

# WHERE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE MEETS PERSONAL GROWTH





# WELCOME TO FULFORD ACADEMY

Large enough to make a difference.
Small enough to care

Fulford Academy offers the resources of a leading Canadian preparatory school, combined with the personal attention of a close-knit learning community. Here, every student is known by name, supported by dedicated teachers, and encouraged to achieve beyond what they imagined possible.

At Fulford Academy, education is about more than just academics—it's about preparing students to thrive in a dynamic, interconnected world. Our approach focuses on nurturing each student's intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and sense of responsibility.

#### Did you know?

Private school students score 9% higher on standardized reading, math and science tests, compared to public school students.

87% of private school students feel prepared for university, compared to only 39% of public school students.









Head of School's Welcome

Through small class sizes, dynamic club programs, and house-based community activities, we ensure that every student feels a strong sense of belonging, whether they are boarding or day students. Our students are supported by compassionate peers and a dedicated staff, all of whom are committed to providing a high-quality, personalized education.

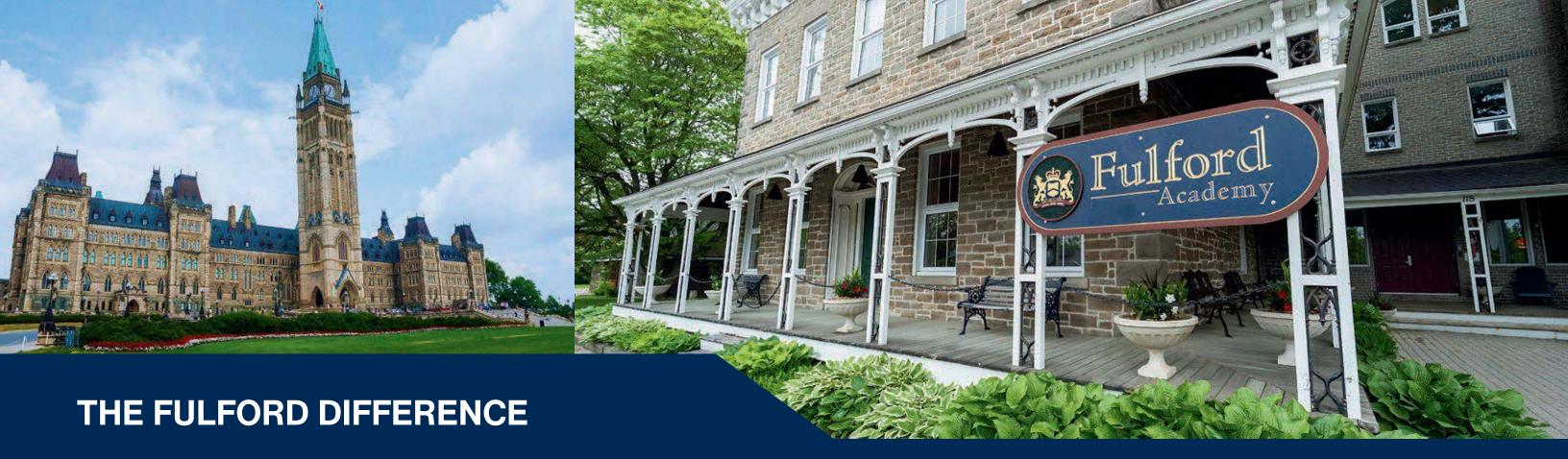
Our curriculum emphasizes "project-based learning" with a real-world focus, active learning, collaboration, and deeper understanding, promoting self-directed learning as students develop skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, and other 21st-century skills. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) is integrated with the arts, ensuring that students acquire the essential skills they need for success in their future endeavours. We foster an environment of collaboration and cooperation, celebrating the diversity of our community while building meaningful connections between students from different backgrounds.

The core values of Fulford Academy—courage, respect, and wisdom—guide our community. We encourage students to step outside of their comfort zones, seek new challenges, and always strive for wisdom in their personal and academic journeys. Together, we aim to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere that fosters the growth and success of every student.

I am excited to continue supporting and guiding our students, faculty, and families in creating an inspiring and prosperous future for our community.

Sarah Wifson-MacMillan

Mrs. Sarah Wilson-MacMillan BA, BEd, OCT, PME Head of School



#### Safe, Friendly, Family-Like Environment

Students develop strong, personal relationships with their classmates, staff and community.

#### 24/7 Supervision

Residential staff, teachers and the Head of School on campus to provide round-the-clock support and care.

