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Admissions

Boys entering Winchester College at age 13+ fall into two groups: Scholars and Commoners. The 70 scholars live together in College. Commoners live in one of the ten Houses. Each Commoner House contains about 60 boys and entries are made through Housemasters.

Commoner House Applications

A boy may be registered for a Commoner House place once he has reached the age of eight. Visits to the School should be arranged directly with Housemasters. It is recommended that parents see two or three Housemasters and the Registrar is happy to give advice on choosing a house. (Tel 01962 621141 or email admissions@wincoll.ac.uk).

To register a boy it is necessary to complete a Registration Form and send it to the Registrar with the Registration Fee, currently £200. This fee is non-refundable. The form is passed to the chosen Housemaster and parents are then welcome to deal directly with the Housemaster thereafter. If a Housemaster is not specified at this stage the Registrar will retain the form centrally until the choice has been made, at which point it will be passed to the Housemaster.

It is advisable to have the boy's name on a House list about three years before he is due to come to the School i.e. by the end of Year 5.

Registration of a boy's name does not entitle him to a place at Winchester.

The need for registration at an early date does not apply to those who are candidates only for Scholarships or Exhibitions. The winning of an award carries with it the right to a place.

After registration the next stage is for the boy to come for interview with his prospective Housemaster. Interviews take place sometime between February and May during the academic year when the boy is eleven (i.e. about two and a half years before he is due to enter the School). Within the interview there is a short verbal and numerical reasoning test. Housemasters will also obtain a written report from the boy's current school.

After Housemasters have interviewed all the applicants on their list, offers of places are made at the beginning of June at which point the Entrance Fee of £500 is payable. The place is then firm subject to the boy passing the Winchester College Entrance Examination which is taken in May of the year of entry. Boys thus chosen would be expected to pass this examination, although failures do sometimes occur (in this event the Entrance Fee is refunded; in all other circumstances it is non-refundable). Boys may also enter the School by way of the Scholarship Examination (Election).

If the Housemaster is unable to offer a place, the boy's file is passed on to the Headmaster and the Registrar for further consideration. There are three possible outcomes: the offer of a place on the General List, the offer of a place on the Reserve List or rejection.



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Boys placed on the General List are guaranteed a place in the School (subject to passing the Entrance Examination) although allocation to a particular House may not be possible until the spring preceding entry in September.

The Reserve List is a waiting list. Although there is no guarantee of a place in the School it is possible to gain a place in a House from this list as vacancies occur.

Boys who apply late may still be considered for the Reserve or General List. Such boys are interviewed by the Registrar.

The Entrance Examination

Every boy who is offered a place, whether after interview by a Housemaster or from the General or Reserve List, must qualify for it either in the Winchester College Entrance Examination or via the Scholarship Examination. The Entrance Examination takes place in candidates' own schools normally over three days in May. This examination is similar in form and syllabus to Common Entrance.

The subjects of the Entrance Examination are as follows: English (two papers), Mathematics (two papers), Science, French, Geography, History, Latin (normally required but special cases will be considered for exemption, preferably with an alternative being offered). Optional papers: Greek grammar and translation, German, Spanish.

Particular attention will be paid to the quality of the candidate's written English.

The Headmaster has from time to time vacancies at his disposal for boys who are selected for a Headmaster's Nomination. Candidates for Nomination are normally expected to take the Scholarship Examination. It is essential that candidates for Nomination should have alternative arrangements made for them elsewhere since the number of Nominations available is uncertain.

Applications from boys at state maintained schools are welcomed. Special arrangements may be made and those interested are welcome to contact the Registrar.

Boys enter Winchester in the September of the year that they are thirteen. No boy will be admitted to the School before he is twelve years old or after he has reached the age of fourteen except for special reasons approved by the Headmaster.

There is no preparatory school specially connected with Winchester College. The Registrar will, however, be happy to provide enquirers with a list of preparatory schools which have recently sent boys to Winchester.



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Day Boys

Although most boys at Winchester are boarders it is possible to be a day-boy. The application procedure is the same as for boarders. The number of day-boys is, however, very limited.

