



Princethorpe
College

Open Afternoon Tour Guide

Sunday 19 September 2021





A very warm welcome

to Princethorpe. We hope you enjoy your visit to the College today and that it gives you a good feel for our special community and the all-round education we provide for our young people.

The maps in this booklet should help you to find your way around during the afternoon. Please make sure you visit our beautiful Chapel, the newly refurbished theatre and our new outdoor classroom area, Switzerland. Outside the main building you will find The Limes, which includes 14 classrooms for English and Modern Foreign Languages and two ICT suites. Adjacent to The Limes you will also find the Sports Centre, including our Fitness Suite and Climbing Wall, and outside the astroturf and the site of our planned new £8 million, ten laboratory, Science Centre.

During your visit we would appreciate it if you would:

- Wear a face mask in crowded areas inside the buildings as recommended by the government
- Use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival and departure
- Keep left in the corridors and adhere to the one way system where it applies
- Avoid touching doors, surfaces and furniture

Open Afternoon Timetable of Events

12.45pm, 2.15pm and 3.45pm	Musical performances by Greg Burford (U6) and Mary Lomas (U6) before the Headmaster's presentations	Sports Hall
1.00pm, 2.30pm and 4.00pm	Headmaster's address	Sports Hall
2.00pm to 3.30pm	Hockey Training	Astroturf
2.00pm to 5.00pm	Archery	North Lawn
2.00pm to 5.00pm	Archive	Library
2.00pm to 5.00pm	DofE Camp	North Lawn
2.00pm to 5.00pm	Open rehearsals of Holes	Clarkson Theatre
2.00pm to 5.00pm	Outdoor Classroom	Switzerland
3.30pm to 5.00pm	Netball Training	Tennis Courts
4.30pm to 5.00pm	Senior Choir	Quad

All of the above are display activities only on this occasion.

Key information

- Refreshments are available, free of charge, in the marquee on the North Lawn.
- Visitor toilets are available in the Sixth Form Centre and Limes Building.
- Sixth Form enquiries may be made to the Sixth Form Team in the Sixth Form Centre; please refer to the map. Sixth Form enquiries after Open Afternoon should be directed to the Registrars at admissions@princethorpe.co.uk.
- The school is co-educational and currently has around 930 pupils between the ages of 11 and 18, 240 of which are in the Sixth Form.
- Entry to Princethorpe is available at 11+ and at other ages as space allows. Entrance examinations for September 2022 entry for Years 7 to 10 will take place on Saturday 6 November 2021. Candidates must be registered by Friday 1 October 2021.
- Prior to Entrance Examinations, there will be Year 6 Taster Experiences available on Saturday 25 September 2021, book your child's place at Reception today. A dedicated Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 from 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Sixth Form Taster Days take place in December and January.
- Generous scholarship awards are available for excellence in academic studies, Art and Music and for very good all-rounders. At Sixth Form level, there are also Academic, Art, Drama, Music, Organ and Sport scholarships. Means-tested bursaries are also available.
- A comprehensive 360 degree private bus service brings pupils into the College from a wide area, extending as far afield as Burbage, Nuneaton and Coventry to the north, Lutterworth and Daventry to the east, Stratford-upon-Avon and Banbury to the south and Solihull and Henley-in-Arden to the west.
Visit <https://princethorpe.vectare.co.uk/> to see routes, timetable and latest fares.
- The College was last inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) in February 2018. The report is available on the College and ISI website.
- After today if you have any questions about the admissions process or the Entrance Exams, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our friendly Admissions Team. They can be contacted on 01926 634201/262/297 or by email at admissions@princethorpe.co.uk.

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GUIDE

The College was reviewed for the first time by the prestigious Good Schools Guide in May 2021. The review can be found on the Good Schools Guide website and at princethorpe.co.uk/good-schools-guide.

Campus highlights

Sixth Form Centre

The Sixth Form Centre was opened in 2008 and is the hub of Sixth Form life at the College. As well as their own Dining Room, Coffee Bar and Lecture Theatre, our Sixth Formers enjoy use of a dedicated Resource Centre and Common Room on the first floor, with adjacent study rooms.

Every June the Sixth Form Centre plays host to our public Summer Art, Photography and Design Show, as can be seen from the stunning A-level artwork adorning the walls.

Outside Sixth Formers benefit from a dedicated lawn area with views of Princethorpe Great Wood.

The Tower

Princethorpe's iconic Tower is 100 feet tall and offers fantastic views of the Warwickshire countryside from the top. When the flag is flying people from all around can tell that the school is in session.