#### Structured Schedule

Rigorous academic day, and co-curricular activities with IELTS and OSSLT preparation, plus teacher supervised study hours.

#### **Enhanced Academic Program**

A comprehensive, in-depth approach that ensures every student receives the support they need to succeed.

#### #4 Ranked High School Education System in the World

Conference Board of Canada.

#### **Certified and Specialized Teachers**

Ontario College of Teachers (OCT) certification with a specialization in English as a Second Language (ESL) and University Guidance.

#### **Small By Design**

We limit enrolment to 70 boarding students and 40-day students, ensuring individualized attention and guaranteeing success.

#### **Students From 20+ Countries**

We proudly welcome students from over 20 countries, fostering lasting friendships worldwide.

#### **Contact Time**

140 hours in class instructional hours per course compared to the Ontario standard of 110.

#### **Small Class Sizes**

Average class size of 12 students.

# 100% Post-Secondary Placement with Significant Scholarships

One hundred percent of our graduates gain entry into post-secondary institutions, many of whom receive significant scholarships.

#### **Technology**

Teachers are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, allowing them to integrate digital teaching methods effectively. Wi-Fi is available throughout the school.

#### **Multicultural Environment**

Students build global networks with peers from Canada and around the world.

#### **Recreation Facilities**

Several common rooms feature TVs, game consoles, and a games room with a pool and a ping-pong table. Equipped with an exercise and weight room, outdoor playing fields and a basketball court. "The Juice Bar" offers a welcoming space for students to hang out, fully stocked with snacks, tea, coffee, and juices.

# Above Industry-Standard Accommodations

Each student shares a well-maintained, fully furnished room with an ensuite four-piece bathroom, individual climate control, and generous space – 39 square metres.

#### **English Only Policy**

Maximizing English language acquisition and proficiency.

#### **ESL Support**

ESL-specialized teachers deliver the curriculum from an ESL perspective to maximize learning.

# Co-Curricular Activities and Recreational Sports

Various post-academic day activities and sports provide students with the benefit of physical activity as well as interacting with classmates and staff.









# PRIVATE BOARDING SCHOOL, THE FULFORD WAY.

#### **Rigorous Instruction with Individualized Support**

Fulford students work closely with Ontario-certified teachers who understand the unique needs of international learners. With over 140 instructional hours per course, students receive the guidance, challenge, and encouragement needed to achieve their full potential.

#### **Fulford's Support Network Helps Students Succeed**

Every student is paired with a teacher-advisor who provides mentorship, monitors progress, and serves as a consistent point of contact for families.

#### **Small Class Sizes Allow Students to Learn Without Limits**

Fulford classes average just 10-12 students, allowing teachers to tailor instruction to each learner's needs. From project-based learning to leadership opportunities, students are challenged to think critically, collaborate effectively, and take ownership of their future.

#### A Proven, Deep Focus on English as a Second Language

Students naturally develop English fluency through daily interaction and immersive experiences. Structured IELTS and OSSLT preparation is built into the timetable, ensuring graduates meet both university and provincial requirements. Study halls in English, mathematics, and science offer additional opportunities for mastery.

#### **Supervised Study Halls Give Extra Support**

Weekday supervised study halls are staffed by teachers, helping students stay focused, organized and on track with their academic goals.

#### **Premium Boarding & Care in a Safe and Inspiring Location**

Located in Merrickville, Ontario — known as The Most Beautiful Village in Canada — our campus blends historic charm with modern facilities. The boutique boarding program offers shared rooms with ensuite bathrooms, fresh meals and 24/7 supervision.

#### **Pathways to Prestigious Universities and Schools**

With a 100% post-secondary acceptance rate and more than half of graduates earning major scholarships, Fulford students consistently secure places at top universities in Canada and abroad. Many also transition to Canada's most respected boarding schools, arriving prepared to excel academically and socially.



#### **Grade 9–12 Program**

For students looking to obtain their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Unlike most private or independent schools, students can start at Fulford in September for the Fall Term or in February for the Winter Term.

#### **ESL Foundation Program**

For students in Grades 9–12 who need to strengthen their English before entering full academic study. Many students transition into Fulford's Grade 9–12 or UQY programs, while others enter prestigious boarding schools across Canada.

#### **University Qualification Year (UQY)**

For students who have already completed high school and want to strengthen their academic and language skills before entering a Canadian university.

#### **Spring Term Program**

For students wanting a head start on their academic journey in Canada. This program is only available to ESL students from countries where the academic year ends in March, allowing them to begin in April.

