

International Prospectus

2023/24



Rated “**Excellent**” in all areas

February 2023 Report



Ackworth School
NON SIBI SED OMNIBUS

1779



Welcome

Ackworth School is steeped in history, and offers you a traditional British education with a firm focus on preparation for a modern future.

Our school is over 240 years old, brimming with history and stories. Yet, we are also 240 years young; full of vigour and optimism, much like the children who live and study here.

We are proud of our traditions and family values, but equally proud of our innovative approach to co-education, given we are the oldest co-educational boarding school in the country.

At Ackworth, we strive to develop resilient individuals who not only think creatively, but also act ethically and with responsibility. We

encourage our students to express themselves with confidence, to embody the Quaker value of respecting others, but also in a way that is true to themselves and their beliefs.

All our international pupils are integrated into the school and are in the same boarding houses, classes, sports teams and clubs as all other pupils.

I encourage you to learn more about Ackworth School, speak to our pupils and staff, and find out for yourself how bright your child's future at Ackworth could be.

Anton Maree, Head



Welcome to our successful, international student family

Ackworth School is a high achieving and diverse boarding school for boys and girls.

Our international students achieve exceptional academic results and describe the school as their second family. Parents hear stories about busy days full of learning, achievement and new activities, with friends from all over the world.



What makes Ackworth School special?

Our beautiful, historic school is in the heart of Yorkshire. Although it's close to some of the UK's most scenic countryside, it's within easy reach of several major cities – including London – and international airports.



Growth

We're committed to working with each child as they grow with us. Our emphasis on stability and belonging means our students forge strong friendships and have the confidence to follow their unique interests.

Achievement

With a focus on individual achievement and encouragement, the learning journey your child will experience at Ackworth School enables them to achieve outstanding results, often beyond expectation. Ackworth's students leave the school equipped to lead a fulfilled and responsible adult life.

Support

Ackworth School invests time in supporting your child's growth and emotional development, alongside their academic development. We believe that happiness and fulfilment are an important part of your child's education.

Peace

Quaker values of Peace, Equality, Sustainability, Simplicity and Truth are present in everything we do. These principles are the foundations for a life based on mutual respect and trust, and a belief that every member of the community has equal value.

A historic English school, with a strong international reputation

Ackworth School was founded as a Quaker school in a beautiful, rural setting in 1779. For over 240 years, we have proudly maintained a passion for exceptional teaching and learning that is non-selective and without prejudice.

Our established international reputation is founded on providing students from overseas with the confidence to learn the English language, and the skills they need to succeed within the UK educational system.



The benefits of being a Quaker school

Quaker values are fundamental in daily life at Ackworth School, with an emphasis on acceptance and quiet reflection.

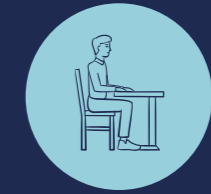
The school's Latin moto 'non sibi sed omnibus' is translated as 'not for oneself but each for the good of all' and is followed by Quaker values of 'STEPS': simplicity, truth, equality, peace and sustainability.

Respect for others and honesty create a calm, friendly school atmosphere, which is supportive and reassuring for young people. Students are encouraged to think creatively, act ethically and behave with responsibility.

Today, we welcome students from all backgrounds, and most are not Quaker. The international diversity of our school is what makes it great.



Ackworth in numbers



14
average
class size



50 acre campus,
200 acre site

500
pupils



Nationalities



clubs and
societies

1
olympian



21%
international
senior pupils



1 Nobel Prize
winner



1 boarding
house



20 sports

80
boarders



5,000
strong Old
Scholar network



3 sport
academies

Getting to Ackworth

Excellent transport links and airport transfers from Manchester Airport and Leeds Bradford Airport.



Yorkshire. Central UK location in the county of Yorkshire. The largest region in England, with an international reputation for business, manufacturing, major sporting events and sites of historic and natural beauty.



Leeds. The largest legal and financial city in England (outside London), just 25km, or 25 minutes, by car from Ackworth School.



York. A historically important city just 25 minutes from Ackworth School.



An established, international boarding community

Ackworth School was designed from the outset to be a mixed boarding school.