Parents interested in a day-boy place should discuss this with the prospective Housemaster at the time of application. Scholars are required to board in College for their first two years in the School unless there are strong reasons against it; thereafter they may become day-boys subject to the approval of the Headmaster and the Master in College.

Day-boys are regarded as full members of Boarding Houses and play as full a role within the life of the House and School as possible, although boys living outside Winchester may have special concessions made by their Housemasters. On weekdays boys should arrive at their Houses in good time for Chapel, or before first hour if there is no service. At the end of the day they do not have leave until about 9.30pm i.e. after evening Preces, Monday to Saturday inclusive. On Sundays boys must fulfil their Chapel obligation and attend School and House functions as directed by individual Housemasters.



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sixth form admissions

Sixth Form Entrance

Entry into the Sixth Form is via the Sixth Form Entrance Examination. Both boarding and day-boy places are available.

Candidates must be under seventeen years of age on 31 August of the calendar year they wish to join the School.

Application forms and a booklet giving details of Sixth Form courses and examinations offered can be obtained from:

The Deputy Registrar
Winchester College
College Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9NA
Tel: 01962 621247
Email: admissions@wincoll.ac.uk

Completed application forms must reach the School by 20 October 2009. No payment is required at this stage.

Selected applicants will be invited to Winchester to attend the Sixth Form Examination. Acceptance of this invitation must be accompanied by the Examination Fee of £200. The examination consists of written papers and interviews. There are two General Papers (which include verbal reasoning and an essay) and four papers in the subjects they wish to study in the Sixth Form.

For entry in September 2010 the Sixth Form Examination will be held on 1, 2 and 3 February 2010. All candidates taking the examination must come to Winchester; it is not possible for the examination to be taken elsewhere or at any other time since the interviews are an essential part of the assessment process.

Candidates awarded a place on the basis of the Sixth Form Examination are required to obtain at least six A grades at GCSE or the equivalent taken at one sitting. A grades are essential in the subjects that a boy hopes to study in the Sixth Form. Candidates are also asked to demonstrate a breadth of interests and talents in areas such as art, music, sport and drama.

There is the possibility of financial assistance in cases of genuine financial hardship. Details can be obtained from the Bursary. Please contact:

Mrs C P Hann
Tel: 01962 621404
Email: cph@wincoll.ac.uk

Sixth Form entrants are also eligible for Music Awards and the Master of Music welcomes enquiries or informal visits by candidates at any time. Those wishing to try for a Music Award can obtain details and an application form, and also details about Music in the Sixth Form, from the Music School Secretary: jma@wincoll.ac.uk



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Scholarships

The Election of Academic Scholars and Exhibitioners at age 13

At the foundation of Winchester College in 1394, all pupils were Scholars, living together in College. They entered the School through a process of Election in which examiners would assess through interview whether candidates were of good character and sound learning. It was not until the middle of the nineteenth century that written papers in particular subjects were specified as the means of Election. In modern times Winchester College Election (the competitive scholarship exam) provides a unique and high academic standard.

For a large proportion of applicants to Winchester College the decision to take Election is reached after a House has been chosen and a place at the School has been offered. However, it is not necessary for a boy to have been registered for a House place for him to be able to sit the scholarship exam. Indeed, a significant number of candidates only contact the School in the months leading up to the exam. The Master in College welcomes such enquiries. Experience shows that any boy with a thirst for learning, self-motivation and potent thinking is likely to secure a place in College with the Scholars, regardless of educational background. It is important for such candidates to see College for themselves and to experience life as a Scholar before the scholarship exam. The Master in College is happy to arrange these acquaintance visits.

Election takes place at Winchester College over three and a half days. The Roll of Scholars and Exhibitioners is published on the Friday evening of the same week. About 14 Scholarships and 6 Exhibitions are awarded each year.

The following awards are made on the results of the examination:

- Scholarships for College (the Scholars' House)
- Exhibitions for Commoner Houses
- Headmaster's Nominations.