## **Grade 9–12 Program**

Our Grade 9–12 Program follows the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) curriculum, recognized worldwide for its academic rigour and university preparation. Through project-based learning, students develop creativity, collaboration, and independent thinking. Guided by academic advisors, students choose from a wide array of courses to tailor their studies to their interests, university entrance requirements, and career aspirations.

Beyond academics, Fulford Academy is committed to nurturing the whole student. Our supportive environment fosters personal growth and development, encouraging students to engage meaningfully with their studies and their peers. Additionally, through extracurricular activities, community service, and leadership opportunities, students develop a well-rounded profile that stands out to university admissions committees.

Unlike most private or independent schools that only offer full-year programs, students have the advantage of starting at Fulford in September for the Fall Term or in February for the Winter Term. Each Term consists of 4 academic credits and allows flexibility for a student's timetable to meet OSSD diploma requirements







## **ESL Foundation Program**

Our ESL Foundation Program is a comprehensive pathway for students in Grades 9–12 who need to strengthen their English before entering full academic study. In this program, language learning is never isolated — it is integrated into mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts through a content-based approach. This immersion helps students build not only fluency, but also the vocabulary, confidence, and critical thinking skills needed to excel both in and out of Canadian classrooms.

Small, supportive classes and personalized learning plans allow each learner to progress at their own pace, with regular assessments to monitor readiness for the next step. Many students transition into Fulford's Grade 9–12 or UQY programs, while others enter prestigious boarding schools across Canada, already equipped with the skills and confidence to succeed.

## **University Qualification Year (UQY)**

Our University Qualification Year program is designed for students who have already completed high school and want to strengthen their academic and language skills before entering a Canadian university. This intensive program combines advanced coursework with academic writing, research skills, and IELTS preparation to ensure that students are fully prepared for university-level study.

Students receive personalized advising to navigate the university application process, working one-on-one with our university guidance team to develop competitive applications, craft compelling personal statements, and identify scholarship opportunities.





## **SUMMER CAMPS**

## **ESL Language Adventure Camp**

For three weeks each July, international students aged 11–17 immerse themselves in English language learning while discovering Canada. Morning classes focus on practical, content-based English skills, while afternoons and weekends bring hands-on cultural experiences — from exploring Ottawa's Parliament Hill to enjoying the natural beauty of the Rideau Canal. Students board at Fulford, enjoying both comfort and 24/7 supervision.

## **Robotics & Science Day Camp**

Choosing from 3 one-week sessions (Monday-Friday) in July, local students aged 11–17 spend mornings in our labs designing robots, coding, and conducting science experiments, then join international campers for sports, games, and creative workshops in the afternoon. It's a dynamic blend of STEM learning and intercultural exchange.



## **SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

## **Extended Spring Term**

From late June, Spring students can stay an additional four weeks to earn an extra OSSD credit for a total of four. This program is ideal for those who wish to accelerate their studies, retake a course, strengthen subject knowledge, or meet requirements for the next academic year. This program is also open to non-Fulford Academy International and Canadian students, as well as local day students.

## **August Academic Orientation for ESL Students**

Mandatory for new Fulford ESL Students

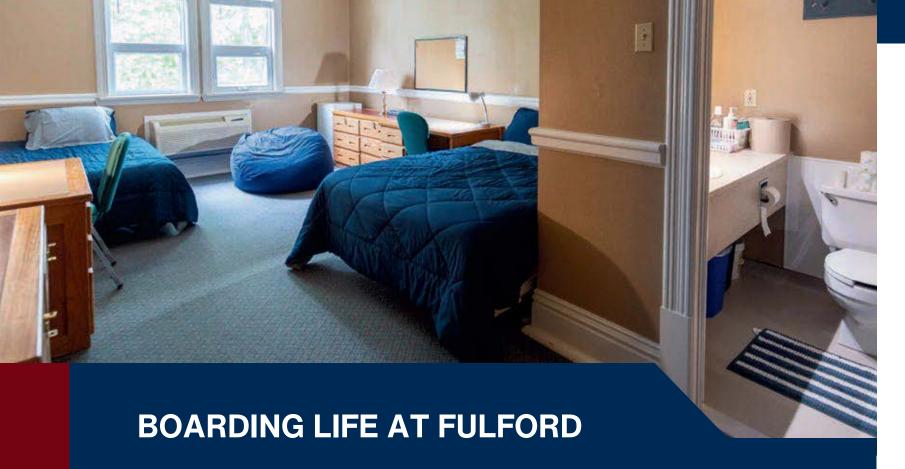
Whether attending Fulford Academy or another Canadian school, this four-week program prepares new ESL students for boarding school life in Canada. Participants strengthen their English, experience core subjects, and enjoy an outdoor adventure retreat at Christy Lake Camp before the school year begins.



