



LEIGHTON PARK

FOUNDED 1890

PROSPECTUS 2027



Girls admitted to Sixth Form

1890

School founded by the Society of Friends

1975

1993

School is fully co-educational

2008

Introduction of the IBDP

2018

Dance Studio and Food Tech opened

2019

Music and Media Centre opened

2022

Winner of ISA Pupil Personal Development Award

2023

Winner of ISA Senior School of the Year Award

2024

New Hockey Astro with LED floodlighting

2025

New Sixth Form Centre and whole school library opened

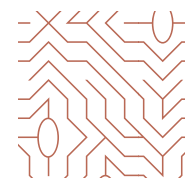
2026

New football partnership with Brentford FC

2027

New Sport & Wellbeing Centre planned

“I think there are very few schools that offer such excellence whilst remaining true to the values.”
Dan, Current parent



Distinctive by Design

Our students achieve some of the best academic progress in the country but our aim runs deeper. Leighton Park exists to inspire you to think boldly, live adventurously and act with purpose, giving you the confidence and skills to imagine a better world.

Simplicity, truth, respect, integrity, peace, equality and sustainability. These are the Quaker principles on which Leighton Park was built 136 years ago, and which continue to guide us today as we nurture the immense potential of each individual within our vibrant learning community.

We don't try to be like other schools. Our starting point is to inspire you to really think about who you are and what you want to achieve. From there we do everything we can to support you to succeed as yourself - true to who you are and all the more remarkable for it.

Our most recent Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) inspection report recognised Leighton Park as having a Significant Strength for our values, making us the first school in England to receive this accolade.

We offer a variety of events to help you decide if Leighton Park is the right choice for your family. Come and see for yourself!

Luke Walters
Luke Walters
Head of Leighton Park



“Leaders establish clear behaviour expectations based on Quaker values, promoting respect and inclusivity.”
ISI Report, published 2025

