



TAUNTON  
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SENIOR SUMMER SCHOOL  
SUMMER 2023

A warm welcome to the Summer





# School at Taunton School



Every year it is our pleasure to welcome students from all over the world to study at our Summer School at Taunton School. We pride ourselves on creating a safe, happy, action packed, disciplined and supportive educational experience that challenges, nurtures and inspires every one of our students.

Established in 1847, Taunton School has long been one of the leading providers of private education in the UK. We are located in the beautiful rural county of Somerset in the South West of England, occupying a 56 acre site with superb facilities.

We have been educating international students on our Summer School courses for more than 20 years, providing a wonderful balance of academic subjects, sports, activities and trips. Our Summer School courses offer a genuine taste of British boarding school life and our students take home with them memories, experiences and friendships they will never forget.

We look forward to seeing you on one of our Summer courses in 2023, where many opportunities and a warm welcome awaits you.



Challenge • Nurture • Inspire



**Kevin Griffiths**  
**Director of Summer School**

Kevin grew up in Hampshire and moved around the south of England following his father's job in the Royal Navy. After graduating with a BSc (Hons) in Geography and a brief foray into Chartered Accountancy, Kevin began a career in teaching in 1999.

He soon became a Head of Department and a Head of Year and was then promoted to Assistant and Deputy Headships. He subsequently became a Secondary School Headteacher.

Kevin's children have both benefited from being students at Taunton School and having taught Maths and Science in the International School, he is delighted to be the Director of Summer School.

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# Courses

Senior Summer School courses are offered to students aged between **13 and 17 years old**.

Course	Duration	Dates	Age
Summer School 1:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 1st July to Saturday, 15th July	13 - 17 years
Summer School 2:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 15th July to Saturday, 29th July	13 - 17 years
Summer School 3:	2 Weeks	Saturday, 29th July to Saturday, 12th August	13 - 17 years
Pre-Sessional Course:	10 Days	Sunday, 20th August to Wednesday, 30th August	14 - 17 years
Extended Pre-Sessional	2 Weeks	Sunday, 20th August to Sunday, 3rd September	14 - 17 years

Students may study for 2, 4 or 6 weeks. Please note that the option to study for 3 or 5 weeks is available but incurs an additional fee for airport transfers.

The course content is different on each Summer School and there is a maximum class size of 12.

Every student receives 15 hours of formal English lessons each week plus 10 hours of an exciting range of other courses to study. For students attending for 2 or more weeks, it is possible to choose a different combination of courses throughout their stay with us.

We offer English plus:	
Academic Programme	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Future Business Leaders	£2,915 for 2 weeks
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Performing Arts	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Golf Academy	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Tennis Academy	£2,915 for 2 weeks
Pre-Sessional Courses	£1,800 for 10 days
Extended Pre-Sessional Course	£2,150 for 2 weeks



# English Tuition

Learning English in a fun, exciting and engaging way is at the core of what we do on our Summer School and we believe our students make significant progress in just two weeks.

Students are taught in age- and level-appropriate groups by highly qualified and experienced English teachers, catering for all levels from A1 to C1. No matter what summer programme is chosen, all of our students study English for 3 hours each day.

The first two hours of teaching cover the essentials of Grammar, Vocabulary and the four skills of Reading, Writing, Listening & Speaking. Following this, students choose from a selection of one-hour English Enrichment courses in which they develop aspects of English acquisition such as Pronunciation, Creative Writing, Vocabulary Development,

Public Speaking, Debating, Philosophy & Ethics and Conversational English.

With an average class size of just 8, students are able to quickly develop their confidence and participation in use of the English language. We aim to develop the student's ability to work independently, as well as advancing their collaborative skills by working in pairs and in small groups.

*"To have another language is to possess a second soul"*

Charlemagne





# Academic

(13 - 17 years old)

With easy access to the internet the acquisition of knowledge is less important than it used to be and the ability to evaluate, adapt and apply knowledge in a variety of different contexts has become more important.

Students on our academic program study four academic themes; two each week; People and Place, Scientific Enquiry, Applied Mathematics and Creativity & the Arts.

Within each theme students are taught how to research, organise, evaluate, synthesise and apply knowledge to different situations. It is an ideal course for students who want to develop their study and critical thinking skills and to become confident, independent learners. Students are encouraged to think creatively, take risks and draw on their own experiences and the experiences of others.

Students have the opportunity to work individually or as part of a team and to present their work in the form of reports, essays and presentations. Students benefit from discussion, debate and collaborative working.