Full summer camp details, dates and fees are available at fulfordacademy.com/camps

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For our boarding students, Fulford Academy is more than a place to study — it is a place to live, grow, and belong. Our residence program is designed with both Canadian and international families in mind, offering the highest standards of safety, comfort, and care.

- Premium Living Standards
- 24/7 Supervision
- In-House Culinary Team
- Fully-Furnished Room with Ensuite
- Structured Schedule That Blends Study, Recreation and Rest
- Evening Activities
- Weekend Excursions

Fulford Academy welcomes up to 70 boarding students and 40 day students from over 20 countries worldwide, fostering a dynamic, inclusive, and globally minded learning environment that broadens perspectives and forms lasting friendships.

#### **Care Around the Clock**

24/7 supervision and a constant presence of trusted adults. Whether assisting with academics, helping students adjust to life in Canada, or simply offering a listening ear, they ensure that every student feels safe, supported, and at home.

## **Dining That Feels Like Home**

Meals are prepared fresh on site by our culinary team, with menus that balance nutrition, variety, and international flavours. Dietary needs and preferences are accommodated, allowing students to enjoy familiar dishes while discovering new tastes from around the world.

## **Premium Living Standards**

Each student shares a well-maintained, fully furnished room with an ensuite four-piece bathroom, individual climate control, and generous space — up to 39 square metres. This boutique day and boarding model accommodates a maximum of 110 students, ensuring a close-knit community where every individual is known and supported.

## **A Balanced Daily Routine**

Life at Fulford follows a structured schedule that blends study, recreation, and rest. Evenings vary between additional study halls, clubs, volunteer opportunities, and leadership team-building sessions, while weekends offer cultural excursions, hiking and seasonal activities.

View a Sample Daily Schedule for Life at Fulford Academy





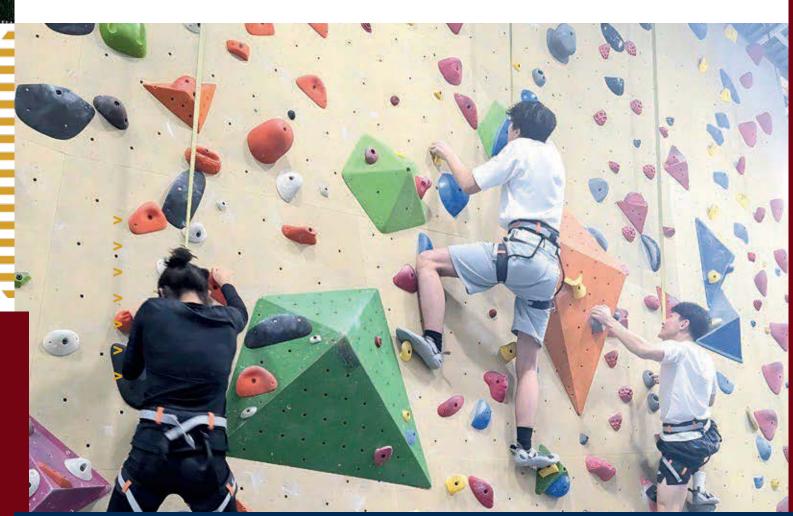


## **Examples of Co-Curriculars**

- Student Council Building teamwork, responsibility, and leadership
- Arts & Crafts and Yearbook Club Creativity and design expression
- Basketball, Volleyball, and Soccer Team sports that build skill and teamwork
- Golf and Rock Climbing Club Building confidence and independence
- Ice Hockey and Ball Hockey A Canadian favourite, open to all skill levels
- Music and Performance Piano, guitar, drums, violin, flute, and more
- Multicultural Club Celebrating diversity, respect, and global perspective
- Photography and Yearbook Club Capture memories, explore visual storytelling
- Math and Engineering Clubs Hands-on problem solving and innovation
- Debate and Book Club Build confidence in public speaking and critical thinking
- Yoga and Fitness Clubs Mindfulness, strength, and wellness
- Community Service Opportunities Including volunteering with Lanark Animal Welfare Society (LAWS)

# CO-CURRICULAR LIFE AT FULFORD ACADEMY

At Fulford Academy, learning extends beyond the classroom. Our co-curricular program builds confidence, leadership, and global friendships through a wide variety of activities. Offered in the late afternoons, these clubs and teams are included in tuition and give every student the chance to explore passions and try something new.





