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WINCHESTER COLLEGE

GUIDED TOURS



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Founded in 1382, Winchester College has the longest unbroken history of any English school. The Founder, William of Wykeham, was Bishop of Winchester 1366-1404 and twice Chancellor of England. He used his wealth to develop a grand scheme of education, partly to increase the number of educated priests in church and government, sections of society badly affected by the Black Death. In 1379 Wykeham founded New College, Oxford, and began to acquire land on which in 1387 he began construction of this College, which opened in 1393. The Foundation provided for the education of seventy Scholars by two Masters, with a Warden, ten Fellows, three Chaplains, sixteen Quiristers and three Lay Clerks to administer the College and provide religious services and music in Chapel.

Today, the College educates around 700 boys aged 13 to 18, with the seventy Scholars still housed in the medieval buildings. The remaining 'Commoners' live in 10 boarding houses beyond the central campus.

Concentrating on the medieval heart of the College, guided tours last around an hour and include: Chamber Court, which takes its name from the Scholars' and Fellows' chambers enclosing it, the 14th-century Gothic Chapel with one of the earliest examples of a wooden vaulted roof, College Hall, the original Scholars' dining room, School, the 17th century redbrick schoolroom and the medieval cloisters.



Admission to the College is by guided tour only.

Tours are available all year except between Christmas & New Year. Occasionally it may be necessary to restrict access if rooms are in use. To avoid disappointment visitors are advised to confirm availability prior to their visit.

Groups of fewer than 10 individuals need not pre-book.

Standby tours of the College are available at the following times and start at the Porters' Lodge, College Street:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday
10.45am 12.00noon 2.15pm 3.30pm

Tuesday & Thursday
10.45am 12.00noon

Sunday
2.15pm 3.30pm

Group Tours:

A group tour for parties of 10 or more can be arranged at times to suit; pre-booking is essential. Tours in foreign languages may be available but must be requested when booking and are subject to the guide's availability. School groups are welcome.

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| Charges | |
| Adults | £6.00 |
| Students/Seniors | £5.00 |

