

# Wycombe Abbey School

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# Authentic British Education and Truly Global Experience at Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou

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At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, we warmly welcome students from all over the world to experience a unique fusion of authentic British education and rich Chinese cultural immersion. Our exceptional educational standards, including world-class boarding facilities and holistic care, mirror the finest UK private schools, but at a fraction of the cost. Students not only gain access to a rigorous, internationally recognized curriculum but also enjoy the incredible opportunity to connect with peers from diverse backgrounds, fostering a truly global perspective. Beyond academics, they benefit from a vibrant, cross-cultural environment, where they develop into global citizens, ready to explore the world and build lasting connections. This comprehensive experience offers both exceptional value and an unparalleled opportunity to see the world from a new vantage point, all while receiving an authentic British education.

Enrolment Age: G9-G11

# About Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou

Established in 2012, Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou is the first sister school in China of Wycombe Abbey UK, a prestigious private school ranked among the top academic schools in the UK. Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou continues the essence of its holistic education philosophy, providing high-quality education and boarding options for students aged 3 to 18 with 24/7 pastoral care, boarding system, tutorial system and small class size.

Upholding the vision of "Every Child Can Excel", We are a unique and contemporary independent school that seamlessly combines British and Chinese educational traditions.

Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou has not just made achievements but has set new benchmarks, winning numerous accolades from esteemed organisations both at home and abroad:

Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou was proudly recognised once again among the top 100 bilingual schools in China in the **'2023 Hurun Education · China International Schools Ranking'**, ranking in the **top 30 nationwide and top 2 in Jiangsu Province**.

In September 2023, we proudly welcomed the first group of Wycombe Abbey international scholars from overseas. The 'Wycombe Abbey International scholarship' is a programme that has earned high praise from the **Boarding Schools Association (BSA)**. Following our **'International School of the Year Award'** in 2022, Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou was once again honoured by the BSA with the **'Supporting Excellence Award – Supporting International Boarders Award'**. We are excited to welcome back our returning scholars and to welcome our new cohort for the 2024 academic year.

In **"The Spear's Schools Index 2024,"** published by the renowned European wealth management magazine Spear's, Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou was highlighted as one of the **24 top-recommended schools in the Asia Pacific region for 2024**. Two years ago, Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou was

also recognised in **'The Spear's Schools Index 2022'** as **one of the top 100 schools globally and one of the Best Private Schools in China and Southeast Asia**.

In May 2024, we received our **5-year COBIS accreditation**, affirming that Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou delivers high-quality British education, in line with leading British and international schools worldwide. We are truly honoured to be part of this exclusive group, ensuring that we maintain the academic rigour and holistic approach to education expected of a COBIS school.



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# Our Pastoral Care System

Our students remain at the centre of everything we do. As teachers, housemasters, housemistresses, tutors, and coaches, we guide our students in every aspect of school life, including their academic study, music, art, sports, drama, and community life.

## Tutor System Our Teachers Play Many Roles

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, our staff wear many hats. They are all exceptional subject teachers, and in many instances, they are passionate advocates of hobbies they share with our children. These multiple roles include taking children to watch the stars in the astronomy club, being passionate conductors in the symphony orchestra, being strong and inspiring expedition leaders in the Icelandic wilderness, as coaches sweating with the children on the football field, while also being a mentor and friend supporting them in the boarding houses.

Our international teachers at Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou have many years of experience in boarding schools, guiding our students with great knowledge and understanding.

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, each student has a tutor responsible for guiding them in their academic, extra-curricular, and boarding life at the school. Living and working in the same community, our staff see the students in various settings outside the classroom, thereby discovering each child's hidden talents and skills. This depth of understanding creates a strong foundation for truly holistic education that considers every aspect of a child's growth and development. With respect, patience and love, they give each child appreciation, acknowledgement and care.





## House System The Boarding House is the Children's Home

Each student is assigned to a House when they first enter the school, composed of either boys or girls of different ages living together in the same boarding House.

Like a true family, older students act as elder brothers and sisters, helping the younger students with every aspect of their daily lives. This enables them to experience the pleasure of helping others and the significance of taking responsibility for their house. Within sports, music, art, and other inter-house events, they learn to compete, enjoy success, and cope with and learn from failure. Interaction between students of different ages helps every child to develop excellent social skills - every drop of sweat they shed for the House, as well as their tears of joy and excitement or tears of sadness and regret - will build their character, preparing them to deal effectively with the challenges of the future.

