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# Cambridge Prospectus

2023/2024

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# About the College

*MPW Cambridge, established in 1987, is a co-educational GCSE and A level college accepting up to 240 students each year. The college is situated in spacious and attractive premises a short walk from the centre of Cambridge.*

No student is accepted at the college without attending an interview, the initial purpose of which is to provide parents and students with the best educational advice. If we feel that it is appropriate to offer a place at MPW, every effort is made during the interview to identify the right programme and options, often by means of detailed discussions with individual subject tutors.

Once a student is accepted at MPW, our aim is to provide the most effective possible preparation for the specific exams that he or she will be taking. Our method is based on intensive tuition in small groups, close personal monitoring of academic progress and regular

examination practice. We insist on strict punctuality in the attendance of lessons and the submission of homework, but are otherwise free of many of the school rules that today's students find restrictive.

Our reputation is based on having created a college in which students can enjoy working hard. The environment is friendly and informal, the tutors experienced and enthusiastic and the atmosphere positive and conducive to success. The systems that we have adopted have been developed over many years and are shared by all the colleges in the MPW group.

*“Pupils and sixth-form students say that Mander Portman Woodward (MPW) is ‘amazing’ and a great place to study. They know what they want to get out of their studies and are exceptionally well motivated to learn.”*

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*“Pupils and students are very well prepared to move to their next stage in education, employment and/or training.”*

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## College Inspections

The college is registered as an independent school with the Department for Education and as such is subject to regular inspections by Ofsted (Office for Standards in Education). The college is currently rated by Ofsted as Outstanding in all assessment areas. The full report from our November 2019 inspection is available on our website.





# Our Method

*We have a highly qualified team of tutors, the majority of whom have several years of teaching experience at MPW. Many are examiners for the A level and GCSE subjects that they teach.*



## Tuition

Tuition takes place between the hours of 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on weekdays. Syllabus coverage is focused on the precise demands of the final examination and particular emphasis is placed on exam technique. It is a fundamental principle at MPW that all students in a given group are studying for the same examination on the same board on the same date. Under no circumstances do we mix students who are studying on courses of different durations. Of equal importance is our commitment to fewer than 10 students in any one class. With these group sizes it is possible to combine a lively and stimulating classroom atmosphere with the close individual attention that each student requires.

All Year 12 students attend additional study skills lessons in the Autumn term designed to improve note-taking, reading speed, memorisation, revision techniques and time management. MPW writes and produces its own study materials in all major subjects and students are encouraged to seek help from tutors between lessons when facing difficulties with a particular topic.

## Facilities

Our buildings have bright, spacious teaching rooms, two study centres, an exam room, two student common rooms, canteen facilities, three science laboratories, three computer suites and an art room. All subjects have access to audio-visual facilities and whiteboards.

The work of the classroom is supported by a state of the art VLE and a full range of teaching resources. There is a comprehensive selection of textbooks, journals and past examination papers available to help students deepen and widen their subject knowledge and understanding. The college is an exam centre for all awarding bodies.

## Supervision of Progress

MPW is well known for its friendly and supportive personal tutor system. Each student is assigned to a designated member of staff whose role is to supervise the academic progress, university applications and general welfare of a small group of students. Personal tutors keep in frequent contact with subject tutors and parents and are able to devote much of their time to helping and encouraging the students under their care. This is such an important three-point relationship, for all parties.

Regular, individual meetings are held to discuss progress in class, homework, test results, UCAS applications and reports. Written reports from the subject tutors are sent out four times over the course of each year. There are also parents' meetings that provide an opportunity for students' progress to be discussed face to face with tutors and personal tutors.

## Examination Practice

We place considerable emphasis on regular testing under timed conditions, which we find plays a major part in building students' confidence and motivation. A level students sit regular timed assignments throughout the course of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. Most timed assignments test the understanding of work covered during the previous week. The remainder test the understanding of work covered during the previous half term or term, thus ensuring that revision is a continuous and cumulative process throughout the year. Students on GCSE courses sit end-of-unit tests twice per term in the Autumn and Spring terms and students in Years 10 and 12 also sit internal end-of-year exams.

Full mock examinations for the Summer examination session are usually held in March. All timed assignments, end-of-unit tests and mock examinations take place under supervised conditions that replicate the conditions under which public exams are sat.