ISI Independent Schools Inspectorate

Latest Inspection Report



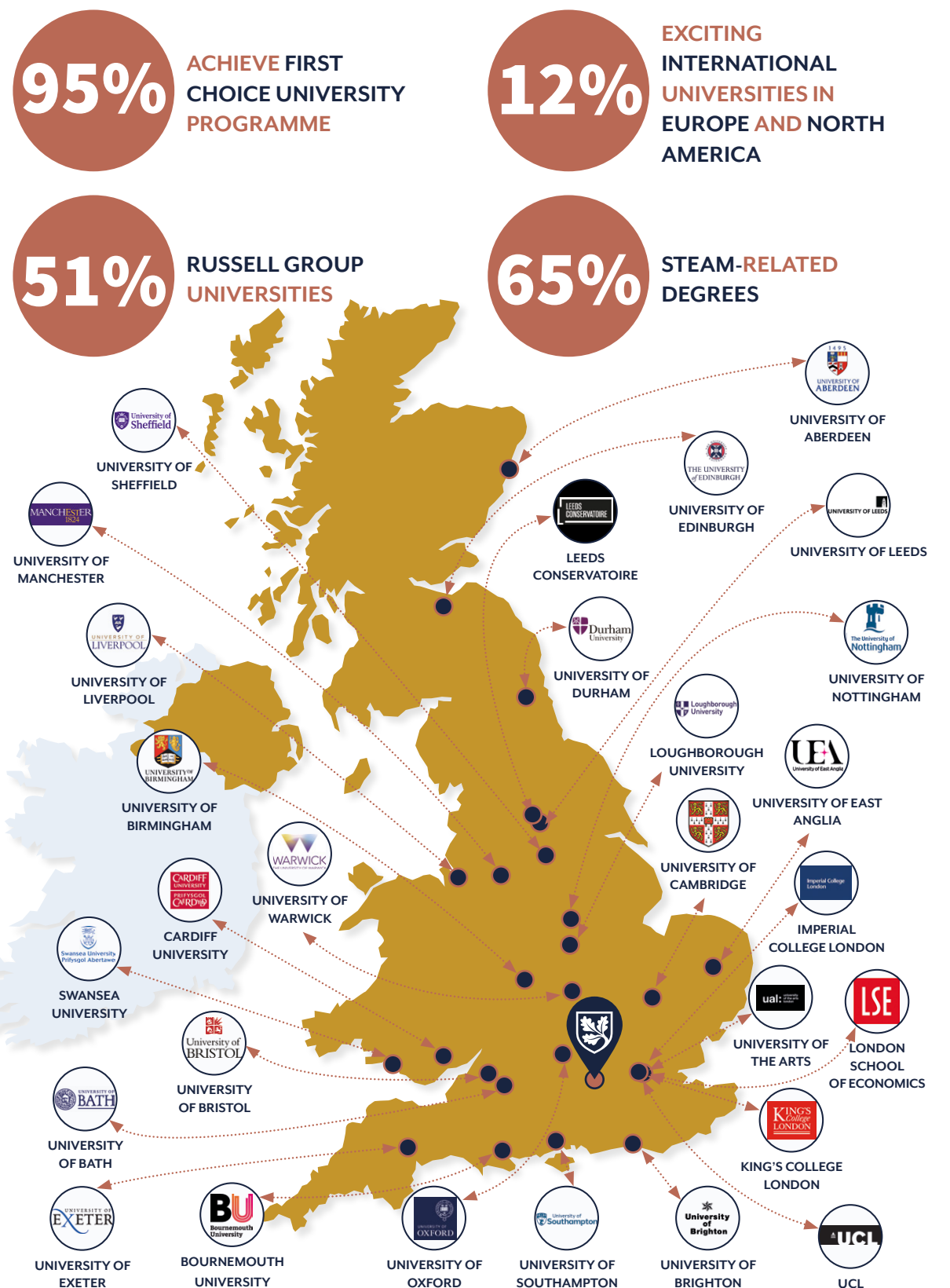
Skills for Future Success

Our curriculum combines critical thinking with creativity and innovation. We empower you to solve problems with knowledge and imagination, preparing you for the complex challenges of the future workplace – and to thrive in our fast-changing world.

Learning doesn't just happen inside the classroom. Confidence, participation, resilience and friendship are all nurtured through a varied programme of experiential learning, trips, and engagement with industry from Year 7 through to Sixth Form.



Student Destinations





IMAGINE who you'll be

We'll inspire you to think boldly, live adventurously and act with purpose, giving you the confidence and skills to imagine a better world.

Join us in Year 7

Our Year 7 curriculum has been designed to harness your innate inner drive and spark a deep desire to learn and grow. Our specialist teaching facilities in new subjects like Engineering, Dance, Mandarin and Music Tech will push your progress to the next level.

For lunchtime and after lessons, Fryer House provides a dedicated space in a bright, cosy building for our Lower School students to relax and spend time with their friends.

Fryer will also be your home from home if you board with us.

Important Dates for 2027 Entry

Saturday 26 th September	Annual Open Morning
Friday 2 nd October	Breakfast with the Head for Prospective Parents
Friday 9 th October	Lunch with the Head for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 13 th October	Year 7 Taster Day (current Year 6 students)
Friday 16 th October	Open Morning
Friday 6 th November	Open Morning
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 7 Taster Day (current Year 6 students)
Friday 13 th November	Registration, Bursary and Scholarship Application Deadline
w/c 30 th November	Scholarship Assessment Week
Saturday 16 th January	Entrance tests and interviews for Year 7 entry
Friday 29 th January	Offers for Year 7 entry sent to families by email
Friday 5 th March	Acceptance Deadline for Year 7 entry



“The process of welcoming the new Fryers (Years 7 & 8) was exceptionally well managed. This has definitely contributed to my daughter feeling welcomed and happy at school.”
Current parent

Discover
Year 7



Join us in Year 9

As the first year of our Senior School, our Year 9 curriculum focuses on deepening your knowledge across a range of subjects, discovering your passions in readiness for choosing GCSEs.

