OLD SWINFORD HOSPITAL
Stourbridge

FOUNDED 1667 BOYS BOARDING 11-18



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Curriculum, Activities and Fees

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PUBLIC EXAMINATION SUBJECTS

The Curriculum

The curriculum is diverse and covers more than the traditional subjects. Teaching is directed primarily towards 'O' and 'A' levels.

'O' Level

'O' LEVEL (Below the Sixth Form)
English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, History, Archaeology, Geography, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.Religious Knowledge, Commerce, Electronics, Design and Technology, Art, Music, French, German, Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Studies.
All boys take a Computer Programming Course during the last two years before 'O' level.

'A' Level

English, French, German, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Archaeology, Geography, Geology, Computer Science, Economics, General Studies, Design and Technology.
Other courses can be arranged, e.g. Latin, Greek, Law, Religious Knowledge, Music.

'O' Levels available in Sixth Form

Botany, Human Biology, Computer Science, General Paper, Applicable Mathematics, Electronics,French for Business Studies, Principles of Accounts

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Games and Sports

Rugby Football	- 1st XV, 2nd XV, 3rd XV, U16, U15, 'A' and 'B', U14 'A' and 'B', U13 'A' and 'B' and U12 'A' and 'B'
Soccer	- 1st XI and 2nd XI only
Cricket	- 1st XI, 2nd XI, U15, U14, U13 and U12
Shooting	- The school has a new .22 range and competes in National Competitions
Badminton	- U18, U15 (Local Leagues)
Table Tennis	- U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 (Local Leagues)
Cross Country	- Various teams in Local Leagues
Squash	- Inter-School (two new courts)
Golf	- The school owns the land of the local Golf Course
Tennis	- Two new all-weather courts

Athletics, Sailing, Judo, Riding, Swimming, Fencing, Basketball, Snooker

Music

School Orchestra, Junior Brass Band, String Ensemble, Choir, Senior Brass Band, Brass Ensemble, Woodwind Ensemble.
Tuition in: Violin, 'Cello, Double Bass, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Flute, Cornet, Euphonium, Tuba, Trumpet, Flügel Horn, Trombone, Piano, Classical Organ, Classical Guitar, Percussion.
(Tuition is normally free apart from Piano, Guitar and Percussion)

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) - Army, RAF and Police Sections.

Careers Centre

Careers Centre, open every day for advice to boys and parents, run by a Careers Master.

