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## EUROPA SCHOOL UK

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Providing multicultural, multilingual European education  
Une éducation européenne, multiculturelle et multilingue  
Unser Angebot: Eine multikulturelle, mehrsprachige europäische Erziehung



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Bienvenue, Willkommen, Welcome to the Europa School UK.

By building your child's cultural awareness and linguistic confidence, our school opens up the opportunities of an increasingly global world. Our name and programme reflect our pan-European nature. Pupils become fluent in two languages: English as well as German or French. Our vision takes us beyond this starting point and families choose us as a place of welcome for all languages, a challenge we relish, as we know the outstanding benefits of multilingual education.

In their first year at our school, many pupils become acquainted with a new language and a good foundation is built across the curriculum for all. As the pace of learning accelerates, the conceptual skills built by a multilingual approach benefit learning in all areas.

We are proud of the heritage of the European School which has provided outstanding achievement on this site for the last 35 years. Its reputation of excellence has facilitated our being able to open up the European Schools' system to a broader base around Oxfordshire.

*"J'adore cette école. Je ne me sens pas différent des autres parce que je parle une autre langue."*

Iain, age 7

We are conscious of this region's appeal as a centre of scientific research. While encouraging and equipping our pupils to pursue and exploit their strengths and interests, we also emphasise the acquisition of sound scientific understanding and competence, essential to making an informed contribution to modern society.

Above all, we do our best to make sure that all our pupils are happy. There is in the school a joy of learning and encouragement to respect others and to build understanding.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child on this unique and adventurous journey into a world of learning and opportunity.

Nous nous ferons un plaisir d'accompagner votre enfant dans cette aventure unique qui lui ouvrira un monde de découvertes et de possibilités.

Wir freuen uns darauf, Ihr Kind auf dieser einmaligen und aufregenden Reise in eine Welt des Lernens und der Möglichkeiten willkommen zu heißen.



Peter Ashbourne, Principal, Europa School UK



## OUR VISION

The driving vision for the school will be for every pupil to develop a deep understanding and enjoyment of all learning, particularly the Sciences. Pupils who graduate should be fluent and literate in at least two languages. This will fully prepare them for a future in which language skills and a global perspective will enhance job prospects and enable a richer cultural life.

Underpinning this vision is our passionate belief in the educational and economic benefits of multi-lingual, multi-cultural education. We also desire to respond to the growing demand for a school of this kind from many families living and working in the area.



## WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SPECIAL?

- An exciting and innovative approach to Education in which pupils from multicultural backgrounds work and play side by side
- A second language learnt from age 4
- Teachers from across Europe
- Events that promote the learning of languages and celebrate various cultures
- The European Baccalaureate recognised by all European Union Member States

*"I love learning another language because you can tell secrets and no one will understand."*

Penny, age 7

- High academic standards across the curriculum
- Primary and secondary pupils on one site
- An active parents' association
- Accessible after school facilities
- A happy caring environment for children

*"ESUK bietet meinen Kindern eine wunderbare Möglichkeit, andere Sprachen und Kulturen nicht nur zu lernen sondern auch zu leben. Die abwechslungsreiche Unterrichtsgestaltung beinhaltet häufig Aktivitäten und Themen, die helfen die Kultur zu vermitteln, und meine Töchter kommen jeden Tag sprudelnd voller neuer Erlebnisse und Kenntnisse nach Hause."*

Iris, German Parent



# THE FIRST STATE FUNDED MULTILINGUAL SCHOOL IN THE UK

Europa School UK is a Free School, which opened to pupils on 4 September 2012. We will continue to grow each year by adding a new Reception year group until we have a full Primary school in 2016.

From September 2017 the school will be an all-through school, taking on responsibility for the pupils of the European School and offering a broad and balanced education for 4 to 19 year-olds, on a single site, with the European Baccalaureate as the school-leaving qualification.

## OUR CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is based on that of the European Schools. We place particular emphasis on the early acquisition of language skills, with the associated cognitive benefits, by teaching half the week through English and half through French or German.