A sense of belonging gives you the confidence to flourish and Year 9s have their own social hub and garden in the centre of the school. With nearly 100 co-curricular clubs and the chance to begin your Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, you'll have plenty of opportunities to take your interests and skills to the next level.

Important Dates for 2027 Entry

Saturday 26 th September	Annual Open Morning
Friday 2 nd October	Breakfast with the Head for Prospective Parents
Friday 9 th October	Lunch with the Head for Prospective Parents
Thursday 15 th October	Year 9 Taster Day (current Year 7 and 8 students)
Friday 16 th October	Open Morning
Friday 6 th November	Open Morning
Monday 9 th November	Breakfast with the Head for Prospective Year 9 Parents
Friday 13 th November	Registration, Bursary and Scholarship Application Deadline
Wednesday 25 th November	Year 9 Assessment Day
Friday 27 th November	Offers for Year 9 entry sent to families by email
w/c 30 th November	Scholarship Assessment Week
Wednesday 16 th December	Acceptance Deadline for Year 9 entry



“We have been delighted with everything and love the many different opportunities my son has and all of the support that he has received. We definitely made the right decision choosing Leighton Park.”

Current parent

Discover Year 9



Join us for Sixth Form

Our Sixth Formers achieve the best academic progress in Berkshire, but you might be surprised to learn that this has never been our end goal. Yes, we encourage hard work, but our focus has always been on fostering your inner drive and finding purpose in your learning both inside and outside the classroom.

With a strong emphasis on personal development through our Oakleaf Diploma, the EPQ, Gold DofE Award and our Aspiring High programme, we prepare you for university, your apprenticeship or the workplace.

Choose from A Levels, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, CTEC Sport or BTECs in Dance or in Digital Film & Video Production whilst enjoying study and social time in our stunning Sixth Form Study Centre, with every detail designed to support your success.

Important Dates for 2027 Entry

Saturday 26 th September	Sixth Form Open Afternoon
Friday 2 nd October	Breakfast with the Head for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 7 th October	Sixth Form Taster Day (current Year 11 students)
Friday 9 th October	Lunch with the Head for Prospective Parents
Monday 12 th October	IB Webinar
Friday 16 th October	Open Morning
Monday 2 nd November	Breakfast with the Head for Prospective Sixth Form Families
Friday 6 th November	Open Morning
Monday 9 th November	Registration, Bursary and Scholarship Application Deadline
Wednesday 18 th November	Sixth Form Assessment Day
27 th November - 4 th December	Scholarship Assessments for Sixth Form entry
Tuesday 1 st December	Offers for Sixth Form entry sent to families by email
Wednesday 16 th December	Acceptance Deadline for Sixth Form entry



“LP has been a great experience, pushing me out of my comfort zone from every House competition to sports match to public speaking opportunity and I've had a lot of fun!”

Evie-Belle (Upper Sixth)

Discover Sixth Form



The Power of Sport

Sport does so much more than keep you fit and healthy – it develops friendships, teamwork, resilience, and skills. Plus we all know how great exercise is for physical and mental health!

Our core sports are football, hockey and netball but we offer 30 different sports including disc golf, yoga, tennis, basketball and judo with a number of exciting sports partnerships. With Games twice a week for everyone there's a chance to find physical fitness your way, and if you're an elite sports person we'll support your training through our Advanced Performance Programme (APP).