Students who aspire to achieve the highest academic grades need the ability to select and apply their knowledge to a wide range of different situations. Students are increasingly asked to evaluate, argue, form opinion, justify and propose solutions rather than merely remember facts. As adults they will need to transfer their knowledge and skills to the world of work or be able to articulate their views and ideas as they take up their role in society. Our Senior Academic course is designed to fully develop these skills.

*“Education is the most powerful weapon  
you can use to change the world.”*



## Academic Themes

Theory of Knowledge - Critical Thinking / Learning to Learn / Philosophy and Ethics / Study Skills

People & Place	Geography / History / Psychology / Sociology
Scientific Enquiry	Physics / Chemistry / Biology / Earth Science
Applied Mathematics	Engineering / Business & Finance / ICT & Computing / Statistics
Creativity & the Arts	Art / Drama / Music / Media & Film

\*The subjects studied vary from week to week.





# Future Business Leaders

(15 – 17 years old)

This course provides an ideal introduction to Business, Finance and Economics. Students manage their own stocks and shares portfolio, study global trade and the changing pattern of international commerce, finance and investment, logistics and marketing. Students also receive an introduction to economic theory.

The course includes a visit to a local manufacturer to see how a business operates, how it is structured and the systems needed to run it. Students also attend lectures by local business leaders who share their experience in different economic sectors.

As well as theory, students benefit from team building and leadership activities to give them a better understanding of their own strengths and to understand the importance of different roles and skills sets within organisations.

Students undertake a number of business case studies and are expected to complete an individual or group business project during the course.

This is an ideal course for students who want a practical as well as theoretical introduction to business, finance and economics.

*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*

Colin Powell







# Senior STEM

(13 – 17 years old)

Today's society depends heavily on technology and, for many students, will form an important part of their future careers and day-to-day lives. Knowing how and why things work, combining Science with a flair for creativity and innovation is both fascinating and challenging.

This two-week programme offers a really exciting opportunity for girls and boys, aged 13 – 17, who are interested in modern science and technology.

Complementing the three hours of English lessons, students have two hours each day of highly practical and hands on tuition in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

During their studies, students will investigate, experiment, design and construct a product, following a process from an initial idea

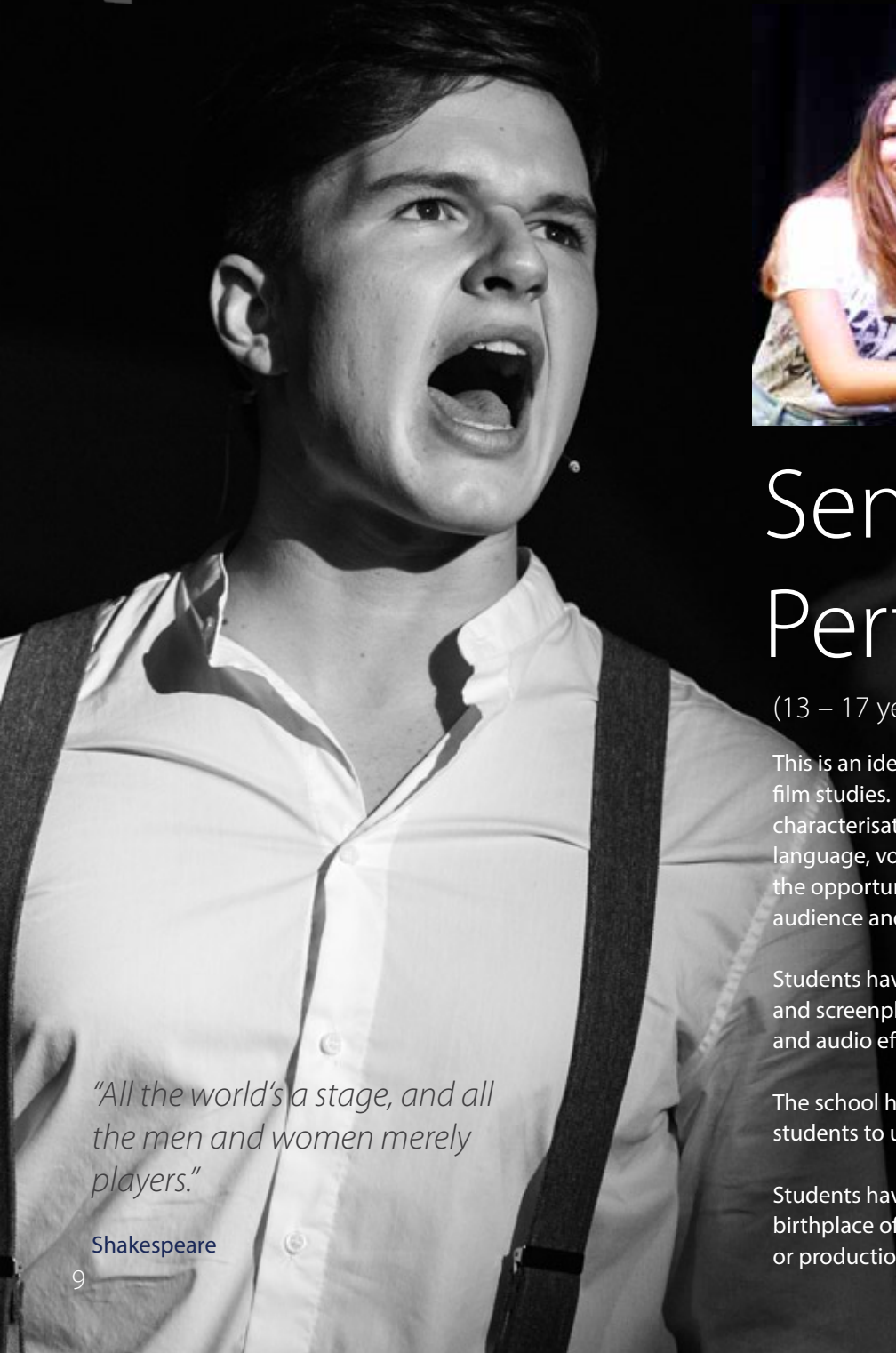
to its final completion. Each 2 week course has a different theme and includes a trip to complement the theoretical aspects of STEM learnt in class.

