

# Cherwell College Oxford

St George's Mansion, 1–3 George Street, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX1 2AR

## Inspection dates

16 April 2019

### Overall outcome

**The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material change is implemented**

## Main inspection findings

### Part 1. Quality of education provided

*Paragraph 2(1), 2(1)(a), 2(1)(b), 2(1)(b)(i) and 2(1)(b)(ii)*

- The proprietor has provided additional schemes of work to cover the scope of the material change application. These schemes of work are appropriate for the age range 12 to 14. They take account of the age, aptitudes and needs of all pupils. They do not undermine fundamental British values.

*Paragraph 2(2), 2(2)(a), 2(2)(b), 2(2)(d), 2(2)(d)(i), 2(2)(d)(ii), 2(2)(e), 2(2)(e)(i), 2(2)(e)(ii), 2(2)(e)(iii), 2(2)(h) and 2(2)(i)*

- The proposed curriculum provides for full-time education and covers all the areas of learning specified in this paragraph. Pupils will be subject to a personalised curriculum, which will promote their speaking, listening, literacy and numeracy skills at a level appropriate to their individual needs.
- The proposed curriculum will provide fully for pupils' personal, social, health and economic education. It will also develop pupils' understanding of equalities and respect for the different cultures and faiths of others.
- The proposed curriculum will provide independent and impartial careers advice and guidance, helping pupils plan next steps in education, including work experience and future employment where appropriate.
- The proposed curriculum will enable pupils to learn and make progress. It will contribute to preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life in British society.
- School leaders have ensured that all these standards are likely to be met if the material change is approved.

### Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

*Paragraphs 7, 7(a), 7(b), 32(1) and 32(1)(c)*

- The proprietor has ensured that the arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of pupils have an appropriate priority. The school's safeguarding policy, which

is published on the school's website, is compliant with current guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

- School leaders have ensured that all these standards are likely to be met if the material change is approved.

#### Part 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools

*Paragraph 34(1), 34(1)(a), 34(1)(b), 34(1)(c) and 34(2)*

- Because all the paragraphs checked in relation to the requested material change are likely to be met, this part is also likely to be met.

## **Compliance with regulatory requirements**

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

## School details

Unique reference number	143042
DfE registration number	931/6016
Inspection number	10099819

This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other independent school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	Oxbridge College Ltd
Chair	Stephen Clarke
Headteacher	Stephen Clarke (principal)
Annual fees (day pupils)	£20,000 to £25,000
Telephone number	01865 242 670
Website	<a href="http://www.cherwell-college.co.uk">www.cherwell-college.co.uk</a>
Email address	<a href="mailto:secretary@cherwell-college.co.uk">secretary@cherwell-college.co.uk</a>
Date of previous standard inspection	26–28 September 2017

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	14 to 25	12 to 25	12 to 25
Number of pupils on the school roll	Up to 70	Up to 70	Up to 70

## Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Not applicable	Not applicable

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of part-time pupils	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	Not applicable	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	Not applicable	Not applicable
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of part-time teaching staff	Not applicable	Not applicable
Number of staff in the welfare provision	Not applicable	Not applicable

## Information about this school

- Cherwell College was registered in October 2016 as a 14 to 19 non-selective, independent school with boarding facilities. The school is owned by Oxbridge College Ltd. The principal is also the proprietor.
- The school offers courses at A level and GCSE over one or two years as well as preparation for university, including Oxbridge. The school is spread over three sites which are near to each other.
- The first full standard inspection of the school took place in September 2017, when the school's overall effectiveness was judged to be good and all the independent school standards were found to be met.
- The proportion of pupils with an education, health and care plan is small. The proportion of pupils who speak English as an additional language is well above national averages.
- The school does not make use of any alternative provision.

## Information about this inspection

- This inspection took place under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002. It was commissioned by the Department of Education because of the proprietor's application for a material change to the age range of pupils at the school from 14–25 to 12–25.
- This is the first material change application since the school was first registered.
- Prior to the inspection, the inspector reviewed a range of curriculum documents submitted by the proprietor to support the material change application. The school's website was also checked, including the published safeguarding policy and other information.
- The inspector talked to the principal on the telephone prior to and during the inspection day.

## Inspection team

Clive Close, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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