*“Personal tutors know their pupils and sixth form students exceptionally well. The wraparound support they provide is impressive.”*

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# University Guidance

*The clear aim of the majority of our A level students is to secure a place on a competitive degree course after leaving MPW. It is a key part of the personal tutor's role to provide the help and guidance necessary to make the most appropriate choices of course and institution.*

## Degree Applications

For students in the lower sixth the process of applying to university begins in the Autumn and Spring terms with sessions to prepare them for choosing courses and writing personal statements. For those joining us in the upper-sixth year or retaking A levels, discussions about university entrance and application procedures begin in earnest during the initial student interview.

We have particular experience of the challenges faced by students who are applying for some of the more competitive courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Law. We liaise with admissions tutors both before and after the publication of exam results and we have developed strong links with many of the departments attended by MPW students in the past. All students who are called for interview are encouraged to make use of our interview practice provision.

Our standalone Oxbridge and medical school programmes are designed to guide students' preparations for aptitude tests (UCAT, BMAT, TSA, TMUA, ELAT and LNAT), interviews and the short written assessments applicants are often required to complete at interview. For students applying to the University of Cambridge, where offers may be dependent on grades achieved in STEP examinations, we provide bespoke tuition to help them prepare for these.



*“Pupils are sociable, polite and extremely well behaved in school. They enjoy sports, including playing in the football team, and after-school clubs.”*

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## Activities Programme

For many of our students, sporting and other extra-curricular activities play a vital role in promoting a balanced lifestyle. Students in the lower sixth participate in weekly activities relating to sport, ethics, science, debates, creative writing, enterprise and mindfulness. Such activities are designed to be constantly adapting to new student input. Their purpose is to stimulate new interests and prepare students for the role that extra-curricular activities play at university. Further activities also take place which are non-compulsory and open to all students. These include a range of sports, several charity fund-raising events, a Student Council, International Evenings and a Summer Graduation Ball.

## MPW Guides

Our experience of university admissions has led to the publication of a series of MPW Guides on Higher Education. These guides cover general entrance procedures, admission to Oxford and Cambridge and admission to degree courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Veterinary Science, Pharmacy and Pharmacology, Engineering, Business and Economics, Psychology, Law and Art School.

MPW Guides and our Oxbridge and Medicine mock interviews are used not only by our own students but also by pupils from a wide variety of other schools.



# A level at MPW

*We offer A levels in a wide range of subjects with no timetable restrictions on combinations of subjects or courses of different lengths.*

## Two-Year A level Courses

The majority of our students study traditional two-year A level courses. These courses are designed for students who are continuing at MPW after GCSE or for students from other schools who are seeking a change of environment after the fifth form.

In common with most schools in the independent sector, the majority of students joining us in the lower sixth study three subjects at A level and can opt to undertake an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This programme enables students to follow a broad and balanced academic curriculum combined with the opportunity of developing in-depth study and research skills.

We provide five hours per week of tuition for each A level subject in the first year and six hours per subject per week in the second year. All Year 12 students will have one hour per week of PSHE too.

An increasing number of students also join MPW at the end of Year 12 either to complete the studies that they have started at their previous schools or to change direction with a new approach or a new set of subjects.

## One-Year A level Courses

These self-contained courses cover the complete syllabus in one year and are run entirely separately from the second year of our two-year programme. One-year courses are designed for students with previous

experience of A level work and include the option of taking up a new subject that may not have been available to them at school. This often allows them to rethink their UCAS options in a fresh and constructive manner. For one-year courses we provide seven hours of tuition per subject per week.

## Retake A level Courses

At MPW there are two main course duration and start date options for retake students at A level. The choice between these options often depends on previous grades, university aspirations and gap year plans.

Our September to June course suits those students who require thorough revision of all papers, often over more than one subject. Under the current curriculum it is no longer possible merely to retake a subset of the papers that contribute to the overall grade and the full-year course is usually the safest and most effective means of securing a significant improvement.

The other main option is the January to June short retake course which may suit those who have narrowly missed their target grade, who perhaps have gap-year activities such as work experience or travel plans during the Autumn term and whose new UCAS application does not need to reference the academic progress made during a retake course. It is essential to discuss the various short retake options carefully at interview.

*“A level students are exceptionally well motivated to succeed. They have very clear goals for the future and most achieve their ambition.”*

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“Lessons are planned skilfully to build on what pupils and sixth-form students already know. Teachers go to great lengths to ensure that pupils remember important knowledge and skills before moving on to the next stage. They regularly check pupils’ learning. Teachers use this information to provide extra help so that any gaps in understanding are closed quickly. Staff plan exceptionally well for individual learning needs.”