## Boarding System A 24/7 Growth Experience

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, the 24/7 schedule allows children countless opportunities to explore and study beyond the classroom. Dreams are nurtured at night as well as by day. From academic courses and competitions to hobbies and community activities, children have ample time and opportunity to immerse themselves in everything they love.

The breadth and depth of campus life are greatly enhanced through our boarding education, which develops children's independence, self-confidence and self-discipline. Teachers and students are a community, and the friendships they form here will be enriched and often last for their whole lives.



# Our Academic Curriculum for Excellence

## Our IGCSE & A Level Curriculum

Just as the ocean is the deepest and the most expansive, breadth and depth of learning always go hand in hand, and so is the further education level curriculum at Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou. We offer more than 30 globally recognised IGCSE and A Level programmes, complemented by personalised and professional guidance to help students gain access to the world's best universities.

We encourage every student to take a range of IGCSE subjects to build a solid foundation for subject depth in preparation for their A Levels, while the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) at A Level is a compulsory subject for all Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou students. Although complex and challenging, it helps students gain a competitive edge in university applications.

In Upper School, we work with our students to establish their preferred direction of progress in IGCSE and A Level based on their interests, talents and ambitions for the future. We encourage them to make well-thought-out and planned selections of subjects, which is essential to progressing to the next stage of education.

Whether their choice is mainstream or niche, we provide the resources to ensure students achieve their maximum potential.





## Our Enrichment & Extension

Our outstanding curriculum system puts learners at the centre, with their learning experience proving vital for developing academic excellence and strong character. Implementing our closely integrated curriculum, comprising the three key elements of the National Compulsory Curriculum, our distinctive and bespoke school-based curriculum and our Super Curriculum, ensures that the dream that 'Every Child Can Excel' becomes reality.





## Chinese Language and Culture

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, we offer a dedicated Chinese A-Level course for international students, helping them to systematically learn the Chinese language. By December 2024, our school has become a recognised HSK exam center, linking with our Chinese language curriculum especially focusing on non-Chinese nationality, students can achieve world wide recognised Chinese language qualification from zero language skill.

Our boarding system also ensures that students from different countries quickly adapt, as they engage in daily interactions with local Chinese students, learning from one another's languages and cultures. This fosters mutual support, respect, and deep friendships. Our rich variety of outdoor study travel activities provide international students with firsthand opportunities to understand and immerse themselves in Chinese culture, offering them a profound experience that extends beyond academics.

## Sports

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, we believe participating in sports is a fantastic way to strengthen the body and the mind together. Our outstanding sports provision includes both individual and team activities to help children achieve personal growth. Physical education and sports support health and well-being and are crucial in developing resilience, team spirit and leadership, as well as teaching students about fair competition and respect for their opponents, whether they win or lose.

## Music

Music is one of the earliest forms of expression. It is a powerful transforming force in people's intellectual, social and spiritual growth. Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou provide students with systematic and structured music education from Kindergarten to Sixth Form, including singing, composition, performance, music production and other courses and community activities. It provides children with rich performance opportunities and develops their courage and adaptability.







## Art

Art, abstract or concrete, is one way that enables human beings to perceive the world and express themselves. At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, children enjoy a full set of Art education programmes from toddler to sixth form. We aim to develop a broad and exciting set of experiences, including art, design, design technology, and photography. Students will have the opportunity to explore all of these areas and discover where their strengths and talents lie. This programme prepares them for later specialisation in the worlds of art, engineering, architecture and design.



## STEAM

At Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou, we are committed to providing students with as many opportunities as possible for interdisciplinary STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) research and application, nurturing exceptional critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, all of which lay a solid foundation for their lifelong development. The school not only guides students in their individual research projects to achieve high scores in the EPQ and earn CREST awards, but also encourages them to compete for prestigious science competition accolades.



## Our Extended Curriculum

Teaching and learning at Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou is never confined to a textbook or a campus.