The Chapel

The Chapel, Our Lady of the Angels, was built in 1895 and designed by architect Peter Paul Pugin, son of Augustus Welby Pugin. Commissioned by the Benedictine nuns of St Mary's Priory, with its stained glass and ornate decoration it is considered one of the most beautiful Chapels in England.

The Chapel is used daily in term time for House and Sixth Form assemblies and every Sunday the parish gathers at 10.15am for Mass.

At the front of the Chapel you will see the Princethorpe House Banners, red for Benet, green for Austin, blue for Fisher and yellow for More, named after Catholic Saints. The House System at Princethorpe is very strong, all new pupils are placed in a House on entering the College and pupils compete in a variety of competitions for the honour of winning the House Cup each year.

The Quad

On exiting the Chapel, the cloister corridor leads to the Quad, all of the whole school photographs since Princethorpe College was founded in 1966 and photographs of our former Headmasters can be seen on the walls.

The beautiful Quad garden is a haven of peace and tranquillity at the centre of the school. The Quad is flanked on four sides by the tiled cloisters and from the centre you can see the Princethorpe clock, the Chapel, Tower and the main school building, which formerly housed nuns' cells and pupil dormitories but now houses Sixth Form study rooms and offices on the first and second floors.

If you are lucky you may hear the Princethorpe clock, with its distinctive chimes, strike the quarter, half hour or the hour.

Main School Building

The Main School Building houses the administration of the school plus many of the academic departments including Science, History and Religious Studies and practical subjects such as Art, Design Technology, Music and Drama.

On the main corridor near Design Technology you can see the trophy cabinets containing the prizes and awards that are distributed at our annual Prize Giving in November, including our oldest and most coveted award, the Princethorpe Shield.

The Refectory

The Refectory is used by our Year 7 to 11 pupils, lunchtimes are staggered on a rota basis and a wide choice of hot and cold healthy food is available, including the legendary Princethorpe cookie.

When the school first opened meals were taken here in silence, thankfully that is no longer the case.

Moving down the Refectory, the Honours Boards on the walls date back to 1966 and celebrate former Head Boys and Girls, Deputy Head Boys and Girls, House and Games Captains.

The Clarkson

The Clarkson Theatre is named after former much-loved Headmaster, Fr Bill Clarkson, MSC, who led the school from 1969 to 1981. The Theatre was refurbished in 2017 and has retractable theatre seating which can accommodate an audience of up to 180.

Home to the Drama Department, a variety of performances and events are staged in here throughout the year, including the whole school musical production which in recent years has included We Will Rock You, Little Shop of Horrors, Grease and The Arabian Nights.

The Student Hub

The Student Hub is to the left of the entrance to the Clarkson Theatre, this is where pastoral staff deal with pupil queries and lost property during the school day.

The Round House

The Music Department is based in the Round House and to the right is the peripatetic music corridor where a wide range of individual music lessons are taught, from cello to piano, drums and brass.

Princethorpe has a lively Music Department with many co-curricular activities including Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choir. There are many performance opportunities for our musicians including international trips.

Art and Design & Technology

Princethorpe is renowned for its stunning artwork and photography, the Art Rooms including the Sixth Form loft studios are a hub of creativity and our pupils are regularly successful in the national ISA Art competitions. A Photography Suite including Dark Room are found upstairs.

Our well-equipped Design & Technology workshops can also be found in the main building, encompassing Food Technology, Electronics, Resistant Materials and Textiles.

Our Summer A-level and GCSE Art, Photography and Design Show is a highlight of the school calendar.



Library

Our beautiful ornate Library, with its 'Death of St Benedict' mural and stained glass windows was once the original Chapel of the monastery and can be found on the first floor.

The North Lawn

The North Lawn runs up to the site of our planned £8 million, 10 laboratory, Science Centre, the astroturf, our outdoor classroom and the hilly lake area known as Switzerland. The giant Cedar of Lebanon tree was planted approximately 150 years ago.

The Limes

The Limes takes its name from the adjacent Lime Walk which was planted by the Benedictine nuns who built the original St Mary's Priory in 1832. The Priory was one of the first monasteries to be constructed in England post-Reformation.

The Limes building was opened in 2014 and its 14 classrooms over two floors are home to Computer Science, Academic PE, English and Modern Foreign Languages. The building adjoins the Sports Centre which includes the Sports Hall, Fitness Suite and Climbing Wall.