For example:

- Flight
- Space
- Intelligent Construction
- Sustainable Energy
- Communications
- Robotics
- Future Transport
- Hydrodynamics
- Sound
- Electricity

Students are able to use the wonderful facilities at Taunton School to support their learning, including a state of the art IT suite, large and well equipped science labs and outstanding DT workshops with laser cutters and 3D printers.

*"Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world"* Louis Pasteur



# Senior Performing Arts

(13 – 17 years old)

This is an ideal course for students interested in theatre, media and film studies. Students take part in a number of theatre workshops in characterisation, conveying emotion, comedy, stage combat, body language, voice projection, stage craft and timing. Students have the opportunity to be part of short productions performed to an audience and to experience lead and supporting roles.

Students have the opportunity to write and perform their own scripts and screenplays, study set and costume design and the use of visual and audio effects.


The school has its own theatre and a number of drama studios for the students to use and perform in.

Students have the opportunity to visit Stratford-upon Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, and will see a professional show or production.

*"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."*

Shakespeare





*"Apart from education, you need good health, and for that you need to play sports."*

Kapil Dev



# Golf Academy

(13 – 17 years old)

This is an exciting opportunity for golfers with some experience who want to improve their skills and enjoy playing golf with other students of the same age. Coaching is provided by qualified PGA coaches who offer a combination of 1:1 and small group tuition. Students will be able to improve their swing, putting, approach shots, hazard play, driving and iron shots during technical clinics. This also includes the use of video analysis technology.

As well as the technical aspects of golf, the course includes lessons in golf etiquette and the rules of play. The coaches will also help students read local conditions such as weather and topography. This is an ideal course for golf lovers who want to combine their hobby with learning English.

The course will be based locally and all clubs and equipment are provided. Students have access to a driving range, practice nets and putting green and the course also includes rounds of golf at local golf courses and the opportunity for competition.

# Tennis Academy

(13 – 17 years old)

This course is designed for tennis players who want to improve their game and have the opportunity to play competitive tennis whilst learning English. Lessons are taught by LTA qualified coaches on our outstanding school courts. Students will have the opportunity to play singles and doubles games, play on different surfaces and play competitively in the Summer School Tournament.

Students will receive group and 1:1 clinics to improve their ground strokes, service game, net play, volley and overhead shots. Coaching includes video analysis.

As well as the technical aspects of tennis, the course also covers health and fitness, choosing equipment and clothing, game strategy and the rules of tennis. Tennis rackets are provided.



# Pre-sessional

(14 – 17 years old)

These 10-day courses are designed to provide that all important boost for international students before joining a GCSE, A Level, IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma or Foundation programme in the UK.