With a wide range of extra-curricular extensions and activities, Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou's overseas trips, school exchanges, world-class competitions and other top resources, including the internationally renowned 'Duke of Edinburgh's Outdoor Expedition programme (DoE)', virtual United Nations conferences, math competitions and the World Scholar's Cup. We also offer adventure activities such as mountaineering, diving and trekking. From in-school to out-of-school, we harness the power of 'learning beyond the classroom' to create personalised educational experiences and growth pathways for students.

Learning has no boundaries, occurring inside and outside the classroom while visiting great monuments and buildings or exploring the natural world. Different learning experiences all contribute to that mysterious and essential quality: 'character'.



# Daily Schedule

Time	Monday – Friday	Saturday	Sunday
07:00	Wake-up		
07:30	<b>Breakfast</b>		
08:00	Buses arrive	Wake-up	Wake-up
08:15	Period 1	<b>Breakfast</b> / Buses arrive	
09:00	Period 2	Period 1	<b>Breakfast</b>
09:45	Period 3	Period 2	Room tidying Sports Team Practices
10:30	<b>Break</b>	<b>Break</b>	Clubs & Societies
11:15	Period 4	Period 3	
12:00	Period 5	Period 4	
12:45	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30	Period 6	Inter-House	Sports
14:15	Period 7	Competitions / Buses depart	
15:00	Period 8	Parental visits / Phone	Parental visits / Phone
15:45	<b>Break</b>	time	time
16:30	Period 9	Clubs & Societies	Clubs & Societies
17:15	Period 10		



# Facilities

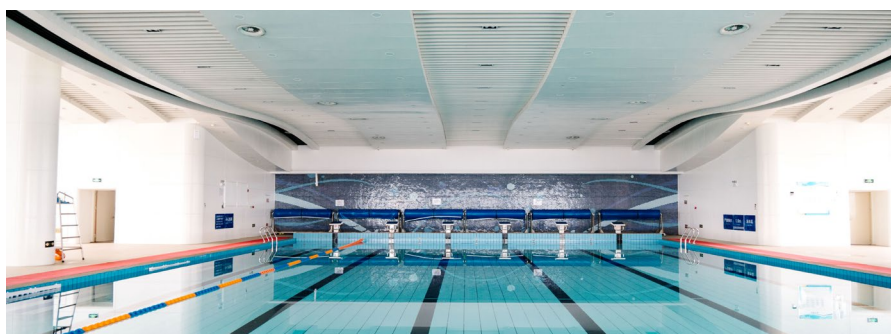
## Rowing Centre



## Sports Dome



## Water Sports Centre



## Forest Garden



## Science Laboratory





# Facilities

## Engineering Design & Technology Laboratory



## Engineering Design & Technology Workshop



## Art Workshop



## Recording Studio



## Music Laboratory



**Black Box Drama  
Classroom**



**Dance Practice  
Room**



**Boarding House**



**Canteen**



# School Service



## Boarding Service

Rooms: equipped with essential facilities, provides bedding(duvet, duvet cover, pillows, pillowcases, towels, and laundry baskets). Maintenance: bedding sets changed weekly by housekeeping



## Buffet Canteen

The bright and spacious style and soundproof design provide a quiet and comfortable dining environment for students, and served by leading global dining brands with curated nutrition, students can taste the fusion of Eastern and western flavours.



## Medical Support/Nurse Station

24-hour Nurse On Duty, provides medication support, dressing changes, and medication storage



## Wellbeing/Psychological Counsellor

Equipped with psychological counseling rooms and psychological counsellors, focusing on the physical and mental health development of the Upper school, Lower school and KG student groups respectively, and guarding the students' well-being 24 hours a day.



## Safeguarding

**Teachers:** All teachers certified through authoritative campus security, child protection, emotional wellbeing, personal safety training

**Facilities:** Equipped with security office, psychological counseling rooms, and access control system

**Patrol:** 24-hour security patrol schedule for ensuring a safe and secure environment.



## Insurance

WASCZ provides students with comprehensive insurance coverage, ensuring that they receive full protection throughout their time at WASCZ, regardless of the circumstances they may face.

For details regarding the types of insurance and specific coverage, please refer to the policy.