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## GCSE at MPW

*Our one-year GCSE courses allow those who wish to transfer to MPW at the end of Years 9 or 10 to do so with the minimum of disruption. Our small group sizes ensure that we are able to monitor each student’s progress very carefully and provide individual help and attention where required.*

### Two-Year and One-Year Courses

Our GCSE core curriculum programme allows those who wish to transfer to MPW at the beginning of Year 10 or Year 11 to do so with the minimum of disruption to their studies. The two-year course is a fully integrated programme covering the requirements of the National Curriculum. These include English, Mathematics, Humanities, Modern Languages and Science. Students may take up to eight subjects. Students taking one-year GCSE courses are taught in self-contained groups that cover all aspects of subject specifications over the course of the academic year. One-year courses are intensive and this is an important consideration when deciding on the number of subjects that should be taken.

Students who are under 16 at the beginning of the school year are expected to be full-time. Students in this age group are required to participate in a wider range of activities than their older counterparts. In addition to the academic timetable, all students are supported by a PSHE programme that encourages them to understand their role in society and uphold the values of freedom, tolerance and respecting the rule of law. The PSHE programme also covers personal well-being, healthy relationships, personal finance, careers education, current affairs and general studies.

GCSE students register at 8.45 am each morning and again at 1.45 pm in the afternoons. Wherever possible, GCSE lessons are timetabled between the hours of 9.00 am and 4.00 pm. When not in timetabled lessons, students work under supervision in the Andrew Lewin Study centre.



### PSHE and Sport

All students attend classes in PSHE and Sport. Our PSHE programme covers the curricula for PSHE, RSE and citizenship. It also teaches students study skills, prepares them for sixth-form study or the world of work and emphasises the importance of maintaining a safe and healthy lifestyle. Our Sports programme has been substantially enriched in recent years and now includes football, badminton, basketball, yoga and tennis.



# MPW Prize Winners

*Each year MPW awards prizes to students in recognition of their academic achievements. The roll of honour for our 2022 leavers was as follows:*

**MADDOX TSAO** won The MPW Outstanding Achievement Prize. Maddox joined MPW from Taiwan to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics. He achieved grades A\*A\*A\* and won a place to read Mathematics at the University of Manchester.

**KITTY PHAM** won The Principal's Award. Kitty joined MPW from CATS College to complete a two-year A level course in Art, Biology, Mathematics and Chemistry. She achieved grades A\*A\*AB and won a place to read Neuroscience at the University of Bristol.

**AMANDA CAO** won The Nick Marriott Prize for the best performance by a one-year A level student. Amanda joined MPW from The Perse School to complete a one-year A level course in Biology, Chemistry and English Literature. She achieved grades A\*A\*A and is currently taking a gap year before applying to university.

**ALFIE CASSON** won The MPW Oxbridge Prize. Alfie joined MPW from Northgate High School, where he had achieved grades A\*A\*B in Mathematics, Psychology and Physics. At MPW he retook Physics over one year, achieving an A\* grade. Alfie won a place to read Psychological and Behavioural Sciences at Homerton College, Cambridge.

**VERONIKA GLINKA** and **GORDAN YEUNG** shared the MPW Prize for the best performance by a two-year A level student. Veronika joined MPW from Ukraine to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Business and Economics. She achieved grades of A\*A\*A and is currently taking a gap year before applying to university. Gordan joined MPW from Hong Kong to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics. He achieved grades A\*AA and won a place to read Mathematics at the University of Bristol.

**THEODORE VASSILIOU** won The MPW Prize for the best performance by an A level retake student. Theodore joined MPW from Hills Road Sixth Form College, where he had achieved grades BBD in Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. At MPW he retook Physics and Chemistry over one year, achieving grades A\*A. Theodore won a place to read Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester.

**MEDET SURAKMATOV** won The MPW Architecture Prize. Medet joined MPW from Kyrgyzstan to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Russian and Art. He achieved grades AA\*A and won a place to read Architecture at the University of Bath.

**LUDO HIRST** won The MPW Mathematics Prize. Ludo joined MPW from Hills Road Sixth Form College to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics. He achieved grades A\*AA and won a place to read Mathematics at the University of Bristol.

