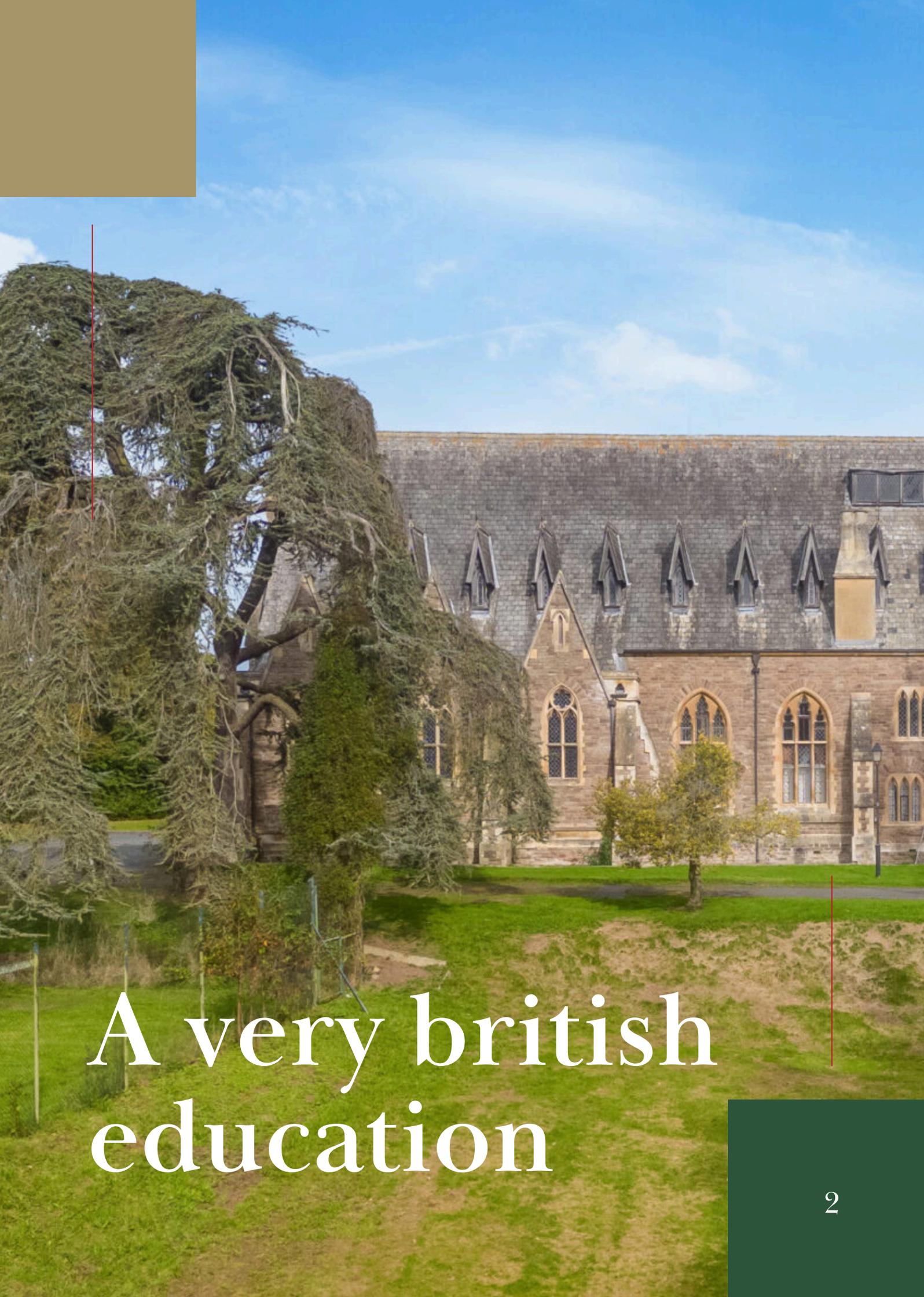




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PROSPECTUS

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A very british education



Our educational philosophy is to combine internationalisation with localisation, preserving the essence of traditional British education while adapting to the trends of globalisation.

