



Guide for families serving in the Military



Girls and boys from 3 to 19 years

Boarding from 7 to 19 years



Wycliffe



“There’s a tangible energy coursing through this little prep. Despite sitting cosily in its corner of the Cotswolds, it is anything but parochial — armed forces families and international boarders provide a platform from which to leap into different cultures”

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A school with Pioneering Spirit and an Understanding of Military Families

For 140 years, Wycliffe has closely supported the families and children of those serving in the British Armed Forces. We understand the challenges of military life and use our experience to support children of Military Families from around the world to settle quickly at school.

Wycliffe is a genuine global community welcoming over 120 International pupils from across the world. Pupils from the age of 7 to 19 can board with us on a full or flexi basis; allowing them to immerse themselves fully in school and the close-knit community here at Wycliffe. All our international Boarders are fully integrated into school life, sharing houses and lessons with UK pupils and we provide excellent pastoral care and a programme of wellbeing activities to ensure your child is happy. They will have plenty of opportunity to make friends and socialise through weekend events and evening activities. Today, 33% of our Boarders are from Military Families.

Our founder G.W Sibly choose to name the school after 14th Century theologian John Wycliffe. His qualities of ‘independence’ and a ‘pioneering spirit’ reflected what G.W Sibly wanted to see in his staff and pupils. Seven centuries later, it is to Wycliffe that our key values of independence and pioneering spirit can be traced.



Why Choose Wycliffe?

Wycliffe closely supports Military Families in every part of school and home life from Nursery to Year 13 – ensuring stability, security and flexibility in a strong and caring community.

- If you are in receipt of the CEA, you will only ever pay 10% of the academic and Boarding school fees – we will make up the difference.
- The Wycliffe network of Military parents is a close group in regular contact with each other. We can put you in direct contact with them so you can ask questions about life at Wycliffe.
- Our Sport is inclusive and all pupils play Sport regularly each week and take part in fixtures.
- Many of the staff holding positions in Wycliffe have served in the Armed Forces, and three of the Trustees are serving or former Service personnel, including Major General Richard Clements, a former Old Wycliffian, who would be happy to answer any questions directly.
- If your child needs Learning Support – we have a dedicated Learning Support Centre on each campus. We are accredited by CReSTeD as category DU for dyslexia.

Developing Rounded Individuals

The Wycliffe experience is more than what happens in the classroom. Wycliffe promotes a 'pioneering spirit' and helps pupils to achieve their spiritual, physical, creative as well as their academic potential in all areas of the school. From Nursery to Year 2, children enjoy regular Forest School sessions, learning to play outdoors and by making their own discoveries gaining greater independence.

From Year 3, the Prep School explores expedition days when pupils engage in pursuits such as long distance walks, cycling challenges and climbing. In the Senior School, pupils' minds are broadened by trying new activities, including:

- Basketball
- BeeKeeping
- Combined Cadet Force (CCF)
- Design and Technology
- Duke of Edinburgh (DofE)
- Esports
- Gardening Club
- Investment Club
- Model United Nations (MUN)
- Orchestra
- Rowing
- Squash
- Ten Tors Expedition
- War Gaming
- Young Dragons
- Music

Leadership, looking after others and being part of a team are essential aspects of life at Wycliffe. As pupils move through the Schools, we encourage every individual to take on a role supporting others in Pastoral, Academic or Sporting activities. Learning to be a responsible young adult that cares for their community is part of a Wycliffe education.

Embracing Global Citizenship

We prepare our young people to succeed and find their passions in an increasingly Globalised world and encourage them to embrace their future as Global Citizens. A third of Senior and Prep School Pupils are International, which allows us to share and learn from each other's cultures.

As a Round Square School, Wycliffe is part of Round Square's internationally diverse network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents, inspiring pupils to become future leaders and custodians of our planet and importantly share a commitment, beyond academic excellence in terms of personal development, responsibility and understanding through service, challenge, and adventure.

