



Culford



Culford School Facilities Hire



An Introduction

Culford Hall and Estate

The present day 18th century mansion of Culford Hall is set within 480 acres of stunning Grade I listed, Repton designed parkland.

Today, it is the location of Culford School which provides an education which is challenging, enriching and fun to 670 children aged 2¾ to 18. Boarding is available from age 7 and in the Senior School more than half the children are boarders. Culford is proud of its outstanding pastoral care and our pupils' superb academic and extra-curricular achievements. Please visit www.culford.co.uk to find out more.

Location

Culford is located three miles from the attractive and historic market town of Bury St Edmunds and is supported with good transport links, including a direct rail line to London and Cambridge, together with quick access to the major A14/A11 and M11 highways.

Bury St Edmunds itself offers excellent shopping, theatre, cinema, dining and other recreational facilities. The historic cities of Cambridge and Norwich are just 40 minutes away while London is a 90 minute drive away and Oxford is approximately 150 minutes away. Places to visit on day trips include a number of attractive east coast seaside resorts within a 90 minute drive, as well as zoos, castles and adventure trails all within easy reach.

Facilities Available for Hire

Accommodation

We welcome bookings from outside organisations, particularly during school holiday periods. Culford can accommodate up to 340 residential visitors in five separate buildings. Our accommodation is all of a good standard with most rooms sleeping two or three people, with some singles, as well as family rooms or dormitory style accommodation for younger visitors, that can sleep up to eight. Each House has it's own lounge, common room and Kitchenette. Wi-fi is available.



Dining Facilities

There is an on-site dining room with cafeteria style service that can serve up to 220 in one sitting. Our catering partners, Edwards and Blake, can provide anything from full board in the dining room through to banqueting style catering for events such as formal four course dinners and wedding breakfasts.



Training, Practice & Performance

Classrooms are modern and almost all are equipped with interactive whiteboards. There are several large function halls within the school. These include Centenary Hall which can host balls, productions, lectures and larger functions for up to 450 people and a Studio Theatre that seats 90 and has integrated AV and lighting systems for presentations, meetings and smaller productions.



Sports Facilities

Culford has its own Sports and Tennis Centre with an outstanding range of facilities, including a 25 metre heated indoor swimming pool, sports hall, dance studio, five outdoor tennis courts and and a championship standard four court Indoor Tennis Centre. There are three cricket squares and an abundance of playing fields.



For more information about the facilities we offer for hire, please contact the Commercial Manager on 01284 385370 or commercial@culford.co.uk
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Previous clients/uses:

- Language Schools
- Music Groups
- Summer Activity Groups
- Church Groups
- Corporates for AGM's
- Film Location





Culford Estate

History of Culford Hall and Estate

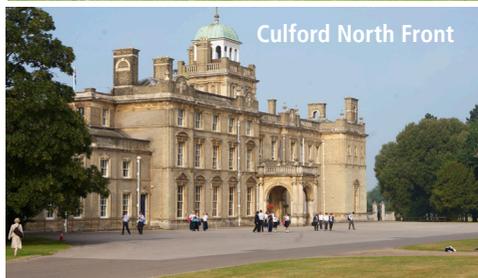
Bought from the Crown following the dissolution of the monasteries in 1541 by Sir Christopher Coote, Culford passed to Sir Nicholas Bacon, England's first Chancellor of the Exchequer. In 1586 he demolished the old manor house which stood on the site and built a 78-foot square Hall in red Tudor brick.

The estate subsequently passed to the Cornwallis family through marriage. They remained the owners of Culford until 1823; the family transformed Culford into an 18th century mansion.

Rev Richard Benyon de Beauvoir bought Culford in 1823. He renovated the church before selling Culford in 1889 to the 5th Earl Cadogan, who made great alterations to the Hall, including the addition of a new north wing which doubled the building in size. At that time the Culford estate extended to some 10,000 acres, which allowed the Earl to host many shooting parties, including, in December 1907, one which was attended by King Edward VII.

On the death of the 5th Earl in 1935, Culford Hall was put up for sale and subsequently bought by the Methodist Board of Education as a new site for its East Anglian School for Boys, previously located in Bury St Edmunds.

In 1972 Culford became one of the country's first co-educational boarding & day schools when The East Anglian School for Girls joined the boys. The Cadogan family retain their links with Culford today and the Rt Hon Viscount Chelsea is the school's Patron.



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