This is reflected in the fact that around one third of the Senior School are boarders – and around four in five boarders are from overseas.

Our flexible approach means that some students choose to board full time throughout their school career, while others board for a year or two.

Boarding helps students to focus on study, with access to the school's excellent facilities late into the evening and at weekends.

Life as a boarder

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of boarding at Ackworth School can be seen in the strong and lasting friendships developed among our global community of students.

Every student instantly becomes an integral part of that ready-made international community, enriched by its multiple languages, cultures and experiences.

Joining together to flourish in sporting, artistic and academic pursuits creates relationships that last beyond school days, to form the foundations of lifelong global networks.



Outstanding teaching facilities

Our superb teaching facilities include spacious, well-equipped science laboratories, outstanding art, music and drama facilities and a first-class library.

Information and communications technology (ICT), design and technology are a particular strength, with specialist facilities and an impressive reputation for success and university admission.





Sports at Ackworth

Sports, physical health and mental wellbeing are very important to all Ackworth pupils and are a platform for academic success. Pupils have access to a dedicated, professional-level fitness suite, indoor swimming pool, athletics field and cross-country course, tennis and squash courts, cricket pitch and multiple extra-curricular sports and wellbeing clubs.

Sporting facilities at Ackworth School:

- Five football pitches
- Athletics field
- Indoor, heated swimming pool
- Multi-sports hall
- Fitness suite
- Five all-weather tennis courts
- Two all-weather pitches
- Numerous table tennis tables
- Cross-country running course
- Two squash courts

Academies

Our sports academies offer the chance for talented pupils to train under world class coaches in tailor-made programmes. Pupils in the academies often go on to compete at county and even international level.

Table tennis

Pupils compete in the premier division of the Junior British League and train in our bespoke table tennis centre. The Academy is a pre-eminent programme within the junior game and offers pupils the chance to excel under a world-class coach and to travel abroad to play in international tournaments.

Football

Our academy provides an elite football development programme for boys and girls. The academy is run by English League Two club, Harrogate Town AFC, under the leadership of John McDermott, our UEFA A licence qualified coach. Football Academy scholarships are available for those who meet the required standard.



Squash

Ackworth pupils have access to the highest level of squash coaching and an opportunity to play at a competitive level through our unique affiliation with the world class Pontefract Squash Club. The club has produced world-renowned players and has an established platform for the development of younger players.

Sporting skills for life:
self-discipline, practice preparation, teamwork, goal-setting, success and failure resilience



“ Our students leave the Sixth Form to go to some of the best universities in the world with a sense of purpose and confidence that neither they, nor their families, ever dreamt of. ”

Daniel Jones, Head of Sixth Form



Academic Life

Ackworth provides a broad Senior School curriculum which gives young people solid academic foundations to develop their interests and talents.

From Year 7, pupils follow a varied programme including the arts, sciences, languages, practical subjects, technology and sport. Expert teachers will help your child to identify their strengths and learn the skills they need to succeed in the UK educational system including:

- Curriculum and commitment
- Study techniques
- English language

Most students study nine subjects at GCSE. English, English Literature, Mathematics and Science (2 or 3 GCSEs) are compulsory, with four additional subject options.

Students receive positive encouragement not pressure, with every student celebrated for their individual achievements.





Digital learning

Ackworth School has a digital-first approach to learning and all senior students are provided with an Apple iPad by the school.

We use Microsoft Teams in support of classroom teaching and learning. Students can receive and submit work to tutors, send messages to project groups and receive year group updates.

Apple TVs in every classroom enable students to share work and collaborate on big ideas.





el parque nacional...

J: Sí, ¡fue genial! También hemos pasado un día en la playa.

E: Pues, mira. Hoy es martes. Según el pronóstico del tiempo, hará viento en la costa, así que será mejor ir al zoo que a la playa. ¿Qué te parece?

J: ¡Qué bien! Quiero ver los monos. Mañana parece que lloverá bastante.

E: ¿Por qué no vamos a la Cueva del Viento? El tiempo no nos importará.

J: Buena idea. ¿Y el jueves?

