

SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Woodbridge High School

A Specialist Language and Business & Enterprise College
with Applied Learning Specialism

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to Woodbridge High School.

Woodbridge is a modern, caring, multi-cultural and fully comprehensive school. The students are a credit to themselves and the school. They are smart, respectful and hard working. There is a real flavour of industry and ambition here.

Woodbridge is a high-achieving school. The examination results continue to go from strength to strength. We are recognised for our wide range of subjects for all age groups, including our sixth form. Many students progress to university based on their excellent results.

Our students have many opportunities and responsibilities. Their views are important as well as their working relationships with each other. They are taught how to work 'smartly' so they can use these skills at school and in their future careers. There are many clubs, activities and out of school visits. The classrooms, corridors and display areas are a vibrant celebration of the students' work and achievement.

We work closely with parents. We will involve you fully in what your child is studying, how they are performing and targets for further progress. Our staff are talented, experienced and committed to helping all young people. In partnership, we will succeed in fulfilling your child's potential for a well-qualified, successful, happy future.

We look forward to working with you and your child.



Andrew Beaumont
Headteacher



*“The school promotes a real culture of safety
among its students and around its site.”*

*“Staff are relentless
in the drive to
promote excellence
throughout the
school.”*

Achievement

Woodbridge students achieve excellent examination results as demonstrated by a year on year rising trend in performance. The school is proud of its inclusive approach in which students are offered a range of courses designed to cater for the full range of abilities.

Close monitoring of progress and intelligent use of data allow teaching staff to provide students with specific targets and actions that will enable them to achieve their potential.

Learning and Teaching

Woodbridge offers a modern, diverse curriculum. A full range of National Curriculum subjects is taught at Key Stage 3 (student ages 11-14). There are opportunities for students to take GCSE examinations earlier than usual and receive support as appropriate. All subjects at Key Stage 4 (14-16) offer pathways to our Key Stage 5 (16-19) courses.

Our commitment to the importance of Business & Enterprise, and Languages, is affirmed by our Specialist College status. The students benefit from an enriched curriculum and through our work with partner schools. We also specialise in applied learning courses, offering students the opportunity to follow a vocation and develop practical skills.

Students are fully involved in their learning and are able to expertly discuss their progress and future needs. Learning how to learn is an approach that equips each student to tackle subjects with the right tools. Students are able to transfer their learning skills from one subject to another. The result is well-rounded students with a repertoire of life-long learning skills.

Teachers at Woodbridge take a child-centred approach, using expert knowledge and methods to draw out the best from each student. Every member of staff teaches their specialist subjects to the highest standard.



Resources

We make full use of innovative and creative technology. The students have access to desktop computers, laptops, Macs, tablets, visualisers, smartboards, a laser cutter and a 3D printer. Our ratio of one computer for every two students is one of the best in the borough.

Our library is extensive and is divided into different zones to cater for a range of needs. Students can catch up with the latest novel in the comfortable reading area, research for elusive facts in the reference section, complete assignments using one of the 30 computers or spend some time quietly working at one of the study desks. Lunchtimes are popular with many students playing board games from around the world. After school provision for a homework club means students can study in a safe environment conducive to work.

Our Science laboratories, Art and Drama studios, and Technology workshops are well-equipped with up-to-date resources, creating an environment in which students can flourish and excel.

The school is privileged to have a state-of-the-art, floodlit, artificial grass football pitch. It is utilised at every opportunity throughout the day: during lessons, at lunchtime and afterschool. The local community has evening and weekend use of the pitch. There is also a large, modern sports hall, a traditional gymnasium, three playgrounds and six outdoor table-tennis tables that provide the students with the opportunity to undertake a range of sports at curricular, recreational or club level.



“Students show very positive attitudes towards learning”



Our Care for the Students

The progress and welfare of every child matters very much. Our students helped to shape their Code of Conduct. It is based on each student's right to learn in a positive, supportive school. The students appreciate the value of respect and self-responsibility. They are rewarded when they do well. They are taught about leading healthy, safe lifestyles.

The school is very well-ordered and purposeful. Our students know that care and support is always available. Students display excellent manners and are courteous by nature. Clear and coherent pastoral systems allow for firm action to be taken when needed.

Making the Most of your Potential

The students receive specialist teaching in all subjects. The students work hard to achieve their best and take pride in doing so. They are informed about the progress they are making and how to make further improvements. They work on relevant, challenging home learning tasks. They know that they can approach their teachers for extra guidance and support. We offer real quality of provision for Gifted and Talented students. We also have wide-ranging programmes for meeting each child's learning needs.

“Students receiving support in their learning make rapid progress.”



Extra-Curricular Opportunities

We believe that a school should be more than just lessons. Our students are offered a fantastic range of activities to develop and broaden their interests. The ECM (Every Child Matters) team of staff organise events and activities to engage the students through our traditional house system.

Woodbridge has a strong sporting tradition, providing opportunities for the full range of abilities. Music and drama play a key role in the life of the school. Productions and concerts showcase the talents of our students. The library is a sanctuary for reading and quiet games.

Students are able to pursue a language through our community language programme. Many go on to attain qualifications.

From an early age, students are encouraged to think for themselves while considering the views of others. There are opportunities to develop these skills through public speaking competitions and the debating club.