We are developing a unique curriculum which includes facets of the six IDEALS or 'pillars' that make up the Round Square continuum (Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service) and these align neatly with Wycliffe's ideals. They have provided an opportunity to work in collaboration with schools across the world.





The Nursery Class to Year 8

We believe children need space to grow and be known as individuals. With our beautiful grounds and small class sizes (average of 18 per class), pupils thrive with the extensive individual attention they receive and the opportunity to explore their own interests and capabilities.

We take children from the age of three as a Day pupil. The classes have one teaching assistant as well as their teacher, with an average class size of 12.

From Year 3 pupils can Board with us. In Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 English and Maths are taught every day and are a key focus throughout the three years. Computing, Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities, Science, Music, Art and Drama are taught weekly, and Games or PE is timetabled every day, except for Thursday when a separate activities programme takes place.

In Year 6, Saturday morning school is introduced that will continue throughout Years 7 and 8. Designed to enrich the curriculum, Saturday mornings are thematic sessions that we use to develop some of the critical skills pupils will need in later life. Year 7 and Year 8 are based in Etheridge Hall with first-class teaching facilities and their own Common Room, where they enjoy a large quantity of tea and toast at break times.

Small class sizes

With no more than 18 in a class, your son or daughter receives individual attention in the classroom, laboratories, the Sport Field and in the Swimming Pool.

Extra-curricular life

Extra-curricular life is just as rich and diverse as academic life with clubs and activities that involve Sport, serving the community, and learning new skills.

Boarding life

We take complete care of your son or daughter whilst they are at School – attending dentist and doctor appointments, ensuring teeth are clean, and taking care of laundry – just like you would at home!

Sport

From Year 3 (seven years old) your son or daughter has Games or PE four times a week with fixtures on a Saturday afternoon for Years 7 and 8 – we believe in inclusivity so everyone has a chance to play, whatever their level.

We have an Astro Turf and Sport Field next to the school, and our main Sports are Rugby, Football and Cricket (for the boys) and Hockey, Cricket and Netball (for the girls), There are also Swimming, Cross-Country, Athletics, Tennis, Squash amongst others.

The Arts

With a bespoke Studio Theatre and Music rooms on-site, Music and Drama play a huge part in Wycliffe life and both are curriculum subjects as well as on the Extra-curricular Programme.

Prep School Boarding

At Wycliffe Prep School there are two Boarding Houses very close to each other and next to the Astro Turf (great for playing on in the evening). We have approximately 60 Boarders, most of whom are from Military families, from seven years old (Year 3) to 13 years old (Year 8), and all of them are full Boarders who stay at weekends.

What do the Boarders do?

Boarders use the school facilities including the Astro Turf, Tennis Courts and Swimming Pool. They have designated times for prep (homework) so that their school work is always up to date. The Housemistress and Housemaster (in consultation with boys and girls) organise activities at the weekend, such as bowling, trips to attractions, football, pizza and movie nights.

Boarders celebrate their birthdays with parties where they can invite their Day and Boarding friends.

Keeping in touch

You will always be able to contact your son or daughter (and vice versa). We have house-wide WiFi and they can video-call, text or call. You can also contact the Housemaster or Housemistress by phone or email at any time.

“ Refreshingly relaxed yet bursting with activity and energy, Wycliffe offers a ‘wholly child centred, holistic education’ balancing academic, pastoral and extra-curricular.”

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“ ‘Crossing the footbridge at the end of the day is like ‘going home’ says Prep Boarders ”

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Moving up to the Senior School – a seamless transition

Progress from Year 8 at the Prep School to Year 9 in the Senior School is a seamless transition with no entrance exam required. Most of our pupils follow this path.

Scholarships are available at Year 9 and Year 12 in Academic, Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music and Sport (with Modern Foreign Languages and All-Rounder Awards at Year 12 as well) – presenting opportunities to recognise and celebrate our very talented pupils.

GCSE

20 subjects are offered at GCSE including less common ones such as Business Studies and Japanese.

A Level options

In Year 12 pupils can choose from 27 options available across both A Levels and BTecs. They can also study the Extended Project Qualification, which is a research project of their own choosing and is highly regarded by universities.

