



DEBRETTS EDUCATION

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IN A CLASS OF OUR OWN

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INTRODUCTION

For over 250 years, the Debrett's name has been synonymous with charting and guiding generations through the minefield of life's complex traditions, behaviours, rites of passage and social and business etiquette, and is the 'go to' reference for anyone who wants to know just how things should be done.

Similarly, our British Independent or Private school system, with its rich cultural diversity and blend of long-standing traditions, excellent teaching and state of the art facilities, ranks as one of the best in the world.

There are over 2,400 independent schools in the UK that have for centuries, built a reputation for providing their students with not only some of the best academic qualifications in the world but also for encouraging young people to participate in a wealth of extra and co-curricular activities beyond the classroom, which in turn allow them to develop into well-rounded and highly accomplished adults of tomorrow.

The team at Debrett's Education are committed to supporting families from all over the world who are looking to give their children the very best education that our Independent Schools have to offer.

So, whether it is simply a call to ask where to start, to get some advice about entrance examinations, interview preparation or to find someone to take on that search with you and your child, just give us a call on +44 (0) 2038 489 201 or send an email to education@debretts.co.uk and one of our experts will be happy to help.

WHY CHOOSE DEBRETT'S

'They' say that our school days are the happiest days of our lives and yet sadly, we know that is not true for everyone. However, we do all have to go to school and so if you are fortunate enough to be in a position to choose which school your child goes to, isn't it worth taking a little time to get it right from the outset?

There is an ocean of information out there, but with over 2,400 schools, numerous contradictory and often mis-leading league tables, websites, usually populated by reviews from less than happy parents, navigating those choppy waters can be a daunting experience at the best of times.

Our highly experienced team recognise that every child is different and what is right for one, may not be right for another, sometimes even in the same family. It is vitally important that you are equipped to make the right choice and to understand which school will be the best fit for your child. We can help you decide which school will be the place where your child can get the best possible foundation, not only academically but also socially and emotionally, for whatever their future has in store for them.

As former teachers, school leaders and parents ourselves, we have seen at first hand the transformative power of a great education. We also know that every school is different, although have you ever noticed how many schools tell you that they are a 'Top' or 'leading' school...? Our team has extensive knowledge of UK Independent schools and their different curriculums and have many years of experience in dealing with all ages and stages in a young person's school career, from Pre-Prep and Prep schools, to Secondary, or Senior schools and Sixth Forms, Single Sex and Co-Educational schools, day schools to flexi, weekly or full boarding. We can help you unravel it all.



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WHAT WE DO

It all starts with a chat

The team at Debrett's Education are committed to offering expert, impartial and bespoke advice. We don't consider ourselves as 'agents', we are not working for schools or any other interested party, we are working for you, our client, and your children.

Children always succeed in an environment where they feel safe, supported and where they have every opportunity to immerse themselves in the things that they love most and do best, be it Maths, Science or Languages but also and often more importantly in terms of their overall development, Sport, Music, Art or Drama. We pride ourselves on our ability to identify which schools will give your child the opportunity to excel in the things that they love.

Our initial conversation, either virtually or over the phone, is completely free of charge or obligation and is very much geared around finding out more about what it is that you are looking and hoping for, as well as being an opportunity for you to find out more about us and how we work.

From there we can determine whether a) you are already on the right track and don't really need our help at all, or, whether b) you would like us to help you take the next steps, which can range from offering independent advice about particular schools that you have already approached, to a full school placement service where we work with you and your child through the whole search and application process until they are happily placed.

If you would like to find out more about more about the types of schools available and how the process might work for you and your child, please call us on +44 (0) 2038 489 201 or send us an email to education@debretts.co.uk and one of our experts will be happy to help.



“ I can't thank you enough for the help you gave me when my daughter was struggling at her school at the time. It was such a support to me that you listened to the problems we were having and your knowledge about the other schools that were on offer was fantastic. All the organising of visits and talking to the schools about our requirements on our behalf helped us make a very successful informed choice of which school to move to. ”

A.G. Parent. Kent.

CONSULTATION MEETING

An in-depth, bespoke discussion relating to your child and the sort of options available, either face to face in our office in Weybridge, or by video link, with one of our consultants.

This service covers the following:

- Consideration of your child's school reports.
- Discussion about the child and your/their requirements.
- Explanation of school types, curriculum choices, entry procedures, time-scales etc.

And if you would like them to, your child may join the meeting.

