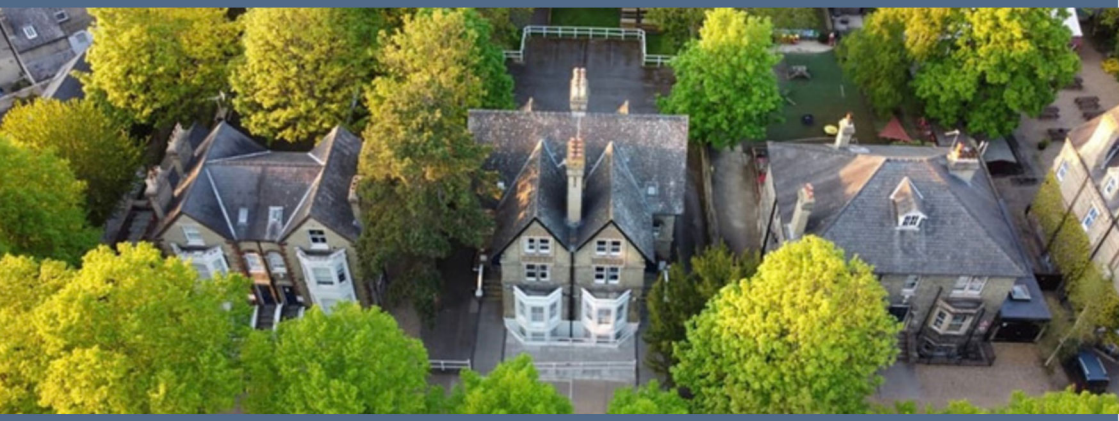


ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE
Cambridge

Dukes EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME PROSPECTUS

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
-Aristotle



St. Andrew's College Cambridge unlocks the potential of ambitious young people from all backgrounds by providing a personalised, caring, globally minded education that prepares them to thrive at top universities and in life.

At St. Andrew's College, Cambridge, we believe every student has extraordinary potential — often more than they've ever been able to show. We exist to unlock that potential by providing what young people need most: individual attention, caring support, and the confidence that comes from belonging to a diverse, international community.

Our students thrive because they are seen, guided, encouraged, and carefully supported — academically, socially, and personally. With small classes, exceptional teaching, and mentoring every step of the way, they discover who they can become.

Life at St Andrew's extends beyond the classroom. Our modern, welcoming accommodation — with caring house parents and a genuine home-from-home atmosphere — ensures you feel supported, happy, and ready to thrive.

Here, education is not transactional — it is transformational. Students don't just succeed at university. They grow into confident, capable, globally minded young people ready to shape their future.

WELCOME FROM THE HEAD

We are a dynamic co-educational boarding and day school, rooted in tradition but forward in spirit. This simple description, while accurate, only hints at the depth and richness of life here.

What truly defines us is our community: **inclusive, caring and deeply connected**. Here, **every student is seen, heard, and supported**. Our small size allows us to offer a **personal approach**, where you are recognised not only for what you achieve, but for who you are. From the moment you arrive, you join a nurturing community where relationships are strong, and every individual matters.

Education is not just about exam results, it's about **developing confident, curious and compassionate young people, equipped to face the world with resilience and purpose**. Our values of **respect, creativity, and resilience** are woven into every part of school life. These principles guide us in preparing you for a constantly evolving world.

Our location in the heart of Cambridge places us in a unique position. Surrounded by a city renowned for academic excellence, innovation and culture, you'll feel inspired to **reach higher, think deeper and explore more widely**. Learning here takes many forms, from lessons and labs to music, arts, sports, and community events. Each day is an opportunity to discover, grow and contribute.

Education works best when it's a shared journey. That's why we place great value on strong partnerships with families. Through open communication and mutual trust, we work alongside parents to support your development: academically, socially and emotionally. Together, we help you flourish and build a foundation for life.

We invite you to visit and see for yourself what makes our college so special. Experience the warmth, the energy, and sense of purpose that defines our community.

I look forward to welcoming you personally.

Annette Poulain



FOUNDATION COURSES

Our University Foundation Course is a cost-effective and flexible route to university, designed for ambitious students aged 16½ and over who are ready to take the next step in their academic journey.

Taught by expert, caring staff in small classes, the course combines rigorous subject teaching with personalised tutor support. You'll benefit from individual attention, regular progress tracking, and tailored guidance to help you reach your full potential — academically and personally.