Dr. Shawn C
Chairman, St Michael Abbey School

A message from our Founding Headteacher

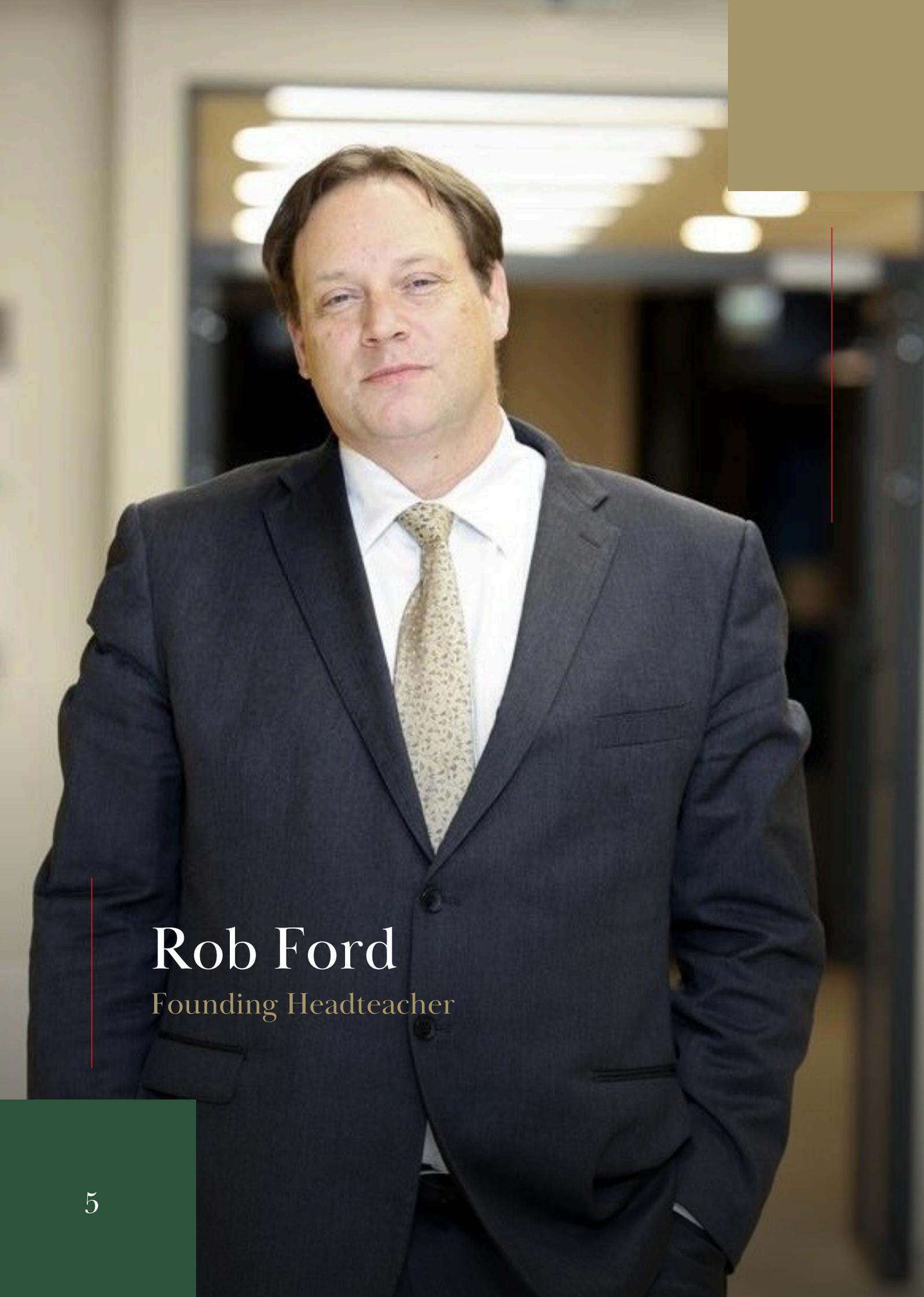
It is my pleasure as Founding Headteacher, to welcome you to St Michael Abbey School.

