

= Malvern College =

Malvern College is an independent coeducational day and boarding school in Malvern , Worcestershire , England . It is a public school in the British sense of the term and is a member of the Rugby Group and of the Headmasters ' and Headmistresses ' Conference . Since its foundation in 1865 , it has remained on the same grounds , which are located near the town centre of Great Malvern . The campus , now covering some 250 acres ( 101 ha ) , is set against the backdrop of the Malvern Hills .

There are currently about 670 pupils enrolled at the school , aged between 13 and 18 . Additionally , there are about 310 pupils aged from 3 to 13 at The Downs , Malvern College Prep School , in nearby Colwall in Herefordshire . Across the two schools , in total , there are nearly 1000 pupils .

Among the alumni of the College are at least two Commonwealth Prime Ministers , two Nobel Laureates ( five Nobel Prizes including prep school alumni ) , an Olympic Gold medalist and many other notable persons from various fields . The novelist C. S. Lewis , author of The Chronicles of Narnia , is a former pupil of the school .

In collaboration with its Chinese partners , the College has two schools in China , Malvern College Qingdao and Malvern College Chengdu . A third school in Cairo , Egypt is under construction , and Malvern College Hong Kong had been allocated a new site in Tai Po , New Territories , Hong Kong , adjacent to the Hong Kong Science Park .

= = History = =

Set in the Malvern Hills , the school 's location owes much to Malvern 's emergence in the nineteenth century as a fashionable spa resort , appreciated for its unpolluted air and the healing qualities of its famous spring water . The school opened its doors for the first time on 25 January 1865 under the headship of the Rev. Arthur Faber . Initially , there were only twenty @-@ four boys , of whom eleven were day boys , six masters and two houses , named Mr McDowall 's ( No.1 ) and Mr Drew 's ( No.2 ) , but the new school 's expansion was rapid . One year later , there were sixty @-@ four boys . By 1875 , there were 200 on the Roll and five boarding houses ; by the end of the 19th century , the numbers had risen to more than 400 boys and ten houses . American poet Henry Longfellow visited the school in 1868 , Prince and Princess Christian on speech @-@ day in 1870 and The Duke and Duchess of Teck visited in 1891 with their daughter , Princess May ( later Queen Mary ) . Lord Randolph Churchill 's speech @-@ day comments on education in 1889 were reported in The Times . The school was one of the twenty four Public Schools listed in the Public Schools Yearbook of 1889 and was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1928 . Further expansion of pupil numbers and buildings continued between the end of the First World War in 1918 and the start of the Second World War in 1939 . During the two Wars , 457 and 258 former pupils , respectively , gave their lives . Seven former pupils were among ' the few ' who took part in the Battle of Britain .

Following the onset of World War II , the College premises were requisitioned by the Admiralty between October 1939 and July 1940 , with the result that the school was temporarily relocated to Blenheim Palace . In 1942 , its premises were again needed for governmental use , on this occasion by the TRE and , from May 1942 to July 1946 , the school was housed with Harrow School . QinetiQ , a private sector successor to the government 's original research facility , is still sited on former college land .

Having traditionally been a school for boys aged from 13 to 18 years old , in 1992 it merged with Ellerslie Girls ' School and Hillstone prep school to become a coeducational school for pupils aged 3 to 18 years old . The college also departed from the full boarding tradition of the English public school and allows day pupils , although over two thirds of pupils still choose to board . In September 2008 , the College 's Prep School merged with The Downs prep school on the latter 's nearby site in Colwall , Herefordshire to form The Downs , Malvern College Prep School .

= = = Recent developments = = =

The year 2008 also saw the start of a multimillion £-£ pound development scheme that included a new sports complex , new athletics and viewing facilities at the pitches and two new boarding houses . The sports complex and new houses were opened in October 2009 by The Duke of York . Ellerslie House was opened for girls , commemorating the eponymous former girls ' school , and the other new house has become the new permanent residence for the boys of No. 7 .

In 2010 part of the school suffered very serious damage when fire broke out on 10 April in one of the boarding houses . The 1871 Grade II listed building which was the boarding house for 55 girls and living accommodation of the housemistress and her family , was almost completely destroyed . Over 70 firefighters and 13 fire engines from Malvern , Worcester and Stourport £-£ on £-£ Severn depots fought the blaze .

= = The Downs = =

The original preparatory school , Hillstone , opened in 1883 . When the college went coeducational , Hillstone was absorbed into Malvern to become its prep department . The prep school merged with The Downs , a Quaker school founded in 1900 , and the new school is now known as The Downs Malvern .

Boarding is available to pupils in the prep school aged 7 and above . They reside in a separate boarding house known as The Warren .

