



SHEBBEAR COLLEGE  
SENIOR SCHOOL



# *Welcome to Shebbear College* Senior School

Shebbear College is an independent day and boarding school for boys and girls, located in rural North Devon, UK. Our 85 acre rural campus is the perfect environment to learn and achieve academic success. With superb facilities, all of our pupils have the opportunity to enjoy an abundance of sports and outdoor activities, as well as creative arts, music and drama.

We aim to educate each pupil to achieve their potential through a balanced, flexible and challenging curriculum. As a result, our pupils consistently out-perform national trends and develop a sense of self worth, enthusiasm for learning and optimism for the future.





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# Senior School

## *Years 7 to 9*

In Years 7 to 9 we provide a thoughtful transition from the much smaller world of the Preparatory School.

In these pivotal years we believe in offering our pupils a wide range of experiences to assist their development into caring, confident and capable young people.

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## *Years 10 and 11*

For Years 10 and 11 the GCSE choices available are designed to meet the pupils requirements as far as possible. Staff liaise closely with both parents and pupils to ensure that the most suitable combinations of subjects are considered.

Normally pupils study nine subjects but many take the opportunity to follow more. Academic progress is monitored by a series of grades, reports and regular parent-teacher meetings.





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# The curriculum *at Shebbear*

Our team of teachers is both highly qualified and extremely committed. Classes are small and provide an atmosphere focused on motivating our pupils to work hard in order to meet the challenge of our broad based curriculum.

Years 7, 8 and 9 study a range of subjects that develops a strong academic foundation for future national examinations. As pupils progress there is the opportunity to select a balance of academic and creative subjects to study at GCSE that reflect individual interests and abilities. Our curriculum is planned to ensure a breadth and balance of subjects in studies over Years 10 and 11.

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While Shebbear College follows the intentions of the National Curriculum, we broaden and adapt its scope to ensure that courses are constructed to suit the abilities and interests of our pupils. It goes without saying we want knowledgeable individuals - numerate, able to read with comprehension, write with skill, communicate effectively and responsibly, and able to demonstrate academic proficiency. This is the baseline, but we believe being successful also means having the opportunities, skills and qualifications to achieve your own personal goals and ambitions.

As predicting the future is an inexact science and young people can quickly change their minds, it is essential that current Year 9 pupils keep open as many options as possible, and for this reason we advise pupils to seek to extract breadth and balance between the sciences, technology, languages, humanities and creative practical subjects.

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# The facilities *at Shebbear*

Pupils at Shebbear College enjoy facilities which enable them to successfully complete their research and prep work, such as our comprehensive Library, ICT suites and Careers Office.

Our extensive grounds boast a wealth of sports pitches, tennis courts, cricket and badminton nets and a flood-lit all-weather pitch. Our Sports Hall is fully equipped for indoor sports and training and includes a gymnasium, weights room and dance studio.

Our Memorial Hall and Assembly Hall both have stages with audio-visual and lighting equipment, enabling our pupils to present numerous productions and concerts each year.

The creative and performing arts are well catered for at Shebbear College, where our pupils have access to art and sculpture studios, textiles and pottery workshops.

Our dedicated Music Centre is superbly equipped with the latest facilities including a specialist keyboard suite, teaching classrooms, numerous practice rooms, performance areas, a sound-proofed recording studio and a suite of computers with editing software. We also have an excellent selection of instruments including Steinway pianos and keyboards.

For later on in their school life here at Shebbear College, we have an impressive Sixth Form Centre equipped with the latest study aids to enable our pupils to achieve their goals.







# The sport *at Shebbear*

There is a wealth of opportunity to take part in traditional sports such as rugby, netball, football, hockey, cricket, rounders and tennis as well as pursuits such as horse riding, karate, trampolining, aerobics, sailing, climbing and canoeing.

Shebbear College has a strong reputation of sporting success. We have regular fixtures against other schools with pupils achieving representative honours at Area, County, Regional and National levels.



# The creative arts *at Shebbear*

Shebbear College has a fine tradition of producing excellent dramatic and musical performers and we have an impressive record of LAMDA, Royal Schools of Music and Trinity College of Music examination results. Parents can enjoy regular concerts and productions involving pupils of all ages.

All pupils are strongly encouraged to expand and develop their artistic and creative abilities. Our Art Department enables pupils to get creative with painting, drawing, pottery, ceramics, textiles and fashion, photography, sculpture, design and technology.





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*It is our intention to provide every pupil with the opportunity to discover the pleasure of being creative in order to enrich the quality of their lives.*

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# Senior School *CoCurricular*

Pupils at Shebbear College are offered a wide range of additional experiences which enrich the curriculum.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in a number of exciting and challenging cocurricular activities after school, in the evenings and at weekends.

The programme is designed to broaden horizons and develop not only interests but personal qualities such as leadership, confidence and tenacity.

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# *Enrichment and* **Social Life**

As our pupils progress through the Senior School they are encouraged to show respect and support for each other in all aspects of their school life. This helps them to develop strong friendships that often last a lifetime.

Social and team building events from adventure days at the beginning of Year 7 and overseas residential activities trips later on through to our Senior Prom develop social confidence and further strengthen these friendships.







*“The excellent experience of boarding and the high level of care strongly promote their personal development and they show strong levels of confidence, self-reliance and integrity.”*

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# Boarding Life *at Shebbear*

Our boarding houses offer a real 'home from home' for all our boarding pupils, where they can relax, play and achieve. The houses have a warm, friendly atmosphere where pupils can feel happy, safe and secure.

Each room has internet access making leisure time, study and communication easier and more enjoyable. The social areas are homely and comfortable and have all the necessary facilities to allow pupils to relax with friends, watch tv and films, listen to music and play games. The houses have kitchen areas where pupils can prepare drinks and snacks.



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