Accredited by **NCFE** and internally assessed, our Foundation Course offers flexible start dates and pathways to suit every learner:

- 18-month course: January start
- 1-year course: September start
- 6-month fast track: January start
- 2-year course: September start

With IELTS preparation built in, you'll gain the language confidence and academic grounding needed for success at leading universities worldwide.

Many students choose the Foundation Course as a more practical and focused route to higher education. With a 100% university progression rate and over 95% of Russell Group universities accepting Foundation qualifications, our course is a proven pathway to success.

Here at St Andrew's, you'll be known, valued, and guided toward the future you want — one step at a time.

Foundation Courses Overview

Our Foundation Courses are organised into three broad pathways: **Art, Science, and Humanities.** Within these, you can choose from a range of specialised programmes that define your academic focus and future direction.

You will study at least three subjects, carefully selected to support university goals. Options include core subjects such as **Mathematics, Chemistry, and Psychology**, alongside a wide choice of complementary courses within each pathway.

The **Psychology** programme can be approached from either a *scientific* or *humanities* perspective, allowing you to tailor your learning to your interests and ambitions.

HUMANITIES PATHWAY

4 Subjects required to successfully complete the course.

19 guided study hours each week.

1:1 Tutorials, pastoral care, and UCAS guidance.

Subjects in Humanities

2 Core Compulsory Humanities Subjects

- Business
  - Marketing, operational performance, finance, human resources, ledership and business decision-making.
- International Relations
  - Global politics, diplomacy, conflict, cooperation, international organisations, and contemprary world challenges.

Optional Subjects - Choose two

- Economics
  - Microeconomics and macroeconomics, including markets, government policy, global trade and development.
- Psychology
  - Schizophrenia, gender development, and forensic psychology.
- Mathematics
  - Applied mathematics for business and economics, including finance, statistics, data analysis and risk.
- Law
  - Legal principles, reasoning, case analysis, and the role of law in society.
- Sociology
  - Families, education, social inequality, sociological theories and research methods.
- Geography
  - Water and carbon cycles, migration, sustainability, superpowers, and global geopolitics.
- History
  - Historical change, significant events and source-based analysis, developing evidence-led arguments.

Progression Opportunities

Business | Law | Economics | Psychology | Criminology

Management | Politics | Finance | Accounting | Marketing

ART PATHWAY

Programme Journey

TERM 1 → **TERM 2** → **TERM 3**

Diagnostic rotation across disciplines, plus History of Art and Life Drawing

Specialisation through self-initiated work in the chosen creative discipline.

Final Major Project and a body of work presented in the college exhibition.

Creative Disciplines

- Sculpture & 3D Studies
  - Three-dimensional approached including interior, jewellery, product and furniture design.
- Life Drawing
  - Observational drawing from the life model using varied experimental techniques.
- Fine Art
  - Painting, printmaking, scultpure and mixed-media practice developed through workshops.
- Photography
  - Digital cameras, lenses, studio lighting, photographic aesthetics and Photoshop editing.
- Fashion & Textiles
  - Fashion drawing, textile manipulation, pattern cutting, garment construction, styling, and illustration.
- History of Art
  - Broad contextual study across disciplines to inform and strengthen studio practice.
- Games & Illustration
  - Storytelling, character development, storyboards, games design, and final animation.
- Architecture Pathway
  - A specialist route for students preparing for architecture-related university study.

Progression Opportunities

Fine Art | Architecture | Fashion | Photography | Graphic Design

Animation | Games Design | Interior Design | Film & Media | Product Design

SCIENCE PATHWAY

Course Options

There are 4 course options in the Science Pathway, all offering unique opportunities. Here's some information about these options and their core subjects:

Computer Science & AI

- **Computer Science**
  - Programming, data types, Boolean logic, number systems, data representation, computational thinking and software development.
- **Physics**
  - Measurements, atoms, waves, optics, quantum and nuclear physics, mechanics, materials, thermodynamics, electricity, fields, and capacitance.
- **Mathematics**
  - Regression, correlation, probability, normal and discrete distributions, sampling, data interpretation, and statistical hypothesis testing.

Engineering

- **Chemistry**
  - Atomic structure, bonding, energetics, kinetics, equilibria, periodicity, redox chemistry, metal extraction, and organic chemistry.
- **Physics**
  - Mechanics, waves, electricity, fields, radiation, quantum ideas, capacitors, magnetism, and thermodynamics.
- **Mathematics**
  - Algebra, functions, calculus, trigonometry, vectors, matrices, complex numbers, numerical methods.

