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Welcome

It is a daily pleasure to be a part of this vibrant community, shaping and witnessing the incredible development of our students as they grow into impressive young women.

Adcote School is physically beautiful, being housed in an inspiring Victorian building and surrounded by breathtaking parkland, but it is also a school which delivers outstanding education to girls of all abilities, a point made in our most recent inspection report.

As an all-girls school, we specialise in nurturing the leaders of the future, using our substantial knowledge to inspire and challenge them. Our rigorous assessment and intervention programmes ensure that all students reach their full potential, making us one of the top independent schools in the UK for adding value to academic potential, translating student performance into top grades. Over 80% of our Sixth Form access their first-choice universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Our pioneering and national award-winning CLEAR Learning Programme provides robust, whole child education, equipping our students with the necessary skills to thrive and be happy in their futures. Coupled with our small classes and our outstanding teaching which makes full use of our status as a Google School means that our students make excellent academic progress.

We are enormously proud of our school and the positive impact we have on the young lives within our care.

Why not pay us a visit and see us in action?



Mrs Diane Browne

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This is what makes the Adcote experience so special - that the girls can be who they are and that their individuality is celebrated and encouraged.

CURRENT PARENT

Why a Girls' School?



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A truly amazing, family environment in which my daughter has thrived beyond belief.
CURRENT PARENT

Women are expected to balance many roles during their lives. Their paths to success require confidence, independence, the ability to lead, integrity and an instinct to achieve.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Single sex schools for girls dominate the top of the exam results league tables.

CONFIDENCE

With only their fellow girls in the classroom and on the sports field, girls in single sex schools have the space in which their intellectual and physical confidence can blossom.

OPPORTUNITIES

At Adcote, girls don't just enjoy equal opportunities, they enjoy ALL opportunities. We believe there should be no limitations on your daughter's ambitions.

GIRLS AND BOYS MATURE AND LEARN DIFFERENTLY

Your daughter can benefit from being in a school that recognises these differences and provide an education geared specifically to her needs and developmental stage.

CARE AND SUPPORT

What's different about Adcote is that we really do understand girls. This understanding means we can give the right kind of support and create safe environments in which girls feel comfortable taking risks and asking questions.

GIRLS LEARN TO BE LEADERS

The girls of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and Adcote is a wonderful environment for your daughter to learn not just how to shoulder responsibility, but also how to take risks and inspire and lead others.

FREEDOM FROM STEREOTYPES

Girls are leaders, they excel as much in Physics, Engineering and Design Technology as they do in English, Drama and Art, and they are free to pursue and achieve in every sport we offer.

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

Adcote has an excellent track record of helping their students gain places at the university of their choice.

CAREERS

We open girls' eyes to possibilities and help them to take the practical and imaginative steps necessary to achieve their ambitions. With visiting speakers, partnerships, expeditions and exchange visits, and joint activities with other schools, we prepare your daughter for the many challenges of life in the real world.



Our unique approach

When parents visit us here at Adcote, we are always struck by the fact that they are united by a single wish: **they all want their daughters to be the very best they can be.** The outcomes they want to secure for their daughters are always the same.

We believe passionately in the advantages of educating girls in a single sex environment. Our outstanding staff are specialists in the way girls learn. We understand the challenges that modern women will face in their futures and **our unique CLEAR learning programme** equips them with all the skills they will need in order to thrive and be happy in the 21st Century.

Universally, parents tell us they want their daughters to be **Confident**: to have faith in themselves, to speak up, to challenge and defend.

They tell us they want their daughters to be able to **Lead**. To be able to take control of a situation as an excellent team player but also to be able to lead themselves when working independently.

In this multi-screened 21st Century, parents tell us they want their daughters to be **Engaged** with the real world, not the virtual world presented to them online.

Of course, they want them to be **Achievers**. To achieve the best possible examination results they can but also to achieve in other areas and feel the thrill of success in competitions and performance.

Lastly, and so closely linked to success, they want their daughters to be **Resilient**, to understand that failure is a necessary part of success and know the value of lessons learned from mistakes: "bounce, don't break".

Adcote's unique CLEAR learning programme is structured to embed the key outcomes of Confidence, Leadership, Engagement, Achievement and Resilience in all our students and is woven into every part of school life.

The CLEAR programme includes wide-ranging initiatives that introduce students to challenging new learning, adventure tasks and experiences that test their initiative, creativity, team building, resolve, social skills and endurance.



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Very fond memories playing amongst those trees for 9 years of my education! Such a special place.