"I have enjoyed Fryer Football Club, as the coach is really kind and we have lots of fun playing with our mates."
Henry (Year 8)



Be Future Ready

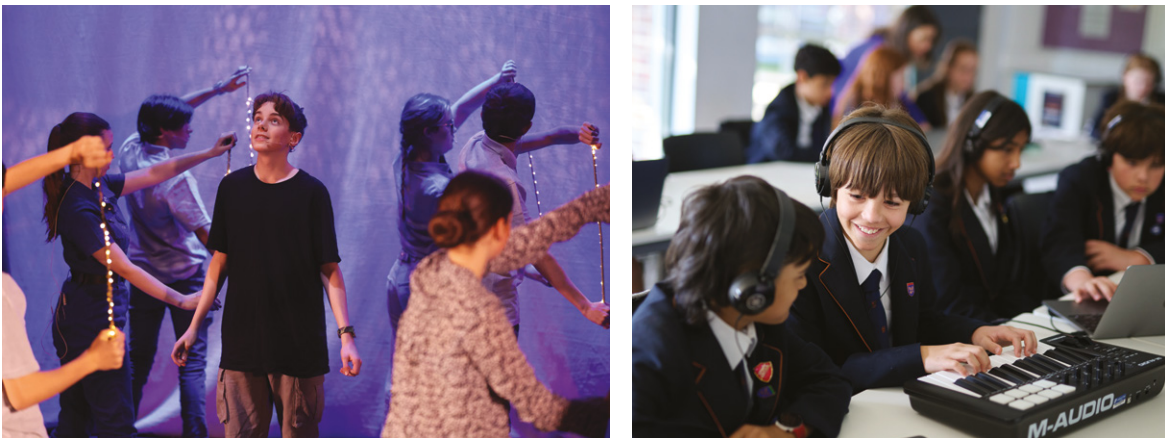
Throughout your time with us, you'll learn many of the crucial 'soft' skills that will serve you well on any future path, enabling you to thrive in a fast-changing world with confidence and purpose.

Our Future Ready Curriculum combines critical thinking with creativity and innovation. You will gain the skills to understand the complex problems you see around you in the world and the tools to work with others to create solutions. We don't stop there. From sector-leading personal development programmes to national-award-winning debating and oracy; from tailored mentorship to help you become a compassionate leader or effective changemaker to an innovative Careers and Aspiring High programme – we'll help you to fulfil your potential, whatever path you choose.



"What I love about LP is that the staff don't push you to be one thing but encourage you to try different things and push you out of your comfort zone."
Eva (Lower Sixth)





Unleash Your Creativity

The expressive and creative arts are at the heart of a Leighton Park education. You will develop confidence, emotional intelligence, and a strong sense of self by exploring ideas beyond words.

Our curriculum embraces creativity with an emphasis on subjects like Music, Drama, Dance, Music Technology, Film Making, Design, Art, Textiles & Fashion Design but also off-curriculum projects from our Creativity, Activity and Service programme to our Fryer Project Qualification.

Everything we teach in the classroom is expanded through our co-curricular hobby programme, with nearly 100 options on offer.



“I joined the school for the music and believe I wouldn’t be the person or musician that I am today without the support and the opportunities I’ve had here.”

Sophie (Lower Sixth)

Express Yourself

Respect and Support

When you join Leighton Park, you will become part of a kind, inclusive, globally-minded community, where all our differences are valued. Our Quaker ethos of truth, integrity and equality underpins the relationship between students and teachers, with an emphasis on mutual respect.

Our tutor system consolidates our pastoral care with only 11 students per tutor group and allocated time three times each day for tutors to connect with their tutees.

You will be supported through Compassionate Challenge - a way of learning and growing that combines high expectations and accountability with genuine care and empathy. We will help you discover what you're truly capable of achieving.

“I feel everyone is one big family and my experience has made me take a more positive outlook on life.”

Rohan (Year 10)

Learn More



Belonging

Our House system is at the heart of our community. It's where friendships flourish, teamwork shines, and every student finds a place to belong.

From the moment you join us, you become a proud member of one of our four Houses (Bentsi-Enchill, Cadbury, Fox or Tubman) bringing students from different year groups together with a sense of shared purpose for competitions, charity work and celebrations.



