Norfolk

Country

Gresham's, Holt

480 pupils aged 13–18,
day and boarding
(plus prep school)

Fees £3,350–
£11,660

Motto All worship
be to God alone

It may be situated amid
200 acres in the far, eastern
reaches of north Norfolk, just
four miles from the glorious coastline, but
Gresham’s—which was originally founded
as a grammar school in 1555 by Sir John
Gresham after the Reformation closed
the only local source of learning—provides
East Anglian parents with a truly top
public school (it offers both the IB and
A levels) that has the stated aims of providing
its pupils with ‘an enlightened education
which celebrates British values in
a Christian setting’.

Its theatre, the Auden Theatre—the poet
was a pupil, as were composers Benjamin
Britten and Lennox Berkeley, poet Stephen
Spender, director Stephen Frears and
actress Olivia Colman, plus inventor Sir
James Dyson—which last term celebrated
its 20th anniversary, is justifiably famous.
School productions attracting a genuine
public audience beyond parents. It’s set in
200 acres in an AONB and has a rifle range
(shooting is big here).

Kent

Town

1,100 p

London

Train

Subjects,
Design, Technology,
Greek, PE

The school
has a gallery
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open to the
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Country

Maidwell

120 pupils
mainly boys

Fees £5,800
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