## Airport Pick-up

The school offers airport pick-up services from Shanghai, Wuxi, Nanjing, and Changzhou airports, with a one-way fee of 500 RMB. Our designated staff member will be assigned to meet students at the specified airport, ensuring their safe arrival and transfer to the school.



# University Destinations

Since its establishment in 2012, graduates of Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou have successfully gained admission to their desired universities, including the University of Oxford, the University of Cambridge, Imperial College London, University of Toronto, New York University, Parsons School of Design, and other world-renowned institutions.

- More than 35% of graduates have gone to the top 25 institutions in the QS Global Rankings
- 100+ specializations in the sciences, humanities, music and the arts.
- Countries and regions: UK, USA, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Switzerland, Germany, New Zealand, Korea, Hong Kong, Macau...

**2021 - 2024**



# Alumni Testimonials



## Styding in China: A pivotal moment in my life

Moving to China at the age of 16 was undoubtedly daunting, but I knew it was an opportunity that would only come once, and I had to take it up. Attending the prestigious international school that is Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou was a pivotal moment in my life; it gave, and still gives, me the incredible opportunity to immerse myself in a culture and language I had spent so much time learning about. On top of this, it gave me a chance to pursue my passion for biochemistry through my studies in a rigorous academic environment surrounded by brilliant peers and teachers who constantly push me to what I know I am capable of.

Changzhou city is a wildly different environment than the rural England I was used to back home. It gave firsthand insights into many different aspects of life that enabled China's rapid growth and ability to excel in the world of technology and science. Studying deepened my understanding of pharmacology and opened my eyes to the rising potential artificial intelligence has, especially since China is only second to the US in terms of AI research and development. This experience really helped me determine my academic trajectory and mould me into an excellent candidate for the best universities in the UK, so much so that it aided me in securing an interview for Natural Sciences at Cambridge, one of the university's most popular and competitive courses.

In addition to academia, the vast range of extracurriculars and sporting activities offered at the school allows for incredible personal growth and teamwork. I was fortunate enough to participate in swimming competitions in many parts of China, which gave rise to me making incredible connections with talented and likeminded individuals from all over China and even the world. I was also given the amazing opportunity to attend the prestigious Henley Royal Regatta rowing event as a member of the first Chinese high school eight-man boat to ever enter the regatta. Alongside various other sporting activities, such as ultimate frisbee, badminton, rugby, and netball, these events allowed me to ensure my education was as well-rounded as possible.





During the holidays, to escape school and further engage with Chinese culture, I took part in trips to local landmarks in Changzhou, Nanjing, and Suzhou, as well as larger cities such as Beijing and Shanghai. On these trips, I immersed myself in as much tradition, language, and food as possible, which involved visiting night markets, museums, and the infamous Great Wall and made for extraordinary opportunities for exploration.

Overall, this golden ticket opportunity has become everything I wanted and more. I have made great connections and experienced things I never thought I would have experienced. I feel I have contributed significantly to paving the way towards stronger connections between the UK and China, and I wish to see this relationship strengthen. I cannot wait to see how this program evolves and to see the amazing individuals emerging from it.





## Living my dream in real China

I have spent just over a year in China now, and the person I am now coming out of this experience is someone I could have never imagined. This scholarship has granted me so many learning experiences not just in terms of languages, but in culture, friendship and the skills needed to achieve my dreams.

Prior to moving to Changzhou, I grew up in village of 4000 people, outside London. I did not speak a single word of Chinese and to be honest, my knowledge of the world and life in general was rather limited. Thanks to the scholarship, my friends and my very patient Chinese teachers, I can now understand conversations in Mandarin, opening the gates for me to get to know those who I maybe wouldn't have due to language barriers. Last year, in a market in Shanghai I got to use my Mandarin for the first time when I met a lady called Mary. Mary owned a tea shop. The walls were lined with hundreds of different tea leaves, I was not sure what any of them were since the only tea I was familiar with at the time was English Breakfast and nai cha, but Mary was kind enough to teach me about its history and herself. That was not all I learnt though, the experience taught me that no matter how different we are, no matter where we grew up, no matter whatever preconceptions we have about each other, we are all just people. Mary comes from a city of 25 million and me, one of 4000, but we both love music and a good cup of tea. We are both just people.