**OLIVER HODGE** won The MPW Medical Sciences Prize. Oliver joined MPW from Hills Road Sixth Form College, where he had achieved grades ABB in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. At MPW he retook Biology and Chemistry over one year, achieving grades A\*A. Oliver won a place to read Medicine at the Hull York Medical School.

**JAMES HETHERINGTON** and **EUNGYU LEE** shared the Andrew Lewin Memorial Prize for the best performance by a lower-sixth student. James joined MPW from Hills Road Sixth Form College to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, History and Physics. At the end of his first year he achieved grade A\* in A level Mathematics alongside impressive scores in the end of year examinations in his other subjects. Eungyu joined MPW from Blundell's School to complete a two-year A level course in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Economics and Physics. At the end of his first year he achieved grade A\* in A level Mathematics and equally highly in the end of year examinations in his other subjects.

**HANIEH SHAFIEI SARABADANI** and **RAZIEH HOSSEINI** shared the prize for best performance by an NCUK student. Hanieh joined MPW from Iran to study on this nationally accredited university foundation programme. She achieved grades A\*A\*A\*A\* grades in the final examinations and won a place to read Pharmacy at the University of Manchester. Razieh joined MPW from Iran to complete our one-year NCUK foundation course. She achieved grades A\*A\*A\*A\* grades in the final examinations and won a place to read Biotechnology at the University of Manchester.

**TOBY TSUI** won The MPW Prize for the best performance by a GCSE student. Toby joined MPW from Hong Kong for our intensive one-year GCSE course. He took six subjects and achieved grades 9,9,8,8,7,6 and is now taking a foundation course at Durham University.