A school campus with a proud educational legacy set in the beautiful Worcestershire countryside outside the historic Marches town of Tenbury Wells. Our 13-19 co-ed boarding/day school is based upon the values and curriculum of the best of British education with a unique international dimension fit for the challenges of the 2020s and beyond.

We pride ourselves on offering World Class qualifications, skills and a pathway to universities, here in the UK and around the World. You will be able to access a wide range of subject choices, and you will benefit from outstanding teaching and learning during your time with us as we prepare you for Higher Education and future careers anywhere globally.

Your time with us at will be enriched by involvement in the both the UK and international ethos of the school as well as becoming engaged with the local and wider community.

We pride ourselves on our key school values of social responsibility, public & civic duty, sustainability, student leadership, respect and global citizenship. We are partnered with the global SIAS Education Group and Anglo Independence School; our Founders, believe in educating a student to meet the challenges of the future with confidence.

A portrait of Rob Ford, a middle-aged man with short brown hair, wearing a dark grey suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a patterned tie. He is standing in a hallway with blurred lights in the background. The image has a dark green overlay at the bottom left and a thin red vertical line on the right side.

Rob Ford

Founding Headteacher

Our History

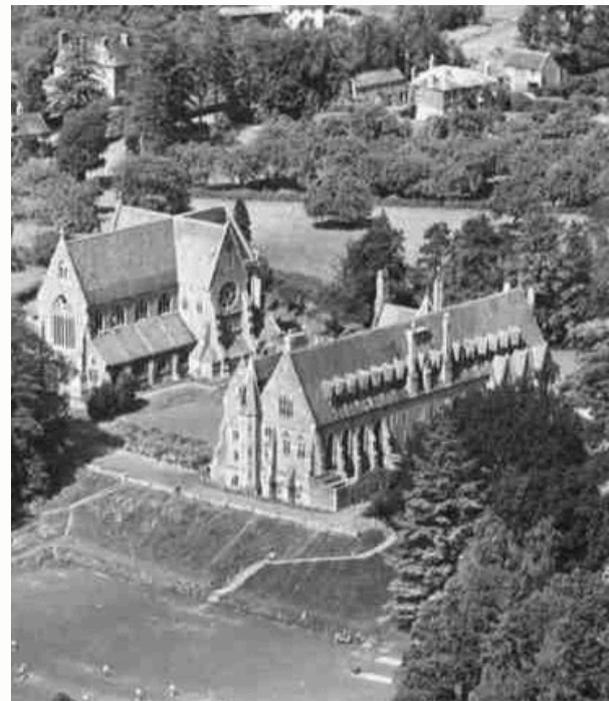
St Michael Abbey School (SMA) has been a prestigious educational facility since it was purpose-built in 1856 by the Oxford University Professor, Sir Frederick Ouseley.

First founded as music school for boys, the school provided performances of Anglican church music and term time daily choral services. It later became a Spanish school and an important facility in an internationally recognized college group.

The campus has developed significantly over its 168-year heritage and will soon offer state-of-the-art teaching and sports facilities.

Today, we are proud to begin a new chapter in the school's history as an independent establishment, partnered with SIAS Education Group and Anglo Independence School. Catering for both day and boarding students, our school is a home away from home – a place to broaden ambitions and fulfil potential.

The neighbouring towns of Tenbury Wells and Ludlow offer a picturesque and tranquil setting to allow our pupils to concentrate on their studies. While at the same time, the school is within a short distance of other local cities, such as Birmingham, providing an ideal location for both study and social activities.