Mary was not the only person I grew close to. Studying here gave me opportunities I did not previously have; one being joining a basketball team. Our team started small, but we persevered and have become a thriving community full of incredible girls each putting in the max effort to become the best. Thanks to those girls, a large part of my Chinese vocabulary consists of sports slang, but I would not want it any other way. Although it feels awkward to say, that team became a family. Every time we won, those were the people I would be jumping and screaming with. Every time we lost (not too often do not worry), those were the people I hugged. If it were not for this scholarship, I would never have met any of those amazing girls, many of which I consider friends for life.

While I made many valuable friendships with the Chinese students here, I was fortunate enough to find a community with the other scholars. Although an airport check-in queue is not your typical meet cue, that was where I met



some of my favourite people. Being away from home meant that we relied on each other and grew close as a result. I learnt to be independent, but I also learnt to value those around me learn from them. On one of our first holidays together, we were all sat in someone's room chatting until late into the night. At some point someone posed the question "If you could go back in time, would you still accept the scholarship?", all of us said yes. "Why?", although I did not say it at the time, because I was embarrassed to admit it to a group of people I had only met a month ago, one of my main reasons was because without the scholarship, I would not be sitting in that room spending time with them. That is the thing about this opportunity, it brings people together.

For me, the thing I am most grateful for, is how this scholarship enabled me to pursue a dream that I once thought would just be a dream. I always wanted to be a music producer, but I only had the chance to learn music technology when I moved here. If it were not for this generosity, I would not have learnt what I needed to, gained the experience I needed, and may not have received an offer to study music production at NYU. I am forever grateful for the incredible music department at this school for helping me reach that point and for providing me with so many incredible opportunities I never previously had.

While the experiences I have had within school have been great, the best times have been during the holidays. This gave me the unique chance to learn more about China as a whole. I still remember the first time seeing the Bund and all of us just standing in awe before Michael started shouting something about being in Shanghai. I still remember Imogen and I's little day trip to Suzhou for the dragon boat festival, where we got to see all the boats lined up ready for the annual race. Walking through the streets of Nanjing, trying pomelo for the first time and instantly adding it to my shopping list every following week. I still remember, taking my parents around China, being able to introduce them to the place I called home for the past year. I remember their scepticism before the flight and their confused faces as they tried to adjust to the country upon arrival. Honestly, I was worried.

I have grown to love this place so much and I really wanted them to understand why. You can imagine how happy I was when I saw their grinning faces as they enveloped

themselves in the culture, the same way I had. There was nothing purer than their excitement as they tried to use a few small Mandarin phrases I had taught them each day, or their bewilderment when I started talking to people in Mandarin and they saw how I had grown, or their tears of joy when they tried authentic Chinese cuisine (though the tears may have just been from the spice of the Mapo tofu). As I left them at the airport, my mum told me she was surprised. Given what she had thought about China previously, she was surprised how friendly people were, she was surprised how efficient everything was, she was surprised that the country was somehow more beautiful than she imagined. I want people to be surprised. Coming from a place where we do not learn much about China, it is easy to assume things. Only by coming here are we able to replace those assumptions with the reality. This scholarship gave me the chance to be surprised by the Chinese culture and to surprise myself with my growth throughout the experience. I aim to continue this chain of surprise by introducing more people to this extraordinary country.

I truly hope that, even after I graduate this year, the scholarship program continues. Everything about this experienced reshaped my way of thinking and changed my life forever, I would not be the person I am today had I not boarded that flight. I hope that someone in the future gets that same chance. More people deserve to be surprised.

