

**DISCOVER WINCHESTER FACT SHEETS**

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| Attraction location | Winchester College  College Street  Winchester  SO23 9NA |
| Attraction social media handles | Twitter: [@WinColl](https://twitter.com/WinColl?lang=en-gb)  Instagram: [@winchestercollege](https://www.instagram.com/winchestercollege/) |
| Attraction website | <https://www.winchestercollege.org/>  <https://www.winchestercollege.org/visit-us> |
| Attraction description in 100 – 150 words | Winchester College is a boys’ boarding school of 700 pupils. Founded in 1382, it has the longest continuous history of any English school and still occupies its original medieval buildings.  The school’s founder, William of Wykeham, was Bishop of Winchester and Chancellor of England. Over the course of his career, Wykeham amassed huge personal wealth. Some of this he used to establish two education foundations: New College, Oxford and Winchester College.  Wykeham’s school in Winchester soon became the most admired in England and many of its alumni held important offices in church and state. It served as a model for other schools, including Eton College.  Located in the historic surrounds of England’s medieval capital, the school is fortunate to maintain 11 acres of formal gardens and more than 80 listed buildings. Many of these buildings are of national importance and all are in current use. |
| Attraction key facts  No more than 10 stats and USPs | The tour focuses on:   1. Chamber Court – the heart of the medieval school, where the whole community ate, slept, worked and worshipped. It is still occupied by the 70 Scholars. 2. Chapel – the 14th-century Gothic Chapel, which holds regular services. 3. College Hall – where the Scholars eat their meals and where many school events are held. 4. Cloisters - a medieval cloister. 5. School – a 17th-century redbrick schoolroom.   Treasury houses:   1. The school’s outstanding collections of art and archaeology. These include artefacts from Egypt, Greece and Rome, casts of the Parthenon Frieze, and Chinese ceramics from the Tang to Qing dynasties. 2. Artefacts are displayed across four galleries in the medieval Warden's Stables, converted into a museum in 2016. |
| Opening hours | **Guided Tours**  **September - March:** Monday to Saturday at 10.15, 11.30 and 14.15, Sunday at 14.15 and 15.30 (Dec-Jan 14:15 tour only).  **April – August:** Monday to Saturday at 10.15, 11.30, 14.15 and 15.30, Sunday at 14.15 and 15.30.  **Treasury:**  The Treasury is open to members of the public from 2-4pm every day (except Monday). Last admission is at 3.30pm. |
| Admission charges | **Guided Tours**  Adults £8  Concessions £7 (seniors 60+ and students), Children under 11 are free.  Groups of fewer than 10 need not pre-book and can purchase a ticket directly from their Tour Guide.  **Treasury**  Adults £5.00 (£5.50 with gift aid)  **Combined tickets**, including a tour of both the College and Treasury, are available Tuesday to Sunday afternoons at 14.15. Tickets can be purchased from the Tour Guide or in advance from the Tourist Information Centre. Groups of fewer than 10 individuals need not pre-book.  Adults: £12  Concessions (seniors 60+): £11  Children (12 years +) / Student £7  Children under 11 are free |
| Photography and filming policy | Photography and filming is permitted in certain areas of the school. The Tour Guides will be able to advise you on arrival. |