

## **A short guide to education in Bath 2006**

This guide explains the school system in Bath to help the twinning relationship between Bath and Aix-en-Provence.

The local authority Bath and North-East Somerset (B&NES) is responsible for education – not the city. A local authority is equivalent to a French “departement.”

In general secondary education starts at age 11 though in the private sector this is sometimes delayed until age 13.

There are both state and private schools in Bath. The local authority has no control and little interaction with the private schools.

In the Bath state sector education is NOT co-educational except Ralph Allen School; in other words schools are single sex. In general for these schools the mixed sixth form years are predominantly the sex of the lower school with shared lessons in specialist subjects.

Private schools are either day schools or both day and boarding schools. It is not easy for a boarding school to accept an exchange visit involving a boarding pupil. Indeed a percentage of boarders do not have English as their first language.

A foreign language is taught in years 11 to 16 but choices between French, Spanish and German means that classes are often quite small.

All schools have their own internet site.

I have prepared a table of all the main schools in Bath together with their internet address

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## Secondary Schools

	State Schools					
1	Ralph Allen	<a href="http://www.ralphallen.bathnes.sch.uk">www.ralphallen.bathnes.sch.uk</a>	01225 832936	1041	11-18	mixed
2	Oldfield	<a href="http://www.oldfield.bathnes.sch.uk">www.oldfield.bathnes.sch.uk</a>	01225 423582	810 118	11-16 16-18	girls mixed
3	Hayesfield	<a href="http://www.hayesfield.co.uk">www.hayesfield.co.uk</a>	01225 426151	1000	11-16 16-18	girls mixed
4	Beechen Cliff	<a href="http://www.beechencliff.org.uk">www.beechencliff.org.uk</a>	01225 480466	1050	11-16 16-18	boys mixed
5	Culverhay	<a href="http://www.culverhay.bathnes.sch.uk">www.culverhay.bathnes.sch.uk</a>	01225 426268	568	11-18	boys
6	Saint Gregory's	<a href="http://www.st-gregorys.bathnes.sch.uk">www.st-gregorys.bathnes.sch.uk</a>	01225 832873	794	11-16	mixed
7	Saint Mark's	<a href="http://www.st-marks.bathnes.sch.uk">www.st-marks.bathnes.sch.uk</a>	01225 312661	?	11-16	mixed
	Private Schools					
11	King Edwards	<a href="http://www.kesbath.com">www.kesbath.com</a>		679	11-18	mixed
12	Royal High	<a href="http://www.gdst.net/royalhighbath">www.gdst.net/royalhighbath</a>		?	11-18	girls
13	Kingswood	<a href="http://www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk">www.kingswood.bath.sch.uk</a>		c600	11-18	mixed
14	Prior Park	<a href="http://www.priorparkschools.co.uk">www.priorparkschools.co.uk</a>		?	11-18	mixed
15	Monkton Combe	<a href="http://www.monktoncombeschool.com">www.monktoncombeschool.com</a>		c350	13-18	mixed

Notes- the note number refers to the school

[2] Very few pupils study French in the 6<sup>th</sup> form

[3] 56 pupils took exams in French in the 5<sup>th</sup> form; very few pupils study French in the 6<sup>th</sup> form

[5] There is no French taught in the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

[6] This is a school with a Catholic ethos

[7] This is a school with a Protestant ethos

Kingswood, Prior Park and Monkton Combe are both day and boarding schools

[11] This school already has an exchange arrangement with an Aix school

[13] This school has a Protestant ethos

[14] This school has a Catholic ethos

[15] This school has a Protestant ethos