

Worth School

PADDOCKHURST ROAD, TURNERS HILL, WEST SUSSEX RH10 4SD

WEBSITE worthschool.org.uk

HEAD Stuart McPherson, MA, since 2015; previously housemaster and

teacher at Eton PUPILS 575. **Day:**

179 boys, 106 girls; **boarding:** 259

boys, 91 girls **FAITH RC AGES** 11–18

TERM FEES **Day:** £7,570; **boarding:**

£10,700 **OXBRIDGE 4% REGISTRATION**

Two years prior to entry; £100 fee

ADMISSION Pre-test, school's own

exam and interview **ALUMNI** Actor

Robert Bathurst, Sir David Bell

At Worth, it's views, views, views,

with the 500 splendiferous acres

making a picture-perfect setting

and the wonderful Benedictine

spirit pervading the whole. You're

just as likely to spot a monk

manning the house BBQ as in

the extraordinary Abbey, and

the old staffroom has been

transformed into a modern,

drop-in chaplaincy. The values

underpin daily life, but a pupil

tells us there's 'absolutely no

pressure'. Applications have been

on the up since Aussie Stuart

McPherson landed in the Sussex

hills two years ago. Europeans

are flocking here thanks to

the proximity of Gatwick

(12 minutes) and the popularity

of the IB, which Worth continues

to champion. There's a wide

academic spectrum: A-levels were

a solid 75 per cent A*-B last year.

A new student theatre group is taking its productions out into the community and the choir, which recently sang for the Pope, is very inclusive – no audition. Alum Tom Mitchell captained the medal-winning rugby sevens team at the Rio Olympics, so there's been a surge of excitement on the pitches. Boarding is full (so no weekend exoduses); from September, boys will stay in the same boarding house the whole way through, while the girls are relocating to a boys' house (lots of girlification promised). We were amused by the 'What would Taylor Swift pray?' signs all over the dorms.