



Outstanding boarding for boys and girls aged 13 to 18

CHARTERHOUSE  
13+ COEDUCATION FROM 2021

# A message from the Chair of the Governing Body

## Coeducation at Charterhouse

As Chair of the Governing Body, I am delighted to announce a most important decision we have taken as part of the School's Strategic Development.

Building on the success of our coeducational Sixth Form – where girls have flourished since 1971 – we are moving to full coeducation from the age of 13. We look forward to welcoming our first girls into the Fourth Form (Year 9) in September 2021, the year in which we will celebrate half a century of girls at Charterhouse. There will be girls in every year group from September 2023. As the School is currently full, the school roll will grow over the next decade to around 1,000 pupils, the increase representing additional places for girls.

## Building on our strengths

We have all seen first-hand the benefits of coeducation in our Sixth Form. We want to extend those social, cultural and academic advantages to the whole community of the School. Charterhouse's educational approach has stood the test of time. Younger girls will thrive, as do our boys and older girls, on our commitment to care, independent learning, pupil leadership, and both academic and extra-curricular challenge and breadth.

## A strategy for the unfolding world

The world of work is changing profoundly and at great speed. We believe the best preparation for a rewarding life in this exciting future is a well-rounded education for boys and girls learning together as partners and equals – just as they will work together as adults to take on opportunities and tackle challenges.

The responsibility of our Governing Body is to put in place, and to oversee delivery of, a long-term strategy that supports and benefits our pupils. The move to coeducation is a fundamental part of that strategy.



*Peter Norris*  
Chair of the GB

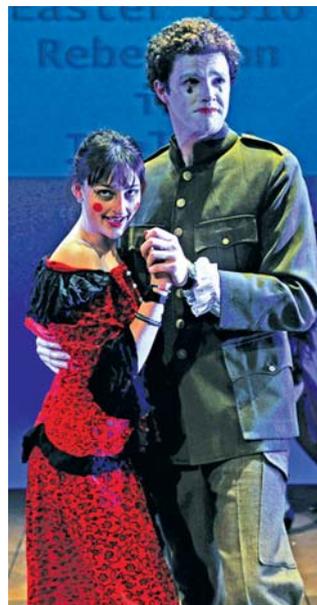
# Preparing boys and girls together for our future world

At Charterhouse, every day we see the benefits of having boys and girls in the Sixth Form who are collaborating and inspiring one another, with shared enthusiasm for learning and knowledge.

Now the time is right to extend the benefits of this approach to boys and girls in all years throughout the School.



Within the classroom, boys and girls in all years will learn together, thereby better reflecting the reality and diversity of our society. Working together intellectually and socially will build confidence amongst our pupils, and develop realistic relationships for the future. By bestowing independence, as well as an understanding and appreciation of others, this will form the ideal preparation for the challenges and responsibilities of university and adult life.



The rewards of coeducation, across all of the year groups in the School, go far beyond the classroom. We already have a vast array of extra-curricular clubs and societies: these are predominantly pupil-driven and, with the introduction of girls at 13+, new interests will result in exciting new activities being introduced at the School. Within our unique setting, this range of activities will promote friendship, camaraderie, trust, tolerance and respect, enhancing the whole community.

# Dedicated boarding houses for boys and girls within a coeducational school

At Charterhouse, the House is the centre of every Carthusian's life, a home, with every pupil believing that their House is the best.

To accommodate the arrival of girls and the planned growth of the School, we will establish separate girls' boarding houses. This will start in September 2019 when Specialist (Sixth Form) girls will move in.



With the introduction of the new girls' houses, girls will continue to enjoy high-quality boarding accommodation, but they will also have the opportunity to be founding members of the first dedicated houses for girls. This cohort of girls will be fundamental in shaping and establishing the unique identity of their House within the School.

The boys will also benefit from the development and improvement of the existing boys' houses by providing additional space for relaxation, private study and friendship amongst the busyness of the wider school environment.



These dedicated houses for boys and girls will allow our pupils to take advantage of the excellent pastoral care available to all pupils, supported by committed staff, within a house setting that can be subtly tailored to their different ways of relaxing and living together. This will enable our

pupils to enjoy a balance of both privacy and independence. All of our pupils will continue to experience the benefits of a coeducational school, encouraging them to build a strong sense of identity from which they will be able to engage with all elements of life at Charterhouse.

# Measured Progress

From Fourth Form (Year 9) entry for girls in September 2021, towards full coeducation in September 2023

1971                      1980                      1990                      2000                      2010                      2023



When we welcome the first Fourth Form girls (Year 9) in September 2021, we will be celebrating 50 years of girls studying at Charterhouse. A move to full coeducation is a natural extension of this journey and will be achieved seamlessly.

*Above left: Hockey team, 1975*

*Above centre: Specialists, 1980*

*Above right: India, 1992*

*Right: Chetwynd Hall, girls' boarding accommodation, 2017*

*Below: Architect's impression of the new Science and Mathematics Centre*



# Aspire

'Aspire' is the name we are giving to our ambitions for the future, and to the range of development initiatives this great School is already undertaking in order to support them.

Our new Science and Mathematics Centre is already under construction and is due to open in September 2018.

The development of coeducation at Charterhouse is part of a progression within the School that will see us grow steadily in

numbers to approximately 1,000 pupils. This carefully planned and coordinated growth will be as a result of the new places that will be created for girls – the number of boys' places will remain broadly the same.

Aspire signifies a commitment to push ourselves beyond the excellent education we provide today; it is an alertness to the needs and opportunities of our world tomorrow, and of the profound importance that education plays in shaping it for the better.





Find out more

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