For many international students, particularly for those whose level of English is not as high as might be desired, it can be difficult stepping into a British independent boarding school for the first time. Without the necessary linguistic skills and cultural awareness, the first few weeks can be very challenging.

By attending one of our pre-sessional courses, not only are students able to improve in English, but they are also able to develop key academic skills which will prepare them for their onward educational journey.

Pre-sessional courses run for 10 days, with three hours of intensive academic English each morning, followed by two hours of other academic preparation, including lessons, lectures and workshops focusing on the following areas:

- Acquiring, recording and learning new vocabulary
- Increasing effectiveness in listening skills
- Improving academic writing skills (including extended essay writing support)
- Developing reading techniques, such as skimming and scanning
- Effective pronunciation, enunciation and debating
- Understanding the meta language of examination papers
- Broadening study skills and getting the most out of your revision
- Wellbeing and dealing with examination stress
- Answering examination questions in full
- English for Mathematics and Science

The pre-sessional courses are divided into two age groups; GCSE (ages 14-15) and A-Level, IB Diploma and Foundation (ages 16-17) to make the content relevant and age appropriate.

## Extended Pre-Sessional

The Extended Pre-sessional Course is an additional 5 days which bridges the gap between the end of the 10 day Pre-sessional Course and the start of term. This provides boarding only.













# Trips, excursions & activities

A Taunton School summer course includes lots of new adventures and experiences. It is important for students to see and discover as much as they can as this further fuels their appetite for learning.

Over the duration of their course, students see many different aspects of British culture, such as the galleries and museums of London, the world- famous colleges of Oxford University, Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon and the world heritage site of Stonehenge.

Excursions are also about having fun, so some courses include trips to theme parks, beaches and famous cities, as well as offering the chance to explore the outstanding natural beauty in the area surrounding Taunton School.

We want our students to keep busy after lessons, therefore in the evenings, we offer a wide range of sports, activities and workshops which cater for all interests and ages. You could try your hand at archery, fencing, zorbing, climbing, high ropes, canoeing, surfing, sailing, karting and horse riding to name but a few!

Our summer courses are designed to bring students together and grow cross-cultural friendships as well as being full of fun and adventure. They give students the opportunity to build on their strengths and discover new talents, interests and abilities and, by the end of the course, we expect all of our students to have tried new things, to have increased in confidence and furthered their 'can do' approach to life.