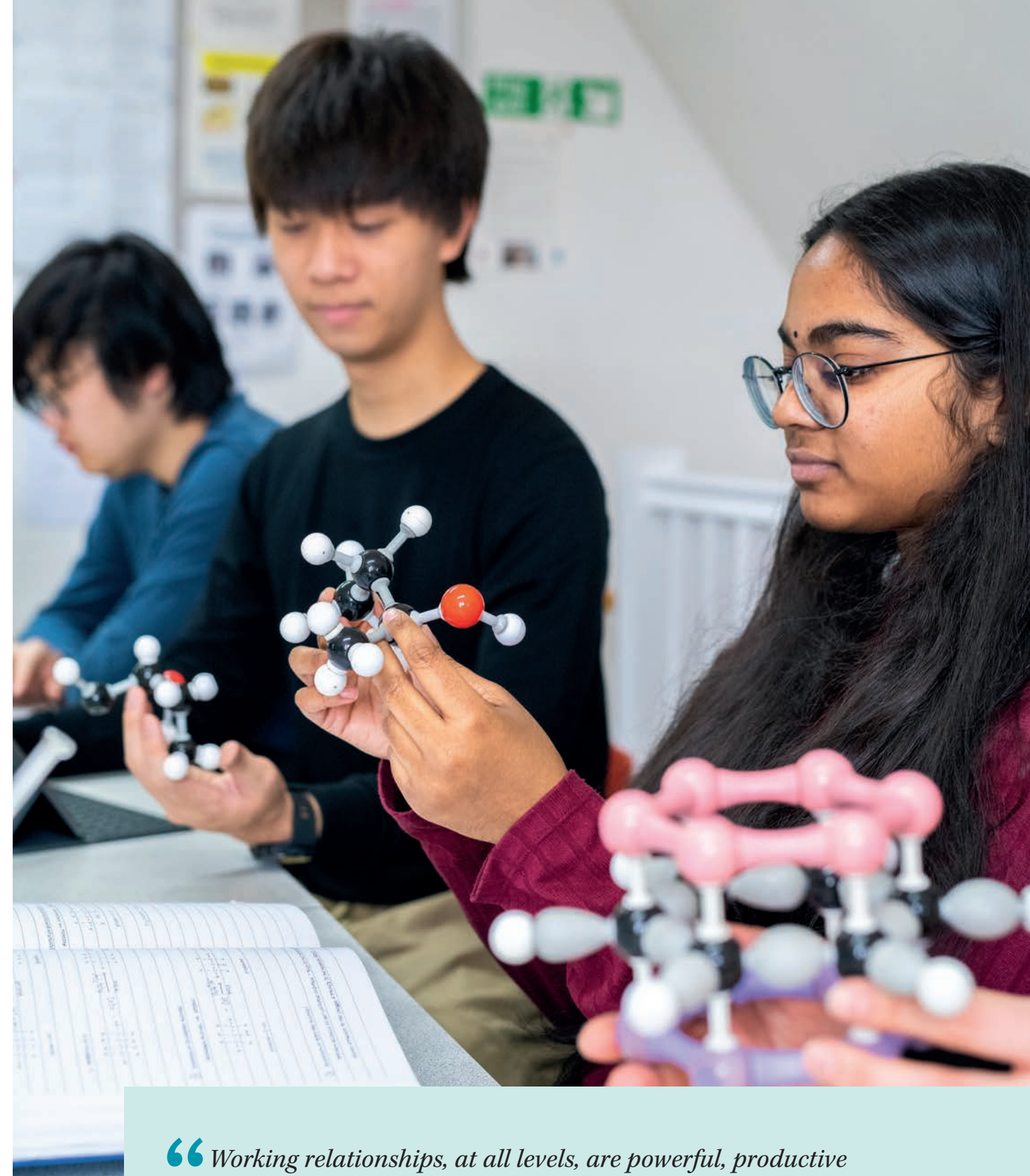


# Subjects Taught at MPW

Subjects	A level	GCSE
Accounting	●	
Art and Design		●
Art and Design: Fine Art	●	
Art and Design: Photography	●	
Biology	●	●
Business	●	
Chemistry	●	●
Chinese	●	
Classical Civilisation	●	
Computer Science	●	●
Economics	●	●
English Language	●	●
English Literature	●	●
Film Studies	●	
French	●	●
Further Mathematics	●	
Geography	●	●
German	●	●

Subjects	A level	GCSE
History	●	●
History of Art	●	
Italian	●	
Latin	●	
Mathematics	●	●
Media Studies	●	
Philosophy	●	
Physics	●	●
Politics	●	
Psychology	●	●
Religious Studies	●	●
Russian	●	
Sociology	●	
Spanish	●	●

*Other subjects may be available from time to time.*



*“Working relationships, at all levels, are powerful, productive and highly effective. Teachers have very strong subject knowledge. They say they feel well supported by senior leaders and other colleagues in the school.”*

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# Staff at MPW

## Principal

**TOM CASTON** read Geography at the University of Exeter and subsequently gained an MSc in Managing School Improvement from the University of Reading. He worked in investment banking before starting his teaching career at Shiplake College in 1999. Prior to joining MPW he held senior posts in a number of independent schools, most recently a Deputy Headship at Framlingham College.

## Deputy Principal

**GRAHAM ALMOND** obtained a first-class honours degree in Chemistry at Coventry University before completing a PhD and PGCE at Durham University. He has taught Chemistry at MPW Cambridge since 1997 and was appointed Deputy Principal in 2003.

## Assistant Principals

**ELPIDA CHRISTIANAKI** read English at Anglia Ruskin University before completing an MA and PhD at the University of Kent and her PGCE at Canterbury Christ Church University. She has taught Classical Civilisation and English at MPW since 2011.

**KEITH MILLER** read European Business Studies at Swansea University before completing his PGCE at the Institute of Education in London and an MA in Advanced Japanese Studies at the University of Sheffield. He has taught Business Studies and Economics at MPW since 2019.

**INGA MORRISSEY** read Modern Foreign Languages and Applied Psychology at Belarus Pedagogical University before completing a CELTA & DELTA qualification and a Masters at Anglia Ruskin University. She has taught EAL and Russian at MPW since joining the college as a Director of Studies in 2014.

**JON SLAY** read Sport Science and Geography with Environmental Issues at Brunel University. Prior to joining MPW he worked at Framlingham College where he held a variety of roles including Housemaster, Director of Sport and Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

## Directors of Studies

**ANA SOBRINO GONZALES** obtained first-class honours degrees in Philology at the University of Salamanca and English Language at Anglia Ruskin University, where she also completed her PGCE. She has taught Spanish at MPW since 2009.

**BRIGITTE GRIMSHAW** read French Literature and Italian at King's College London and completed her PGCE at Greenwich University. She has been a French tutor at MPW for 15 years and the Head of MFL since 2018.

**JAMIL RASHID** read Politics and Government at London Metropolitan University, where he subsequently completed an MA in Politics and Contemporary History and a postgraduate diploma in Film Studies. He subsequently obtained a PGCE at the Institute of Education and has taught History and Politics at MPW since 2013.