The award of a scholarship gives a place in College with the Scholars to live and work in a stimulating community of thought, expression, compassion and purpose.

A Headmaster's Nomination for a House place may be awarded to a candidate who just misses winning an academic award. Nominations are not necessarily available every year.

Parents considering a place in the School for their son, whether as a Scholar or Exhibitioner, and wishing to seek financial help with the fees, should contact the Bursar in advance. A straightforward means test can indicate the level of assistance that might be available.

Scholars are usually admitted to College in the September following the examination; a very young scholar may, however, have his entry deferred.



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In 2010 Election will begin on Monday 3 May. Scholarship application forms and copies of past exam papers may be obtained from the Registrar's Office or the Master in College.

The completed forms must be signed by one of the parents. The form must be accompanied by:

- a birth certificate or a certified copy of it
- a testimonial, stating the period to which it applies, from the candidate's present Headmaster. It is important that something more than a formal certificate should be sent, and that it should include an estimate of the candidate's character and potential
- four passport-sized photographs of the candidate.

These should be sent together in an envelope marked 'Scholarship Entry' to:

Mr W M A Land
Master in College
Winchester College
College Street
Winchester
SO23 9NA.

Completed forms should be submitted by 4 March 2010.

A Scholarship or Exhibition is tenable during the whole of a boy's time at school subject to satisfactory progress, commitment and conduct. No boy may receive the financial benefits of both an Academic and a Music Scholarship at the same time. If the holder of a Music Scholarship secures an Academic Scholarship, the Music Scholarship becomes honorary.

Any boy, whether already in the School or not, may be a candidate for a Scholarship or Exhibition, provided that he is under fourteen years of age and at least twelve years of age on 1st September of the year in which he takes the examination.

In awarding Scholarships and Exhibitions, allowance is made for the age of the candidates.

The examination consists of two parts:

Compulsory papers:

- C1 English
- C2 Mathematics I
- C3 Science
- C4 General Paper I (multiple-choice logical reasoning test).



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Alternative papers, of which candidates must take at least THREE:

- A1 Latin
- A2 French
- A3 Ancient Greek, German or Spanish
- A4 History
- A5 Geography
- A6 Mathematics II
- A7 General Paper II (a question involving the interpretation of data; a passage for comprehension; and a structured essay question.)

Candidates may offer more than three Alternative papers if they wish. If they do, they are assessed primarily on their best three performances but credit is given for good work in other papers. However, it is strongly recommended that candidates do not do too many Alternative papers since experience suggests that those who concentrate on their best subjects will do better overall (four Alternative papers seems reasonable).

Candidates are interviewed by the Headmaster and Master in College and may be called for interview in any subject. Those doing Modern Language papers will have an oral test.

No books are named for preparation. Most papers are based on the appropriate Common Entrance syllabus, although in some parts of the French and Latin papers a wider range of vocabulary and syntax may be found.

Credit is given in all papers for clarity in the presentation of answers and accuracy in the use of English.

A music test can be arranged for any candidate whose ability would allow him to make a significant contribution to the musical life of the School. In the same way, a candidate may bring a portfolio of his Art or Design Technology work for consideration. Notice in writing should be given beforehand by completing the appropriate section of the Scholarship Application Form. These candidates will be interviewed by relevant Heads of Departments.

The College is normally able to provide accommodation for some, though not necessarily all, candidates. Requests for accommodation should be clearly noted on the Scholarship Application Form.



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music awards

Music Awards: Scholarships and Exhibitions

There are usually 60 Music Scholars/Exhibitioners in the School at any one time and a number of Music Awards is available each year for candidates of suitable quality. The Master of Music can give advice about all aspects of Music Awards and is pleased to see potential candidates at any time after they are eleven years of age. Awards are also available for sixth-form entrants.

There are two types of awards:

- Music Scholarships give some remission of fees and include free tuition on up to two instruments and singing (when this tuition is given by members of the College music staff.)
- Music Exhibitions may offer free tuition on one or more specified instruments.

