



MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL  
INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS 7 - 18 AND SIXTH FORM GIRLS

# Open Day

Saturday 14 September 2019  
9.30am - 12.00 noon



# MASTER'S WELCOME

Magdalen College School is a remarkable place. We are now well into our sixth century, and our former pupils include scholars, war heroes, musicians, Olympians, a Nobel Prize laureate, a Hollywood film director, and a saint. Our success in public examinations, in securing places at top universities, and in an astonishing array of extra-curricular pursuits ensure that we continue this proud tradition. We do so by nurturing the individual potential of each of our pupils, and above all we believe that learning is as fun as it is fulfilling.



We achieve so highly not because we teach to the test; the challenge of what we offer goes far beyond that. The quality of the conversations in our classrooms and beyond them gives you a sense of what makes MCS distinctive and inspiring. The atmosphere here is both relaxed and rigorous, both high-octane and down-to-earth. Everything we do focused on the needs of the individual child.

MCS was founded in 1480 by William Waynflete: schoolmaster, bishop of Winchester and Lord Chancellor of England. Being of humble origins, Waynflete was determined that others of ability should be given the opportunity to learn, to serve and to prosper as he did. And so Magdalen College School offers a transformative education in our global university city, the community to which we are proud make a deep contribution. We also offer substantial help with fees as part of our mission to ensure that people of all backgrounds continue to learn together and maintain the school's diverse strength.

We remain true to Waynflete's legacy today. Although our current pupils may not aspire to any or all of the vocations listed above, we aim to inspire them to flourish in life by flourishing here.

Meeting our pupils and staff is the best way of understanding what makes MCS the exceptional place it is, and so we are delighted to welcome you to our Open Morning.

We hope that this programme will give you a sense of the wide variety of activities on offer both inside and outside the classroom, and that you will enjoy this brief introduction to life at MCS.

Helen Pike, Master

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## NOTICES

**Refreshments are available in the Dining Hall.**

**Parking is not available on site. Please see our website for guidance.**

**In the unlikely event of a Fire Alarm, please follow MCS staff instructions and proceed to the assembly point on Milham Ford.**



## TALKS & TOURS

**All visitors should report to the Dining Hall on arrival**

- 9.30am Departments open and tours begin
- 9.40am Presentation by choristers (Junior School Hall)
- 9.45am Junior School:  
The Master and Head of Junior School  
(Junior School Hall)
- 10.10am Big School open for Master's Address
- 10.30am Senior School (all welcome):  
Master's Address (Big School)
- 11.00am Junior School:  
The Usher and Head of the Junior School  
(Junior School Hall)
- 11.20am Master's question & answer session with  
prospective 16+ candidates (The Studio,  
Michael Peagram Building)
- 11.30am Last tours depart
- 12.00pm Open Morning closes



## Where to Sample MCS Life

### MICHAEL PEAGRAM BUILDING

- Pick up a tour guide in the Dining Hall, meet the Master, Registrar and Parents' Association
- Visit Theology and test your theological knowledge
- Meet our Learning Support department
- Contribute to the giant canvas and view our art exhibitions. See the 3D printer and other DT projects in action
- Explore our Geographic Information System, model landforms or take on the 'where in the world' challenge

### SPORTS DEPARTMENT

- See the our rugby players training with Alan Awcock (Head of Rugby, RFU Level 3 and Wasps DPP Coach)
- Watch Alan Duncan (Head Cricket Coach and Sussex EPP Coach) coach our cricketers
- Director of Sport, Andy Watts, and Kerry Smith, Head of Girls Sport, will be on hand to discuss recent successes
- MCS Tennis Professional, Dave Tuck, will be working with the players on Milham Ford
- Meet members of our sailing club and see our rowers by the river

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

- Tours of the Junior School led by Year 6 pupils. Whilst you meet the teachers, your children can try an instrument, have a go at coding, build models, investigate microscopic pond life, unpick mathematical problems or try our strategy games
- Find out about our Junior School sport on School Field
- Listen to our choristers perform

### MILHAM FORD

- Discover the outward-bound life and CCF field craft

### RICHARD RECORD 6TH FORM CENTRE

- Meet the Head of Sixth Form and his team in our new state-of-the-art Sixth Form Centre
- Visit the Sixth Form cafe and study rooms
- View our students' Waynflete Studies projects
- Find out about our Community Service and Leadership & Mentoring programmes
- Test your political knowledge, meet our economists and unfold the 'Big Questions' in Philosophy

### QUINCENTENARY BUILDING

- Sample French, German, Spanish and Chinese food, play linguistic games and test your language skills
- Try out a range of musical instruments
- Listen to the Choral Society (9.30am-10.30am)
- Hear the Jazz band (11.00am-12.00pm)

### SCIENCE BUILDING

- Experiment with flame tests, build molecular models, defy gravity, see through solid objects, dissect an ox heart, extract DNA and race maggots