**ANNE DOREY**  
**MARTIN FIELD**  
**BRIGITTE GRIMSHAW**  
**JACQUELINE HALE**  
**CARMEN HOBBS**  
**JACKI HOUGHTON**  
**BRETT HUGHES**  
**WILLIAM JEFFERIES**  
**TARA JONES**  
**RAJPREET KAUR**  
**IRENA KELL**  
**ANN KRONBERGS**  
**MARK LEAFORD**  
**PENNY LEE**  
**MARIA MANRIQUE**  
**TONY MARRIOTT**  
**CHRISTINE MARTIN**  
**ANGELA MAYES**  
**KATIE MAYNARD**  
**KRYSTIAN MAZURKIEWICZ**  
**CLARE MCEWAN**  
**GLAS MOLLAND**  
**INGA MORRISSEY**  
**SIMON MULLEN**  
**AVI NAIM**  
**MARTIN O'DONNELL**  
**NICK PAPANIKOLAOU**  
**REBECCA PLUKE**  
**JAYSHRI RAJPUT-WILLIAMS**  
**JAMIL RASHID**  
**PETER REEVE MBE**  
**RIKA SMALMAN**  
**ANA SOBRINO GONZALES**  
**HILARY STREET**  
**TOBY TAYLOR**  
**PETER TYSON**  
**SASHILA WALAWWE**  
**PAUL WALKER**  
**NICKY WHARTON**  
**LAYLA WHITWORTH**  
**DEAN WILLIAMS**  
**LIM YAN SIN**  
**MUHAMMAD ZAMAN**

MA (St Andrews), CELTA, DET, EAP  
BA (Keele), PGCE, Sociology  
BA (London), PGCE, French  
FCA, Accountancy  
MA (Leiden), BA (Rotterdam & Omstreken), BA (Zuyd Sittard) Geography  
MA (Durham), MA (Newcastle), PGCE, Media and English  
BA (Macquarie), MA (Sydney), CThM (Cantab), DipEd, Business/ICT  
BA (Oxon), Classical Civilisation  
BA (Greenwich), MSc (Glasgow), PhD (West of Scotland), PGCE, Psychology  
BA (Leicester), PGCE (Bedford), Economics  
BA, PHD (Moscow), PGCE (Nottingham), EAL/Russian  
MA – Open University, BA (Bristol), PGCE, English  
BSc (Stafford), PGCE, Geography/PE  
BA (UTM, Malaysia), PhD (UCL), Chinese  
MSc (Catalunya), MSc (Paris), PhD (London), Mathematics/Physics  
BSc (Hull), MSc (Sheffield), PGCE, Economics  
BSc (Dundee), MA (Cantab), PGCE, Biology  
BSc (De Montfort), PGCE, Psychology/Sociology  
BA (London) History of Art with History, PGCE, History  
BA (Hull), MA (Birmingham), English  
BA (De Montfort), MA (Nottingham Trent), PGCE, Fine Art & Dig Photography  
BSc (Glasgow), PGCE, Mathematics  
BA (Belarus State), MA (ARU), CELTA, EAL/Russian  
BSc (Strathclyde), PhD (Leeds), Mathematics  
BA (OU Israel), BA (Technion), MSc (Hebrew), PhD (Cantab), Mathematics/Physics  
BA (York St Johns) CELTA EAL English Literature  
MPhys (Sussex), MSc (Sussex), PGCE, Mathematics  
BSc (Manchester), PGCE, Physics  
BSc (London), PhD (London), PGCE, Biology  
BA (London Met), MA (London Met), PGCE, Philosophy/Religious Studies  
BA (Bournemouth), GDL, PGDE, Business  
BA (Pretoria), BA (Rand Afrikaans), PGCE, Mathematics  
BA (Salamanca), BA (ARU), PGCE, Spanish  
BA (Reading), Business  
BA (ARU), MA (London), CELTA, EAL  
RN (Retired), MA (York), PGCE, History  
BSc (Peradeniya), PhD (Manchester), CertEd, Biology/Chemistry  
BSc (Nottingham), Mathematics  
BA (Reading), PGCE, History  
MA (Cantab), MPhil (Cantab), Biology  
BA (ARU), CELTA, EAL  
BSc, MSc (Hong Kong), PGCE, Mathematics  
BSc (Punjab), PGDip (North London), Physics/Mathematics