Music Awards can be supplemented by a bursary grant in cases of financial need and details about these grants can be obtained from the Bursary. The School owns a large stock of orchestral instruments which can be loaned to pupils.

The Headmaster reserves the right to allocate holders of Music Awards to any boarding house in the School, but will of course take account of parental choice. Anyone who additionally wins an academic scholarship will go into College, the Scholars' house.

How to apply for a Music Award

Completed entry forms must be returned by the beginning of December in the year preceding entry. Tests are held in the first week of February and candidates must take either the academic scholarship exam (Election) or the Entrance Exam in May. Candidates should be under fourteen years of age on 1st September following the examination.

It is also advisable to apply for a place in a boarding house (unless the candidate has no preference about boarding houses and/or would not come to Winchester without a Music Award). Please refer to the Admissions page.

Entry forms and further advice about music awards may be obtained from:

Master of Music
Winchester College Music School
Culver Road
Winchester
SO23 9JF

Tel: 01962 621122
Email: npw@wincoll.ac.uk

You are warmly encouraged to get in touch if you are interested.



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Curriculum

The Winchester Curriculum

Division

The Winchester Curriculum is unique. It is centred around Division (Div): a form or a group of boys. This is more than a pastoral or administrative unit. At least one period is given to Div each day, so the Div don gets to know the boys and their academic needs. In the 1st Year Div encompasses English, History and Religious Studies. In the 2nd Year Div is taught by English specialists, and in the 3rd Year by Historians. In Years 4 and 5 a very wide range of interests is pursued: ethical, philosophical, scientific, literary and artistic. With extensive reading and writing, and continuous debate, boys learn to present coherent arguments and to develop opinions and tastes. They take the opportunities and challenges of Div seriously.

Nomenclature:

- 1st Year – Junior Part (JP) – Year 9
- 2nd Year – Middle Part (MP) – Year 10
- 3rd Year – V Book – Year 11
- 4th Year – VI Book 2 – Year 12
- 5th Year – VI Book 1 – Year 13

Junior Part

Division (English, History, RS), Biology, Chemistry, French, Geography, Latin, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics

Options: Chinese, German, Greek, Spanish

Carousel (two terms): Art, Design Technology, ICT, Music

In the final term of the year, one subject from Art, Design Technology, Music is chosen. Russian is added as an option in this list.

Middle Part

Division (English), History, Latin, Mathematics, French, Religious Studies

Options: Most pupils study three separate Sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics. A few study Dual Award Science and Geography.

One subject from Chinese, German, Geography, Greek, Spanish

One subject from Art, Design Technology, Music, Russian



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V Book

Division (History), English, Mathematics, French, Latin.

Options: Most pupils study three separate Sciences – Biology, Chemistry and Physics. A few study Dual Award Science and Geography.

One subject from Chinese, German, Geography, Greek, Spanish

One subject from Art, Design Technology, Music, Russian

VI Book

In VI Book the following subjects are available, though not all combinations are always possible:

Ancient History, Arabic, Art, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, Design Technology, Economics, English, French, Geography, German, Greek, History, History of Art, Italian, Latin, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Physics, Religious Studies, Russian, Spanish.

Subjects are arranged in seven blocks. Boys must choose Div in one of the blocks.

Six of the blocks have six forty-minute lessons each week. The seventh block has three lessons each week. Further tuition in some subjects is provided outside the timetable.

From 2008 (first examinations in 2010) Cambridge Pre-U courses will be taught in all subjects except Biology, Ancient History and Design Technology which will continue to be taught as A Level courses. Mathematics will offer both A Level and Pre-U courses.



