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Welcome

From our Principal Dr Ian Moores

Ealing Independent College is a small independent sixth form college in London preparing boys and girls aged 13 to 18 from the UK and worldwide for higher education through the GCSE and A Level programmes, specialist Medical Science and Business programmes, and tailored learning programmes to suit individual needs. We provide expert teaching, supportive individual help and guidance, and consequently have a proven track record of securing excellent examination results.

Our international students are highly valued members of the college community, who come from all over the world to study alongside British students and gain a quality education that enables them to continue their higher education at top universities in Great Britain. The rich diversity of the student body provides for a nurturing and sound learning environment, thus creating a college which is firmly dedicated to offering all students an excellent education in the broadest sense.

Based in one of the nicest parts of West London, Ealing Independent College is well-established with almost fifteen years' experience of preparing students for an academic future. The College provides a truly international education and a diverse student experience, and allows you to live and learn in one of the most exciting cities in the world.

We hope that you will join us and look forward to welcoming you to Ealing Independent College.

Dr. Ian Moores
Principal





Gain access to the UK's top rated universities



Live in one of the most exciting cities in the world



Experience British culture and customs

A British Education

In the most exciting city in the world

Britain is well known to have one of the most successful education systems in the world, and the city of London alone has attracted more than 100 000 academically ambitious students from over 200 different countries. As one of Europe's cultural capitals, London not only offers a quality education, but also a diverse cultural offering, ranging from fine art, music, history and entertainment.

Ealing Independent College is located in one of the nicest parts of West London in a leafy suburban area with beautiful houses and parks. Our location allows students to benefit from being based in a safe and quiet environment, whilst having easy access to the many opportunities that the thriving city centre has to offer.

Choosing to study GCSE and A Levels at Ealing Independent College allows students to become immersed in British culture and customs, whilst developing English language skills, and preparing for a higher education at the country's top rated universities.

University Destinations

Upon successful completion of A Level studies at Ealing Independent College, students generally progress to higher education at top UK universities. The below list outlines where some of our students have received offers from:

- Oxford University
- University of Nottingham
- Queen Mary University of London
- London School of Economics
- University College London
- City University
- University of Reading
- Warwick University
- Imperial College London



Map of London



Ealing

London's leafiest suburb

Ealing Independent College is based in the London Borough of Ealing; one of the nicest parts of West London. There are large numbers of shops, restaurants, cafés and gyms, all within walking distance of the College. There is a large park (Walpole Park) adjoining the College with lakes and fountains and its own art gallery. The Park provides an ideal venue for students to meet and enjoy a coffee and sandwich, relax on the lawns around the lake or have a game of football. Ealing is much quieter, and not as congested, as many of the more central boroughs of London. It is often described as London's 'leafiest suburb', and is rated as one of the safest parts of London with very low crime rates.

Transport Links

Ealing is situated just 10 km West of the centre of London and is served by excellent public transport connections to Central London and to Heathrow Airport from Ealing Broadway mainline and tube station.

Ealing Broadway station is just a ten minute' walk from the College. Central London – Oxford Street and Marble Arch can be reached in twenty minutes by tube.

Paddington station, also in Central London can be reached in ten minutes by one of the mainline routes.

Heathrow Airport is just a fifteen minute' train journey from Ealing Broadway station. Ealing Broadway station is also on the mainline service to Oxford.





Ealing Independent College

Where minds are shaped and learning embraced

Ealing Independent College was founded in 1992 as a tutorial college specialising in preparing students through A-Level programmes for entry into Medicine and Dentistry at top UK universities. Today, the College offers GCSE, A Levels and specialist Medical Science and Business Programmes, in addition to tailored learning programmes through one to one tuition for students aged 13 to 18. We have successfully helped students prepare for and shape their academic future, and have been awarded 'Outstanding' Ofsted grades by the Government's Education Inspectors. The College has Tier 4 Sponsor Status (formerly Highly Trusted Sponsor HTS), and students applying from overseas can therefore be assured of the high quality of education and pastoral care offered.

Students who attend the College will experience, a high quality education and enhance their English language skills whilst preparing for a higher education. It is our aim to ensure that all of our international students are immersed in the British Education System, whilst at the same time receiving extra support through English as a foreign language lessons.

Being a small college, our international students soon feel 'at home' in the caring and academic atmosphere that the college fosters. Class sizes are kept small (average 8 students per group), so it is very easy to offer individual attention and give special consideration to our international students and their particular needs. The majority of our students are British and come from the local area, and international students will be taught alongside British students whose first language is English to ensure a truly British learning environment.

We have been welcoming international students from around the world for many years and helped them reach their true potential. Students have joined us from countries such as Brazil, Oman, Switzerland, Singapore, India, Nigeria and Norway. The College provides a bridge between school and university, and helps international students prepare for a higher education at top universities across the country. The excellent teaching, supportive individual help and guidance allows each student to reach their true potential and fulfill their dreams.