You will be provided with a report summarising the sorts of options available and a clear strategy for the next steps. Should you choose to proceed with an additional service, the meeting charge will be deducted from the full consultancy fee.

STANDARD SCHOOL SEARCH

This service is suitable for parents who are looking for bespoke school or college recommendations, are in time to meet standard registration deadlines and do not require extensive assistance with applications.

We offer the following:

- i) Analysis of your child's needs based on their school reports, any medical or Educational Psychologist reports, as appropriate.
- ii) Preparation of your child's profile, liaison with admissions staff. Before recommending schools, we discuss your child with each school to ensure that a) they have a suitable vacancy and b) are willing to consider an application. We will provide you with full details of registration deadlines, entry procedures, data on school academic performance, facilities, extra-curricular activities etc.
- iii) Provision of recommendations.
- iv) Follow-up liaison with schools as required, including arranging visits, coordination of exams and interviews.
- v) Follow up consultation with parents to assist with final decision.

RELOCATION PLACEMENT

This service is ideal for families who are moving to the UK and require advice on the best private schools and the best areas to live. The process will begin with a consultancy meeting to establish your priorities. We will provide detailed information about the types of school available and the various curriculum options. This service covers the following:

- i) Analysis of your child's needs based on their school reports, any medical or Educational Psychologist reports, as appropriate and our discussions with you and your child.
- ii) Preparation of your child's profile to share with potential schools, liaison with admissions staff.
- iii) Provision of school recommendations based on each child's needs and your requirements within up to 3 areas (up to 5 schools per area), with full details of entry requirements, data on school academic performance, cohorts, and insider information from our visits and clients' experiences etc.
- iv) Arranging school visits.
- v) Assistance with registration and coordination of entrance exams and interviews.
- vi) Follow-up liaison with schools as required.
- vii) Follow up consultation with parents to assist with final decision.
- viii) Unlimited advice and support via telephone, email, video chat, or at our offices.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

- Academic Profiling Test + follow-up consultation.
- Entrance exam administration/invigilation.
(Remote or in person at our offices).
- Accompanying school visits.
- Personal statement preparation.
- Interview practice.
- Careers Guidance – meeting and comprehensive report.

The following services are provided by Debrett's Education Associates. Please ask for details.

- Private Tutoring.
- Entrance Exam Preparation.
- Educational Psychologist Assessments.
- Guardianship.
- School Fee and Financial Planning.
- Visa Application Assistance.
- Relocation Assistance.
- Summer Schools.

If you would like more information about our bespoke service, including details of our fee structure, please go to our website education.debretts.com or contact us on 02038489201



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We finally accepted - quite late in the day - that our daughter's current school was not the right fit for J. We were overwhelmed with the prospect of finding a new school that could properly support our daughter academically whilst providing the right balance of pastoral care. I underwent extensive research into education consultants and after our first phone call, knew I had found someone I could trust in Sioban.

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L.M. Parent, London



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OUR FOUNDING PARTNER

Sioban O'Connor

Whilst in her working life, Sioban has over 30 years of experience of British Independent/Private Schools, she can also honestly claim that she has been involved in Independent education for almost all her life and from all angles. She started Prep school with her sisters -she's the one in the middle – at the age of 4, and then boarding at 8, and all the way through to A Level.

Sioban understands all too well how life's path can be somewhat circuitous, and her own career has zig zagged from Banking to Advertising and many years directing for Theatre. It was through that that she 'fell' into teaching, scooping up teaching A Level Drama and Theatre Studies in 6 different Independent schools in Berkshire. She worked in several schools both State and Independent and has over 15 years of school leadership experience as both a Deputy and Headteacher as well as a Master's degree in Education Management and her National Professional Qualification for Headship.

Her two daughters were also educated in Private schools, so she equally understands a parent's perspective. She has also served as a Governor of a school in Special Measures, done research into models of school leadership for the National College of School Leadership and been an A Level and GCSE examiner.

All of this has led her to, and informed, her work as a consultant; advising families looking for schools for children of all ages and abilities and she is passionate about helping you to find exactly the right school for your child.



“ Owing to her insight, careful preparation and wisdom as an ex-Headteacher, we were delighted to offer places to Sioban's clients. Sioban is always calm, well prepared and most importantly kind. Her candour gives me confidence to work with her, in addition to her perceptive comments and knowledge of which school fits well for each client. ”

Veryan Larmour
Admissions Officer at Tonbridge School

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