and Resources that a bursary may be needed by emailing:

bursaries@theabbey.co.uk

All bursary applications should be received by the last Friday in November.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded in the Senior School to recognise excellence. The prestige in recognition of a girl's ability is considerable and Scholars are expected to demonstrate commitment and enthusiasm throughout their school life. Financial awards are not available at the Junior School.



Specialist Scholarships

Specialist Scholars benefit from an enrichment programme in their subject area with access to workshops and mentoring. Specialist Scholarships in Art, Drama, Music and Sport are offered to pupils joining the Senior School in Upper III (Year 7) and are awarded for three years until the end of Upper IV (Year 9).

Assessment

The assessment process for awards varies according to the specialism. A specialist award may be held in conjunction with an Academic Scholarship but generally not in conjunction with another specialist award.

Assessments for Year 7 entry take place at the time of the entrance examination and awards are conditional upon achieving the required academic standard for each entry. Sixth Form Specialist Scholarships are awarded in the Autumn Term prior to entry in the following September and are awarded for the two years in the Sixth Form.



Sport Scholarship

The Sports Scholarship programme aims to provide a supportive environment; allowing our athletes to focus on their training and balance their academic studies. It is unique to each student with some athletes receiving strength and conditioning sessions and others receiving individual training sessions and mentoring. In previous years our Sports Scholars have attended a talent development day at Bath University, providing them with an insight into the life of a full time athlete. Scholars are fully committed to School sport and are key members of our teams, supporting the School in competition at Regional and National level across numerous sports. We are incredibly proud of all that our Scholars achieve and their contribution to life at The Abbey!

Drama Scholarship

The Drama Scholarship aims to stretch and challenge our most talented performers, who are awarded the scholarship after a rigorous audition process. As part of the award they work with our Theatre-Artist-in-Residence, as well as members of the department, to develop their skills through a varied programme of workshops and rehearsals. Drama Scholars perform at least once every other year in a Drama Scholars' play, which aims to expose the students to innovative forms of theatre. They are also provided with a workshop by an external theatre company or practitioner; recent workshops have included puppetry, playwriting, and performing Shakespeare. Additionally, they attend a trip to the theatre free of charge. Drama Scholars are key members of the department, and regularly take part in other performance opportunities, demonstrating their talent and commitment to the wider dramatic community.

Music Scholarship

Music Scholars are key members of our musical ensembles, bands and choirs. They perform as soloists in our annual Scholars' Concert, in which they benefit greatly from preparing an advanced piece with a member of the Music Department. As part of the programme we work with the Scholar's instrumental or vocal teacher to ensure that the most suitable support can be provided for their individual musical development. Chamber music opportunities for all Scholars are plentiful. The Abbey is the only School in Reading that offers IB and A-level Music to students. We are proud to continue offering this important subject to such a high standard.

Art Scholarship

Art Scholars have the opportunity to explore and develop their interests within Art through the programme in a variety of ways. Individual aspirations are supported through mentoring and guidance. The art scholars work with professional artists, visit places of interest and exhibit annually in the School's gallery. Workshops and trips take place on at least one Saturday per term and Art studios are open weekly for Scholars to pursue their interests in the media of their choice. The programme is supportive and challenging and seeks to ensure those with a genuine and committed passion for the visual arts have an opportunity to thrive.



Sixth Form

The Abbey offers a choice of two qualifications to Sixth Form students, the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and A Levels. Students choosing either option will study and relax alongside one another, enjoying their independence in our dedicated Sixth Form community.

International Baccalaureate and A Level programmes

The Abbey is proud to be one of the few schools in Reading to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB). Over the past five years our students have averaged 39-40 points, well above the world average of 29-30 points. In recent years we have had several students who have achieved 45 points placing them in the very top echelon globally.

IB students choose six subjects from a wide range of options (including a Modern Foreign or Classical Language, a Science, English and Mathematics). At the end of the course they sit exams in each subject, three at higher level and three at standard level.

In addition, all Diploma students complete an extended essay, follow a Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course, and take part in the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) module.





Our experience has shown that taking the IB will provide an excellent grounding for further study at university, as well as offering an awareness of other languages and cultures, which is invaluable in an increasingly globalised world.

We also offer a wide range of A Level courses, taught to an exceptionally high standard, offering students choice and depth.

Students start with three subjects unless they take Further Mathematics. Decisions about subject choices are not rushed; we give students the time, advice and support they need when making their choices so that every student can approach her A Level programme with confidence and enthusiasm.

The Abbey has an enviable reputation for placing students at top universities, both in the UK and internationally, where they achieve outstanding results.