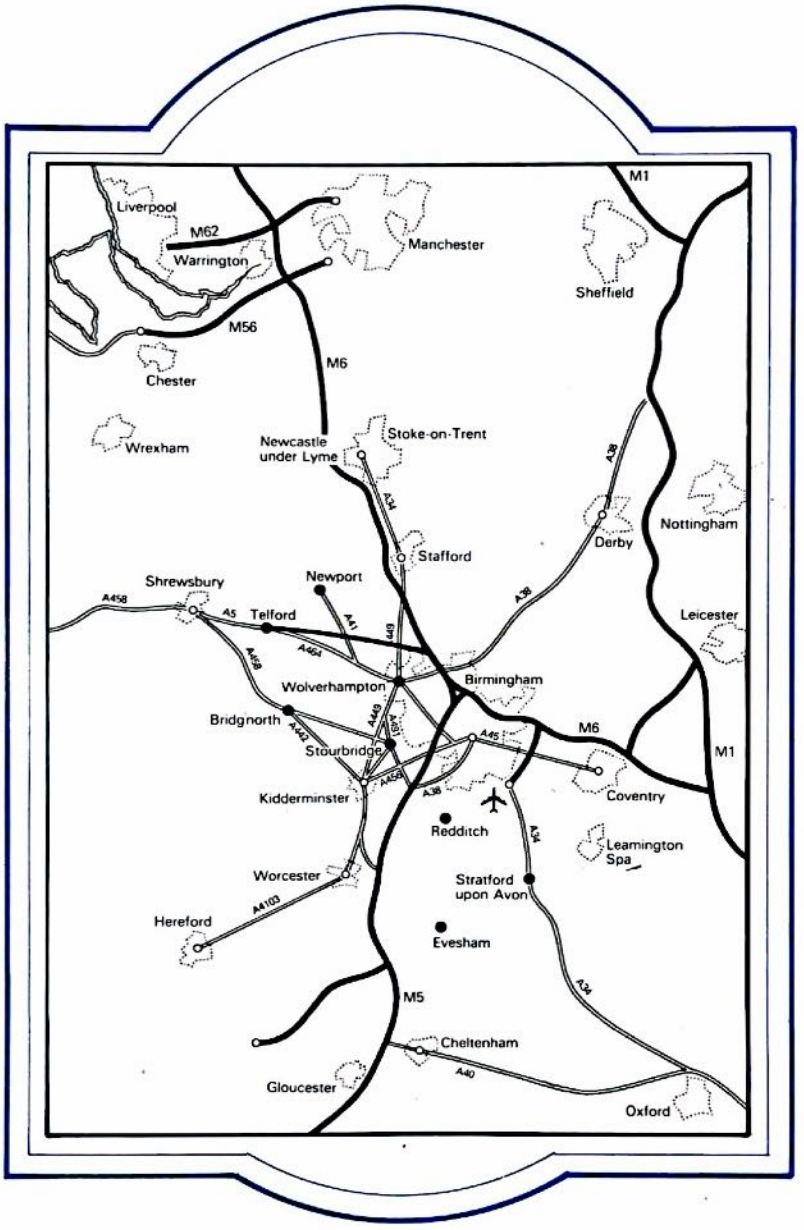
Adventure Training - Adventure Week at the end of each Summer Term, including visits abroad	
Amateur Radio Society	- G4CVK
Beekeeping	
Bell Ringing	- at the Local Parish Church
Biology Club	
Business Game	- Sixth Form
"Challenge of Industry" Conference	- Biennially for the Sixth Form.
Chemistry Club	
Chess Club	- Inter-school matches
Computer Club	- "BBC" and "Pet Commodore" Systems - 20 machines.
Concert Society	
Design and Technology Club	
Debating Society	
Drama Club	
Electronics Club	
Family History Society	
Gardening Club	
Geology Club	
German Club	
Interact	- Junior Branch of Local Rotary Club
Mathematics Club	- Senior and Junior
Model Making	
Model Railway Club	
Modern Dance	
Opera Group	
Outward Bound Courses	- Lower Sixth
Photographic Club	
Public Speaking	- Local and National Competitions
Scouts	
School Magazine	
Sixth Form Club	
Stamp and Coin Club	
"Stockpiler"	- Sixth Form
Theatre Visits	
Theatre Workshop	- Support group for School Productions
Video-TV Production Unit	
War Games Society	
"Young Enterprise"- Business Company in Lower Sixth for a National Competition	

Inter-House Competition

The Inter-House Competition embraces not only sporting activities, but also academic and personal achievement in any aspect of school life.

BOARDING FEES

The boarding Fee is £ 600 a term.
The fee for 'Services' parents is different, but less than the Services 'Allowance'.
The Fee for Weekly Boarders is £10 below the full fee for each term.
The school is 'Voluntary Aided' and therefore the Education costs, as opposed to the Boarding costs, are borne by the appropriate Local Authority, no matter where a parent lives. LEAs are obliged by the 1980 Education Act to make this contribution, and the school arrange this on behalf of every parent.
The boarding fees **include** the cost of Laundry, etc. There are no extras.



Lord Foley's Awards

These Awards are made annually to boys entering the 13+ age group in September of any year. A boy may be invited to sit for an Award if (a) he is a candidate from another school and has been awarded a boarding place for the following September, or (b) he is already a member of the school. Examinations are held in March each year. Awards are made up to two-thirds of the boarding fee. Boys are examined in English, French, Mathematics, Science, Latin (optional) and there is also a General Paper. Boys who have special ability at Music or Art may also be invited to sit for an Award. Details are available from the Headmaster.

Bursaries

A Fund is provided by the Feoffees of the School to help parents who would otherwise have difficulty paying the boarding fee. These Bursaries are based on the current boarding fee and are means-tested, but may be as much as a two-thirds reduction. Application forms are available from the Headmaster.

Sixth Form Bursaries

These are awarded without a means-test, at the discretion of the Headmaster, to whom application should be made.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions are worth £150 a year and are awarded to boys who show promise or excellence in any educational pursuit whether it be academic, musical, artistic, technological or sporting.
In every case, the boy himself receives £30 a year to buy books. The parent receives a reduction of £120 a year from the fees.