Careers advice

We offer first-class Careers advice, delivered by a bespoke Careers Team, from Year 9. Each pupil works through what they want to do (or not) ready for a world with ever-growing options.

Clubs and activities

With over 60 clubs and activities across the year, there is the opportunity to try something new or perfect an existing talent. Combined Cadet Force, Ten Tors and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award enable the Year 9s and

upwards to explore the great outdoors, develop leadership skills and learn what it means to be part of a team.

Senior School Boarding

For Years 9 to 13 we have three boys' Boarding Houses, three girls' Boarding Houses, and a Sixth Form only Boarding House. There are approximately 400 pupils in the Senior School with 190 Boarders from the UK and around the world.

“Parents praise ‘exceptional pastoral element.’” “Parents applaud ... [] .. prioritising welfare and development over league tables. ‘A lot of schools talk the talk but Wycliffe really delivers’, said one. ‘You could have three children with different interests and abilities and all would be well catered for’, said another. ‘There’s no air of entitlement at Wycliffe; the boys and girls are refreshingly down to earth, kind and supportive of each other.’”

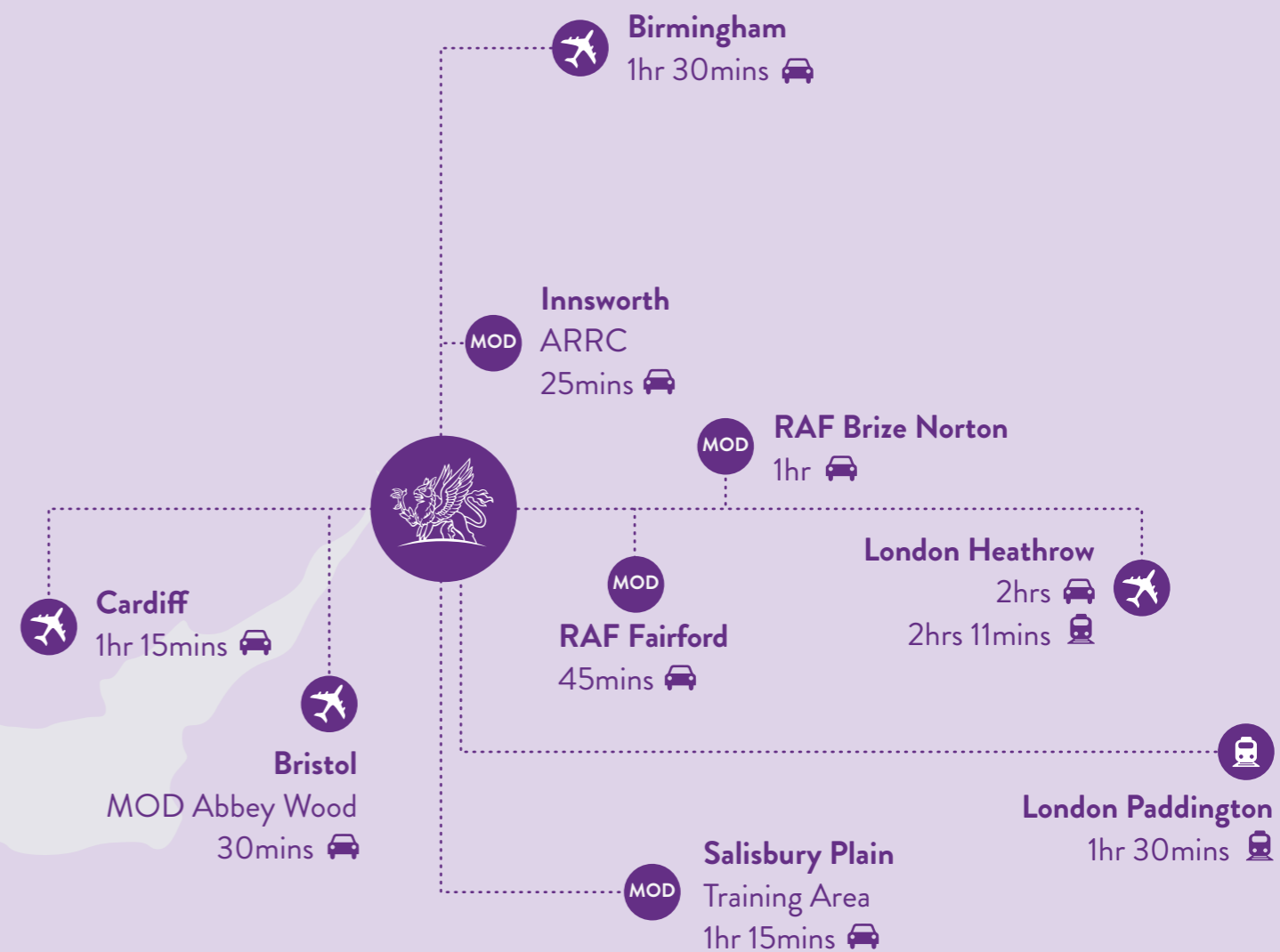
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Where are we?