E: Será muy variable, según el pronóstico. Habrá nubes y claros, con chubascos. Bueno, iremos a Santa Cruz. Si no hace viento, podremos paddle surf, y si hace demasiado viento, haremos piragüismo.

J: ¡Qué guay! Me encantan los dos.

E: El viernes será tu último día.

J: ¡Qué triste!

E: Sí, pero iremos al centro comercial y podrás comprar regalos.

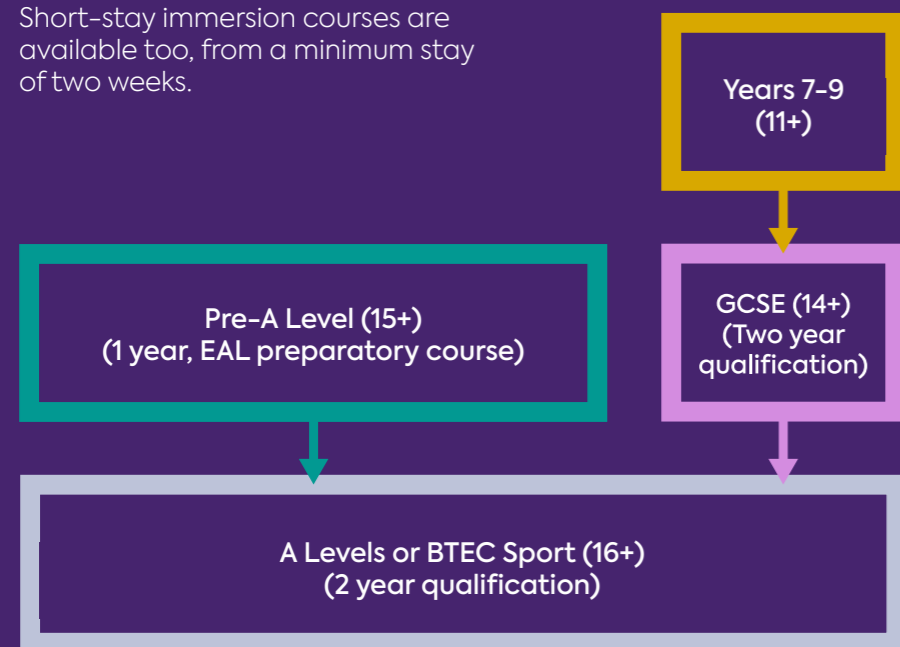
J: De acuerdo.

International pupil pathways

Ackworth School provides well-established, fully supported academic pathways to ensure that all of our international students settle quickly, feel welcome and equally valued.

Depending on the individual's level of English and desired qualification, pupils can start their studies at Ackworth via four main points of entry.

Short-stay immersion courses are available too, from a minimum stay of two weeks.



Pre-A Level

The Pre-A level course prepares pupils for the demands of A level study, with a combination of English language and academic skills development.

The Pre-A level at Ackworth includes:

- Regular testing of reading, speaking and writing skills
- Intakes in September, January and April
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Small teaching groups
- Half-termly academic reports
- Regular testing and monitoring of progress
- A range of exams from Cambridge ESOL qualifications (KET and PET) to Cambridge IELTS
- Introduction to academic subjects offered at A level
- Lessons in British culture
- Weekend cultural trip to London
- Compulsory evening study supervised by teachers
- Designed to prepare international students for A-Level study

- A standard of 4.5 on the IELTS scale is required
- Strong focus on written and spoken English
- Learn Research skills, Essay Writing skills, Written and Oral Comprehension skills, Public Speaking and Presentation skills
- Well-qualified EAL Teachers
- Subjects; Maths, English, Business Studies, Design Technology, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- PE and Games lessons
- Aim is to achieve IELTS Level 5.0 or higher to succeed at A level
- 1-to-1 University adviser
- After-school Clubs and Societies programme which support the academic curriculum
- Weekend activities, sports and excursions to assist in use of English in informal settings
- Access (subject to ability) to the School's Football Academy; Table Tennis Academy, and Squash Academy

What do international pupils think about Ackworth School?

“ Upon returning to Boarding for my second and final year, I have been made welcomed and the transition has been immaculate in creating a home-away-from-home environment.