PAST STUDENT

CONFIDENCE | LEADERSHIP | ENGAGEMENT | ACHIEVEMENT | RESILIENCE

A CLEAR choice

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*Adcote has been life changing,
not only for my daughter but
for our family.*

CURRENT PARENT



We have an unrivalled reputation for building the right sort of confidence in our young people.

Our small classes and homely setting mean that we know all our girls really well. Fewer students in our school means that all our girls take every opportunity.

Feeling secure at school means that our girls take more risks with their learning, venturing answers more readily, challenging themselves to reach new heights in their understanding.

Our tailored support, girl-centric delivery and attitude of warmth and encouragement mean that our girls' self-worth is high. Visitors to our school unfailingly comment on the personable nature of our students,

including school inspectors who reported that our girls were “articulate, polite and their behaviour is exceptionally good.”

Alongside our CLEAR Learning Challenge Days, older girls can develop their leadership skills through our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Combined Cadets Force and our bespoke outdoor learning programme called Wayfarers. Our Sixth Form girls can achieve a CMI award in Leadership and Management.

Younger girls experience leadership through roles of responsibility, with experience of senior leadership coming at the end of the prep school.

We teach British values but as we educate girls from all over the world, our students have a full knowledge of other cultures and traditions. This global diversity offers our students a reflection of the working environment they are likely to encounter in their careers.

We are proud of our non-selective status. We accept all children, assess and address their needs and through our warm encouragement, careful monitoring and personalised

attention, they thrive. We secure results that are far in excess of the national average and girls leave us to study at some of the top universities in the UK, including Oxford and Cambridge.

At Adcote, we build strategies in our students that allow them to be strong in the face of the trials they encounter in the modern world. Our carefully crafted curriculum means that we build resilience in their characters, from tackling nerves before a sports match to conquering a difficult problem as part of our Challenge programme. In this way, they cope with adversity and go on to flourish.



Student Support



Our teachers support and guide students in their academic journey by delivering top quality teaching

On arrival at the Adcote, all girls in Year 9 and above are assigned a personal tutor. This person is the primary contact for the girls and their parents. Formal meetings between girls and their tutor are held every term to discuss progress in both academic and pastoral matters.

We have a Head of Student Services and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, for specific concerns. A counsellor comes to school each week who can help within the school setting on an individual basis for more targeted support.

Our prefect team run the 'Student Voice.' This is a forum where girls can seek help from a 'big sister' - a vital link in any pastoral system.

We have a whole school approach to supporting our students mental health through our CLEAR Learning Programme.

Resilience is particularly important. We teach our students to cope with change, adversity and overcoming barriers and enable them to feel more confident.

Programmes in mindfulness and wellbeing which can reduce stress and anxiety as well as focusing on positive thinking techniques.

These can also lead to a more positive outlook and benefit academic work.

Short courses are offered as boosters to students, which sit alongside normal lessons. This additional support, as well as small class sizes, ensures that all students get the tailored education that they need to succeed.

Student support is assessed on an individual basis and reviewed accordingly.

