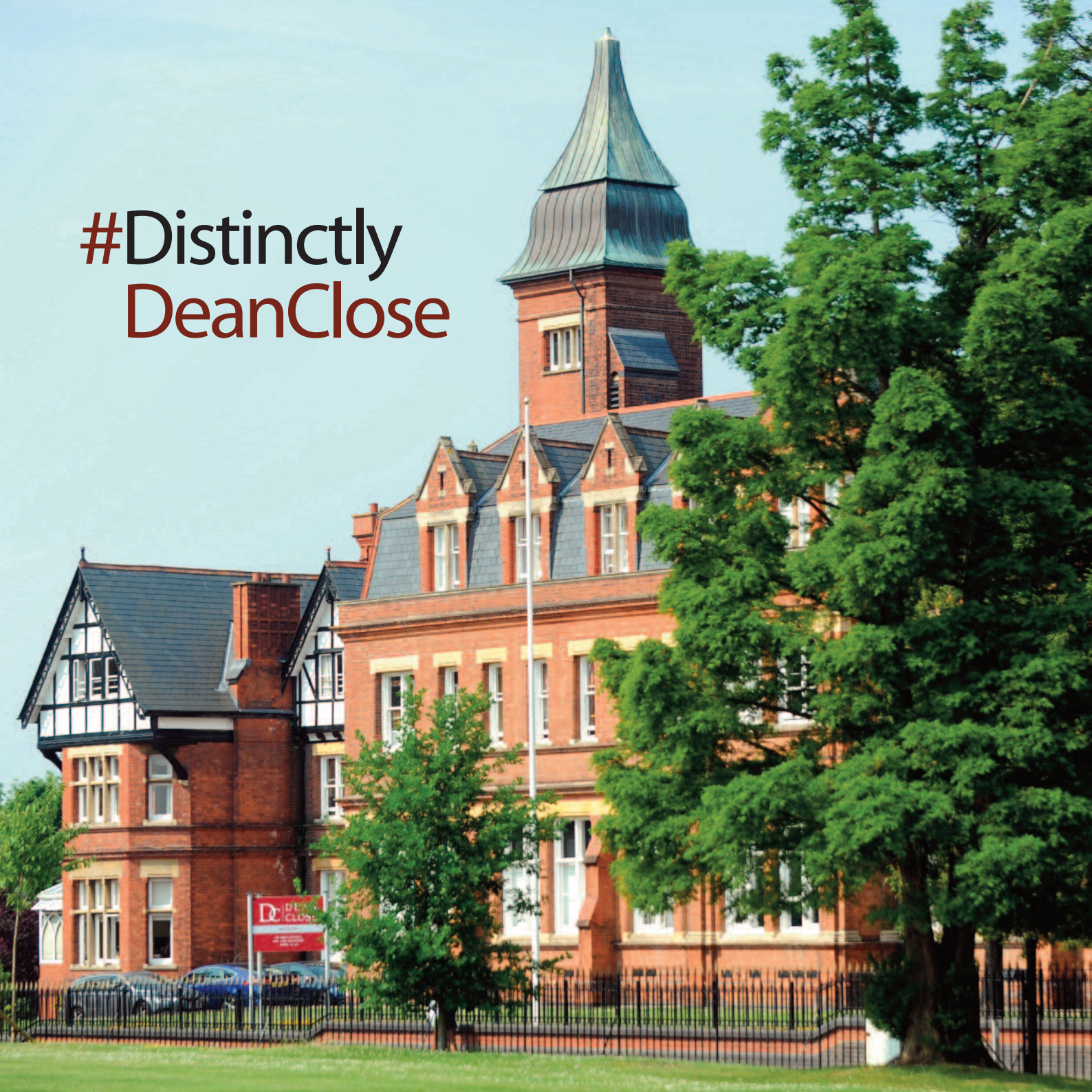


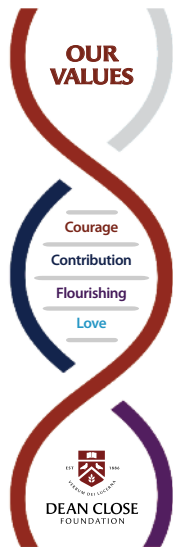


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SIXTH FORM ACCESS COURSE

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Why Choose Dean Close:

- 500 pupils aged 13-18, 20% international with over 20 nationalities
- Pupils are known and individual strengths are recognised and nurtured
- Academic excellence and strong pastoral care
- Independent Schools of the Year Award for International Pupil Experience
- Strong culture of learning and curiosity
- Exciting creative arts and sporting programme
- Strong focus on each pupil's pathway through to achieve their ambitions

Why Choose This Access Course:

- Students study intensive English plus a choice of two pathways: STEM or Creative
- Ensures individual support on both an academic and pastoral level
- Offers a full boarding experience within a UK school with Year 11 peers
- Provides access to Sixth Form and beyond
- Futures support is integrated into the course



Academic

STEM or Creatives options; 1:1 academic mentoring; study support clinics; reporting; GCSE courses

Language Acquisition

English through curriculum; bespoke EAL suite; language - rich skills programme

Sixth Form Entry and Universities

Futures; tracking progress for 6th Form entry; Jan assessments; individual guidance on A Level options

Enrichment and Integration

Fully integrated with Year 11 peers in boarding houses, co-curricular and leadership activities



The Course

The Sixth Form Access course is a one-year GCSE programme which prepares pupils for Sixth Form life at Dean Close School. Providing a combination of intensive academic English, a choice of either a creative or scientific focus and a fully integrated UK boarding experience, it is an excellent choice for pupils aged 15-16 who need to improve their English proficiency or subject knowledge before progressing to Year 12.