Ackworth has provided us with a clear and structured routine to help us transition into our next school year from 8 weeks off at Summer, providing the foundation and fundamental routines as well as much support from the boarding staff. Having returned for 2 weeks, we have already been presented with opportunities and days out thus far; including shopping trips to White Rose Shopping Centre, Junction 32 and activities out such as Ninja Warrior UK. We are

constantly busy in boarding as we have many chances to take part in various activities throughout the week and at the weekend such as tennis, badminton, swimming, yoga, squash, hockey as well as arts and crafts.

We are made to feel a community in the boarding house through constant and frequent interaction throughout the year groups as well as between boys and girls. Staff in boarding are really supportive and helpful in creating the home-away-from-home environment as well as helping us through our education. ”

Shannon (Upper Sixth Form)

“ Hello my name is Carlota, I'm from Spain and I have only been here for 2 weeks and I really love it.

The people here are so nice and so kind also the boarding staff always cares for you and you can always talk with them.

I really feel comfortable in this school also the teachers help you a lot with the homework or if you don't understand anything. At the weekends they organize a lot of activities for you and you always have fun. Also they do a lot of sport and they are really good at football and hockey. Being in Ackworth has been an good opportunity to make friends around the world and I really feel like I have been here for 2 months and its like a home. ”

Carlota (Yr 10)

“ The Football Academy is very good. I'm really enjoying it. The facilities that we train at are very good, like in a professional environment. Also the coaching is at a very high level which has developed me a lot. We play a game on every Wednesday; the league we play in is highly competitive. This will help me improve a lot as a player. I'm enjoying playing and training with my team mates which are a great group of players. ”

Max (Upper Sixth Form)



“ For me, two years studying at Ackworth School as a Sixth Form student have been brilliant. The school staff have been wonderful in helping me to adapt to an environment that is new to me. I love studying in Westwood or taking time out in the Sixth Form Centre. ”

Trang, Vietnam



In 2022, nearly 50% of our A level candidates secured places in the top 25 universities in the UK.

Further Education

As a non-selective school, it is always rewarding to see Ackworth students being offered places and first choices at some of the UK's most competitive institutions, including Oxford and Cambridge. Among these successes are many international students who came to Ackworth to propel them onto their chosen paths of study.

Our small, family-like setting helps pupils to achieve their very best. Our non-selective approach means every individual has the opportunity to strive for standout achievement.

In 2022 our pupils achieved:

A level:	GCSE:
A*-A – 30.1%	9-8 (A*) – 24%
A*-B – 51.8%	9-7 (A*-A) – 43.5%
A*-C – 74.7%	9-6 (A*-B) – 59.25%
A*-E – 97.5%	9-5 (A*-B) – 76.75%
	9-4 (A*-C) – 89%



Applying to Ackworth

Guide 2023/24



Our Admissions team is here to help your family on its education journey.

Choosing the right school for your child's individual needs and aspirations can positively influence their personal, and professional, sense of achievement, happiness and fulfilment.

This guide is designed to reassure you as you are considering entrusting Ackworth School with your child's education, you are already undoubtedly giving your child the best educational foundations for life.

Ackworth School has a widely accepted reputation for excellence in education. High standards are set academically, in sport, the arts and in the personal lives of every pupil and member of staff. Quaker principles underpin all that we do and make possible an education based on mutual respect and trust, and a belief that every member of the community is valued.

If you are able to visit us in person, we find that once visited, Ackworth School is never forgotten by parents for the sense of community, happiness, support and encouragement fostered by both staff and the pupils themselves. We always encourage a virtual visit as an alternative way of getting to know Ackworth, too.

We would be very proud to welcome you into the Ackworth family.

We're here to help. You can contact our Admissions team at:

 **+44 (0)1977 233 621**

 **admissions@ackworthschool.com**

Admissions Procedure

The Ackworth admissions process is designed to ensure that the young person concerned would benefit from the opportunities of an Ackworth education.

An offer of a place at Ackworth depends on the completion of the School's own entrance assessments, a reference from the pupil's previous school, and there being a vacancy in the relevant year group.

