

7. What do the participants do? 8. What do you know about its history? 9. Why do you like it?

5b.  Write about your favourite school tradition. Answer the questions in ex. 5a.

Lesson 8. Best-known British schools

1. What famous schools do you know? Close your eyes and think of a British school. Write down the first five things you thought of.

2a.  Listen and read about Harrow, the school where Winston Churchill¹ studied. Scan the text again. What makes the school popular?

Why did my parents choose Harrow? Because it's an all-boys school with 805 pupils, and my parents believe in the advantages of single-sex education for teenagers. It's



also important for my family that traditionally Harrovians (this is how we call ourselves here at Harrow), both bright and average, achieve better examination results than pupils at any other similar² school. My parents also like that my school aims at developing leadership³ and teamwork in its pupils.

Harrow is a full boarding school which means all boys and all teachers live in the school. This helps the school to offer a wide range of activities in the evenings and at weekends. On Sundays, we usually have a great number of sports competitions. I play for my House football team. I also love playing squash (it's like tennis, but you play it in a four-walled court). Do you know that the game of squash was invented in Harrow around 1830?

¹ **Winston Churchill** ['wɪnstən 'tʃɜːtʃəl] – Уинстон Черчилль (британский государственный и политический деятель); ² **similar** ['sɪmɪlə] – подобный, похожий; ³ **leadership** ['liːdəʃɪp] – лидерство

My school also offers brilliant facilities, such as a sports centre with all the equipment you need, an art gallery, one of the best school football pitches, a farm, a fantastic [fæn'tæstɪk] school theatre and a modern IT centre. We study hard at Harrow, it's true; but we also know how to use free time effectively and have fun! We take part in dozens of events which challenge our talents, abilities and skills and help to build our character.

2b. 🎧 🎧 Listen and read about Eton. What are the advantages of studying there?

I study at Eton. It makes me feel proud that my school has educated boys for nearly six centuries. Almost all boys from our school then go on to university.

Life at Eton is very busy and encourages interest and enthusiasm both during and after classes. Of course, here we do lots of sports, such as hockey, tennis and athletics, but the main sports at Eton are traditionally rugby and soccer (football).

We have a wide range of school clubs for after-school activities. They offer great opportunities to develop different talents and skills. In our free time, we read books, discuss them, play music and learn languages. We also travel to foreign countries, which helps us better understand ourselves and the world.


We're lucky to have such professional, experienced and enthusiastic¹ teachers at Eton! They create a unique² atmosphere³ of excellence and independence in which there's no chance we, pupils, don't succeed.



independent (adj) – independence (n)

¹ **enthusiastic** [ɪnθjuːziˈæstɪk] – полный энтузиазма, увлечённый;

² **unique** [juːˈniːk] – уникальный, единственный в своём роде; ³ **atmosphere** [ˈætməsfiə] – атмосфера

2c.  Listen and read about Badminton School. How is the school different from the other two?

Badminton School is a boarding school for girls aged 4–18 in the heart of the attractive University City of Bristol. The school offers excellent facilities, high teaching standards and a friendly atmosphere, all of which helps girls to achieve great academic results.



What I especially like about studying here is our library with thousands of books, reference books and multimedia computers, which we use for our projects and self-study. Here we often do our homework, search for¹ the information

on the Internet and relax reading a book.

Badminton aims at developing its pupils' talents, skills and abilities and helping them achieve success and everything they want when they leave school. I'm sure that by the time I leave school I will become an individual, comfortable in my own skin and ready to be a part of the big world.

3a. Look through the three texts again and read the sentences that prove the high standards of education at these schools.

3b. How are the schools different? What do they have in common? What do students do after classes at these schools?


3c. Work in groups of three or four. Ask your groupmates which school they like the most and why. Don't forget to be polite.

4. What are the best-known schools in Belarus? In your city or town? What are they famous for?

5. Do the project "My school".

- 1 Choose the form of your project: a booklet, a post for a website or blog, a multimedia presentation, an excursion for newcomers, a scrapbook².

¹search [sɜ:tʃ] for = look for; ²scrapbook ['skræpbuk] – альбом для наклеивания вырезок (из журналов, газет)

- 2 Cover the following topics: general information, what the school offers, its slogan, school day, school rules, out-of-class activities (school clubs, societies and events), school traditions. Add your personal comments / your favourite quotations / poems.
 - 3 Decide what each group will write about and what information each group member will collect:
 - a) the exercises from your student's book, workbook or your written home tasks;
 - b) photos or videos of your school;
 - c) articles about your school from newspapers or magazines.
 - 4 Write the text of your project. Work in groups.
 - 5 Hand in the text of your project for checking.
6.  Take photos or / and make videos of your school.

Lesson 9. St Peter's

1. Would you like to study at a boarding school? Why? Why not? How do you imagine life there?

2a.   Listen and read the story. Do you think the boys liked their school?

1. In September 1925, when I was just nine, I started the first great adventure of my life – a boarding school called St Peter's. We lived in South Wales then, but my parents had chosen a school in England for me because they believed that English schools were the best in the world, and St Peter's was the nearest boarding school to our home.

2. In the morning I put on my school uniform: black shoes, grey and blue stockings, grey shorts, a grey shirt, a red tie, a grey blazer and a grey cap with the school emblem on them. Everything I wore and my tuck-box were new and had my name on them.



a tie



a blazer



a tuck-box