Sporting Facilities

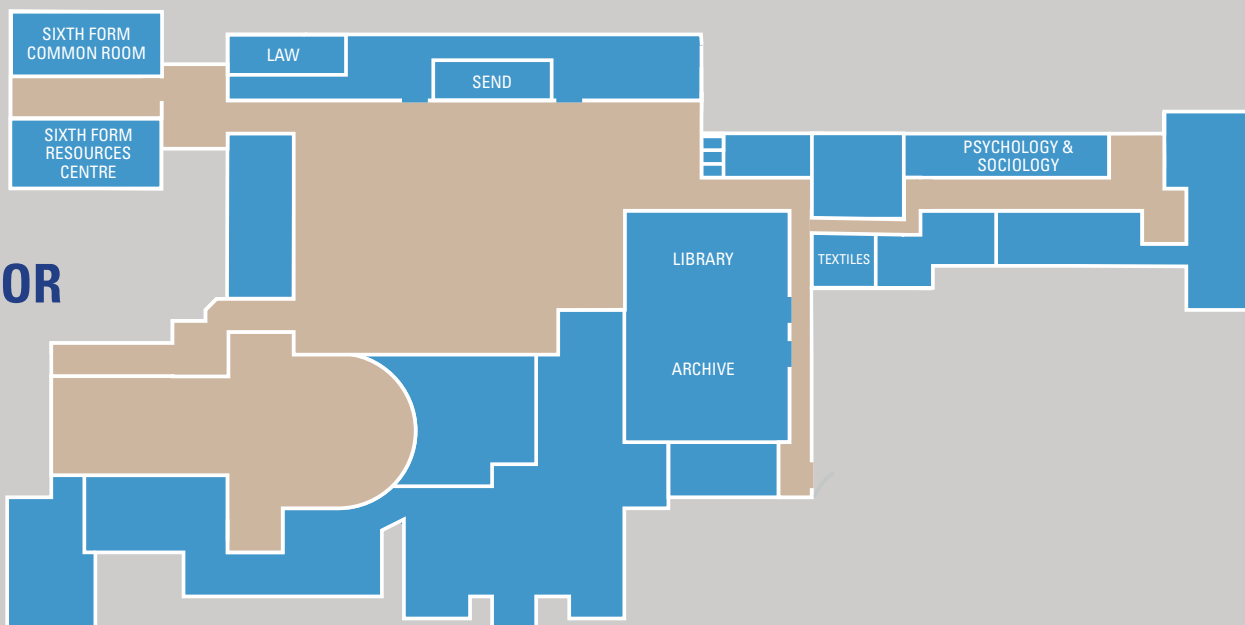
Sport features prominently at Princethorpe. Every pupil participates in Games and PE from Year 7 to Upper Sixth to keep them fit and give them a sense of well-being. The College has extensive indoor and outdoor sporting facilities including the Sports Hall, fitness centre, climbing wall, all-weather floodlit astroturf, tennis courts and 60 acres of playing fields. All the major sports are offered and some unusual ones too. There is an extensive programme of inter-school fixtures and Princethorpe has a proud tradition of pupils gaining county, regional and international representative honours.

The College's Mile Walk, which is often used for cross country, begins at the playing fields and arcs round the ancient woodland to emerge by the bottom of the Sixth Form Lawn.

Foundation Junior Schools

Our two Foundation Junior Schools, Crackley Hall School, Kenilworth and Crescent School, Bilton, Rugby are also with us today situated on the North Lawn near the refreshments. Please do speak to them about availability if you are interested in admissions for Nursery (at Little Crackers) and Reception to Year 6 at Crackley Hall and Crescent School.

FIRST FLOOR MAIN BUILDING



SIXTH FORM CENTRE



ENTRANCE



ICT &
MODERN
FOREIGN
LANGUAGES
UPSTAIRS

MATHEMATICS

NORTH LAWN

ENGLISH



SITE OF
PROPOSED
NEW SCIENCE
CENTRE

ASTRO

MEDICAL
CENTRE

CLIMBING
WALL

UNIFORM
SHOP

FITNESS
SUITE

TUCK
SHOP



SPORTS HALL

HEADMASTER'S
TALKS

CHANGING
ROOMS

GEOGRAPHY

BUSINESS
STUDIES

THE LIMES GROUND FLOOR

← PARKING & EXIT

LIME WALK

SPORTS FACILITIES →

PLAYGROUND



The
Princethorpe
Foundation

We hope you have found today's Open Afternoon helpful and enjoyable. Younger visitors can collect a Princethorpe souvenir as they leave today from the marquee on the North Lawn.

If you have any questions about the admissions process, the Entrance Exams or would like to book your child onto one of our Year 6 Taster Experiences on Saturday 25 September please do return to the Reception area in the Sixth Form to talk to our friendly Admissions Team.

After today they can be contacted on 01926 634201/262/297 or by email at admissions@princethorpe.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at Princethorpe again soon.