Academic Programmes

Your pathway to top UK universities

Ealing Independent College offers a wide range of GCSE and A Level courses, designed to help students gain entry to leading universities. A-Levels are prestigious qualifications that open doors and are accepted by universities worldwide, but they are particularly advantageous for access to top UK universities. Students can join the College at any stage during their education towards gaining A Level qualifications. In addition to our traditional GCSE and A Level programmes, students can also benefit from joining the intensive one year or retake courses at any level. We also offer an 18 month A Level programme specifically designed for international students who are unable to join us for a September start. These courses start in January.

GCSE

Students can choose from a wide range of GCSE courses at the College. This provides a good breadth of disciplines within their programme. The GCSE programme is for students aged 14 to 16 and runs from Year 9 to 11. It provides excellent preparation for A Level. It allows international students to fully immerse themselves in London and College before commencing A Level studies. At interview the programme is tailor made to suit each individual student's strengths and interests, although certain subjects are compulsory. Each student's programme will consist of at least eight GCSE subjects.



Compulsory subjects:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- A modern foreign language (usually Spanish or French)
- Geography or History

Optional subjects:

- English Literature
- German
- Information Computer Technology (ICT)

One Year Intensive GCSE

The College offers a one year intensive GCSE programme, which is ideal for students who are 16 years old or over, wanting to retake GCSE or have an overseas education and want to start in the British education system. Most students will take five subjects on the Intensive Programme, but some students can take a sixth subject if their level of English is good enough.

Intensive Programme subjects:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Spanish, French, Communications
- Sixth subject chosen from full subject range

A-Level

The A Level programme is for students aged 16 to 18, and provides the necessary qualifications to gain access to top universities in the UK and worldwide. International students who wish to study A-levels should ideally have studied GCSE, O-level or IGCSE previously. However, equivalent qualifications will be considered from other countries. Traditionally, students follow four AS subjects in the first year and continue three of these subjects on their A2 level the second year.

AS and A2 subjects available:

- All the subjects on offer for GCSE
- Computing
- Economics
- Business Studies
- Government and Politics
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Sociology
- Psychology

*Subjects start in September

One Year Intensive A-Level

Students who enrol on this programme should ideally have studied at least part of the A-level course or equivalent previously. It is a very demanding programme, where the entire AS and A2 syllabus will be covered in one year. Most subjects are available and students must start in September.

18 month A-Level

This is an option for international students who are unable to commence the A-level programme in September. These courses run from January and conclude in June of the following year.

The AS level courses will be studied between January and June in the first year, whilst the A2 component will run from September to June. In the second year, additional lessons are arranged in the first six months to ensure that students 'catch up' so they can join the traditional A2 programme the following September.

Medical Science Programme

All students who are contemplating studying Medicine, Dentistry or a related discipline at university are automatically enrolled on the Medical Sciences Programme at the College. This Programme is overseen by the Head of Science who has particular experience in securing places for students at top medical schools in the UK.

The Programme includes guidance on all medical applications and assistance with securing work placements. Speakers from universities and medical practitioners are invited to address the students to broaden their understanding of what it means to enter a career in Medicine or Dentistry.

The competition for places at Medical Schools is becoming fiercer. Students not only require top grades at A-level but they have to reach an acceptable standard in either the BMAT or UKCAT examinations. Assistance with these examinations also forms part of the Programme.

Business Programme

The Business Programme at Ealing Independent College is a programme for those students who want a business-related focus to their choice of A-Levels, as well as their future studies and career. The College offers A-Levels in Business Studies, Economics, Government and Politics, and Accounting. We also offer Business Studies at GCSE.

These subjects are overseen by the Head of Social Sciences, who has experience in helping place students at top ranking universities in related disciplines. Specific guidance on university applications in this area will therefore be offered.

As part of the Programme, students will have the opportunity to go on trips related to their studies and meet invited speakers. This helps to enrich the tuition they receive from experienced subject specialists.



Student Support

Support and Facilities

We offer a wide range of dedicated support and outstanding facilities to all of our students, to ensure we provide a well-rounded learning experience and maximise our students' chances for success. We appreciate that for many of our international students it is the first time away from home, and as such the College has a strong support system in place.

International Student Support

When you arrive at Ealing Independent College, we will help you settle into College and life in the UK through a full induction. You will have a dedicated member of staff who is always available to speak to, and who will provide pastoral and welfare advice and support.

English Language Classes

Students whose first language is not English will need extra support, and automatically be enrolled into our English as a Foreign Language (EFL) programme and have regular English classes included in their timetable. In order to gain access to top universities in the UK international students will need to acquire an advanced level of English in accordance to an IELTS or TOEFL test, and exam preparation support for this will be provided.

Personal Tutor

All of our students have a personal tutor to monitor their progress and performance, help them with academic issues and support them with any other issue that could rise during the year. Should students have any concerns around changing subject choices or programme; the tutor will offer specific advice to ensure they have clear post-College progression plans.

UCAS Advisory Service

In order to gain access to UK universities students are required to fill out applications through the UCAS system. Support and advice will be provided to our international students by their personal tutor in order to complete their application for university and write a successful personal statement to make their application stand out. Ealing Independent College also holds a UCAS week in June aimed at AS students to help them start the process of their UCAS application.