In the case of entry into the Sixth Form, conditional offers are made on the basis of a reference from the pupil's current school and the achievement of appropriate grades at GCSE or equivalent.

To begin the process, please complete a registration form towards the back of this guide or visit our website to complete an electronic copy. A £75 non-refundable registration fee is due on submission, which covers the administration of your child's application. Following the offer of a place by the School, parents should return the acceptance form and include the appropriate acceptance fee which secures the place. If a visa is required, a Compliance Management Fee of £370 will become due at the point of acceptance. This supports the visa process and ensures ongoing immigration compliance with UKVI during the pupil's time at Ackworth.



Entry Procedure

Entry is by school reference, interview and entrance assessments. These will involve Mathematics and English assessments set by the School, and additional papers where required.

Scholarships

Ackworth School offers scholarships in Academic, Music, Art, Drama, and Sports.

Scholarships are usually tenable for a predetermined period of time providing the holder's academic progress and general conduct remains satisfactory and provided that the holder continues enthusiastically to fulfil the obligations associated with the scholarship.

Fees

	Fees per Term	Fees per Year
Full time Boarding	£11,795	£35,385
Pre-A Level	£13,185	£39,555
Short Stay Boarding (Immersion)	£1,000 p/week	

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries

Ackworth School has, as one of its founding aims, to support 'Friend' (Quaker) children not in affluence. The School today strives to support 'Friend and non-Friend' children who would benefit from an education at Ackworth School.

Ackworth School recognises the exceptional gifts and talents of young people through the award of scholarships. Therefore, scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit. In cases of need, bursaries are available but they are all means tested.

The number and size of scholarships is at the discretion of the Head. The award of a scholarship will remain solely on merit in any of the categories described below and the financial implications of this award will be a fee remission decided by the school.

The award of any scholarship carries with it privilege and responsibility; every scholarship holder is expected to set

an example for the other pupils in their conduct and approach to academic study, and to participate in the fuller life of the School through commitment to extra-curricular activities. All scholarships are liable to be rescinded in the case of the student not meeting their potential or obligations explicitly stated in the granting of the scholarship.

Scholarships are available for:

- Academic
- Music
- Art
- Drama
- Sports

Fees and Financial Information

Payment of fees

Fees are invoiced termly or yearly by prior arrangement.

Composition fee agreements are available on request whereby a discounted lump sum advance payment of fees is made. Please contact Admissions for further information.

Fee increases

From time to time the School may increase fees to ensure its costs are being met and the impact of inflation is minimised. Ackworth School will give at least one term's notice of any increase of fees.

Optional extras

There are a number of optional extras that may be charged based on your child's participation. These can include:

- Music lessons
- EAL
- Singing lessons
- Learning Support

Insurance

Personal Accident insurance is included as part of the fees.

School Policies

All school policies can be found on our website at www.ackworthschool.com/policies

How to Apply

You will need to complete the forms listed below to apply for a place at Ackworth School. Before you begin the process, for ease, we have identified the information you will need prior to submitting the forms. Submit completed forms and relevant documentation to admissions@ackworthschool.com or send to **Ackworth School, Pontefract Road, Ackworth, WF7 7LT.**

The registration form can be completed online.

1. Registration Form

- A copy of your child's passport
- Copies of your child's last two school reports
- Name and address of current school
- Name of the current Head
- How long your child has been at their school
- Details of parent(s)/guardian(s)
- Parents occupation and business address
- Hobbies and interests of child
- Details of any special needs or disabilities your child may have
- Details of any medication and/or medical conditions your child has
- Signature of parent(s)/guardian(s)
- A payment of £75 for the Registration Fee

2. Scholarship Application Form (if applicable)

- Which scholarship your child wants to be considered for
- Their current sport/instrument and level (e.g. regional, national, club, county, or grade 6, grade 7 etc)
- Supporting information (e.g. John plays for Leeds United Youth U14s Team)
- Achievements and awards
- Reference (e.g. a coach or trainer - please note, we will be contacting the named person for confirmation)

Forms can be found overleaf.



Scan the QR code for quick access to the registration form.

