



Immersion Programme Handbook

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School Overview

Founded	1907
School Type	Traditional private boarding and day school for girls
School Ranking	12th among all private girls' schools in the UK, A-Level A*-A 57%
Location	Situated in historic Shrewsbury, the hometown of Charles Darwin, just 1.5 hours from Birmingham and Manchester.
School Size	A stunning 200-acre estate offering a safe, peaceful, and inspiring environment.
Student Body	Around 240 pupils, 80% British, 10% other international, and 8% Chinese.
Teacher-Student Ratio	An exceptional 1:3.5, ensuring highly personalised teaching through the traditional tutorial system.
Courses Offered	Full-time education from Years 3–13 (ages 7–18), including Primary, Secondary, GCSE, and A-Level courses.
Campus Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historic school buildings, grand hall• 30-acre garden-style campus• Science center, computer classrooms equipped with wireless network• Music rooms, dance studios• Tennis courts, netball courts, large indoor gymnasium• Comprehensive fitness centre
Academic Specialties	Academic strengths in mathematics, sciences, humanities, and arts; nationally recognised for equestrian and gymnastics.

School Highlights



Outstanding Academic Results

57% of A-Level grades at A*–A, with 93% of university offers coming from Russell Group establishments and one-third of students receiving a UK G5 university offer.

Superior Geographical Location

Located in the West Midlands, Shrewsbury (Darwin's hometown), a safe and welcoming setting ideal for girls. Only 1 hour from Manchester International Airport, with direct flights from Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong.



Individualised Teaching

Ultra-small classes, 1:3.5 teacher–student ratio, and one-to-one university guidance to maximise each girl's potential.



Exceptional Boarding Provision

All half-term holidays can be spent on campus at no extra cost, with no need for host families. Open 3 weeks longer per year than most UK schools.



Academic Specialism

Strengths in STEAM and the arts; 100% of students progress to their first-choice universities.



Vibrant Extracurricular Life

More than 50 activities tailored for girls' interests and talents.



National Recognition

Awarded Best Private Primary School in the UK (2019) and Best Private Secondary School in the UK (2022).

Academic Excellence

Adcote School for Girls is celebrated for its exceptional results, particularly in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) and the arts. Its ultra-small class sizes ensure personalised learning and tailored academic guidance for every student.

Living Environment

The school is located in Shrewsbury, West England, the birthplace of the famous scientist Darwin. The environment is safe and tranquil, suitable for girls' study and life. The campus covers nearly 200 acres and is known as one of the most beautiful garden campuses in the UK, providing an ideal learning and living environment for students.

Academic Offering

Year 3 – Year 9 (Junior and Senior School)

All compulsory subjects, including English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Computer Science, Art, Textiles, Physical Education, Spanish, Music, Drama, Personal and Social Education, Economics, etc.

Year 10 – Year 11 (GCSE)

Compulsory Subjects

English, Mathematics and Science (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

Elective Subjects

Humanities	History Geography Religious Studies Philosophy and Ethics
Modern Foreign Languages	French Spanish German Italian
Arts	Fine Art Music Drama Dance Photography
Technology	Computer Science Design Technology Food Technology
Business	Business Studies Economics

Year 12 – Year 13 (A-Level)

Students typically choose 3–4 subjects for in-depth study. Options include:

Science	Mathematics Further Mathematics Physics Chemistry Biology Computer Science Psychology
Humanities	English Literature History Geography Philosophy Religious Studies Politics
Languages	French Spanish German Italian Chinese
Art	Fine Art Music Drama Studies Photography Textile Design
Business	Economics Business Studies Accounting

Extracurricular Activities

Arts & Culture

- Choir
- Composition
- Creative Writing
- Dance
- Drama
- Film Club
- French
- Gardening
- Guitar
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Pottery
- Textile Design
- Zentangle Art



Sports

- Badminton
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Netball
- Squash
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Yoga

Weekend Activities

Every weekend, students have the chance to explore the UK and enjoy exciting activities with friends. Trips are optional, but always popular!

- Trips to London and Madame Tussauds
- Liverpool city and museum tours
- Water sports at Cheshire Water Sports Centre
- Historic visits to Conwy Castle and Chester
- Day trips to theme parks, Chester Zoo, Bodnant Gardens and escape rooms
- Indoor fun at trampoline parks, bowling and laser tag
- Shopping trips to Manchester Trafford Centre and outlet malls
- Skiing at Manchester's Indoor Ski Centre
- Christmas markets and seasonal celebrations
- Themed school parties and cultural experiences
- And loads more!