Values



Our primary goal is to help our students gain the knowledge and experience required to enter some of the best universities in the UK and beyond. Our pupils finish their studies at SMA School having gained a sense of confidence in themselves and a clear idea of how they can contribute to society.



At the heart of our operations is a strong ethos that combines a community focus with the rich British education offered at SMA School, aiming to provide a high-quality private school experience for both international students and those in the local community.



With a vision to refurbish the site ahead of the 2025/26 academic year, we are committed to build on the school's excellent foundation and heritage rooted in British aristocratic culture and continue its long history as an outstanding educational establishment.

Experts

Our expert teaching staff cater to the diverse learning styles and abilities of students. They create engaging lessons that incorporate interactive activities, real-world applications, and technology.

Fostering an inclusive learning environment, they encourage collaboration, critical thinking and peer-to-peer interaction. This approach enhances academic performance, builds confidence, resilience, and a love for lifelong learning.

TEFL Qualified Teachers

For non-native English speakers, we have TEFL qualified teachers who play a pivotal role in enhancing the language skills of students. Their specialized training equips them with effective methods to improve proficiency across reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Catering to diverse learning styles and levels within the classroom, their personalized approach ensures that each student receives the support they need to thrive academically. Additionally, they integrate cultural elements into lessons, enriching students' understanding of both the language and its context.

Our teachers use interactive techniques to create an engaging learning environment that encourages active participation. Focusing on practical communication skills, they provide constructive feedback and assessments to help build students' confidence, in preparation for exams conducted in English.

Facilities

Set within historic grounds, St Michael Abbey School is surrounded by 22 acres of beautiful British countryside.

Catering for both day and boarding students, our international and British school is a home away from home – a place to broaden ambitions and fulfil potential.

We have:

- ◀ Comfortable accommodation for boarding students
- ◀ State-of-the-art science labs
- ◀ Modern computing suites
- ◀ Resourceful library
- ◀ Fully equipped creative studios
- ◀ Onsite restaurant with mini mart
- ◀ Extensive outdoor space for sport and recreation
- ◀ Managed grounds with 24/7 security
- ◀ School transport (covering Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Shropshire for day students, as well as termly transfers for boarding students)

Curriculum

SMA School is open to local and international students, with a vast curriculum of GCSEs and A-Level courses.

We know the importance of these essential qualifications in influencing the future educational and career opportunities of students, which is why our students are continuously supported in understanding and mastery of subjects.

