



Llandoverly College

SENIOR SCHOOL
Years 9 to 13

PROSPECTUS



OUR MISSION

We warmly invite you and your family to visit our unique school

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Llandovery College seeks to provide a truly transforming experience in which intellectual, artistic, sporting, spiritual and social development is at the heart. Llandoveryans and their parents join a caring community that recognises and nurtures the innate ability in every individual

The College aims to produce grounded young men and women capable of tackling life's challenges with confidence, determination and cheerfulness

PASSIONATE ABOUT SPORT, SERIOUS ABOUT EDUCATION



Dominic Findlay
Warden

Welcome to Llandoverly College located in the heart of the stunning Welsh countryside and on the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park. The school is set in 45 acres of grounds including extensive sports fields and a nine-hole golf course.

Our students enjoy excellent facilities, first class teaching in small classes and wide-ranging opportunities for intellectual, social and physical development. With extensive co-curricular activities available including the Combined Cadet Force, students perform at the highest levels, be it academically, on the sports field or on the stage.

At Llandoverly College students build the confidence and skills to be outstanding young men and women who stand out and make their mark in the world, securing their first choice of university including Oxford, Cambridge and the Russell Group.

Passion for sport is unrivalled with students competing at regional, national and international levels in no less than 17 sports in recent years. With an outstanding rugby heritage and success in producing world class rugby players, fifty former pupils have been awarded over 550 caps for Wales alone; this is a record which eclipses any other school in Wales.

Come and see the difference a Llandoverly College education can make.



Official Partner of Scarlets Rugby and Llandoverly Rugby Club

Gwell Dysg Na Golud

Our Education is Our Wealth



The spacious, well-maintained site and buildings provide a civilising backdrop to the pupils' learning

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Pride Passion Performance



WELCOME TO A TRULY UNIQUE SCHOOL IN WALES



Llandovery College is a co-educational day and boarding school. The College was founded by Thomas Phillips and accepted its first pupils in 1848. The College's aim was to provide *'a good classical and liberal education fitting for young men destined for any liberal profession or scientific pursuit followed in the principality.'*

The College has remained true to its main founding principle – now educating boys and girls – and maintains a deep respect for the Welsh language, heritage and culture within a confident global outlook.

Llandovery is a rural, Georgian market town in the heart of Wales. The College is situated in beautiful surroundings, with most College buildings and facilities contained within a 45 acre campus, complemented by extensive playing fields and a golf course.

The College is kept deliberately small, creating a strong sense of community within a uniquely warm and welcoming homely environment. The Nursery School provides the perfect start for babies and young children up to

four years of age and the Prep School covers Reception to Year 8. The College has seen marked growth in recent years and welcomes new pupils into all age groups.

The great Victorian educational reformer Thomas Arnold believed in three central pillars to a good education – moral fortitude, good conduct and academic rigour. In a complicated world we must remind ourselves that these principles retain an enduring relevance, and are fundamental to the College's mission to produce young men and women who value learning, have the tools and courage to make better decisions and who approach those around them with compassion and empathy.



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A SENSE OF BELONGING



The closeness of our community is built on a pride in place. Llandoverly College is proudly Welsh and has a deep respect and empathy for the language, heritage and culture. Combining the Welsh heart with a global vision is, within the independent sector, exclusive to Llandoverly College.

We are in many ways a new old College, grounded in our past tradition and history but not constrained by it, respecting our heritage and unique contribution to our nation without ever taking our eyes off what lies directly ahead of us.

Llandoverly itself is a remarkable place, one of beauty and safety, and the College is shaped by the unchanged hills and rivers that surround us

and the wider community within which the College plays its fullest part. All pupils have their place within the College – a strong House system that integrates boarding and day provision provides the best possible academic monitoring and pastoral care as well as a focus for deep bonds of friendship and loyalty that can lighten the burden of any fear or challenge.