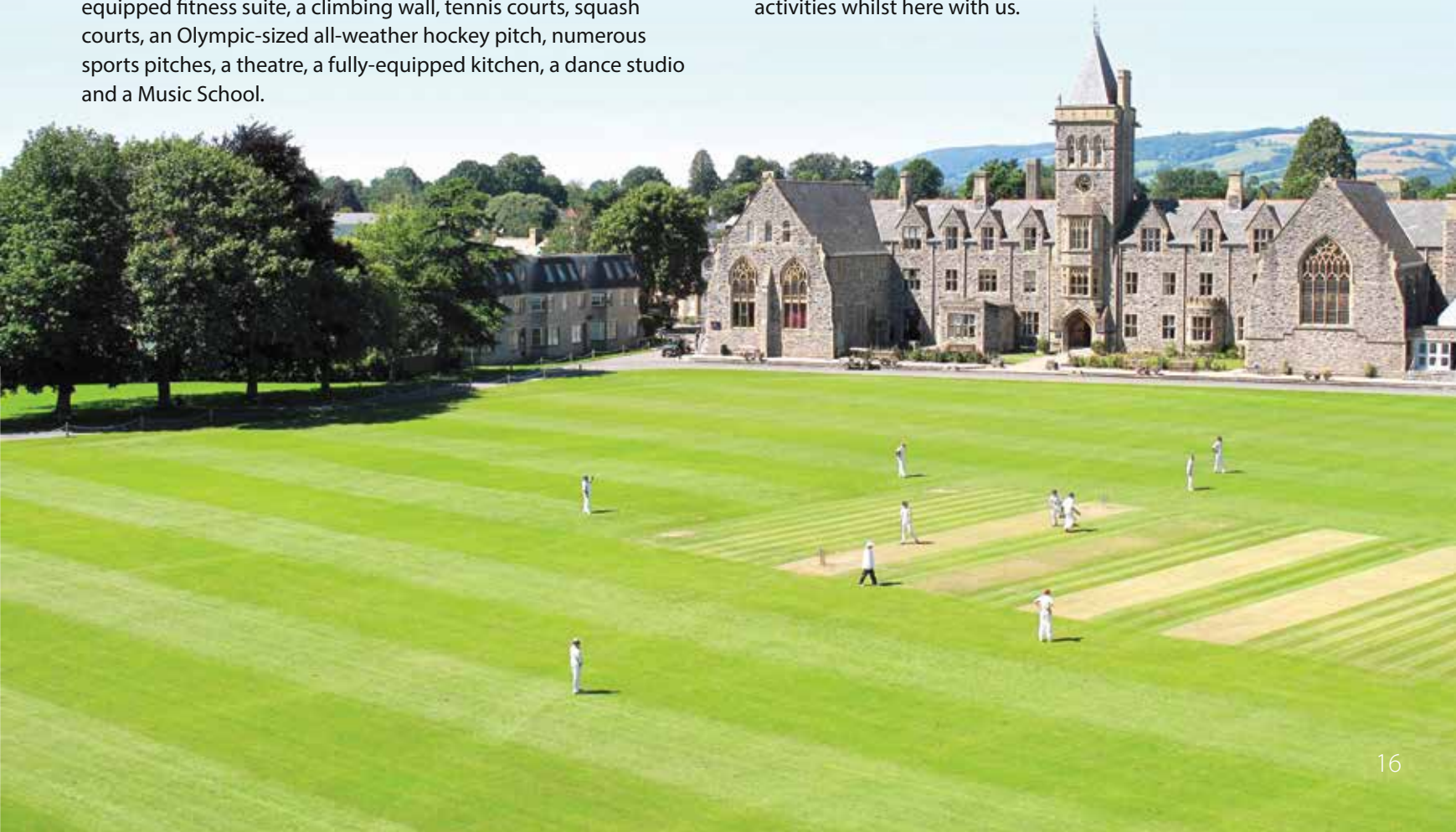
# Outstanding Facilities

During our Summer courses, students have the entire 56-acre campus at their disposal.

Lessons are taught in well-equipped, spacious and modern classrooms, with Smartboards in every room and Wi-Fi widely available across the whole campus. For academic lessons, our facilities include a library, Art studios, Design and Technology workshops and large, fully-equipped Science labs. For co-curricular sports and activities, the site also boasts two indoor swimming pools, two sports halls, a gymnasium, a fully equipped fitness suite, a climbing wall, tennis courts, squash courts, an Olympic-sized all-weather hockey pitch, numerous sports pitches, a theatre, a fully-equipped kitchen, a dance studio and a Music School.

Our meals are served in the newly-opened dining hall on campus and students are able to serve themselves from a wide selection of hot and cold food, with meat, fish, vegetarian and salad options always available.

Whatever your child's needs and interests, we are confident that we have the facilities to cater for them and indeed, that they will have the opportunity to take part in many new sports and activities whilst here with us.





# Boarding and Pastoral Care

Students reside in one of our two comfortable boarding houses (Foxcombe or The Grange) in bedrooms of between one to three students and wherever possible, we make sure they share with students of a different first language. This helps our students to speak English at all times, and is one of the reasons why progress in the English language is so noticeable.

Our summer courses are neither too big nor too small, which means we are able to maintain that all important personal and individual contact. We provide the highest levels of care and attention to every member of our community to make sure their time at Taunton School is safe, secure, remarkable and memorable.

Experienced House Parents and boarding staff provide a family atmosphere and with our low student-staff ratio, we ensure there is always someone available to support and lend a helping hand if needed.

If students are feeling unwell, we have a matron available to look after them as well as nurses and doctors on call, should the need arise. There is also a hospital less than 10 minutes away.

Taunton School quickly becomes a home from home for our students and no matter how far they have travelled, they soon feel comfortable, confident and secure with their new 'family' and friends.











Exeter



Dorset



Bristol



Stonehenge

# Our Location

Taunton School is situated in the beautiful English countryside and benefits from clear air and a safe environment away from large urban populations.

Taunton is the county town of Somerset and is located in the South West of England.

Taunton School is within walking distance of the town centre which is an excellent place to do some shopping, meet for coffee or visit the theatre or cinema.