“The ethos of the school ensures children are kind to their peers, looking out for one another and yet not being afraid to be an ‘upstander’ when injustice may present itself. I would not hesitate in recommending Leighton Park to anyone.”

Current parent

Daily Life

Our School Day

The highlighted activities are optional.

Time	
7.30am – 8.00am	School transport arrives
7.30am – 8.10am	Breakfast
8.15am – 8.25am	Registration
8.30am – 9.25am	Lesson 1
9.30am – 10.25am	Lesson 2
10.30am – 11.00am	Collect
11.00am – 11.20am	Break
11.20am – 12.15pm	Lesson 3
12.20pm – 1.15pm	Lesson 4
1.15pm – 2.25pm	Lunch
2.25pm – 2.30pm	Registration
2.35pm – 3.25pm	Lesson 5
3.25pm – 4.15pm	Lesson 6
4.15pm – 4.30pm	Buns
4.30pm – 5.30pm	Co-curricular activities
5.30pm – 6.15pm	Tea
6.00pm	School transport departs (4.15pm on Fridays)
6.15pm – 7.30pm	Co-curricular activities or Prep in Boarding Houses (up to 9.00pm in Years 9 and above)



Boarding

Comfortable boarding facilities offer accommodation to Senior Girls (age 14-18) in Reckitt House, Senior Boys (age 14-18) in School House and co-educational boarding for Juniors (age 11-14) in Fryer House.

There are five boarding tutors resident in each boarding house and an on-site health centre staffed by a team of qualified nurses ensuring exceptional care and support are available 24/7.

Exploring the UK through the trips programme takes boarders to new and exciting destinations such as London, Windsor, Oxford, Winchester and the south coast.

Our weekend and evening trips ensure boarders enjoy family-type activities such as bowling, go-karting, Go Ape, cinema trips and watching professional sports matches.

Indoor games such as table football, pool and table tennis are popular alongside board games, karaoke sessions, movie nights and access to house kitchens for baking and snacks.

“Boarding provision is managed with professionalism and care supported by experienced staff who demonstrate a thorough knowledge of pupils’ needs.”
ISI Report, published 2025