The programme features:

- Two pathways: Scientific (STEM) and Creative, with the opportunity to take 4-5 GCSEs.
- English Language lessons to develop strong spoken and written skills.
- Enrichment options in Design Technology, Food Prep, Art, Music, and Drama to develop teamwork and leadership.
- Individual support for pupils to build their pathway: 1:1 academic mentor and Futures team, offering skills for exam success and experienced university advisors.
- A fully integrated boarding experience with their peers in one of our six boarding houses.
- An extensive co-curricular programme, weekend activities and cultural Exeat trips to further develop pupils' confidence in English.
- A dedicated pastoral team to take care of pupil wellbeing: Houseparent, House tutor and International Pupil Leaders.

A key aim of the Sixth Form Access year is to create a nurturing, home-from-home UK boarding experience where students can acquire the language and academic skills they need to flourish ahead of starting a full Sixth Form programme at Dean Close.



Your Route Through to A Levels



Two Pathways with Intensive English

Choose your Sixth Form Access Pathway:

Our bespoke Sixth Form Access programmes place an emphasis on developing key skills that pupils need for their future studies at A Level and beyond at university.

Both pathways offer the opportunity for pupils to take 3-5 GCSE qualifications, (including in their home language), develop stronger skills in spoken and written English, while also opting for the subjects they enjoy most.

- Bespoke EAL programme to build language for A Level.
- Led by the Assistant Head International, ensuring pupil voices are represented on the Senior Leadership Team.
- Teaching in small groups 6-8 pupils.
- 35 x 45 minute lessons per week, 12 in academic and IGCSE English.

SCIENTIFIC PATHWAY

STEM
+Intensive English

IGCSE Dual Science
Chemistry, Physics, Biology
Design Technology

Global Business and Citizenship
IGCSE English as a Second Language
IGCSE Mathematics
Introduction to Professional Cookery
Speech and Drama
PSHE

CREATIVE PATHWAY

CREATIVES
+Intensive English

Art
Music
Design Technology

IGCSE Single Science
Global Business and Citizenship
IGCSE English as a Second Language
IGCSE Mathematics
Introduction to Professional Cookery
Speech and Drama
PSHE

Pupils are integrated into the School Community

Dean Close was a 'Highly Commended' finalist in the category of Best International Student Experience at the Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2022.

Each year, we are excited to welcome new pupils from all over the world into our School community, celebrating our cultural diversity, both in boarding houses and in the classroom. All of this combines to enrich Dean Close life: we embrace every opportunity to teach and learn from our international pupils. Our emphasis is on each individual flourishing, through contribution, courage and love.

Altogether our School comprises over 20 nationalities, including many teachers who have also lived and worked internationally. This allows all to share in experiences and perspectives which enhance school life and develop the cultural awareness which is so important in our interconnected 21st Century world.



International Induction Weekend

All new international pupils are invited to take part in our International Induction Weekend before term begins in September. This is led by the Assistant Head International, International Pupil Leaders and the School's Leadership team. The programme provides an introduction to life at Dean Close and allows pupils some time to familiarise themselves with the campus facilities – right from the beginning, pupils are encouraged to ask questions and get involved. We love to hear their ideas and for them to contribute and lead new activities, for example the School Basketball Club, House Football or our annual whole School Tug-of-War competition.

Leadership opportunities

Each year we have a dedicated team of Sixth Form international pupils from a wide range of countries across the world whose role is to support our international pupils and promote intercultural inclusivity across the School. These students work with our Houses and lead assemblies, events and workshops to ensure that the international voice is heard and perspectives are shared within our warm sense of community.



University Destinations

Personal Stories from our Students

Hyman Tang, Hong Kong

“During my time at Dean Close, I was offered countless valuable experiences that played a major role in my personal growth. Whether they are related to academics or personal interests, Dean Close offers a wide range of opportunities that equips and shapes students into individuals who are ready to face the challenging future lying ahead of them. After Dean Close, I went to study for my bachelor’s degree at Durham University. Aside from my studies, I previously worked as a summer intern at KPMG, a globally renowned financial and accounting service provider. Currently, I am working at Clover Aviation Capital, a multinational aircraft operator. Dean Close prepared me well and aided me in facing these challenging environments and dynamic workplaces. I enjoyed my time at Dean Close and would strongly recommend it.”



Hanni Wong, Hong Kong

“My time at Dean Close was incredible; being in a boarding school, I’ve learnt to be independent with the support from my Housemistress and matrons, as well as making lifelong friends throughout the journey. I loved the community created here and it has definitely impacted my journey ahead positively.” (Now studying Dentistry at Queen’s University, Belfast)



Great Location in the Cotswolds

- Dean Close is a set on a beautiful 50-acre site with a mixture of stately Victorian architecture and modern buildings.
- Located just two hours from London Heathrow airport. Less than an hour to Birmingham, Bristol and Oxford.
- The town centre just 10 minutes' walk from the School.
- Cheltenham is one of Britain's most handsome Regency towns, with its historical buildings, parks, restaurants, galleries, theatres and shops.
- Internationally renowned for the Gold Cup horse racing festival.
- Hosts the world's longest-running and most prestigious literature festival, as well as popular festivals of science, food and jazz.
- Cheltenham is one of the most popular destinations in the Cotswolds, which boasts some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK.



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