All those fortunate enough to study and work within this community know that this is a special place – one worthy of pride – and the privilege of being here reminds us daily of our responsibility to banish cynicism and to serve selflessly. It is then and only then, that the community is best able to serve the individual.



Moments of quiet reflection and the consideration of the possibility of a spiritual dimension to the human experience is a vital component of any worthwhile educational process. Llandoverly College is a Christian foundation that promotes the spiritual and moral development of all within its community through a culture of tolerance, respect and understanding

Pupils are keen and active learners

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An outstandingly caring ethos engenders a highly supportive learning environment

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A LOVE OF LEARNING



Academic aspiration is a priority at Llandoverly College. Excellent and wholly committed teachers in the classroom are the key to our academic success. Passionate, knowledgeable and sympathetic teachers ensure that the roots for learning take a firm hold and that the right habits and attitudes prevail.

Expectations for attainment are high, fostering enquiring minds that relish the challenge of discovery. Pupils are immersed in an active and stimulating learning environment and benefit from a high-quality range of learning opportunities within a caring, supportive ethos.

Nowhere is performance more important than in the examination hall. Llandoverians, of whatever ability, have always grappled well with academic challenge and strive to 'do themselves justice'. The College has an enviable record of university entry success, with an extraordinarily high rate of our pupils securing first choice places, often at Russell Group universities and Oxbridge.

Pupils are guided through the maze of 'life choices' by a Pathways Programme that seeks to broaden possibility and fit options to the individual as well as develop a portfolio of skills that will best equip them for a life of outstanding performance beyond the College.



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BOARDING LIFE

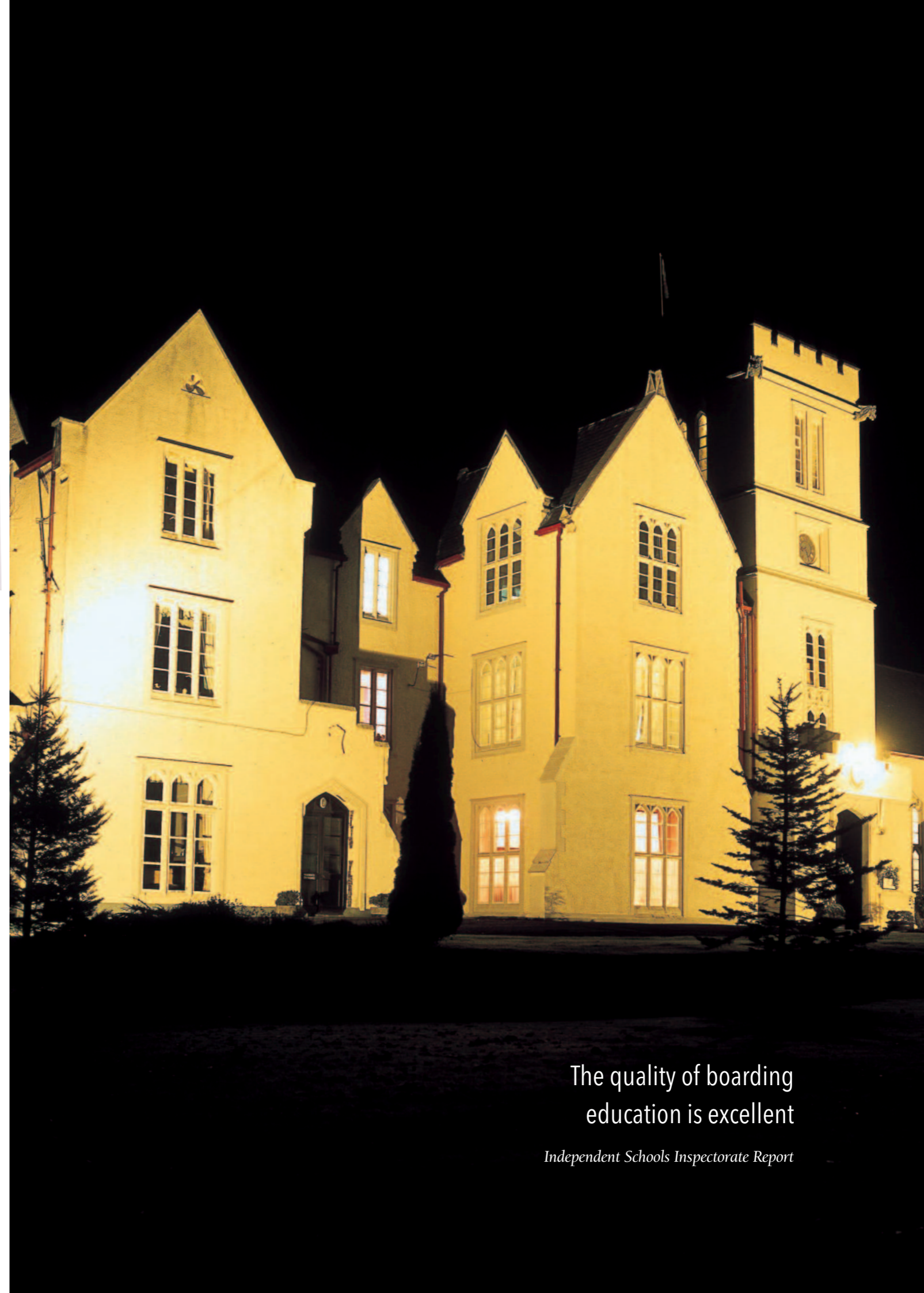
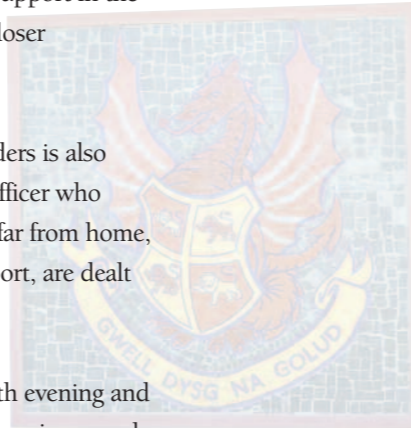
Boarding gives pupils a unique and special opportunity to develop independence within a welcoming and supportive community. Warm pastoral care, respect and compassion are at the core of the College ethos and nowhere is this more conspicuous than in our Boarding Houses.



