

PROFILE 2025-2026







93% IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Established in 2005, following demand from its primary counterpart founded in 1963, DESS College is a British, overseas co-educational secondary school. We are proud to be inclusive and not for profit with exceptional facilities and an exhaustive range of extra-curricular activities. The development of our discrete, purpose built Sixth Form has been based on our ethos of providing exceptional teaching, facilities and experiences for our senior students who are afforded extra privileges alongside extra responsibilities.

Emphasis is placed on supporting our Year 12 and Year 13 students with their transition to universities all over the world, with record numbers using the information, advice and guidance presented to them to secure places at the very best institutions in the UK, USA, Canada, the Far East and Europe.

The Sixth Form experience at DESS College is rich and exciting led by a large team who are dedicated to ensuring that every student leaves DESS College well mannered, well rounded and well equipped to succeed.

CURRICULUM

The Sixth Form curriculum at DESS College is bold and British, rich and varied and created to provide infinite pathways for our diverse students. Enhanced and enriched by a Super Curriculum the overall Sixth Form experience is one designed to ensure academic success alongside extraordinary experiences. There are three curriculum pathways at DESS College: Academic, Vocational and Mixed.

INCLUSION

Proud to be inclusive, DESS College welcomes applications from all students. We have a team of 17 LSAs and 4 Student Advisors. The team offers a range of study skills, mental health and wellbeing support.

SUBJECTS OFFERED

GCE Advanced Levels (A Levels)

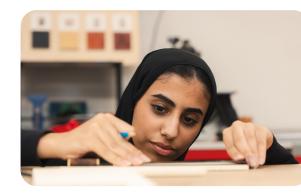
Art Photography, Art, Arabic, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, DT-Product Design, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Further Mathematics, Geography, Histroy, Information Technology, Law, Mathematics, Media Studies, Physics, Physical Education, Politics, Psychology, Spanish

Vocational Qualification (BTEC & RSL)

Applied Science, Creative Media, Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, Hospitality, Sport, Travel and Tourism, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Music Practitioner (MUSPRA)

Enrichment Subjects

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Mathematical Studies, AS Classical Studies, AS English, AS French, AS Spanish



NATIONALITIES

American, Algerian, Armenian, Australian, Bahamian, Bahraini, Belgian, Brazilian, British, Bulgarian, Canadian, Chilean, Chinese, Colombian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Egyptian, Emirati, Fijian, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Indonesian, Iranian, Iraqi, Irish, Italian, Jordanian, Kenyan, Korean, Lebanese, Malaysian, Mauritian, Namibian, New Zelander, Pakistani, Peruvian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Singaporean, Slovak, South African, Spanish, Sri Lankan, Sudanese, Swedish, Swiss, Syrian, Tanzanian, Trinidad and Tobagonian, Turkish, Ukrainian

CORE BELIEFS

- Academic Excellence coupled with exceptional Pastoral Care
- Outstanding Provision rooted in extraordinary experiences
- Seamless transitions expoused from world-class information, advice and guidance



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DESTINATION OF GRADUATES

UK		University of Derby		Erasmus
ArtsEd London	(2)	University of East Anglia UEA		Hanze University
Aston University, Birmingham		University of Edinburgh	(4)	Leiden University
Bath Spa University		University of Exeter	(14)	TU Eindhoven
BIMM University		University of Greenwich	()	University of Amsterdam
Birkbeck, University of London		University of Kent	(2)	VU Amsterdam
Birmingham City University		University of Leeds	(3)	Bern University
Bournemouth University		University of Leicester	(5)	Germany
Brunel University of London	(2)	University of Liverpool	(3)	France
Buckinghamshire New University	. ,	University of Manchester	(4)	Spain
Cambridge		University of Reading	(2)	Belgium
Cardiff University	(2)	University of Sheffield	(4)	Cyprus
Durham University	(5)	University of Southampton	(-1)	Ireland
Flight School	(4)	University of St Andrews	(2)	Italy
Glasgow Caledonian University	(- /	University of Stirling	(2)	italy
Hartpury University		University of Surrey		AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND
Imperial College London	(2)	University of the Arts London		Bond University
King's College London	(3)	University of Warwick	(2)	Deakin University
Lancaster University	(-)	University of York	(2)	Southern Cross University
Leeds Beckett University	(5)	York St John University	(3)	University of Melbourne
Leeds Conservatoire	(2)	TOTA SESONIT OTHERSILY	(3)	University Western Australia
London School of Economics	(-)	USA		Otago
Loughborough University	(5)	ACCD		Waikato
Manchester Metropolitan University	(2)	Cornell		
Newcastle University	(7)	Florida State University		UAE
Northumbria University	(3)	NYU	(5)	AUS
Nottingham Trent University	(0)	Stanford	` '	Birmingham Dubai
Nottingham University		University of Michigan	(2)	GMU Ajman
Oxford Brookes University	(3)	UPenn	. ,	Heriot Watt Dubai
Plymouth University	(-)			MBRU
Queen Margaret University,		CANADA		Middlesex Dubai
Edinburgh	(2)	Concordia	(3)	Zayed University
SOAS University of London	(-)	Cranbrook College		ROW
Swansea University	(2)	McMaster	(2)	American University of Jordan
UCL (University College London)	(3)	UBC	(2)	Newcastle University Malaysia
University Centre Askham Bryan	(0)	FURARE		
University of Aberdeen	(2)	EUROPE		Nottingham Malaysia RCSI Bahrain
University of Bath	(6)	College of Pharmaceutical Sciences Utrecht		RCSI Banrain Stellenbosch
University of Birmingham	(3)			Stellenbosch
University of Bristol	(4)	Delft		GAP YEAR
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SOCIETIES

· P	nilosophy 8	& Politics
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- Business and Economics Desconomic Review
- Race4Good
- MUN Debating

- Law Society
 History Society
 Engineering/ Physics Society
 TEDX (Invitation only)
- Med Soc

- Oxbridge (Year 13)

- Chemistry Society
 Biology Society
 Environmental Society
 Motor Sport Club

- Maths Society
 Why Equations are beautiful
 Psychology
- Media
- Technology Society
- Aerospace & Aviation Society

ACCREDITATION







KEY CONTACTS

- Andrew Gibbs | Principal Mrs Keely Vernon-Ward | Head of Sixth Form
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