## Fostering Growth, Confidence, and Connection

At Fulford Academy, education extends far beyond the classroom. Our vibrant student life provides a diverse range of opportunities for personal growth, cultural exchange, and leadership development, all within a safe and supportive environment.

From athletics and arts to clubs and community service, students have countless ways to explore their interests and discover new passions. Weekends bring carefully planned excursions — such as museum visits, seasonal festivals, and trips to Ottawa — that enrich cultural understanding and build lifelong memories.

There's something for everyone at Fulford!

## **A Community That Celebrates Diversity**

With students from over 20 countries, Fulford offers a truly global community. We celebrate cultural holidays, share traditions, and encourage students to learn from one another's perspectives. This daily interaction builds empathy, respect, and confidence in navigating an interconnected world.

## **Spaces for Connection and Recreation**

Shared lounges, game rooms with pool and ping-pong tables, sports and weight rooms, and outdoor courts provide students with spaces to relax, connect with friends, and stay active.

# Student Wellness at the Core

Moving to a new country or school is an exciting adventure, but it can also be a big adjustment. That is why our wellness supports are tailored to the needs of international learners.

Residence staff are available 24/7, and our team coordinates access to health services, counselling, and other resources as needed. Structured daily routines promote healthy sleep, nutrition, exercise, and balance between academics and downtime.

## Opportunities for Leadership

Whether serving as a peer mentor, leading a club, or organizing community events, students are encouraged to step into leadership roles.

These experiences foster independence, resilience, and the confidence to take initiative — qualities that serve them well in university and beyond.













Fulford Academy is located in Merrickville, Ontario — proudly known as *The Most Beautiful Village in Canada*. Nestled along the UNESCO-designated Rideau Canal, our campus offers students the best of both worlds: the safety and charm of a small community, and easy access to the cultural and academic opportunities of the nation's capital.

## A Safe, Inspiring Environment

Merrickville's historic streets, artisan shops, and welcoming atmosphere create the perfect backdrop for focused study and personal growth. Students benefit from a peaceful environment where they can concentrate on their goals, while still enjoying the warmth of a close-knit community.

## Rich Cultural Heritage

As part of the Rideau Canal Corridor — one of the oldest continuously operated canals in North America — Merrickville offers a living connection to Canada's history. Students can explore local galleries, attend cultural festivals, and experience traditions that bring Canadian heritage to life.





## **Gateway to Ottawa**

Just one hour away, Canada's National Capital provides a wealth of opportunities for learning and exploration. In addition to cultural experiences, students engage with Canada's innovation and technology sectors through visits to science centres, research labs, and leading universities. Class trips and weekend excursions may include:

- Parliament Hill and Canada's federal institutions
- The Canada Science and Technology Museum
- Innovation hubs and university STEM labs
- The National Gallery of Canada and the Canadian Museum of History
- Festivals, performances, and multicultural events

## A Campus Designed for Learning and Living

Fulford's campus occupies a historic building in the heart of Merrickville, once a distinguished hotel and conference venue. Fully renovated, it now offers modern classrooms, comfortable boarding facilities, and welcoming spaces that inspire both learning and living.





## **UNIVERSITY SUCCESS**



## **A Proven Pathway to Top Institutions**

At Fulford Academy, every aspect of our academic and student life program is designed to prepare students for success in post-secondary education. Our graduates enter leading universities in Canada and around the world with the academic skills, English proficiency, and personal confidence needed to thrive.

## **Results That Speak for Themselves**

Fulford students consistently achieve strong academic outcomes, with many earning admission offers to competitive programs in engineering, business, health sciences, and the arts. Our focus on project-based learning ensures that students are well-prepared for the demands of university-level study.

