

### 3. TRENDS AMONG HMC PUPILS

*The number of pupils in HMC schools has grown steadily over recent decades.*

*The mix of pupils has also changed markedly over the past 30 years in terms of gender, ethnicity and country of domicile.*

*Students experience small classes and almost all proceed to higher education.*

#### Numbers

- HMC has conducted detailed pupil surveys for 50 years. In 1964 there were 86,000 boys in HMC schools, aged 11-18. In **2013** there were **204,000 pupils** (35% girls) aged 3-18.
- Over the past ten years HMC **pupil numbers** have **risen by 14%**. The proportion of **girl** pupils has grown from 28% to 35%.

#### Ethnicity

- In independent schools in England there is a **higher proportion of ethnic minority pupils** (26.7%) than in state-maintained schools.
- Within HMC schools in England **24%** of pupils are from **ethnic minorities**, a figure that is steadily growing.

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#### Country of domicile

- 6% of HMC pupils (13,000) in the UK have **non-British parents living overseas**.
- This **proportion** is growing **very gradually** (1.1% during 2012-2013) as HMC schools continue to derive benefit from a more international outlook among pupils.

#### Class size and destination after school

- Across HMC schools there is a ratio of **one teacher to every nine pupils**.
- HMC schools all have sixth forms that provide broad, challenging curricula. **Almost all pupils** prepare for entry to **higher education**.