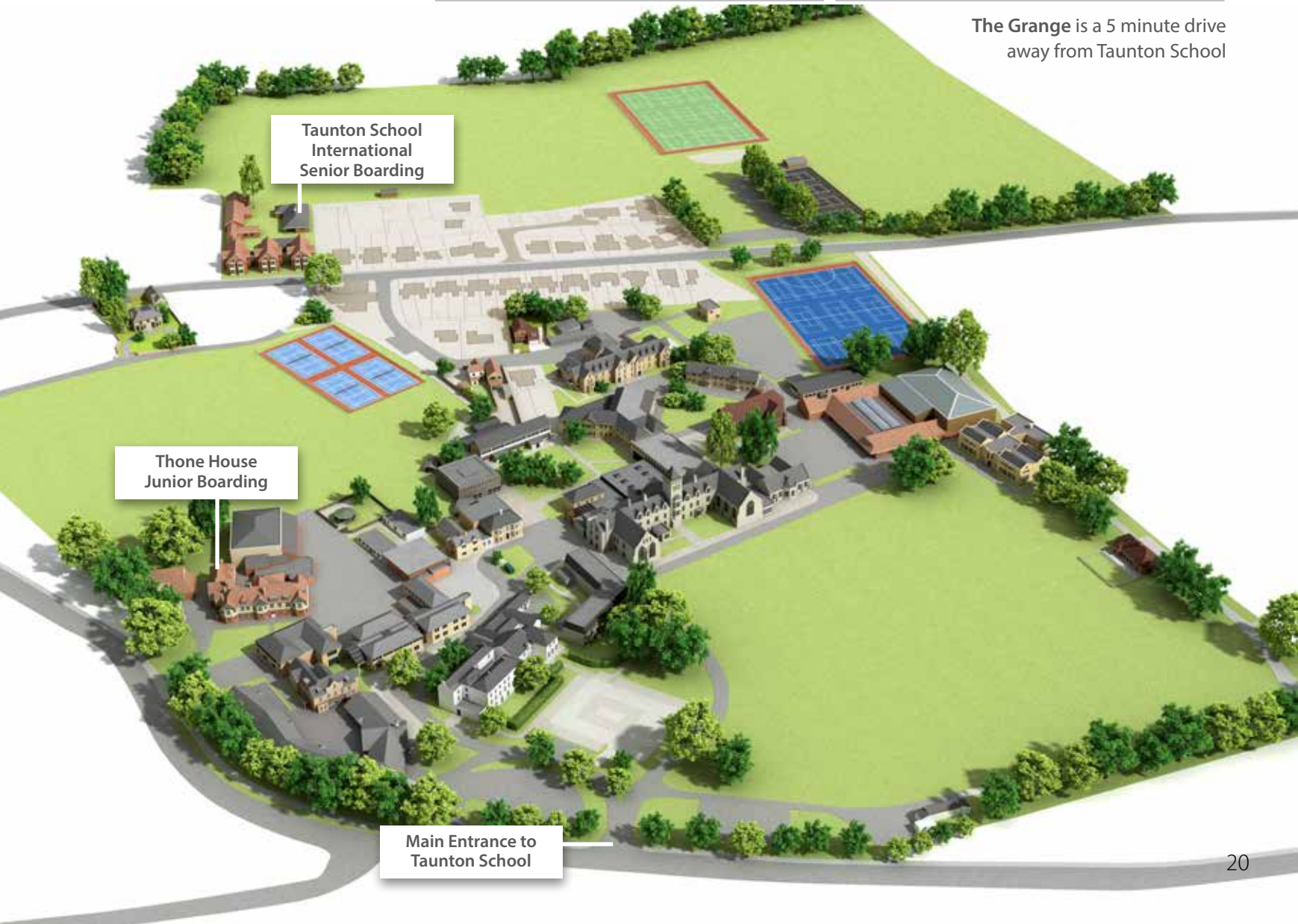
The South West region enjoys good weather, areas of outstanding natural beauty and a wonderful coastline.

The cities of Bristol and Exeter are under one hour in travel time and Taunton is on main road and rail links to London and other major cities.

# Our Campus



The Grange is a 5 minute drive away from Taunton School







# Booking

We look forward to welcoming your child to Taunton School during the summer of 2023.

Our friendly Summer School team is happy to answer all of your questions and assist you through the easy booking process. The extremely popular courses get booked up quickly on a first come, first served basis so please contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

## Fees include

Tuition, teaching materials, accommodation, sports coaching, full academic report and course certificate, food, laundry, activities, insurance, excursions and airport transfers to selected airports (between published times on transfer days). Please note, airport transfers are not provided for students attending Pre-Sessional courses.

## Travel and Visa assistance

We are on hand to provide information to assist you in booking your child's transport to and from the UK, to coincide with our meet and greet airport transfer service.

For children who require a visa, we will advise you about the process involved in obtaining a visa and supply the necessary evidence to support the visa application.

## Contact us

We would be delighted to hear from you.

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