EAL SUPPORT

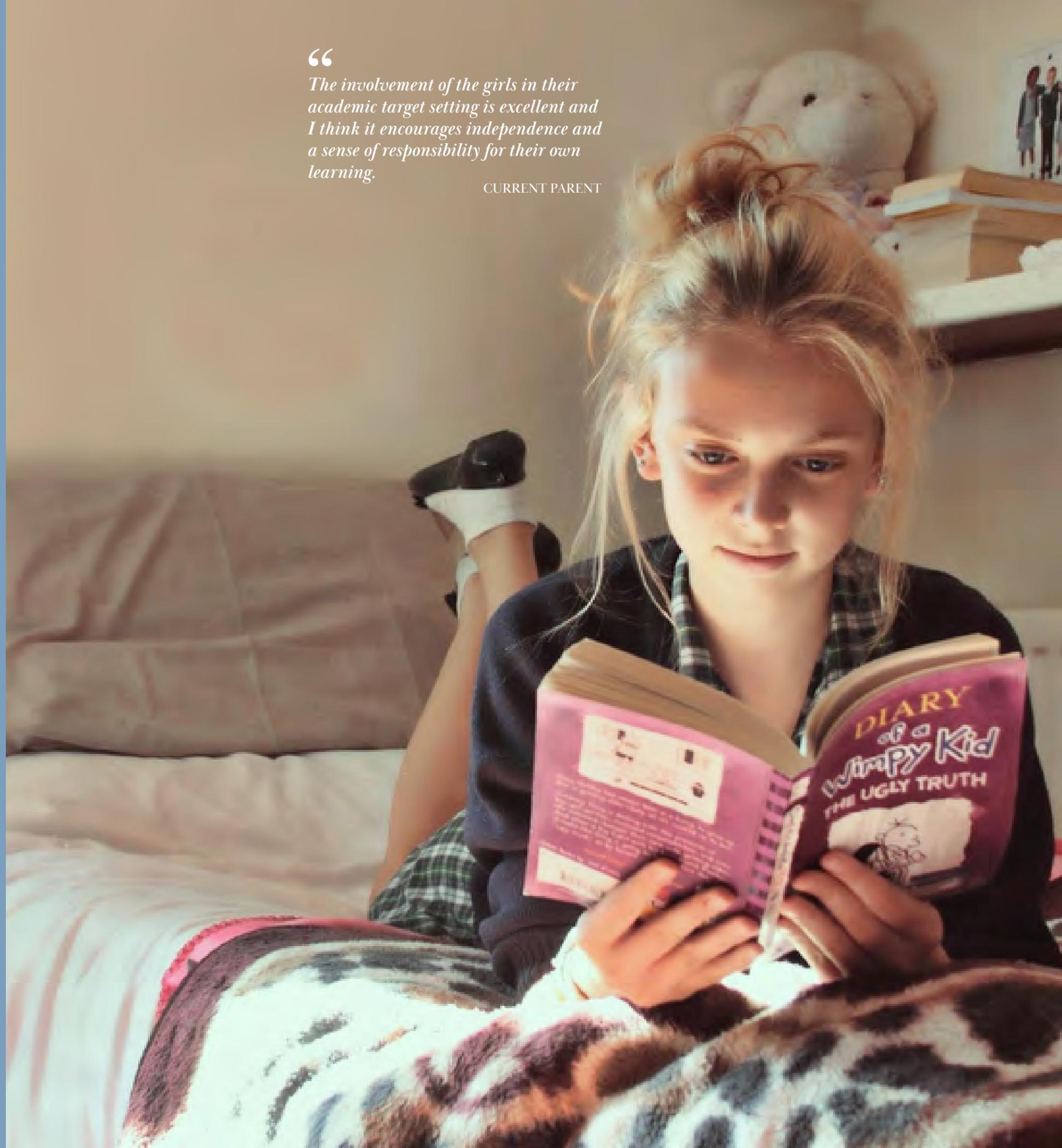
Our school life is enriched by the variety of ideas and perspectives that come from our international students, and we understand that they can have different educational needs. We are committed to supporting students' language requirements throughout their courses in order to achieve the standard required to demonstrate their skills in English.

Our students can be supported through our EAL (English as a Foreign Language) department and be provided with tailored weekly instruction as part of their regular timetable.

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The involvement of the girls in their academic target setting is excellent and I think it encourages independence and a sense of responsibility for their own learning.

CURRENT PARENT





Prep School

The Prep School is a happy, inclusive environment in which your daughter can learn, build confidence and thrive

We provide an education that inspires confidence and free-thinking. We understand the crucial part that building self-confidence plays in bringing about a positive attitude to learning and education.

We give our girls the skills that they need to succeed through support and positivity, both in the classroom and beyond.

Our learning throughout the Prep School is based around the National Curriculum. We maintain a rigorous assessment regime throughout all years.

Whilst in primary we do not conduct SATs testing, our learning is comparable to national results, but without the stress that tests can bring.

Years 7 and 8 give our girls the very best start to their secondary education, without the stress of moving to a new school.

Many of the teachers will already know the pupils and can provide a seamless transition to the academic rigour of KS3 learning. This gives pupils confidence and familiarity as they embark on Key Stage 3 learning.

The girls leave the Prep School poised for the demands of GCSE study and the excitement that moving up to the Senior School brings.

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The advantages of attending a small school are, in my opinion, massive!

CURRENT PARENT

Senior School

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As a parent, it has been wonderful to be part of the Adcote community, and to witness the care, commitment and passion that all the staff at Adcote bring to their profession.

CURRENT PARENT



PUBLIC SPEAKING LEADERSHIP SKILLS TEAM BUILDING

It is here that your daughter will start thinking about future careers and preparing for GCSE exams. During these years, she will not only continue to build on academic skills and knowledge but will also develop skills and qualities that will equip her for the future.

Throughout their time in the Senior School not only will students be studying for their GCSE exams; they will also be developing important life skills and qualities through a curriculum that focuses on more than

just academic achievement. These include public speaking, leadership skills and team building.

At Adcote School we pride ourselves on our supportive and caring environment, and this is never more important than in the Senior School, as students face increasing pressures of exams.