Visiting Birmingham Christmas Markets



Shopping at The Trafford Centre, Manchester



Trip to London and Madame Tussauds



Admission Information

Program Introduction

Adcote's immersion program refers to a short-term experience of 3 weeks or more during the school's regular academic term. Unlike language camps, immersion students join as full members of the community:

- Attending regular academic lessons
- Living in our boarding houses
- Joining co-curricular clubs and weekend trips
- Receiving a completion certificate at the end

Program Highlights

- High cost-effectiveness
- Authentic British classroom experience
- Rapid improvement in English language
- Small-class learning with individual care
- Excellent preparatory course experience
- Flexible start dates with rolling admissions

Who Can Apply

Age 8–17 (Year 11 unavailable due to GCSEs)

How To Apply

1. Confirm start and end dates
2. Submit application form and passport copy (transcripts optional)
3. Complete an online English interview (Zoom)
4. Receive admission offer



Academic Calendar 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025

Boarders Return	Monday 1st September	12:00pm
School Begins	Wednesday 3rd September	8:35am
Half Term Begins	Wednesday 22nd October	4:00pm
Boarders Return	Sunday 2nd November	11:00am - 5:00pm
Day Students Return	Monday 3rd November	8:35am
End of Term	Thursday 11 th December	4:10pm
Boarders Depart	Friday 12th December	

Spring Term 2026

Boarders Return	Monday 5th January	11:00am-5:00pm
School Begins	Tuesday 6th January	8:35am
Half Term Begins	Friday 13th February	4:00pm
Boarders Return	Sunday 22nd February	11:00am-5:00pm
Day Students Return	Monday 23rd February	8:35am
End of Term	Thursday 26th March	4:10pm
Boarders Depart	Friday 27th March	

Summer Term 2026

Boarders Return	Monday 20th April	11:00am-5:00pm
School Begins	Tuesday 21st April	8:35am
Half Term Begins	Friday 22nd May	4:10pm
Boarders Return	Sunday 31st May	11:00am-5:00pm
Day Students Return	Monday 1st June	8:35am
End of Term	Thursday 2nd July	4:10pm
Boarders Depart	Friday 3rd July	

Fees and Terms & Conditions

Fees

Duration	Tuition and Boarding Fees (including accommodation and meals)	Deposit	VAT
3-6 weeks	£1,000/week	£500	+10%
6+ weeks	£1,000/week	£1,000	

Terms and Conditions

- To secure course places, application forms must be completed and deposits paid, and submitted to Myddelton College or authorised agents or partners;
- The school reserves the right to adjust timetables;
- Parents are responsible for declaring any medications the student is taking and any medical issues at the time of application;
- Photos and videos of immersion students taken by the school may be used for marketing purposes (unless the student opts out on the application form);
- The school reserves the right to allocate other teaching facilities and accommodation without prior notice;
- Fees paid by students are non-transferable to other students, and the school reserves the right to cancel or modify courses when necessary.

Cancellation Policy

- Applicants have the right to cancel their course place before the course begins.
- Applicants must provide written notice to Adcote Schools to cancel their application.
- In case of visa refusal, applicants need to provide written cancellation notice along with the refusal letter.
- If Adcote Schools receives cancellation notice before the course begins, applicants are entitled to a refund of course fees collected by Adcote (Adcote will charge a £400 application fee), calculated as follows:

Days before course starts	Refund percentage
60+ days	100%
45 - 59 days	50%
30 - 44 days	10%
0 - 29 days	0%

If applicants fail to provide written notice as specified above, they forfeit their right to a refund. Refund processing requires 30 working days after receiving complete materials. The school reserves the right of final interpretation.

Visa Refusal Situations

If a student visa is refused, the school will reconsider a refund on a case-by-case basis, provided that the visa application has been refused and a refusal report is provided, but no refund will be given if the visa is refused for any of the following reasons:

- If the visa application does not comply with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration regulations, no refund will be given;
- If false documents are submitted, or false and deceptive information is used in the visa application, no refund will be given.



Adcote School looks forward to welcoming every girl. We believe that here, every girls can discover their potential, realise their dreams, and become confident, independent, and influential female leaders.

If you have any questions about the application process or need further information, please feel free to contact our admissions team. We will wholeheartedly provide professional guidance and support.

Welcome to the Adcote family!