Wycliffe is based in Stonehouse at the foot of the Gloucestershire Cotswolds, just two miles off Junction 13 of the M5 motorway, near the bustling town of Stroud.

Transport

Wycliffe has a private fleet of modern minibuses that can bring pupils' to and from school from all over Gloucestershire and surrounding counties. This is a private bus service for the use of Wycliffe and will pick up and drop off Day pupils from bases that are within 45 mins of the school.



Based further afield?

Whether you are based in the UK or posted overseas, we are very reachable by train, car or airplane.

The School campuses are a short walk (approximately five minutes) from the train station which can be in central London in 90 minutes and at Heathrow in two hours.

If you are posted overseas, you can be reassured that your son or daughter will be safe, cared for and enjoying School life. And as we organise transport at the beginning and the end of the holidays to any airport.

Frequently asked questions

Who will look after my son or daughter if they wake in the night?

Our Housemistress and Housemaster live in apartments or houses attached to the Boarding Houses and are there all evenings, nights and weekends. They are also supported by a House Tutor and a Matron who look after the children, reading every day with the younger pupils, and ensuring that homework is done.

What if my son or daughter misses home?

We have years of experience in looking after the sons and daughters of parents who work in HM Forces, and approximately 90% of our Prep Boarders are from a Forces' family.

I receive the CEA, so how much will I pay for the fees?

If you are eligible for the CEA allowance, you pay only 10% of the school's academic and Boarding fees (you can find these on the School's website).

Are there any extras I have to pay?

There are additional charges for extra lessons such as individual Music lessons or Learning Support. We would be happy to talk this through with you.

Does my son or daughter have to leave school at Exeat Weekends?

Each term the Prep and Senior School have Exeat Weekends, but your son or daughter can stay at School if it is not possible for them to come home, and this cost is included in the full fees (so you do not pay extra).

What if we move abroad?

Wherever you are posted in the world, you can be reassured that your son or daughter will be safe, cared for, and enjoying School life.

What if my son or daughter needs the dentist or a doctor?

Doctor, dentist and other medical or similar appointments can be arranged by the Housemaster, Housemistress or Matron in liaison with you, and a member of our staff will accompany your son or daughter to the appointment.

Next steps

Please visit and have a tour of Wycliffe at any time (although we recommend term time when you can see the school in action) – here you can meet pupils and key staff as well as seeing all the facilities.

Try out Wycliffe

We will arrange a Taster Day and Boarding Night for your son or daughter where they will experience school Boarding life with a buddy from their year group, this can be done before any commitment is made.

For Nursery to Year 8

For Nursery to Year 8 Please contact our Prep School Admissions on +44 (0)1453 820471 or email prepadmissions@wycliffe.co.uk

For Years 9 to 13

Please contact our Senior School Admissions Manager, Fiona Lawson-Best on +44 (0)1453 820412 or email fiona.lawson-best@wycliffe.co.uk



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