## **Personalized University Preparation**

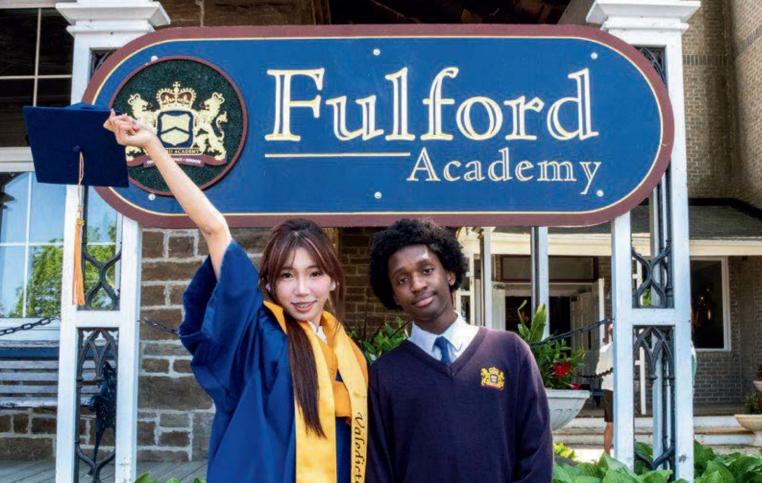
From their first day, students work with academic advisors and guidance counselors to develop an individualized university pathway. Support includes:

- One-on-one academic advising and course planning
- IELTS preparation and English language support
- Guidance through the application and scholarship process
- University visits and information sessions
- Assistance with visa and study permit renewals

## **Beyond Admission — Preparing for Life**

While gaining admission to a top institution is a major milestone, our mission extends further. We equip students with the adaptability, resilience, and intercultural competence they need to excel in the diverse, fast-changing world of higher education and beyond.





## **UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES**





Acadia University Alberta University of the Arts Algonquin College Bishop's University University of British Columbia (UBC) **Brock University** Carleton University Concordia University Dalhousie University University of Guelph University of Southampton Humber College MacEwan University McGill University McMaster University Laurentian University **University of Calgary** 

Mount Allison University **OCAD University Ontario Tech University** University of Ottawa Queen's University St. Lawrence College **Toronto Metropolitan University** University of Toronto Toronto Film School Simon Fraser University University of Waterloo Western University Wilfrid Laurier University York University **Trent University** University of New Brunswick

## USA



California State University Northeastern University Stevens Institute of Technology Suffolk University University of Tampa Full Sail University Michigan State University University of Florida

#### **International**

KU Leuven - Belgium Monterrey Institute of Technology - Mexico Shanghai University - China University San Pablo - Spain University of Edinburgh - Scotland University of Strathclyde - Scotland University of Manchester - UK University of Warwick - UK University of Bristol - UK University of Southampton - UK Flinders University (Australia) University Anahuac (Mexico) Lancaster University (UK) University of Glasgow (UK) University of Leeds (UK) University of Sussex (UK) University of Strathclyde (UK) University of Creative Arts, Canterbury (UK)



## **ADMISSIONS**

## **Your Journey Starts Here**

Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a family can make. At Fulford Academy, our admissions process is personal, transparent, and supportive — ensuring every prospective student feels welcome from the very first contact.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Our admissions team works closely with families, as well as trusted education agents and consultants, to guide them through each step of the online process:

- **Gather Supporting Documents** Academic transcripts, English proficiency results (if applicable), and a copy of your passport.
- **Submit Your Application** Apply online through our secure online application portal and submit supporting documents.
- Interview & Assessment An online interview and, if needed, an English placement test to determine the best program fit.
- Personal Profile Statement Submit a 300-word personal profile in your own handwriting outlining academic goals and interests, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and areas of distinction (Template Provided).
- Receive Your Offer Successful applicants will receive an official Letter of Acceptance along with enrollment details.





## Are You Ready for an Unforgettable School Year?

At Fulford Academy, every school year is an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a supportive international community. Join students from around the world who come together to experience rigorous academics, personal development, and meaningful friendships that last a lifetime.

From small class sizes and dedicated teachers to vibrant student life and extracurricular activities, you'll discover a welcoming environment where your potential is nurtured every step of the way. Whether you're aiming to excel academically, prepare for university, or embrace new cultural experiences, Fulford Academy provides the foundation for success.

Spaces for the upcoming school year are limited and fill quickly — don't wait to secure your place in this truly transformative educational experience.

## A Team to Support You

Our dedicated admissions team — together with our network of trusted agents and educational consultants — is here to support you every step of the way. From your very first inquiry, we are ready to answer questions, explain program options, and help you understand the admissions process clearly and confidently.

For international students, we provide guidance with study permits and visa documentation, as well as practical advice on preparing for life in Canada and settling into our community. For Canadian and local students, we ensure a smooth application experience by helping you gather the right documents, meet important deadlines, and choose the program that best matches your goals.

Beyond paperwork, we take the time to get to know each student and their family, offering personalized support to ensure that your transition to Fulford Academy is as seamless as possible. Whether you are joining us from across town or from across the globe, you can feel confident knowing that every detail is handled with care, professionalism, and a genuine commitment to your success.





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