Further Academic Support

Supervised study periods will take place in the College during the students' free periods. This will allow them to do their homework, prepare coursework or simply revise.

Should parents and students request further tuition in specific subjects to gain further support, private tuition is available.

Fully Equipped Facilities

Our College provides outstanding facilities in a friendly and supportive learning environment, and counts on fully equipped Science labs (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), IT lab, e-learning facilities and interactive whiteboards in the classroom, and a Reading Room equipped with computers where students can work.



Enrichment Opportunities

Enhancing your study experience

Sports and cultural activities form an important part of the overall education at Ealing Independent College. Ideally based in London, the College offers students a wide range of cultural and sports activities aimed at taking full advantage of all that the City has to offer. Students are encouraged to take an active part in College life, and a Students' Council regularly meets with the Principal to discuss and plan events for the entire student body in addition to wider College issues. Visits are organised to art galleries, concerts, the theatre and famous historical landmarks. The College also offers a range of sporting activities, and trips to explore the history and culture of Europe.



Sports

We offer a range of sporting activities including football and basketball, and as part of the year 10 and 11 GCSE programme all students take part in some form of sport or physical exercise. The College football team practices weekly at the local sports club and regular matches are organised with other Colleges.

London Day Out

With our prime location in one of the most exciting cities in the world, we organise activities and trips to Central London for our international students. From the start the College will organise a tour of London so that students are fully integrated. In the past, excursions to musicals, art galleries, museums, concerts, premier league football matches and famous historical landmarks of London have been organised.

Cultural Trips in Europe

During school holidays, we organise regular study trips around the UK and Europe to allow our students to learn and appreciate the European cultural heritage. Most recently, the College visited France and Normandy to learn more about the battle of Normandy and its significance in French history.





Accommodation Options

Your home away from home

Ealing Independent College is happy to help students with their accommodation upon request. The College's International Welfare Officer will provide students and parents with all available options, so that the accommodation is chosen according to individual needs and requirements. Students younger than 16 years old can be accommodated with a guardian, who will guarantee the safety and welfare of the students at all times, whilst older students can choose to live with a guardian but other accommodation options are possible.

Homestay Accommodation

Students may choose to stay with a host family, and the College will help organise this. Homestay is provided for the duration of the students' time with us. Living with a host family truly is one of the best ways of gaining valuable insight into British culture and lifestyle. Students will live with a local British family near the College, and benefit from staying in an English-speaking cultural environment in a private home.

Student Residences

International students can enhance the study experience by living alongside other international students from across the world in a more independent setting. The College will provide assistance in choosing nearby accommodation options, and can also help looking at alternative options such as renting a room or studio.



Studying in the UK

Admissions procedure, visa and support fees

Admissions Process

Ealing Independent College accepts applications from all around the world, and our admissions team will provide guidance and support every step through the application process.

To secure a place at the College international students and parents should contact the admissions team through phone or email to receive our enrolment form and to ask any questions they might have. Students will be required to send a copy of previous academic results, and a copy of their passport. Places are offered upon successful completion of an interview with the Principal in person or over Skype/ telephone.



Visa Requirements

Ealing Independent College has Tier 4 Sponsor Status (formerly Highly Trusted Sponsor), and as such welcomes international students from around the world.

EU/EEA students

Students with an EU/EEA passport do not need any visa to study in the UK; enrolment will be made under the same conditions as UK students. The Enrolment Fee (£300), and the Book and Resource Materials Fee (£380) are payable on submission of the Enrolment Form. Tuition fees can be paid upfront or in monthly/termly instalments.

Non EU/EEA students

Students from outside the EU/EEA will have to enrol under a student visa (Tier 4). The College will issue a CAS (Confirmation of A and S) provided all the criteria have been met/. The CAS fee is £300. Once the CAS is issued the student must make an appointment with the British Consulate/ Embassy. The whole process can take a few weeks.

In order for a CAS to be issued students will have to provide the College with the following documents:

- Completed enrolment form and signed fees contract, where it is highlighted that at least 50% of the full tuition fee has been paid. In addition a payment of £980 is required to cover: Book Fee (£380), Enrolment Fee (£300), and a CAS fee (£300)
- Copy of the Students Passport / Biometric ID card
- Copies/Transcripts of previous school reports and exams taken
- Copy of the most recent IELTS test or equivalent
- For General Student Visas, we prefer students to have attained a minimum IELTS score of 6.0 in all areas;
- For Child Student Visas, we prefer students to have attained a minimum IELTS score of 4.0 in all areas (or to be evaluated in interview).
- Students under 18 years old applying for a General Visa must have documentation from their parents granting them permission to both travel to the UK and to and live independently
- Students under 16 require parental permission
- Copies of bank statements to be used by the student once in the country. Students need to show they have at least £8000 to cover their living expenses whilst in the UK, plus any remaining tuition fees that will become payable during the first year of study. The money must be in this account for 28 consecutive days prior to the interview at the British Consulate/Embassy. If the currency of the account is not £ Pounds Sterling, the statement must include a currency conversion, showing the amount in £ Pounds Sterling.





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