GCSE Results 2021

75% of all grades achieved at 9 - 8
(equivalent to an A*)

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	9/8	7	6	5	4
Art	28	19	6	3		
Biology	80	65	14	1		
Chemistry	80	72	5	3		
Computer Science	31	25	2	3	1	
Drama	32	21	8	3		
English	106	59	28	16	3	
English Literature	106	66	26	13	1	
French	52	37	6	4	5	
Geography	63	42	13	4	3	
German	21	18	1	2		
Greek	3	2		1		
History	50	40	6	4		
Latin	7	6	1			
Mathematics	106	76	16	12	2	
Music	15	12	3			
PE	7	7				
Physics	80	69	8	2	1	
Religious Studies*	106	73	21	11	1	
Science (Double Award)**	52	15	14	11	7	5
Spanish	51	35	8	4	4	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	9	8		1		
Art Textiles	11	5	5	1		

*Taken in LV ** Counts as two GCSEs with two grades awarded



A Level Results 2021

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	A*	A	B	C	D
Art	1	1				
Biology	24	6	10	5	3	
Chemistry	17	1	10	5	1	
Computer Science	2		1	1		
Drama	5	4	1			
Economics	10	2	6	2		
English Language	4	1	2		1	
English Literature	7	3	2	2		
Further Mathematics	2		1	1		
French	3		2		1	
Geography	6	1	4	1		
History	11	4	6		1	
Latin	1		1			
Mathematics	29	9	11	5	3	1
Physics	5		1	3	1	
Psychology	19	5	6	5	3	
Religious Studies	9	3	4	2		
Spanish	11	2	6	3		
Textiles Technology	1			1		
Spanish	7	2	3	2		2
Textiles Technology	1		1			

IB Results 2021

Of the students who took IB they recorded an average on 40 points (national average is 30)

SUBJECT	ENTRIES	7 points	6 points	5 points	4 points
Biology	14	8	5	1	
Business and Management	5	4		1	
Chemistry	6	3	3		
Economics	1	1			
English Language and Literature	10	5	5		
English Literature	11	5	5	1	
French	8	4	4		
Geography	4	4			
German	6	2	3	1	
Global Politics	5	3	2		
History	4	4			
Italian ab initio	3			1	2
Mathematics	21	6	11	3	
Philosophy and Theology	2	1	1		
Physics	3	1	2		
Psychology	9	4	5		
Spanish	4	3	1		
Sport, Health and Exercise Science	6	4		1	1
Theatre	1		1		
Visual Arts	3	1	1	1	
		3 points	2 points	1 point	
Diploma Core		7	12	2	

University Destinations 2021

Provider name	Course placed
Arts University Bournemouth	Costume
Cardiff University	Law and Criminology (Integrated)
Cardiff University	Philosophy and History
Cardiff University	Psychology
Cardiff University	Law
Durham University	Anthropology
King's College London, University of London	Law
King's College London, University of London	International Management
King's College London, University of London	Psychology with a Year Abroad
King's College London, University of London	International Management
King's College London, University of London	Liberal Arts
King's College London, University of London	Philosophy
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London	Politics and Economics
Loughborough University	Economics and Management (with placement year)
Newcastle University	Combined Honours
Queen's University Belfast	Medicine
Royal Holloway, University of London	Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence) with a Year-in-Industry
Royal Holloway, University of London	Business and Management
Royal Holloway, University of London	Molecular Biology and Environmental Change with a Year in Industry
Staffordshire University	Musical Theatre

Provider name	Course placed
The University of Edinburgh	Social Anthropology
The University of Edinburgh	Medicinal and Biological Chemistry
The University of Edinburgh	History
UCL (University College London)	History and Politics of the Americas with a Year Abroad
UCL (University College London)	Geography (International)
UCL (University College London)	History (with a Year Abroad)
University of Aberdeen	Medicine
University of Bath	Psychology
University of Birmingham	Economics with Spanish (4 years)
University of Birmingham	Economics
University of Birmingham	Liberal Arts and Sciences
University of Bristol	Biochemistry
University of Bristol	Biomedical Sciences
University of Bristol	History
University of Bristol	Law and French (4 years)
University of Bristol	Neuroscience
University of East Anglia UEA	Psychology
University of East Anglia UEA	English Literature
University of Exeter	English with Study in North America
University of Exeter	Biological Sciences
University of Exeter	Psychology
University of Exeter	Law
University of Exeter	Medical Sciences
University of Kent	Psychology

Provider name	Course placed
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	International History and Politics
University of Liverpool	Veterinary Science
University of London Institute in Paris	BA in French Studies with International Relations
University of Manchester	Dentistry (BDS first-year entry)
University of Manchester	Mathematics
University of Manchester	Medicine
University of Nottingham	Nursing (Adult)
University of Nottingham	Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience
University of Nottingham	Veterinary Medicine
University of Nottingham	Law
University of Nottingham	Management
University of Oxford	History
University of Portsmouth	Pharmacy
University of Reading	Law
University of Sheffield	International Relations and Politics
University of Southampton	English Language and Linguistics with Year Abroad
University of Southampton	Economics and Business Management
University of St Andrews	Psychology
University of Strathclyde	Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Surrey	Veterinary Medicine and Science
University of Sussex	Business and Management Studies
University of Sussex	English (with a study abroad year)
University of the Arts London	Animation

Provider name	Course placed
University of Warwick	Mathematics and Philosophy
University of Warwick	Mechanical Engineering
University of York	Psychology





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