## Teaching Staff and Subjects Taught

**DANIEL ADAMSON** MA (Cantab), MA (UCL), PhD (Durham), PGCE, History  
**SEB ANTONIOU** BA (De Montfort), Art and Design  
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**JACQUELINE DEAN** BSc (Hertfordshire), GTP, Chemistry  
**SIMON DEAN** BEng (Leeds), PGCE, Chemistry  
**SUSANNE DOBROVOLNY** MA (Vienna), PhD (Vienna), PGDip, History/German



# Support Tuition and Easter Revision

*MPW runs a number of courses for students from other schools and colleges. These usually take place after school, on Saturday mornings or during school holidays.*

## Support Tuition

We run a busy individual tuition programme for students already studying GCSE or A level courses at other schools. These one-to-one sessions are tailored to meet the individual needs of the student and take place on the college premises. Lessons may be arranged after school, on Saturday mornings or during half term, Christmas or Summer holidays.

Our tutors are highly qualified graduates whose experience at MPW has trained them to be particularly adept at building students' confidence quickly and efficiently. Many are GCSE and A level examiners and are therefore attuned to the requirements and approaches of the various examination boards.

Our separate Easter Revision prospectus and Course Outlines booklet are available from the Easter Revision Course Director on request.

## Easter Revision

During the Easter holiday we offer GCSE and A level revision courses for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 studying at schools throughout the UK. These courses build understanding and confidence by providing intensive revision of core topics, daily examination practice and help with study and revision skills.



Cambridge is easily accessible by road, using the A1, A14 or M11. The college is situated off Trumpington Road, close to the Botanic Garden and opposite The Leys School. It is a short walk from either the train station or the bus station.





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# Additional Information

## 2024/2025





# MPW Cambridge – 2024/2025 Term Dates

## Terms and Half Terms

<b>Autumn Term</b>	Tuesday 10 September* – Friday 13 December 2024 (Half term: 28 October – 1 November 2024)
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 6 January – Friday 28 March 2025 (Half term: 17 February – 21 February 2025)
<b>Summer Term</b>	Tuesday 22 April – Friday 13 June 2025 <sup>†</sup> (Half term: Bank Holidays 5 May and 26 May 2025)

## Easter Revision Courses 2025

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday 31 March – Friday 4 April
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday 7 April – Friday 11 April
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday 14 April – Friday 18 April (Good Friday is 18 April 2025; Easter Monday is 21 April 2025)

\*Student Induction – NEW students on Friday 6 September and ALL students on Monday 9 September.

<sup>†</sup>Where examinations fall after this date we continue, when appropriate, to teach students up to their last examination paper.

# 2024/2025 Fees

## A level Courses

<b>Two-year courses</b>	
First year of two-year courses	per term £9,613
Second year of two-year courses	per term £9,613

## One-year courses

For one subject	per term £4,667
For two subjects	per term £8,745
For three subjects	per term £12,028

## GCSE Courses

### One-year courses

Up to four GCSE subjects	per subject per term £1,928
Core curriculum (five or more GCSE subjects)	per term £9,223

## Other Fees

<b>Individual tuition</b>	per hour £90
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<b>English as an Additional Language (EAL)</b>	per term £2,000
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<b>Field courses</b>	Additional charges will be made in respect of such courses where appropriate.
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<b>Registration fee</b>	£350
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Included in the above fees are the core text books required for these courses. There are no extra fees except for the exam entry fees.

*Applicable taxes – All of the fees and supplemental charges are exclusive of any taxes, which will be added (where applicable).*



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**Our mission is to work with students to transform  
academic aspirations into reality.**

## Aims

Encourage students to have high academic aspirations

Work in partnership with parents to encourage a strong work ethic and the confidence and self-belief to achieve those aspirations

Provide a broad and flexible curriculum that allows bespoke programmes of study which reflect individual needs and allow students to cultivate their specific academic interests and aptitudes

Assist students in achieving high academic success through a combination of small class sizes, high quality teaching and a clear focus on learning outcomes

Provide an excellent system of pastoral support that is geared towards individual needs and recognises the personal and emotional challenges faced by 14 to 19 year olds

Enable students to make informed choices about educational progression in such a way as to maximise their chances of securing places on competitive and prestigious courses

Provide a friendly and informal environment in which students are encouraged to develop personal discipline and values, lead fulfilled lives and make a positive contribution to society

Chair of Governors: Steve Boyes BA MSc PGCE

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