International Pupil Registration Form

Your Child	
Surname	
First names	
Preferred name	
Nationality	Gender
Date of birth	Religion

Type of place	
Proposed year of entry:	
Proposed term of entry: Autumn <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/>	

Length of Stay	
Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 terms <input type="checkbox"/> Immersion (less than 1 term) <input type="checkbox"/>	

Parent/ Legal Guardian 1	
Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs)	Full Name
Day-time telephone	Evening telephone
Address	
	Postcode
	Country
Mobile	
Email	
Occupation	
Employer's business name and address	
Pupil lives with this parent/guardian	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Relation to child	

Parent/ Legal Guardian 2	
Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs)	Full Name
Day-time telephone	Evening telephone
Address	
	Postcode
	Country
Mobile	
Email	
Occupation	
Employer's business name and address	
Pupil lives with this parent/guardian	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Relation to child	

Please ensure both **Parent/Guardian 1** and **Parent/Guardian 2** are completed with two different contacts for the child.

Guardian	
Ackworth School requires that every pupil from overseas studying full time in the UK requires a guardian. Ackworth School recommends AEGIS accredited guardians (More information can be found at www.aegisuk.net). If a guardian has not been selected at this stage, please leave these answers blank. Guardianship details will be required at the acceptance stage. See Ackworth's website for the full guardianship policy.	
Title (e.g. Mr, Mrs)	Full Name
Day-time telephone	Evening telephone
Address	
	Postcode
Mobile	
Email	
Relation to child (if relevant)	

Connections with School
Please mention here the names of any other members of the family attending the School or registered for entry; or any other connection with the School. Is either parent or grandparent an Old Scholar of Ackworth School?

How did you first hear about our School?			
Word of mouth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present school	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media Story	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education Agent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advertisement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet search/website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
If other, please give details			

Present School Details		
Name		
Address		
	Postcode	
	Country	
Dates of attendance		
School contact email		

Please outline below any particular artistic, dramatic, musical, or sporting skills and experience, and any hobbies or interests your child has.

Your Child's Medical Condition or Special Educational Needs
Please provide us with details of any medical condition, health problem or allergy affecting your child; any learning difficulty, disability, or special educational need of your child, as well as any behavioural, emotional and / or social issues of your child.
Please provide details of any medical condition/allergy
Please provide copies of reports as appropriate
Please provide details of any regular medication that your child takes
Please provide details of any learning difficulties, or behavioural, emotional and/or social issues
Please provide copies of reports as appropriate

Declaration

I / We request that our child named above is registered as a prospective pupil and understand that registration does not constitute an offer of a place at Ackworth School.

I understand that the School may obtain, process and hold personal information about me / us which may include financial information provided by me / us or by any licensed credit reference agency or information contained in any court orders, petitions or proceedings.

I understand that the School may also obtain, process and hold personal information about our child which may include sensitive information such as medical details, and I / we consent to this for the purposes of assessment and, if a place is later offered, in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

I / We enclose the non-refundable Registration Fee of £75 together with this completed Registration Form duly signed by me / us.

I / We understand and accept that images of my child may be used by the School for publicity. (If you are unhappy with the above then please inform the Head in writing at admissions@ackworthschool.com)

Signatures of Parents / Legal Guardians		
	Parent / Legal Guardian 1	Parent / Legal Guardian 2
Signature		
Name in full		
Date of birth		
Relationship to child		
Date		

This form, together with a photocopy of the pupil's passport and the registration fee should be returned to the Admissions office.

admissions@ackworthschool.com

Ackworth School, Pontefract Road, Ackworth West Yorkshire WF7 7LT

Payment Methods

Payment by Cheque

All cheques payable to: **Ackworth School**

Please write in full the pupil's name on the reverse of the cheque

Payment by Credit/Debit Card or Bank Transfer

To make a Credit/Debit card payment or bank transfer please visit: ackworthschoolfees.flywire.com. Payments can be made in local currency as well as GBP. Please ensure you use your child's surname as their Student ID when submitting payment.

Scholarship Application Form

Your Child

Surname

First names

Date of birth

Present School

I wish to be considered for the following scholarship(s)

Academic Music Art Drama Sport

Please provide additional information



Speak to us to begin your Ackworth journey

Please contact our Admissions office

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or email
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