Courses

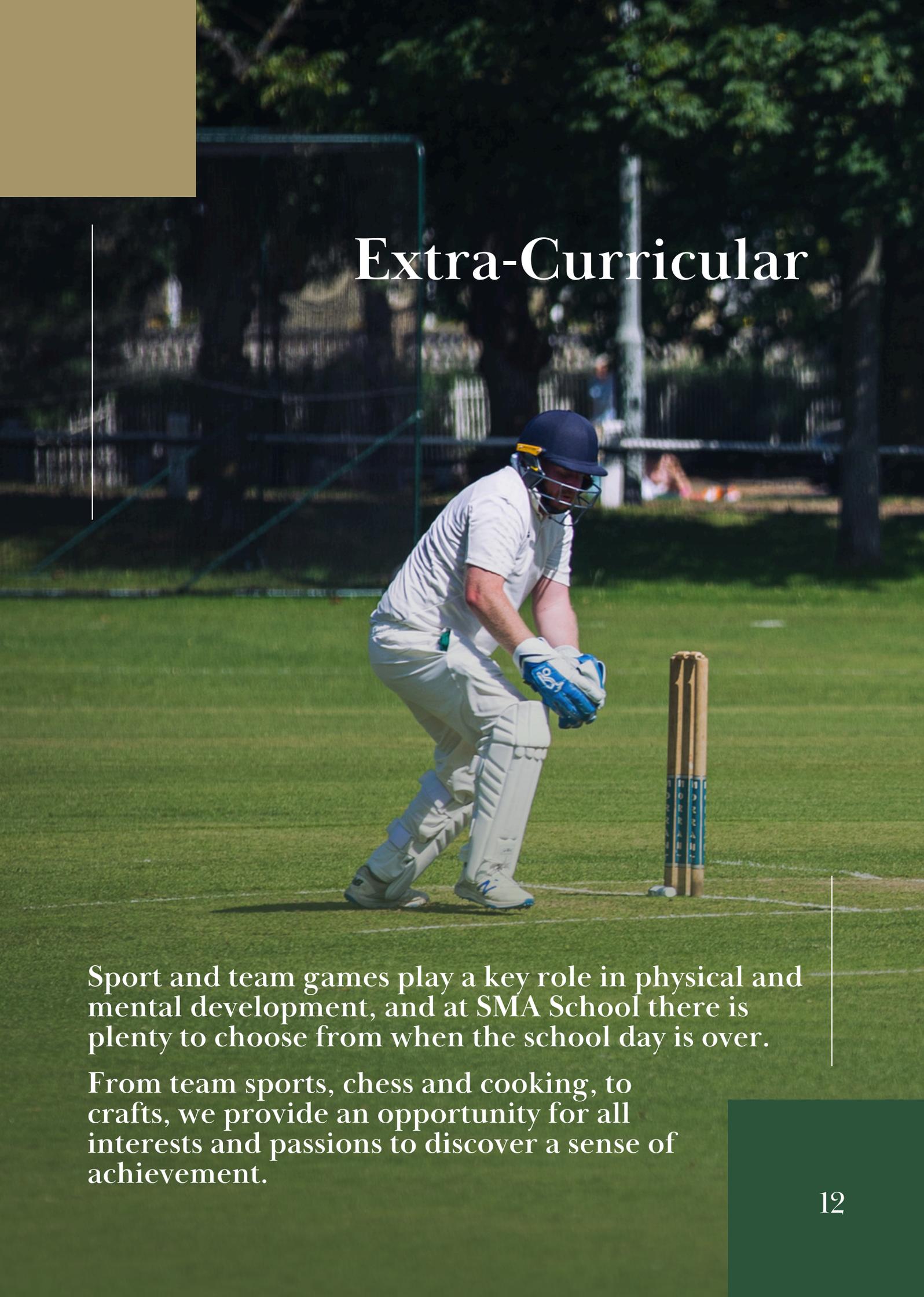
GCSE

English
Mathematics
Economics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Science (Applied)
Art
Design
Textiles
Music
Physical Education
Computing
Business Studies
French
Spanish

A-Level

Mathematics
Further Maths
Physics
Chemistry
Science (Applied)
English Language
English Literature
IELTS
Fine Art
Product Design
Sport and Physical Education
Music
History
Geography
Computer Science
Information Technology
Health and Social Care

Disclaimer: Courses are subject to change depending on spaces and popularity.



Extra-Curricular

Sport and team games play a key role in physical and mental development, and at SMA School there is plenty to choose from when the school day is over.

From team sports, chess and cooking, to crafts, we provide an opportunity for all interests and passions to discover a sense of achievement.

Enrichment

We regularly take advantage of the stunning backdrop that our local environment offers us with weekend excursions, both as part of the curriculum and for recreation.

Located in the heart of England, we are in a unique position to offer trips to historical and cultural hotspots across the country including cities, museums and attractions, as well as smaller bespoke activities such as bowling, horse-riding and nature walks.





Fees

We have a competitive fee structure, with bursaries and academic scholarships for students with outstanding talent.