The commitment and dedication of our staff means that students can find an activity or interest to pursue in practically any area of the curriculum and beyond; from Art and Archery to Parkour and Super Scientists, the list is long.

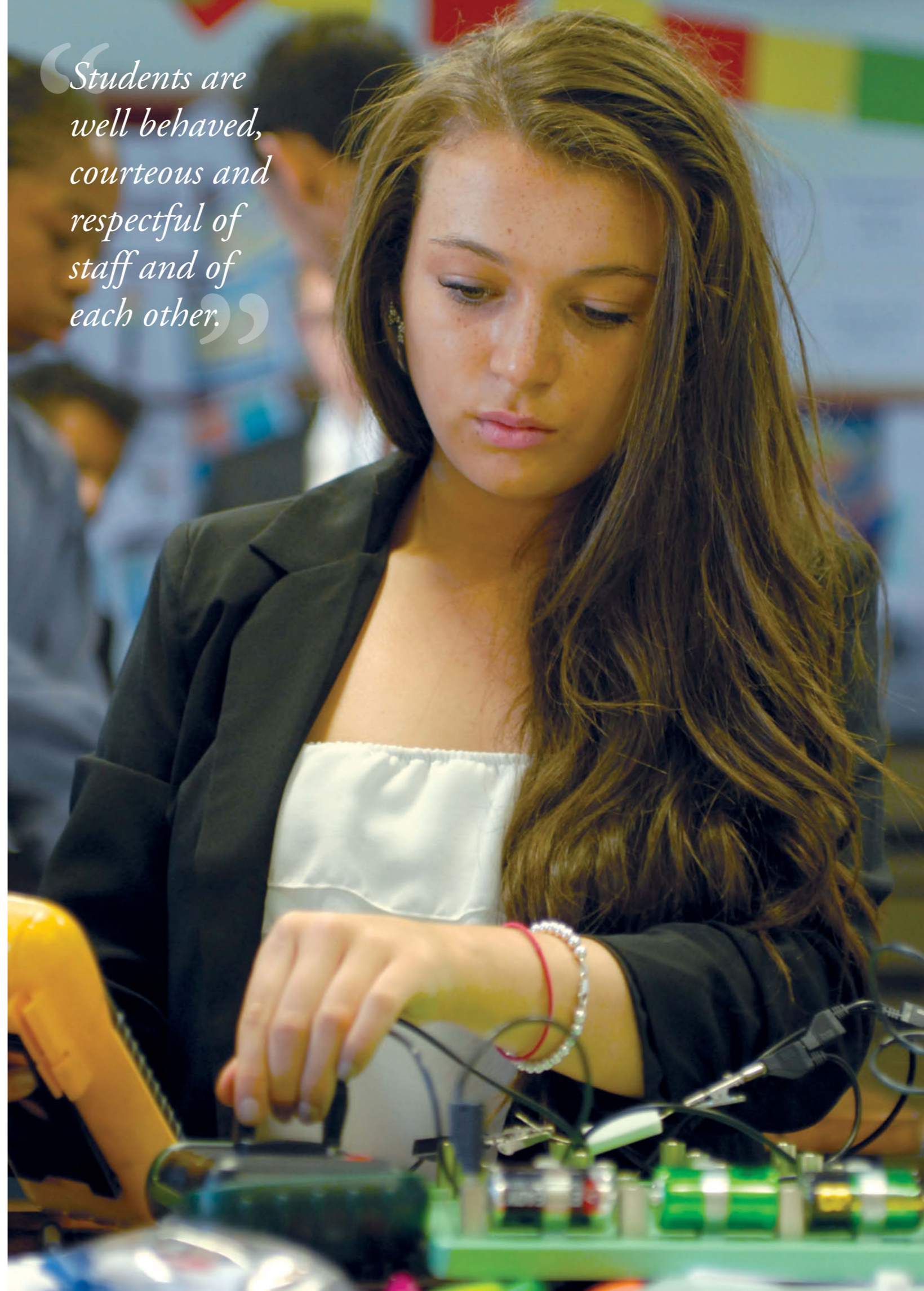
There are a number of residential courses both home and abroad that support the learning that takes place in the classroom. Our students represent us magnificently on these occasions.



“The curriculum provides a broad, balanced, rich experience for students, leading to worthwhile qualifications.”



“Students are well behaved, courteous and respectful of staff and of each other.”



The Sixth Form

Woodbridge Sixth Form is extremely popular and oversubscribed, catering for a broad spectrum of abilities and interests. The majority of students stay on after their GCSE examinations and are joined by a significant number of external applicants wishing to study at Woodbridge. There are courses at AS and A2 level (traditional A levels), and BTEC Level 2 and Level 3 courses (applied learning). Students are offered an extensive range of subjects. Many go on to successfully apply for university courses, including Oxford and Cambridge.

Our Sixth Form students are influential members of the school community. Through the ambassador programme, there are numerous opportunities to support younger students with their learning and progress.



Our Relationships with Parents

We hold great value by our relationships with parents. We will involve you fully in your child's progress and provide additional support further to our consultation with you. We will share our curriculum with you and involve you in ways in which you can support your child's study at home. We value your support for our high expectations. You are most welcome to contact us at any time. We invite you to give us your feedback and ideas for further improvement.

“Teachers’ excellent modelling of respectful relationships contributes very successfully to students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.”