Academic development is supported by small class sizes, excellent teaching, and strong teacher/student relationships.

A wide range of subjects is taught in the Senior School, which is reflected in the large number of options available at GCSE and iGCSE. Performing Arts, Fine Art and Textiles form an integral part of life in and outside the curriculum. Sporting and cultural activities are also used to inspire initiative, ambition, responsibility and compassion.

PE, Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), information on careers and work experience are included as an important part of the

core curriculum for all the girls. Work Experience happens in Year 10 where girls are found a placement in the organisation of their choice in liaison with Connexions.

In Year 10, students also have the option of either CCF or Wayfarers, our own bespoke outdoor learning programme for one afternoon per week.





Sixth Form

Sixth Formers are wonderful role models for younger students

Adcote Sixth Form has a pre-university culture with very high expectations of our students.

There is a firm set of procedures to ensure that high standards are met at all times. Attendance is closely monitored, and procedures are in place to contact parents and guardians if any concerns arise.

We encourage our girls to take every opportunity on offer and make it their own, with tailored support and encouragement to gain confidence in independent learning skills.

Sixth Form students have the option between independent study or silent group study during the day. The school is also well served by WiFi and communications technology and we encourage all students to bring in a laptop or other device.

All subjects make full use of Google Classroom and Google Docs to share resources and undertake tasks, which encourages students' full engagement across the curriculum.

We offer a range of leadership responsibilities in the school and involvement in community activities. Students are expected to set an example to the rest of the school through their high standard of formal attire and the way they present themselves.

We offer Challenge Days throughout the year, work experience and a Level 3 qualification in Leadership and Management with the CMI to build resilience.

Along with university style seminars, a structured programme of tutorials and progress monitoring meetings with personal tutors, students achieve their full potential in chosen specialist areas.

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Both of our daughters have gone on to their first choice universities, including Cambridge. Clearly the decision we made over a decade ago to send our girls to Adcote was the right one!

CURRENT PARENT



Skills for Life

Our students participate in activities that encourage CLEAR values as well as building skills for life

CLEAR CHALLENGE DAYS

Challenge Days are carefully crafted, complex situations which safely take students out of their comfort zones in order to grow core skills. These take place every term and are enjoyed by all our girls. All activities take place in mixed age groups in order to encourage collegiality but also so that younger students can learn from older students.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

This is based on British Armed Forces, its aims are to develop leadership; leading self and leading others, teamwork and courage. Girls will be attached to one of four sections: Navy, Royal Marines, Army or RAF. They will stay with these sections for the two terms of the academic year.

WAYFARERS

This is a course run at School and takes girls through leadership training, first aid and problem solving. It gives the girls life skills and a chance to add to their list of qualifications.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Recognised widely by universities and employers, the DofE award enables young people to build character, independence, confidence, inter-personal skills, develop their knowledge and give back to their local community, reinforcing Adcote School's CLEAR values.

GOOGLE EDUCATION

Using Google Education, we have the resources to improve two important areas of education; effectiveness and efficiency. The platform ensures that our education is effective, as we are able to use the amazing information and resources available to use on the internet. Students and staff are able to share, collaborate and discover together.



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Combined Cadets Force has taught me leadership skills and I have some things that I wouldn't have experienced through any other circumstances.

CURRENT STUDENT



Home from home

Our houses are a safe, caring, friendly and disciplined environment where we create a strong sense of family and traditional values

Our homely boarding houses welcome girls between eight and eighteen and **we offer full, weekly and flexi boarding options to cater for all needs.**

The Head of Boarding and her team, who all reside on site, and a Medical Officer on call for us 24/7 provide the care, comfort and support, which are so important to the girls' well-being and success.

Nurturing and guiding the youngest to the oldest, we encourage independence, confidence, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility and respect for other cultures throughout the houses.

We have two boarding houses here at Adcote, where structure and routine are key. Aston Hall has twin rooms with en-suite facilities. In Norman House students are in rooms that typically sleep 2 to 4 students with separate bathroom facilities. Both houses have common rooms where the girls can relax, watch television, play games or have a hot drink and socialise.

Meals are eaten as a boarding community in our Darby restaurant and give opportunities to mix across houses and year groups. Our catering team accommodate all specialist diets and our menus are varied and healthy.

Our activity program offers both onsite and offsite cultural, active and relaxation activities and we encourage our students to take advantage of what's on offer.

We welcome casual boarding for day girls, subject to availability, where the occasional overnight stay is needed such as a birthday celebration, a school production or for when parents need to be away from home.

We are proud members of the Boarding School Association (BSA) and accredited for the Forces Continuity of Education Allowance.

