

# Norwich School ●●

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**THE CLOSE, NORWICH NR1 4DD**

**WEBSITE** [norwich-school.org.uk](http://norwich-school.org.uk)

**HEAD** Steffan Griffiths, MA, since 2011; previously deputy head at Magdalen College School

**PUPILS** 888 day; 556 boys, 332 girls

**FAITH** C of E

**AGES** 11–18

**TERM FEES** £5,221

**OXBRIDGE** 9% **REGISTRATION** By

November of year before entry;

£95 fee

**ADMISSION** School's own

exam, interview and assessment

day

**ALUMNI** Lord Ashcroft, Admiral

Lord Nelson, Humphry Repton

**PREP: HEAD** John Ingham

**PUPILS** 196

day: 126 boys, 70 girls

**AGES** 7–11

**TERM FEES** £4,758

The pupils at this co-ed day school kick off their morning in style, belting out 'Jerusalem' shoulder to shoulder with classmates as sunlight streams through Norwich Cathedral's west window. Head Steffan Griffiths teaches classics, plays hockey and supports lots of sporting events. He believes the juxtaposition of the school and cathedral is very important and 'helps pupils find their route in life'. And that life is sweet: some enterprising pupils keep beehives in the headmaster's garden to produce Norwich School honey. The school is minutes from the city centre and has a wide catchment area, with two applicants per place. Staff include BBC Proms choral composer Richard Allain as director of music, and TV, stage and film actress Matilda Ziegler as director of drama – no wonder the newly transformed performance space, Blake Studio, is busy. There are more than 100 clubs and activities on offer, so days here are boarding-school length. Over 60 schools join in with NS's Young Norfolk Arts Festival each July, and the elite sports academy welcomes all local pupils who are at the top of their game. Results are very good (86 per cent A\*–B at A-level last year), and the school has a knack of producing self-confident mould-breakers. 'The sense of community is at the core of school life – everyone looks out for each other, regardless of age and house,' says an insider.