Led by experienced Houseparents and Tutor teams, the Boarding Houses offer a home from home atmosphere and a support network that can help pupils develop in all aspects of their education. Most significantly perhaps, boarding allows pupils to access academic support in the evenings and many thrive under closer supervision and encouragement.

The small cohort of overseas boarders is also assisted by an Overseas Welfare Officer who ensures that the logistics of living far from home, such as travel to and from the airport, are dealt with smoothly and efficiently.

Boarding can also be great fun, with evening and weekend activities enriching the experience and deepening bonds of friendship and loyalty, contributing significantly to the growth in popularity of boarding at the College.



The quality of boarding education is excellent

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The pupils achieve excellent levels of personal development, feeling secure, safe and valued in the friendly, mutually trusting ethos, which prevails throughout the school

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THE WHOLE PERSON



Creating an environment within which passions can blossom is not confined to the classroom. Our pupils have many and varied interests and each is important as a vehicle for developing self-assurance.

Our co-curricular programme reflects both breadth and depth, allowing pupils to explore new interests as well as develop expertise in existing passions across a wide range of academic societies, sport clubs, drama and music groups. The programme reinforces invaluable skills and qualities,

developing empathy, loyalty, teamwork and energetic purpose, nurtured most conspicuously in the College's outstanding Combined Cadet Force and Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.



Llandovery College embraces individualism. Elite sports men and women sing in the College Choir, they play the harp at concerts and win prizes for art.

Likewise, boys and girls who thought they were 'not sporty' discover the thrill of participation through an inclusive and accessible co-curricular programme.