Based on a strong foundation in Mathematics and using enquiry, experimental techniques and critical thinking skills, we lead pupils towards a deep scientific understanding, while maintaining the broad curriculum offer which is the hallmark of the European Baccalaureate.

*"Mir gefällt an meiner Schule, dass ich auch Deutsch lernen kann. Dann kann ich immer mehr mit meinen deutschen Cousinen auf Deutsch sprechen. Und ich mag den Spielplatz in der Schule sehr."*

Martin, age 6

*"I love the can-do approach of this Free School. All ideas and suggestions are discussed and considered in a positive light. This attitude helps make working and teaching here exciting."*

Sarah, English Teacher



## OUR SCHOOL

Europa School UK and the European School share a beautiful leafy site with ample playground space and large indoor and outdoor sport facilities.



## SITE

The centrepiece is the listed building of the original Culham College which was founded in 1852. As Europa School UK gradually grows to occupy the site over the next five years, improvements will continue to be made to ensure a safe, welcoming and up to date learning environment.

*"I am impressed already at the standard of language that has been attained by my daughter since starting in September. I have no hesitation in recommending the Europa School to other parents. However the most important thing is my daughter absolutely loves going to school!"*

Lucinda, English parent

## HISTORY

The European Schools are official educational establishments controlled jointly by the governments of the Member States of the European Union. The European Schools' programme was devised in 1953 when the first school opened in Luxembourg. Currently there are 22 schools spread throughout the European Union that follow the programme. Eight of these schools are part of the expanding group of Accredited European Schools. These are national schools following the European Schools curriculum.

Our school is seeking accreditation from the European Union as one of these schools to be able to offer the European Baccalaureate and to have access to a wide European network of teaching and learning.

*"Ce type d'enseignement multiculturel permet de comparer différentes approches pédagogiques et d'en extraire les meilleures pratiques. C'est une grande chance pour nos enfants et leur donne une ouverture d'esprit dès le plus jeune âge."*

Bénédicte, French Parent Governor



# ADMISSIONS

56 places are available in Reception each year, split between two classes of 28, one studying through English and French and the other through English and German. Where places become available, in-year admissions and end of year transfers may also be possible and the school retains a continued interest list in this regard. In the primary school there is no requirement to have previous experience of the languages of the school, although parents should be aware of the challenges involved in entering such a programme at a later stage.

We welcome and support those with learning difficulties. Teaching assistants support class teachers and some are engaged to help children with specific needs. We believe that every child should be enabled to achieve his or her potential

Even for children with specific needs, learning through an additional language is an enrichment and brings long term additional benefits.

Europa School offers priority to siblings of those already in Europa School UK or the European School Culham and to pupils living in the Oxfordshire region. We are also conscious of our appeal to those coming from abroad and are happy to guide you through the admissions process.

All applications are made through Oxfordshire County Council. Please note that applications for admissions in Reception should be completed by the mid-January prior to entry and that school transfers may be requested from the end of June.

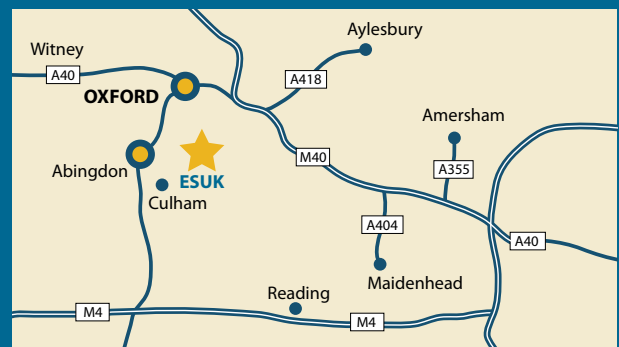
Full details may be found on our website:  
[www.europaschooluk.org](http://www.europaschooluk.org)



## LOCATION

The school is situated in a rural location near Abingdon, a picturesque Oxfordshire town on the River Thames.

The M4 and M40 along with inter-city trains from Didcot Parkway and Oxford provide easy links to London, Bristol and Birmingham.



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