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To ensure the best possible education for our students, we believe that everyone:



- Has rights with responsibilities;
- Must be treated fairly and equally;
- Should be supported to be the best they can be;
- Should get value for the time they spend;
- Must be shown respect;
- Should feel welcome and have fun;

We know that there are a lot of different schools around the world. Look at the photos of an English secondary school called Eton College.



Eton College

Some schools in Britain are very famous, usually because they have a lot of history. Take Eton College, for example. It's a public school and it's over 570 years old! Students start when they are 13 and finish when they are 18. Eton is a boarding school. That means that the students live in the school. Only boys go to Eton.

At the moment, Eton is popular with the British Royal family. Prince William and Prince Harry are old Eton students. Royal families from Africa and Asia send their children to Eton and a number of British Prime Ministers are "Old Etonians". And some fictional characters are old Eton students too – the secret agent James Bond, 007, for example. You need a lot of money to study at Eton. The school is expensive. It costs approximately £30,000 a year to study there.

Tradition is important in Eton. The students and the teachers wear a special uniform which is very formal. The students don't call the teachers "teachers" they call them beaks. All the students study Latin for minimum one year. The classes are often small; they have just ten students in some lessons. 30% of the students go to Oxford or Cambridge University when they finish their studies at Eton.

Sport is very popular at Eton. They play normal sports, but they also play games which only exist at Eton – one is called the Eton Wall Game. The Eton Wall Game is a very physical type of football. Actually, Eton is one of the first schools in the world to play football. It's interesting that another popular sport comes from an old English public school. The name rugby comes from Rugby School. The first written rules for this sport came from Rugby School in 1870.



Read the quiz about Eton and guess the answers.

1. Eton is approximately...

- A 370 years old
- B 450 years old
- C 570 years old

2. The age of students is between

- A 13 and 18
- B 11 and 18
- C 3 and 18

3. The school is for...

- A boys only
- B boys, but girls study there when they are 16
- C boys and girls

4. Old Eton Students include....

- A eight prime minister from African and Asian countries.
- B British prime ministers.
- C famous secret agents.

5. These people have special clothes to wear at Eton:

- A young students.
- B all students.
- C students and teachers.

6. All Eton students study...

- A Latin for one year or more.
- B at Oxford or Cambridge.
- C in small classrooms.

7. Eton is important in the history of...

- A rugby.
- B football.
- C the Olympic Games.

Skim the text again. Are the statements about Eton true (T) or false (F)?

1. Students go home every day when school finishes.

True / False

2. It costs approximately £30,000 a year to study at Eton.

True / False

3. The students have a special name for teachers.

True / False

4. The Eton Wall Game is similar to football.

True / False

5. There is an old school in England called Rugby School.

True / False

The students and the teachers wear a special uniform in Eton. Please, read the text about school uniforms and fill the gaps with the correct words given below.

Many people believe that uniforms are _____ than casual clothes for children at school. Uniforms remind the children that they have to follow rules at school. Casual clothes _____ this. With all children at school _____ the same clothes, children from rich families dress the same way as children from poorer families. A uniform also _____ a feeling that everyone at the same school is part of the same community. In the 1960s and 1970s, many schools in Britain _____ having a school uniform because of the expense for parents. Since then, however, a number of these schools _____ uniforms back. Their new uniforms are more comfortable and more fashionable than uniforms _____ forty years ago. They're so popular that many of the head teachers at schools without uniforms _____ now about bringing uniforms back there too.

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