

St. Andrew's College Cambridge

13 Station Road, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire CB1 2JB

Inspection dates

10 December 2018

Overall outcome

The school meets all of the independent school standards that were checked during this inspection

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 7, 7(a), 7(b)

- Safeguarding arrangements met the independent school standards at the previous inspection in May 2018.
- The safeguarding policy is in date and has due regard to the current guidance of the Secretary of State. The policy is therefore suitable. The safeguarding policy is made available to parents on the school's website.
- The single central record of the pre-employment checks carried out on the suitability of staff, directors and the proprietor is up to date. It is scrutinised on a regular basis by senior leaders to determine whether all relevant checks have been made and recorded appropriately.
- Leaders have ensured that this independent school standard is met.

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 12

Paragraph 25

- The standard inspection (May 2018) found that the premises were being maintained to a standard that promoted pupils' health, safety and welfare.
- The proprietor has ensured that the school is compliant with the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- The DfE's fire survey focused on buildings of 18 metres and higher, that is, operating on three storeys or more. Two buildings which operate as boarding provisions have three storeys. The five educational buildings and six boarding provisions have a brick construction and do not have any cladding.
- The 11 buildings each have a fire risk assessment that is updated annually. The risk assessment for each of the buildings has been assessed fully. Recommendations arising from previous risk assessments have been actioned. The annual risk assessments for the 11 buildings are booked to take place in January 2019.

- The fire safety plan is displayed prominently throughout the five educational buildings and the six boarding provisions.
- The proprietor has ensured that all required fire-related checks have been carried out on the 11 provisions in a suitable timeframe. The fire extinguishers and gas safety checks were carried out in October 2018 and November 2018. The electrical installation condition report completed on each of the 11 premises is valid.
- Portable appliance testing for the educational and boarding premises was carried out in January 2018. The annual fire alarm and emergency lighting tests are booked to take place during the third week of December 2018.
- The proprietor has ensured that the fire log book for each of the 11 premises is thorough and up to date. Records show that staff carry out a range of weekly and monthly checks.
- The fire log book shows that checks on emergency escape routes and fire alarms are completed weekly. Fire alarm call points are tested weekly. Checks on carbon monoxide detectors, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and fire drills are done monthly.
- All students have English as an additional language. The displayed fire safety information in the education buildings and the boarding provision has illustrations to ensure that students understand the evacuation procedures.
- Corridors and fire escape routes in the education buildings and boarding provisions are kept clear, tidy and are well maintained. Fire safety signage is visible throughout the buildings. Emergency exits are clearly signed.
- Students and staff can access the push-bar fire doors to the outside. These doors open with minimum force. On exiting, it is clear which way to go safely to the fire assembly point.
- The internal flooring is in good condition with no trip hazards. There are no trailing electrical cables. Permanent fixtures are in good condition and securely fastened. Lighting is bright enough to allow for a safe exit. Firefighting equipment is appropriately placed throughout the buildings.
- Outside areas are kept free from clutter to ensure that evacuation procedures take place in an orderly manner.
- The school's review of fire safety and confirmation that there is no cladding on any of the properties was communicated by email to all parents in November 2018.
- Leaders have ensured that both independent school standards are met.

Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c)

- Leaders demonstrate good skills and knowledge about fire safety testing and fire safety procedures at the school.
- Leaders fulfil their responsibilities around fire safety effectively. Leaders carry out a range of weekly and monthly tests to ensure the safety of students and staff. External contractors who are suitably qualified conduct the relevant yearly tests.

- This inspection found no concerns about the fire safety at the school.
- Leaders have ensured that this independent school standard is met.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school meets the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that were checked during this inspection. Not all of the standards and associated requirements were checked during this inspection.

School details

Unique reference number	110932
DfE registration number	873/6019
Inspection number	10084638

This inspection was carried out under section 109(1) and (2) of the Education and Skills Act 2008, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's suitability for continued registration as an independent school.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	15 to 22
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Gender of pupils in the sixth form	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	135
Of which, number on roll in sixth form	131
Number of part-time pupils	0
Proprietor	Mervyn Martin
Headteacher	Wayne Marshall
Annual fees (day pupils)	£16,200 to £22,950
Telephone number	01223 323718
Website	www.standrewscambridge.co.uk
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Date of previous standard inspection	1–3 May 2018

Information about this school

- St Andrew's College provides international education and was registered as an independent school in 1976.
- There are currently 135 pupils on roll. Almost all students are international students from a range of countries.

- The school has five buildings located on two sites in the centre of Cambridge. The five educational establishments are:
 - 9 Station Road, Cambridge
 - 11 Station Road, Cambridge
 - 13 Station Road, Cambridge
 - 15 Station Road, Cambridge
 - 89 Regent Street, Cambridge
- It is registered as an independent boarding school for girls and boys.
- Most students stay in boarding accommodation located over six sites across the city. The boarding establishments are:
 - 171 Coleridge Road, Cambridge
 - 34 Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge
 - 189 Hills Road, Cambridge
 - 35 Tenison Road, Cambridge
 - 2 Lyndewood Road, Cambridge
 - 5–7 Barnabus Road, Cambridge
- Study courses are offered to students between the ages of 15 and 22. The courses available include GCSE, A levels and university foundation courses.
- The school does not use any alternative provision.

Information about this inspection

- The Department for Education commissioned an inspection to review fire safety procedures. This was because the proprietor did not respond to the DfE's fire survey, sent to schools in July 2017, following the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The survey asked proprietors of schools to check for cladding and, where appropriate, to arrange for cladding to be tested for the presence of specific flammable components.
- The inspector found that there were valid reasons why the DfE's letter was missed when it was first sent. Leaders responded promptly to the follow-up letter dated 15 November 2018. The school contacted the DfE on 20 November 2018 for clarity about the survey. The online survey was completed on 21 November 2018.
- The inspector visited 11 premises with the headteacher. All five of the education provisions and three out of the six boarding provisions were inspected during the emergency inspection. The three boarding provisions that were not inspected internally for fire safety were viewed from the outside to determine if they had cladding.
- The inspector held meetings with the proprietor and the headteacher.
- The inspector scrutinised a range of fire safety documentation. The single central register and the safeguarding policy was also viewed.
- The report refers to students rather than pupils because this is the term used by the school.
- An integrated inspection took place in May 2018 where the school and boarding provision was judged as good. All the independent school standards were met. Two of the national minimum standards for boarding schools and associated requirements were not met (NMS 13.7 and NMS 18.1).
- The emergency fire inspection found no concerns about the fire safety at the school.

Inspection team

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