

Badminton School

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Summary

School type

Prep School up to 11 (linked to senior school)
Senior School 11 - 18
Sixth Form (linked to school)

Girls
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Students

Age Range

3 - 18

Age Range Boarders
8 - 18

Boarding

Total Boarders

186

Int'l Boarders
135

Educational Programmes

2 year GCSE, 2 year iGCSE, A levels-2-years, Long term boarding,
Short term boarding

Boarding fees

Full boarding fees per term
£10,504 - £19,582

Registration fee
150

Deposit
1 terms fees

General description

Badminton School, its campus nestled in the leafy outskirts of the university city of Bristol, is an independent day and boarding school for girls aged 3 - 18.

We offer a holistic approach to education; to put it simply, we encourage our girls to get "hands on" with their subjects, ask questions and really get stuck in. Above all, learning is fun at Badminton and this, coupled with our homely community and excellent pastoral care, leaves no scope for anonymity. Your daughter will be known and fully supported in whatever her talents or interests may be. We often get asked what the characteristics of a Badminton girl are and the truth is, there is no one 'type'! Badminton girls are treated like the individuals that they are; we inspire them to pursue their own interests and expand and explore their ambitions, both in their academic work and in co-curricular activities.

The School consistently achieves impressive academic results which enables the girls to access a wealth of world class universities, Music Conservatoires and Art Colleges but the real aim at Badminton is to encourage the girls to become curious, confident and enthusiastic lifelong learners.

We take full advantage of being situated in such an exciting, cosmopolitan city. Boasting two of the largest universities in the country, Bristol is well known for learning and academic achievement and Badminton girls benefit from attending university lectures and taking part in industry-run competitions, as well as participating in events run by the local business community for young people.

The best way to understand the School and enjoy its enriching atmosphere and palpable sense of community is to come and visit. We look forward to welcoming you and your daughter to Badminton soon.

What the school is known for

For over 165 years we have nurtured and inspired girls to succeed in every area of life: from politics to the creative arts; from medicine to motherhood. Educating girls is our history and our future, and we know how to do it.

Every girl who comes to Badminton is invited to become a member of the Old Badmintonian Association (OBA) when she leaves the School. Old Badmintonians are a powerful and impressive group.

Indira Nehru (later Indira Gandhi) was the first female Prime Minister of India. She was also a Badmintonian, and the history of Badminton is about girls learning to do everything. Badminton is one of the oldest schools founded specifically to educate girls. Our values and success are built on the pioneering ideas of extraordinary women.

Noteworthy Alumnae:

- **Mary Fedden OBE** studied at the Slade School of Art. She was a still-life painter whose work built on the influence of the St Ives School and of Braque and Matisse. She also taught at the Royal College of Art (where she was the first female tutor) and the Yehudi Menuhin School. The School is lucky enough to have a small collection of her work, which is displayed in Northcote House.
- **HRH Princess Haya of Jordan** read PPE at Oxford. She is an equestrian who competes for Jordan in

international show-jumping competitions. Much of her time is spent in charitable work.

- **Phyllida Law** OBE studied at the Bristol Old Vic and is a film and television actress and author. Her credits include *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Emma* and *Nanny McPhee*.
- **Charlotte Leslie** MP read Classics at Oxford. She worked as a swimming coach and gym instructor, in broadcasting, and as a part-time tutor and school governor before joining the Policy Exchange think tank. In 2010, she was elected as the Member of Parliament for Bristol North West.
- **Dame Iris Murdoch** was a novelist and philosopher. She read Classics at Oxford and then worked for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration during World War Two. She went on to study philosophy at Cambridge before becoming a Fellow of St Anne's College, Oxford. Her philosophical writings include *The Sovereignty of Good* (1970). Her novels include *A Severed Head* (1961), *The Black Prince* (1973) and the Booker-Prize winning *The Sea, the Sea* (1978). Badminton has an annual Creative Writing Award, established in her honour.
- **Indira Nehru (later Indira Gandhi)** read History at Oxford and went on to become a central figure of the Indian National Congress. In 1966, she became the first and to date only female Prime Minister of India.
- **Rosamund Pike** read English at Oxford and then continued her career as a stage and film actress. Her stage credits include Tennessee Williams' *Summer and Smoke* and *Gaslight*. Film credits include *Die Another Day*, *Pride & Prejudice* and *Gone Girl*, for which she was BAFTA-nominated in 2015. She won a Golden Globe for Best actress in a motion picture — comedy or musical - for her lead performance in *I Care a Lot* in 2021.