= = Governance = =

The school is governed by a College Council of approximately fifteen members , chaired since 2002 by Lord MacLaurin , a former pupil himself . Educationalist and former cricketer Antony Clark joined the school as Headmaster in 2008 .

= = Educational and social care standards = =

An Ofsted report , following an October 2010 inspection , rated the school 's services against specific criteria and assigned an overall quality rating of Grade 1 ( outstanding ) . This compares to an overall rating of Grade 2 ( good ) in the previous report published in 2008 . In the latest report , " organisation " and health and safety provision were upgraded to Grade 1 while boarding accommodation was rated Grade 2 . Other areas assessed included " helping children to achieve " , to " make a positive contribution " and to " enjoy what they do " and these remained Grade 1 ( outstanding ) . The report states that four recommendations made in Ofsted 's last report had all been addressed and that the school " delivers an outstanding service that continues to be developed " .

= = Curriculum = =

While academic success is considered important , emphasis is also placed on the all £-£ round development of the individual rather than on academic results alone . In the Sixth Form , courses are offered at A £-£ Level in art , business studies , classical civilisation , design and technology , drama and theatre studies , economics , English literature , geography , Greek , history , history of art , key skills , Latin , mathematics , modern languages ( French , German , Spanish ) , music , music technology , physical education , politics and the sciences ( biology , chemistry , physics ) . Further courses are available at International Baccalaureate level and special arrangements are sometimes made for other courses upon request .

= = Academic performance = =

In both the 2008 and 2010 Ofsted reports , a Grade 1 ( outstanding ) rating was assigned for " helping children to achieve " , to " make a positive contribution " and to " enjoy what they do " . In

2010 , the school was , according to OFSTED , ranked 28th among private schools for value added to its student 's A Level results , placing it within the top 5 % nationally . In 2011 , it was 79th among co @-@ ed independent boarding schools for A @-@ Level results . The school 's pupils have achieved particularly good results at IB level . In 2011 , the school was ranked 18th for the average grades of its IB pupils . In 2012 , The Independent review of both A level and IB results , based on government issued statistics , ranked Malvern 32nd in the UK with 1080 @.@ 7 points , ahead of Harrow ( 34th ) , Winchester ( 73rd ) , Eton ( 80th ) and Wellington ( 89th ) .

= = Admission = =

Generally , parents register their children up to two years in advance , in order to secure a place at age 13 , through sitting a Common Entrance exam , or via the award of an open Academic Scholarship . Sixth Form entry is gained either through a scholarship exam , or by tests in the subjects to be studied . Bursaries are available for new entrants , and subject scholarships are awarded for Art , Drama , Music , Science / Technology and Sport .

= = Sport = =

The school has a strong sporting tradition . For boys ' sports , some Malvernians would consider the College to be best known as a football school although its cricket sides have also produced players who have gone on to play at international level . Traditionally , sport for boys used to be split between the original ' major sports ' of football , cricket , and rackets ( rugby was added later ) , and ' minor sports ' . Colours were awarded for each major sport , as appropriate . After 1995 , the distinction between ' major sport ' and ' minor sport ' was removed . The girls ' main sports are hockey and lacrosse in the winter , lacrosse and netball in the Lent Term and tennis and rounders in the summer .

The College also plays a multitude of other sports such as Rackets , Fives , Athletics , Tennis , Squash , Croquet , Basketball , Badminton and Polo . Some boys ' hockey and girls ' football are played .

On 16 October 2009 , a new sports complex and hospitality suite was opened by The Duke of York . The opening was attended by several well known sports personalities including athlete Dame Kelly Holmes , cricketers Michael Vaughan and Graham Gooch , footballer Peter Shilton , rugby union player Jason Leonard , athlete Christina Boxer and hockey player Rachel Walker . The indoor complex , which was built on the site of the old sports hall and swimming pool , offers an 8 court sports hall , a dance studio and fitness suite , a climbing wall , two squash courts , a shooting range , a large function suite , and a 6 lane swimming pool and its facilities are also available for use by the wider community . They are also used by Worcestershire County Cricket Club for their winter training programme . In February 2010 , the school also hosted the England Blind Cricket squad for training sessions .

In November 2010 Vera Hughes opened the two newly refurbished Rackets courts . The courts were named after her husband Ron Hughes who was the Rackets Professional at Malvern from 1956 until 1986 The courts are now both tournament quality .

= = Activities = =

Activities offered in addition to the academic curriculum include sports ( see above ) , Combined Cadet Force ( CCF ) , the Duke of Edinburgh 's Award , First Aid , Orchestra / Band , Orienteering , Outdoor Pursuits , Photography , Practical Engineering , Riding , and Skiing . A wider range of activities depending on the demand may also be available and include , Ballet / Dance , Ceramics , Chess , Choir , Climbing , Community Service , Current Affairs , Dancing , Debating / Public Speaking , Design / Technology , Drama / Theatre Studies , Life Saving , First Aid , Outdoor Pursuits , Photography , Practical Engineering , Textiles , and Young Enterprise .