For more information, contact admissions@sma-school.com

Admissions

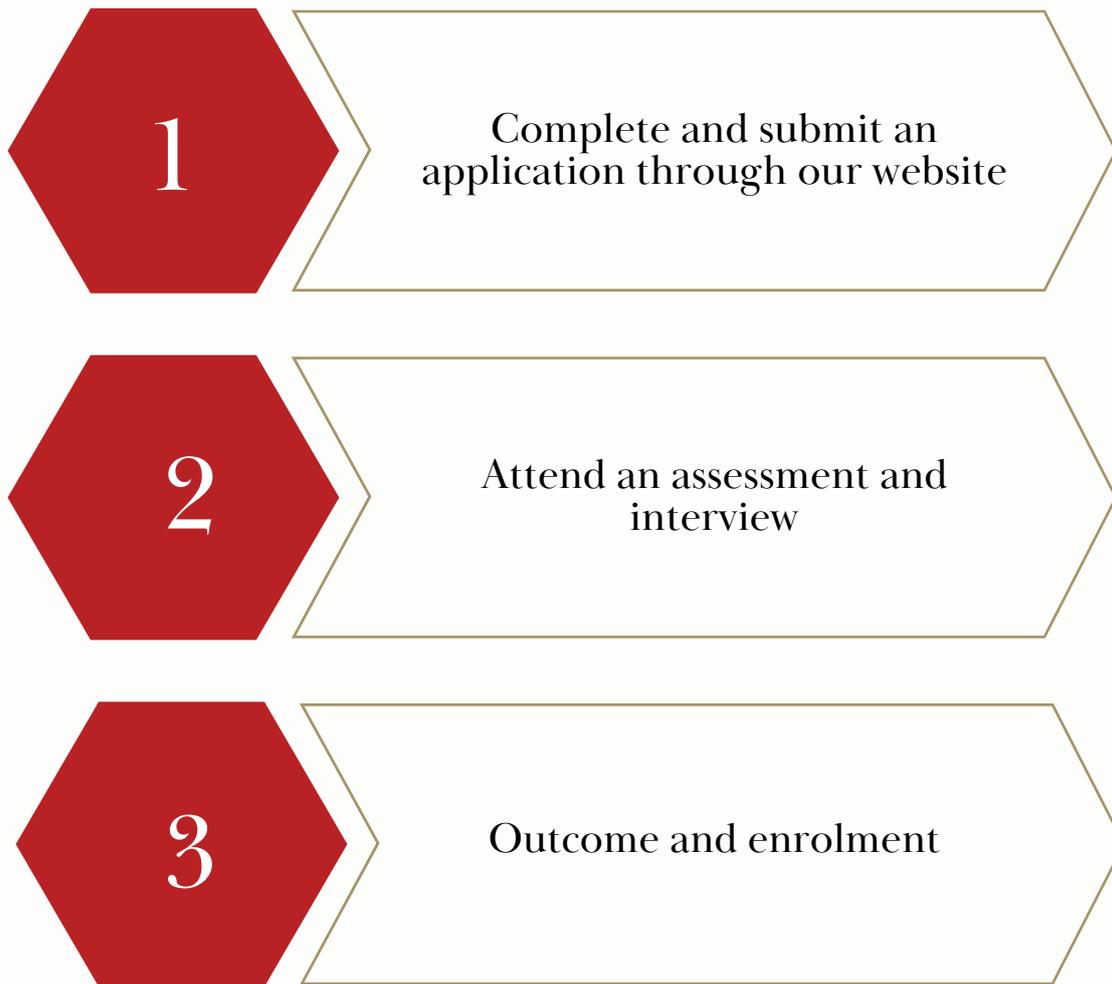
We welcome students from all educational backgrounds. The admissions process identifies appropriate learning pathways to meet and support individual requirements, helping all students achieve their potential.

To apply for a place at St. Michael Abbey School, complete our online application form by visiting:

www.sma-school.com/admissions



The Process



Disclaimer: Time frame for the admissions process is dependent on candidate and staff availability

Memberships

We're proud to be a member of prestigious governing bodies for UK independent schools.









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