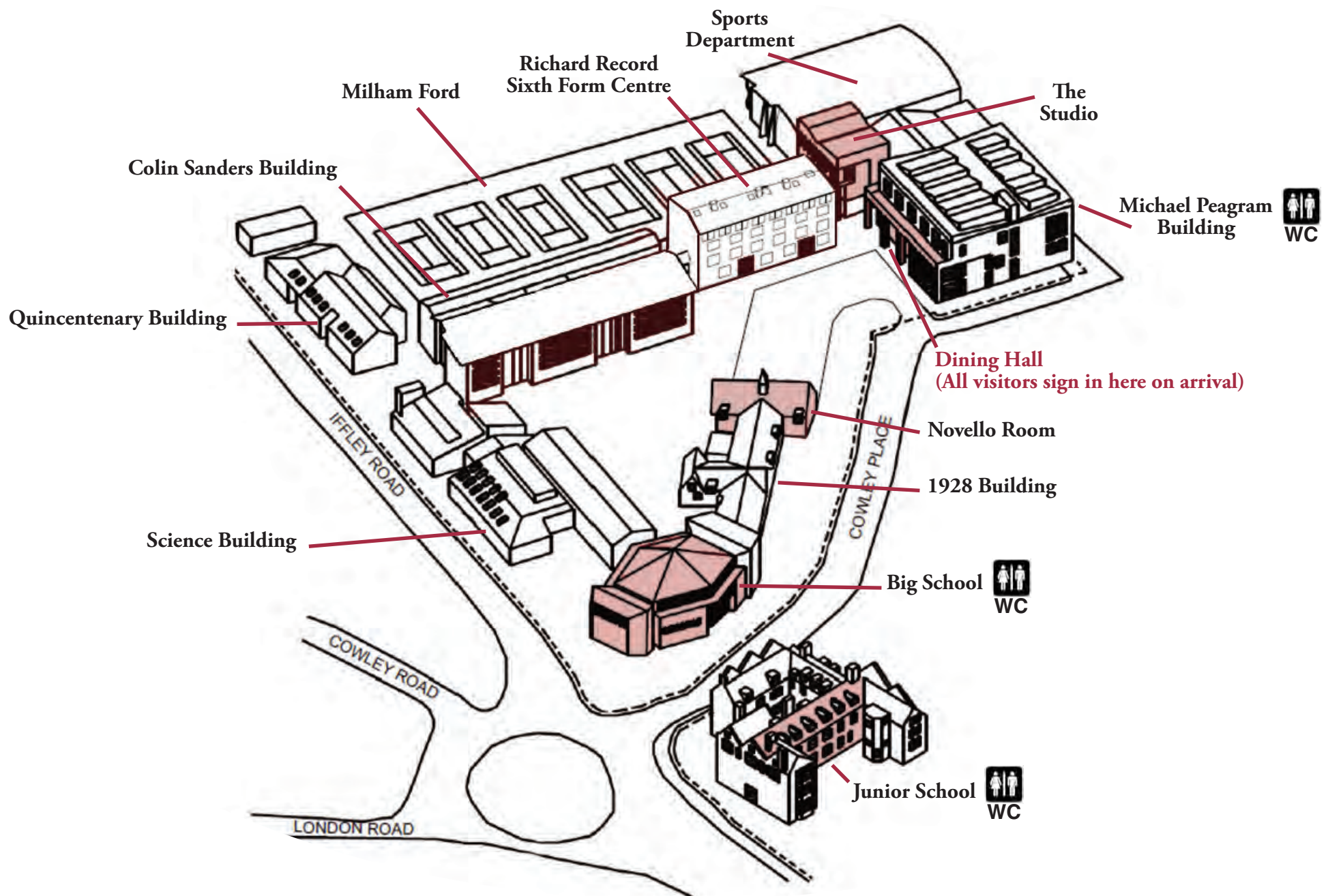
### COLIN SANDERS BUILDING

- Visit The Sir Basil Blackwell Library
- See the English department, solve Mathematical puzzles, test your logical thinking and observe a mechanical computer in action
- Learn Greek and play Classical Scrabble
- Play Historical games

### NOVELLO ROOM (1928 BUILDING)

- Our new Director in Residence, in conjunction with Oxford Playhouse, Eleanor Warr, will lead an open drama rehearsal for this year's Greek Play

*The Registrar, Mrs Barberine Mallett, will be available to answer questions in the Dining Hall during the morning.  
She can also be contacted via [registrar@mcsxford.org](mailto:registrar@mcsxford.org)*





## KEY DATES 2019/20

**7+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

Saturday 25 January 2020

**8+ 9+ & 10+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

Wednesday 15 January 2020

**11+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION  
AND PRE-TEST FOR  
COMMON ENTRANCE 2022**

Saturday 18 January 2020

**13+ ENTRANCE EXAMINATION**

Saturday 18 January 2020

**16+ INTERVIEWS**

Commencing 1 November 2019

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## OPEN EVENTS 2019

Tuesday 24 September 5.30pm (Sixth Form)

Tuesday 8 October 5.30pm (11+ and 13+)

Friday 11 October 9.30am (Junior School)

Friday 8 November 9.30am (Junior School)

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