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CREATIVITY

Success is the ability to think creatively and to excel in often exacting circumstances. Llandovery College promotes a culture of creativity and performance in which every individual is encouraged to cast off self-imposed limits and strive to be the very best in all that they do.

Our pupils perform at the very highest levels, when acting on a West End stage, delivering Liszt's La Campanella at a Music Scholars' Concert, or simply painting for pleasure.

The invaluable experiences of creativity and performance and understanding the dedication and support required for achievement, inspires Llandoveryans to lead lives of ambition and determination, to embrace the art of the possible.



"It takes people to believe in you - recognising your potential and nurturing it - to give you the confidence to go on to do amazing things. Llandovery College gave me that confidence. I will always be grateful for that and for my time there."



Rhydian Roberts
*Former Head Boy
and International
Performing Artist*

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All people, particularly the young, need avenues of exploration beyond the strictly academic – drama and music provide a rich seam of such opportunity



SPORT FOR ALL



Llandovery College has a formidable reputation for sport. This reputation extends well beyond producing international sports men and women in a staggering array of disciplines and now embraces a fully inclusive activity programme that promotes fitness, health, participation, enjoyment and a life-long love of sport.

Our facilities include a golf course, shooting ranges, indoor climbing wall, sports hall, fully-equipped gym, all-weather pitch and extensive playing fields. Dedicated staff coach to an exceptional standard; the sporting year has a packed fixture list across many sports, with each pupil's talent being nurtured to its full potential.

Pupils regularly represent the College in over a dozen sports and it is unusual for a pupil not to pull on a College jersey at some stage of their school life.



"My time at Llandovery was fantastic. It set me on the right path for life."

George North
Former pupil, Welsh International and
British & Irish Lion



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The College deservedly enjoys a regional, national and international reputation for its hockey, rugby and athletics teams



THE SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form represents an exhilarating time of transition. Many new pupils join us at this stage, bringing fresh impetus and energy. A distinct change in styles of learning and living, bridging the gap between school and university, as well as opportunities for greater responsibility, self-organisation and self-motivated study make this a special time in the College experience.

Pupil-teacher relationships are less formal and, in an atmosphere of supportive collaboration and shared ideas, the College endeavours to ensure that every Llandoverian has the best chance of individual success.



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The Sixth Form curriculum is wide-ranging, offering over 20 A Levels as well as BTECs and is designed to ensure a solid foundation for further education and beyond. The College has an excellent track record of Oxbridge success and entry into first choice universities including the Russell Group.

The Sixth Form at Llandoverly College makes an enormous impact, helping pupils become independent, confident and rounded individuals, well-equipped to face the challenges that lie ahead in a rapidly-evolving world.

"Llandoverly College has given me wings to aim high and dare to do things I never dreamed possible."

A Former Pupil

Pride Passion Performance

LESSONS FOR LIFE

Llandoverly College provides pupils with rich layers of belonging so vital to every kind of growth.

Pride is evident in everything Llandoverians do and the manner in which they tackle manifold challenges, such as when delivering an academic address or Shakespearean monologue, representing the nation, performing at the Eisteddfod, reading in Chapel, facing an Oxbridge interview, slogging across far-flung mountains in driving rain, singing in the basilica of Montserrat or securing industry scholarships.

Llandoverly College produces young men and women with the moral courage and empathy to lead in a challenging world, and every Llandoverian has that capacity to lead. When our pupils find their true passions within the College's education of opportunity, then through those passions they will naturally begin to lead, often quietly, as academics, artists, actors, coaches, entrepreneurs, musicians, scientists, teachers, designers, technicians and as sports men and women.

Moral fortitude, good conduct and academic rigour

The great Victorian reformer Thomas Arnold on the pillars of education



Passionate About Sport Serious About Education



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PRINCE CHARLES
HRH Prince of Wales opening the
Llandovery College Nursery

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall's only Welsh residence is their beautifully restored farmhouse just two miles away from the College. They have become familiar and welcome faces in and around Llandovery.



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