

**Complete the text with one of the given words. Two words are extra which you do not need to use.**

### **Private education**

The most obvious distinction \_\_\_\_\_ state and private education is the fact that in the previous one education is provided \_\_\_\_\_ whereas in the latter one parents have to pay. If parents want to send their children into \_\_\_\_\_ schools right at the start, at the age of five, they have the opportunity to do so.

Private primary schools are called \_\_\_\_\_ *schools*. Pupils can learn in these schools up to the age of eleven or even thirteen. In the first two years they must attend *pre-preparatory schools*, then, in case they have \_\_\_\_\_ their NCTs, they can attend preparatory schools, where they prepare for the Common \_\_\_\_\_ Exam in the next four or six years. This exam is the entry to those private secondary schools – officially \_\_\_\_\_ as public schools – which don't set their own examination. Those pupils who take this exam \_\_\_\_\_ the age of eleven write an English test, a maths and a science test, but those who stay in preparatory schools for two \_\_\_\_\_ years have to take one or two more subjects apart from the other three. Some public schools, however, have their own, internal \_\_\_\_\_, and they select their future pupils on the basis of them.

One of the oldest and most respected preparatory schools is the \_\_\_\_\_ *School*. Founded in 1416 in Durham to train young \_\_\_\_\_ to sing in the choir of Durham's cathedral, it now accepts girls too. It has remained a small school though: the total number of students is around 200. Boarders have to \_\_\_\_\_ about 6000 pounds in each term, full day pupils have to pay around 3400/term. The fee includes the \_\_\_\_\_ of lunches, textbooks, exercise books, education and, in case of boarders, \_\_\_\_\_. Perhaps the two most notable ex-pupils of the Chorister are the former Prime Minister, Tony Blair, and the actor and comedian, Rowan Atkinson (aka Mr. Bean).

FREE PREPARING CHORISTER ACCOMMODATION  
 ENTRANCE BOYS PREPARATORY BETWEEN MORE  
 KNOWN PAY AT EXAMS GIRLS PASSED PRIVATE  
 COST

Complete the text with the right form of the words given in capitals.

*Public schools* allow \_\_\_\_\_ from the age of 11/13 to \_\_\_\_\_  
 the age of 18. Almost all of them are \_\_\_\_\_ schools, \_\_\_\_\_  
 requiring students to live there permanently as well.

A massive majority of public schools are single-sex schools,  
 accepting either girls or boys only. \_\_\_\_\_ around 10% of \_\_\_\_\_

British teenagers go to public schools. Charges vary quite  
 \_\_\_\_\_, but the minimum is around 2000 pounds/year \_\_\_\_\_  
 and the maximum may go up to 30.000/year.

\_\_\_\_\_ the two best-known and most famous \_\_\_\_\_  
 public schools, competing for boys with \_\_\_\_\_ skills \_\_\_\_\_  
 and abilities, are Harrow School and Eton College.

*Harrow School* is located in London, near Heathrow Airport.

It was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1571 and its most famous ex-students include \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sir Winston Churchill, the poet George Gordon Byron or the singer James Blunt.

*Eton College* was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1440 by King Henry VI. \_\_\_\_\_

It accepts 250 new pupils each year but only from the age of 13.

They learn there for five years or five 'blocks', from F block (year 9)

to B block (year 13). There are 35 lessons a week on average, each

lesson lasting for 40 minutes. School begins at 9 o'clock

in the morning every day \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday –

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thus the only free day of the week is Sunday. Each student

must be a \_\_\_\_\_ : they live in houses run

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by the adult house master.

Students are also assigned a tutor who monitors their

progress over the years. Eton College has a \_\_\_\_\_

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type of uniform which Etonians must wear daily: it consists of

a black tailcoat, a waistcoat, a white shirt and pinstriped trousers.

Just like every other school with a long tradition, Eton has its

own vocabulary. The Headmaster is \_\_\_\_\_ as Head Man,

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end-term exams are called trials, and the members of the rowing team

are the wet boys. Plenty of famous Britons have attended Eton,

such as the writer George Orwell, the actor Hugh Laurie,

the Queen's grandsons Prince William and Prince Henry, and 19 Prime Ministers of the UK.