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University Admissions

Winchester prides itself on providing an excellent preparation for study at university. All boys gain admission to good universities. This is achieved through:

- high-quality teaching for public examinations
- expert and personal advice to all boys from Housemasters, Div Dons and the College's University and Careers service
- opportunities for extension study which include:
 - Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry Olympiad programmes, in which Winchester boys regularly gain a very high number of gold, silver and bronze medals, and in which we have a distinguished history of representatives in national teams
 - The Erasmus Prize Examination, in which senior boys are given the opportunity to read from a list of academic books on an ethical and philosophical theme and to respond to questions in two written examination papers set and marked by a distinguished university academic in the relevant field, who delivers his or her findings by way of discussion with the candidates
 - The Winchester Symposium programme, a series of Sunday study days held throughout the year, when pupils from other schools are invited to join the Winchester boys to hear lectures from university teachers and to engage in discussions
 - The Div programme
 - A rich menu of society meetings in which intellectuals and people prominent in public life come to Winchester to share their knowledge and interests with the boys.

The School maintains strong links with a great range of British and overseas universities, amongst which Wykehamists are noted for the rigour of their intellectual training - their capacity to organise themselves - participating fully in university academic, social, cultural / sporting life.

Below is a summary of university placements for those who left in July 2008.

British Universities

Oxford (20), Cambridge (14), Imperial College London (6), King's College London (6), Exeter (6), Bristol (18), University College London (8), Warwick (2), Leeds (2), Manchester (2), York (2), Edinburgh (7), Newcastle (5), Durham (11), London School of Economics (4), Nottingham (4), Southampton (1), Goldsmiths (1), University of Bath (1), Royal Holloway, University of London (1), Cardiff (3), St Andrew's (3).

Overseas Universities

Chicago, Colombia, Dartmouth, Georgetown, MIT, McGill, Mount Alison, Stanford, UPenn, Yale.

In the academic year 2008-09, 51 places were gained at Oxford and Cambridge.



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Fees from September 2009

Registration Fee

A registration fee of £200 is payable at the time of registration. It is not refundable in any circumstances.

Entrance Fee

An entrance fee of £500 is payable upon acceptance of a Housemaster's offer of a place. It is returnable only if the candidate fails the entrance examination.

Termly Fee

Payment of the termly fee must be made in advance, *before* the first day of each term.

Boarding Fees: £9,615 per term (£28,845 pa)

Day Fees: £9,135 per term (£27,405 pa)

Deposit

A deposit, currently £1,500, is required once a boy has qualified for his place by means of a satisfactory performance in the entrance or scholarship examination. It is returnable, less any outstanding charges, within two months of the end of a boy's final term.

Scholarships and Exhibitions

For entry in 2010, Academic Scholarships will give a reduction of 5% of the boarding fee. In cases of financial need this can be supplemented by a bursary (see below). For 2010 Music Scholarships will give a reduction up to 5% of the boarding /day fee. This can also be supplemented in cases of financial need. Music Exhibitions do not give remission of fees but may provide some free instrumental tuition.

From September 2011 all scholarships and exhibitions will be awarded according to means-test.

Fees in Advance Scheme

A single lump sum to cover the fees may be paid up to five years in advance of a boy's entry to the School. Apart from other advantages, this arrangement offers a discount from the full fees. Particulars may be obtained from:

Mr S P Little

Chief Accountant

Tel: 01962 621214 / Email: spl@wincoll.ac.uk

Bursaries

Bursaries are available on entry to the School and to existing pupils in cases of financial hardship. Whilst bursaries can be available for up to 100% of fees in extreme cases, it is more likely that they are used as a 'top-up' either to support an Award already gained or in their own right. They are subject to annual review early every calendar year. The application process involves the completion and submission of a Bursary Application Form which must be supported by relevant documentation.

Parents who are considering an application to the School, and who are likely to seek help with fees through the Bursary Scheme, are encouraged to submit a Bursary Application Form well in advance of the proposed date of entry. An indication of a possible bursary can then be given. This often helps parents assess their financial means before a commitment to the entrance procedure is made.

Details of the Bursary Scheme can be obtained from:

Mrs C P Hann

Tel: 01962 621404 / Email: cph@wincoll.ac.uk

The Bursar, Mr J E Hynam, also maintains contact with a wide range of Educational Trusts, from which additional funding is occasionally available. Advice about such support can be supplied on request.



