



WOODBIDGE
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PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Woodbridge High School. Woodbridge is a high performing fully comprehensive school. The students are a credit to themselves and the school. We value the wide diversity of talents, abilities and heritages that they bring. They are smart, respectful and hard working. There is a real flavour of industry and ambition here.

Woodbridge is a high achieving school. We regard academic success as vital. The examination results at GCSE and A level continue to go from strength to strength. We are recognised for our wide range of subjects for all age groups, including our sixth form. Our students progress to university, colleges or their chosen careers 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 have a reputation for excellent behaviour based on tolerance, understanding and respect.

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 full potential for a well-qualified, successful, happy future. It is our top priority.

We look forward to working with you and your child.



Andrew Beaumont
Headteacher





OUR CARE FOR THE STUDENTS

The progress and welfare of every child matters very much. 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 provides support for students who face challenging circumstances. Our inclusion team is effective in meeting a variety of needs. Peer mentors are assigned to students who require additional care.

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 CHILD'S 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 the most able students. We also have wide-ranging programmes for meeting each child's learning needs.

“STUDENTS SHOW VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS LEARNING”



RESOURCES

We make full use of innovative and creative technology. The students have access to desktop computers, laptops, Macs, tablets, smartboards, and 3D printing. Extensive wifi and superfast broadband provide first-class connectivity.

The school is proud of its excellent facilities. The newly built Creative Arts building is a testament to the school's desire to promote the Arts. Students enjoy using the theatre, drama studio, sound-proof music rooms and art studios. The remainder of the school is well-equipped with up-to-date resources, creating an environment in which students can flourish and excel.

Students are able to utilise the school's many sports facilities, including a floodlit, artificial grass football pitch, a large four court sports hall, a traditional gymnasium, three outdoor sports courts and six outdoor table-tennis tables. These provide the students with the opportunity to undertake a range of sports at curricular, recreational or club level. The new fitness centre contains a modern fitness gym and dance studio.

“THE CURRICULUM PROVIDES A BROAD, BALANCED, RICH EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS, LEADING TO WORTHWHILE QUALIFICATIONS”

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Woodbridge offers a modern, diverse curriculum. A full range of subjects is taught at Key Stage 3 (student ages 11-14). Students are guided to take a range of rigorous GCSE and Level 2 qualifications. The majority of subjects at Key Stage 4 (14-16) offer pathways to our Key Stage 5 (16-19) courses.

Students are fully involved in their learning and are able to expertly discuss their progress and future needs. 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 subject to the highest standard.

ACHIEVEMENT

Woodbridge students achieve excellent examination results as demonstrated by a 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.

“STAFF ARE RELENTLESS
IN THE DRIVE TO PROMOTE
EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT
THE SCHOOL”





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.

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.

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.

“STUDENTS ARE WELL BEHAVED, COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL OF STAFF AND OF EACH OTHER”

THE SIXTH FORM

Woodbridge Sixth Form is extremely popular, 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. Students are offered an extensive range of subjects through A level and Level 3 programmes of study. Many go on to successfully apply for university courses, including Russell Group universities and Oxbridge.

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.

“THE SCHOOL PROMOTES A REAL CULTURE OF SAFETY AMONG ITS STUDENTS AND AROUND ITS SITE”



OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PARENTS

We greatly value 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.

Please read the enclosed booklet for more detailed information about our current provision and expectations.

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EFFECTIVE SUPPORT
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LEARNING AND MAKE
RAPID PROGRESS ”





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