Science

- **Biology**
  - Cell biology, organs and body systems, transport, disease and immunity, genetics, ecology, classification and evolution.
- **Chemistry**
  - Atomic structure, amounts of substance, bonding, energetics, kinetics, equilibria, periodicity, redox and organic chemistry.
- **Physics**
  - Scientific measurement and the physical principles that support progression to science and related degree pathways.
- **Mathematics**
  - Algebra, geometry, functions, calculus, logarithms, sequences, probability, statistics, numerical methods and financial mathematics.

Medics & Life Science

- **Biology or Human Biology**
  - Cells, organs, transport, disease, immunity, genetics and ecology, or a human-focused route covering physiology, reproduction, cardiovascular health, neurobiology and immunology.
- **Chemistry**
  - Atomic structure, amounts of substance, bonging, energetics, kinetics, equilibria, periodicity, redox, analytical techniques and organic chemistry.
- **Mathematics**
  - Algebra, geometry, functions, calculus, logarithms, sequences, probability, statistics, numberical methods and financial mathematics.

Progression Opportunities

Medicine | Dentistry | Natural Sciences | Public Health | Engineering

Pharmacy | Robotics | Cybersecurity | Data Science | Aerospace

TOTAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Science Pathway	1 year course	6 month course (fast track)
	Hours per week	Hours per week
Course subject 1	6	8
Course subject 2	6	8
Course subject 3	6	8
PSHE & Tutorial	3	3
Total hours per week:	21	27
Total Course hours:	**714**	**594**

Art & Humanities Pathway	1 year course	6 month course (fast track)
	Hours per week	Hours per week
Course subject 1	4	6
Course subject 2	4	6
Course subject 3	4	6
Course Subject 4	4	6
PSHE & Tutorial	3	3
Total hours per week:	19	27
Total Course hours:	**646**	**594**

QUALITY ASSURED LEARNING

NCFE Accreditation

Our University Foundation Courses are fully **accredited by NCFE**, an awarding organisation recognised by the qualification regulators for England and Wales — Ofqual (England) and the Welsh Government (Wales). Each Foundation Course at St Andrew's is delivered under our **NCFE Customised Qualifications Licence**, ensuring that every programme meets the highest standards of academic quality and assessment integrity.

Assessment

Designed to support progress and build confidence throughout the course. You'll be evaluated **monthly** using a variety of methods, including written assignments, practical assessments, and exams. In **December**, you'll sit an exam in each core subject to gauge your performance so far. Following this, you'll meet individually with your tutor to review results and, where helpful, develop a personalised **Individual Learning Plan (ILP)**.

During the **spring term**, you'll complete **six practical assessments**, which together account for **40%** of your final mark. **Final examinations**, held in the penultimate week of the course, include two papers per core subject (two hours each) and contribute **60%** of the overall grade.

Awards

On successful completion of the programme, you'll receive a **Level 3 Diploma** certificate and a full transcript of results from both **St. Andrew's College Cambridge** and **NCFE**.

Final awards are classified as follows:

- **Fail/Resubmit:** 0–49%
- **Pass:** 50–59%
- **Merit:** 60–69%
- **Distinction:** 70–79%
- **Distinction with Honours:** 80% and above

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SUPPORT & PROGRESSION

Our goal is simple: to help you find the right pathway to your future.

With **careers and university guidance programme** you have the tools, confidence, and insight you need to make informed choices — not only about university, but about life beyond it.

Through a planned and progressive series of activities, you will explore career options, identify your strengths and interests, and discover where your ambitions can take you. This guidance helps you make decisions that reflect both your academic abilities and personal aspirations, supporting employability and success long into the future.

You'll also benefit from our strong links with **Dukes Plus**, part of the Dukes Education family. This partnership offers access to expert university application support, enrichment opportunities, summer schools, day camps, and invaluable professional networking.

You will receive **personalised UCAS guidance**, working first within tutor groups and then one-to-one with your tutor to prepare a strong university application. Throughout the year, you'll be encouraged to attend **guest lectures, university visits, and special talks** across the UK — experiences that broaden perspectives and inspire ambition.



TOGETHER WE'RE EXTRAORDINARY

St. Andrew's College Cambridge is proud to be part of Dukes Education, which is the largest premium education group in the UK and one of the fastest-growing families of schools in Europe. Dukes Education was founded by Aatif Hassan in 2015 to give young people an outstanding start in life.

The Group now has 65 education brands and over 80 settings, across 11 countries, supporting more than 23,500 pupils and 5,000 staff. Dukes also operates a number of leading summer short courses, university and medical school consultancies, immersive career experience providers, and one-to-one student support offerings, creating a cradle-to-career suite of services.

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