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College Street

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Music Awards

Master of Music

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Winchester College Music School

Culver Road

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Bursaries

Mrs C P Hann

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Fees in Advance Scheme

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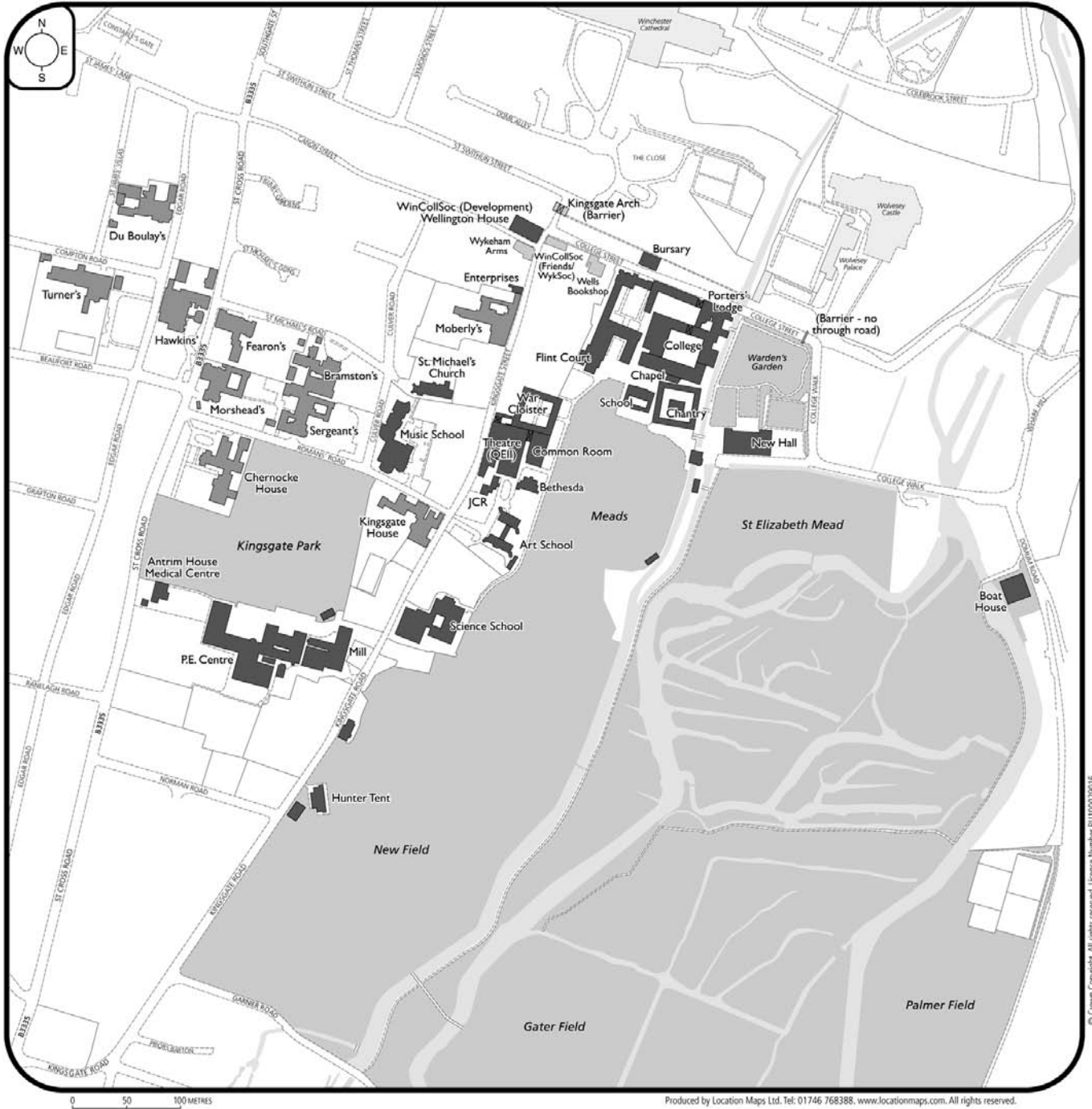
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