“
I love this place. My daughters were so happy there!
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PAST PARENT



Performing Arts



We are proud to have achieved a 100% Distinction rate in our examinations to date



Music and Drama at Adcote have truly thrived over the past years and we are incredibly proud of the girls' achievements in all areas of performance.

Our in-house productions are firm fixtures on the school calendar throughout the year and offer the students opportunities to take part in plays, concerts and performance projects for different ages.

LAMDA examinations are an excellent way for the girls to develop their acting and public speaking skills and we are proud to have achieved a 100% Distinction rate in our examinations to date.

We pride ourselves on producing polished and professional performances and we always have fantastic responses from our audiences.

We are immensely proud to be commended on a national level, with a fantastic Adcote win of the prestigious "ISA A-Capella Championships" in 2020, an achievement that truly highlights the excellent standard of music and arts at Adcote.

Studying Performing Arts teaches transferable skills such as; public speaking skills, creativity, team working skills, discipline and confidence.

The Arts are exciting, creative, challenging and versatile subjects in which your daughter will grow and thrive, and demonstrate all of the CLEAR values.



PE & Sport

National ISA victories for several individual and team events in both athletics and gymnastics

The expertise of the sports staff has ensured that we have seen many successes in a range of sports, with National ISA victories for several individual and team events in both athletics and gymnastics.

Gymnastics has a strong tradition at the school. Adcote has a fierce reputation for excellence in this sport in local, regional and national events. Another outstanding Adcote sport is athletics, with successes gained at local and regional events.

We have select pupils who have displayed extreme talent and succeeded in national

championships, meaning they have been good enough to train with professional teams such as the Birchfield Harriers in Birmingham.

In addition to our competitive sport, we also cover a range of sports in PE lessons and as activities, with a focus on learning skills but also allowing the girls to engage in sport for fun. Dance, aerobics, badminton, basketball, dodgeball and volleyball are a few of the activities taught.

Our facilities include an air-conditioned sports hall where most sports are taught, tennis courts, netball courts and large grassed areas for field sports.





**FENCING RIDING NETBALL GYMNASTICS
WIND ENSEMBLE DANCE ENTERPRISE
CLUB DEBATING SPANISH ROCK BAND
PRODUCT DESIGN ZENTANGLE LAMDA
STEM COMPETITIONS STRINGS CLUB
COMPOSING PHOTOGRAPHY GUITAR
ENSEMBLE BADMINTON A-CAPELLA
TENNIS ECONOMICS MUSIC THEORY
TEXTILES DRAMA CHRISTIAN UNION**

Our staff deliver extra-curricular activities with skill, passion and a knack for developing core skills. We embed CLEAR values in all of these clubs.

These activities take place beyond the academic curriculum and form an important part of the ethos and school life at Adcote. Our extra-curricular programme is designed to stimulate young minds and provide girls with an all-round education. Our

activities run weekly throughout the school year.

As the girls move through Senior School, they take part in the Wayfarers program or CCF. These are run in combination with the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. They join either the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army or RAF Sections. These have different themes but achieve the same aim of providing a vehicle for students to grow.

In Sixth Form we offer the girls the opportunity to gain their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award, as well as a week's work experience.

We offer a variety of performing arts and music programmes for our more artistic students, as well as multiple art clubs including photography, textiles and product design.

We encourage all Adcote students to get involved with a range of activities. We want all of our pupils to challenge themselves and try something new and unusual. Often involvement in a particular area can sometimes lead to life-long pursuits. Students are encouraged to give feedback and suggest new programmes.

We feel confident that there is something for everyone!

University Destinations



Students are encouraged to start thinking of their futures from an early age

Support is provided by staff who have not only decades of direct experience in guiding students through this process, but have been educated at Oxbridge and the Top UK universities.

Our success in this process can be seen from the university destinations of our students.

Academically, Adcote is the top value-added school in Shropshire for A Levels, and in the top 50 nationally.

Students are encouraged to start thinking of their futures from an early age and we inspire students to thrive in all areas of their academic life both inside and out of the school.

Over 90% of our students accessed their first choice universities in 2021.





FACILITIES

- 27 acres of lush gardens in the Shropshire countryside
- 4 Tennis courts
- Modern boarding facilities
- Large indoor sports hall
- Outdoor classroom

LOCATION

- By air:** Birmingham and Manchester are the closest airports
- By train:** Shrewsbury Station is the closest train station to Adcote
- By road:** Nearest Motorways are the M54 and M6

Liverpool ✈️

Manchester ✈️

Chester

Shrewsbury

Birmingham ✈️

London ✈️

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