Facilities are also available ( in some cases , by prior arrangement ) for independent extra @-@

curricular activities such as journalism and music rehearsal .

= = Year names = =

= = Houses = =

A House is a component of the school community and a place where pupils reside and engage in private study . Normally , a pupil remains at his chosen House until he or she leaves the school . Each house has its own colours . Competitions are regularly arranged between the Houses in a range of academic , artistic and sporting activities . With the exceptions of School House and Ellerslie House , the eleven houses at Malvern are named with numbers 1 to 9 , a system which used to be used at Roedean School , a girls ' school founded by the sisters of the Old Malvernian judge Sir Paul Ogden Lawrence . The houses , in order of foundation are :

= = Traditions = =

= = = Events = = =

#### Commemoration Day

The main social event of the school calendar Commemoration Day , or " Commem " as it is known in the school , celebrates the founding of the school . A service is held where prizes are awarded . A cricket match then takes place between the 1st cricket XI and the Free Foresters . The inter @-@ house Athletics competition and the Summer Concert take place on the Friday before Commem . It is held on the Saturday of Half @-@ term in the Summer term .

#### The CVS Ball

The School Council organises a charity ball , a black tie themed event that takes place in the 5th week of every Autumn Term . A similar event called The Autumn Ball is held for the Lower School .

#### The inter @-@ house Singing Cup Competition

This is held annually in the winter term . It is one of a number of different inter @-@ house events on the school social calendar .

#### The Ledder

The Ledder , or Ledbury Run , is a 7 @. @ 5 @-@ mile ( 12 @. @ 1 km ) cross country race that starts in the town of Ledbury , goes over the Malvern Hills and finishes on the Senior , the main cricket pitch in the centre of the College . The first 9 runners receive Ledder Caps . In its early days there was no organised route and pupils simply had to get back to college as fast as they could .

#### Remembrance Sunday

On the Sunday closest to 11 November , known as Remembrance Sunday , the entire college assembles in front of St. George to await a procession of parents , alumni , guests and teachers . Two minutes silence is followed by The Last Post and a reading . Representatives of the student body ( the Senior Chapel Prefect , who is the Head Boy or Girl ) and of the Old Malvernian Society then place wreaths at the foot of St. George . A memorial service follows in the chapel for the more than 400 Malvernians who lost their lives in the Great War .

= = = Carmen Malvernense = = =

The school song was written and composed by two masters , M. A. Bayfield and R. E. Lyon . It was first sung on speech day in 1888 .

Exultemus , O sodales ,  
Iam cessare fas novales ,  
Paululum laxemus mentes ,  
Dulcem , domum repententes ,

Age soror iuxta fratrem ,  
Celebremus Almam Matrem ,  
Quae nos ornat , haec ornanda ,  
Quae nos amat , adamanda .

The same song became the school song of Eastbourne College when Bayfield became headmaster there in 1895 .

= = Innovations = =

The College has a history of innovation in the field of education . In 1963 , it was the first independent school to have a language laboratory . It is thought to be the first school in the country to have had a careers service . Under the direction of John Lewis , a former master , it pioneered Nuffield Physics in the 1960s , Science in Society in the 1970s , and the Diploma of Achievement in the 1990s . At the beginning of the 1990s , Malvern College became one of the first schools in Britain to offer the choice between the International Baccalaureate and A @-@ Levels in the Sixth Form . The school was one of the first boys ' public schools to become fully coeducational from the preparatory department all the way to sixth form .

Each summer the staff and some older pupils run a summer school , Young Malvern , which incorporates many sports , activities and learning experiences . Malvern College is one of the two schools in the country ( the other being Dulwich College ) to offer Debating in the curriculum and pupils participate in regional and national competitions including the Debating Matters competition and the Three Counties Tournament . The subject is compulsory at Foundation Year level .

= = Notable alumni = =

The school 's alumni ( " old boys " ) are known as Old Malvernians , or OMs . The Malvernian Society holds many annual reunions and events and Old Malvernians , including former pupils of The Downs , Hillstone , and Ellerslie schools which have merged with Malvern College , benefit from a remission in fees for their own children . Other Old Malvernian clubs and societies include OM Lodge , Court Games , Golf , Sailing , Shooting , the Old Malvernians Cricket Club , and the Old Malvernians Football Club , a record breaking club competing in the Arthurian League .

Old Malvernians have been instrumental in the formation of sporting and charitable organisations such as Blackburn Rovers FC and the Docklands Settlements .

At least two of the school 's former pupils have become Nobel Laureates . Some past pupils are royalty from various nations , and others have become Heads of State , military officers , jurists , authors , and sportspeople .