Location



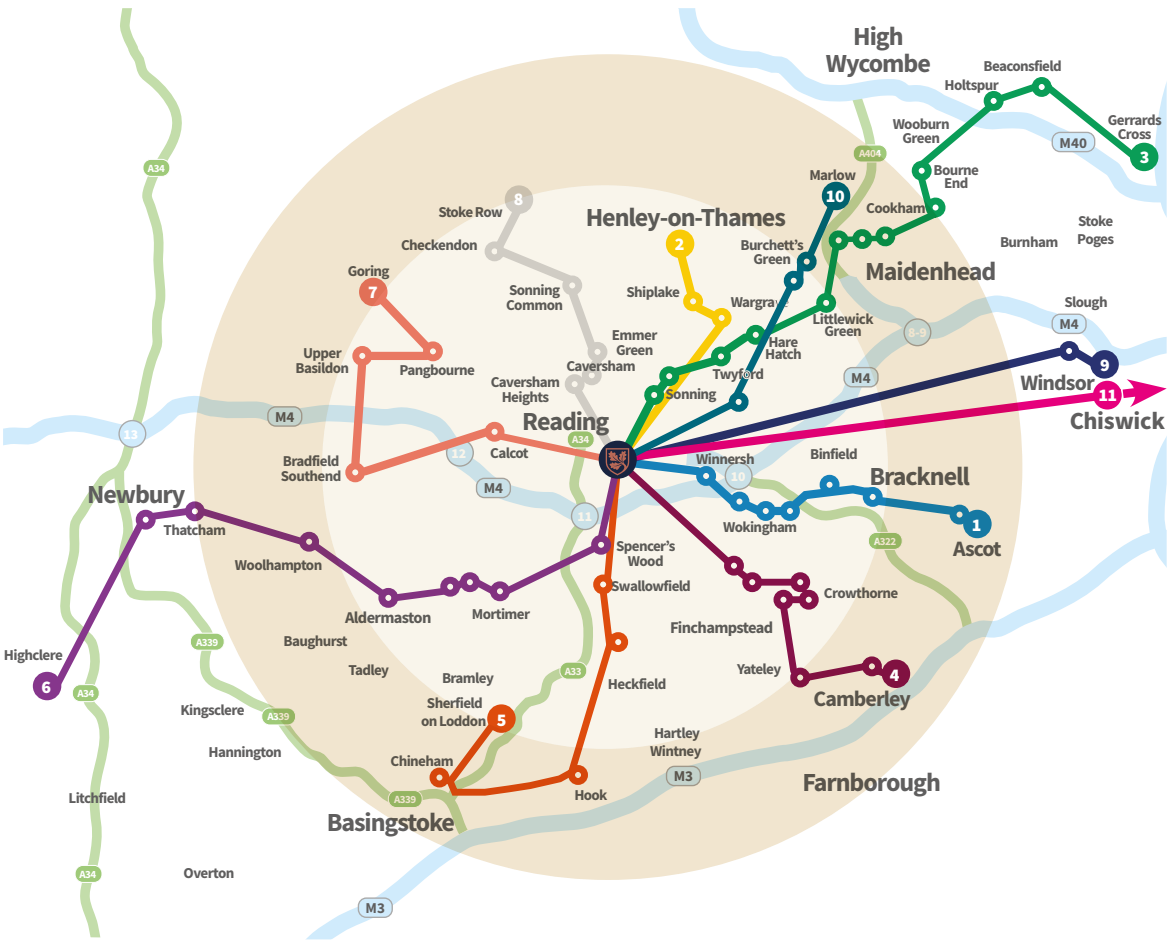
Our location, 25 minutes from London, close to Oxford, and surrounded by some of the most historic and picturesque countryside in England, creates unrivalled opportunities for students to extend and contextualise their learning.

Regular UK trips include:

- National Theatre, Sadler’s Wells and West End shows for English, Drama and Dance
- Tate Modern, National Gallery and other Art exhibitions for Art, Textiles and DT
- British Museum and Chinatown for Mandarin, South Wales and Devon for Geography
- Orielton, Pembrokeshire for Biology, The Chilterns, the South Downs and Dorset for DofE
- Theme Park visits to Thorpe Park for Physics and for fun plus Year 7 and 8 summer residentials!



School Transport Map



Our 11 transport routes make it easy to travel to and from school by coach or taxi. You can book for mornings only, afternoons only, or both, depending on your family logistics.



Opportunities Await

Scholarships

Through our scholarships and bursaries, we encourage brilliance across the curriculum and foster equal opportunities for academic and personal growth.

Scholarships are awarded based on students’ exceptional talents in one or more of

- Academic
 - Art & Design
 - Dance
 - Drama
 - Ethical Changemakers*
 - IB Diploma Programme*
 - Music
 - Sport
 - STEAM*
- *Sixth Form only

Scholarships

Bursaries

Bursaries are means-tested awards to widen access to families with concerns about affordability and can cover up to 100% of fees.

Bursaries

School Fees

Our fees include many of the costs that other schools charge extra for, like three meals and two snacks per day, nearly 100 co-curricular activities, supervised prep, wrap-around care from 7.30am-9.00pm and termly trips for Year 7 and 8s.

Years 7 & 8: £9,750 (day) - £15,670 (boarding) per term
Year 9-Upper Sixth: £11,890 (day) - £19,500 (boarding) per term

2026-27 Fees





LEIGHTON PARK

FOUNDED 1890

Leighton Park School, Shinfield Road, Reading RG2 7ED
T: +44 (0)118 987 9608 E: admissions@leightonpark.com
W: www.leightonpark.com

   [@leightonparkschool](https://www.instagram.com/leightonparkschool)