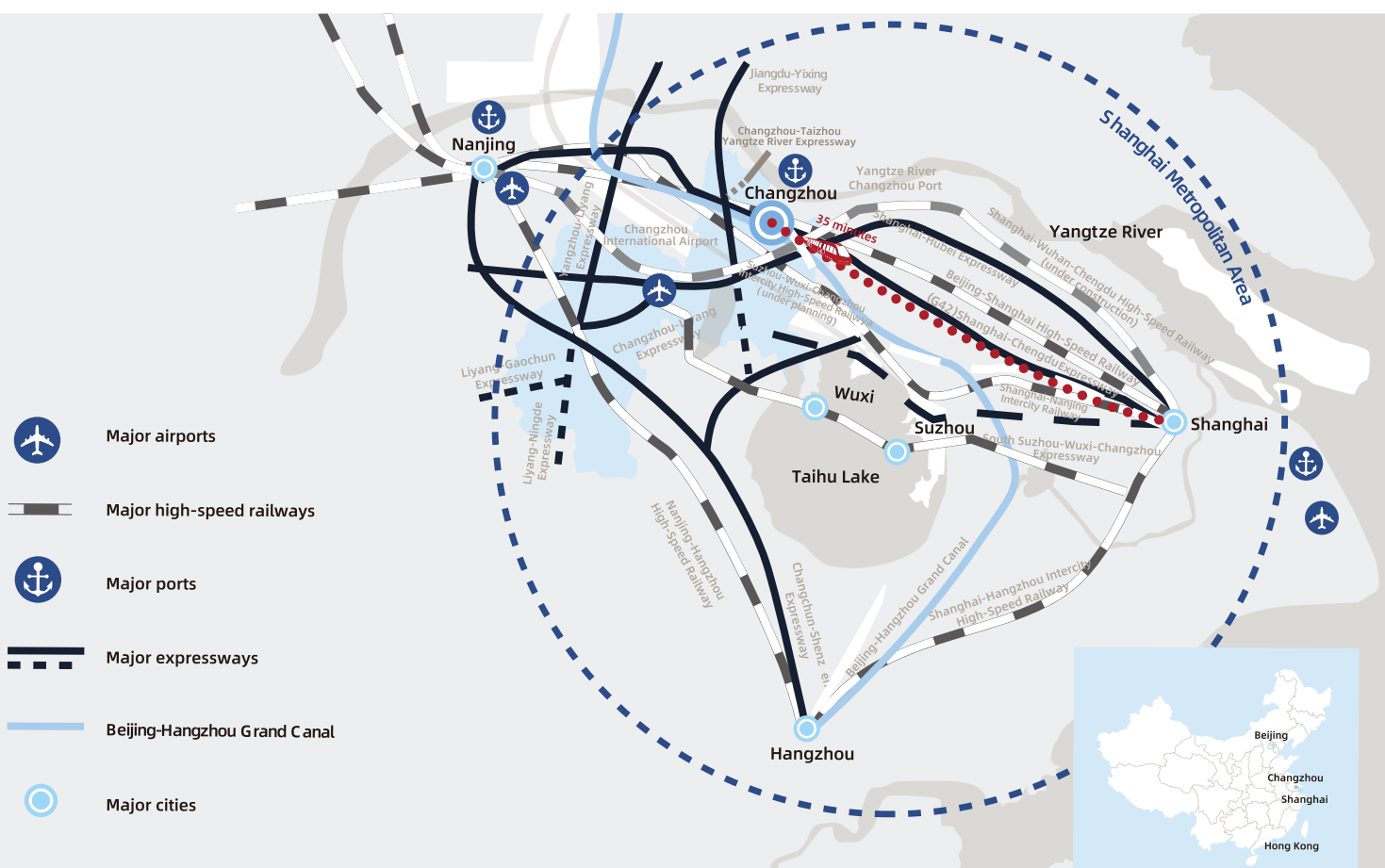


# Our Location

Wycombe Abbey School Changzhou is strategically situated in Changzhou City, Jiangsu Province, within the dynamic eastern corridor of China. As part of the bustling Shanghai metropolitan area, our location offers unparalleled transportation convenience. In just an hour by high-speed rail, students can explore ancient Nanjing, the culturally rich city of Suzhou, or the sprawling metropolis of Shanghai.

Changzhou is at the forefront of championing green development in line with national directives. The city passionately drives the evolution of the environmental protection sector, establishing itself as a pivotal production hub for solar energy, wind energy, and electric vehicles. This transformative journey has earned it the moniker "City of New Energy".

Our locale facilitates engaging academic journeys through Chinese history, gardens, opera, and intricate embroidery. Changzhou itself boasts historical gems such as the Spring and Autumn Yancheng Tourist Area, Qingguo Lane, Xiyongli Ming City Wall, the ancient canal, and the venerable Tianning Temple. These landmarks enrich our educational programmes and excursions by providing a rich historical and cultural context.





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