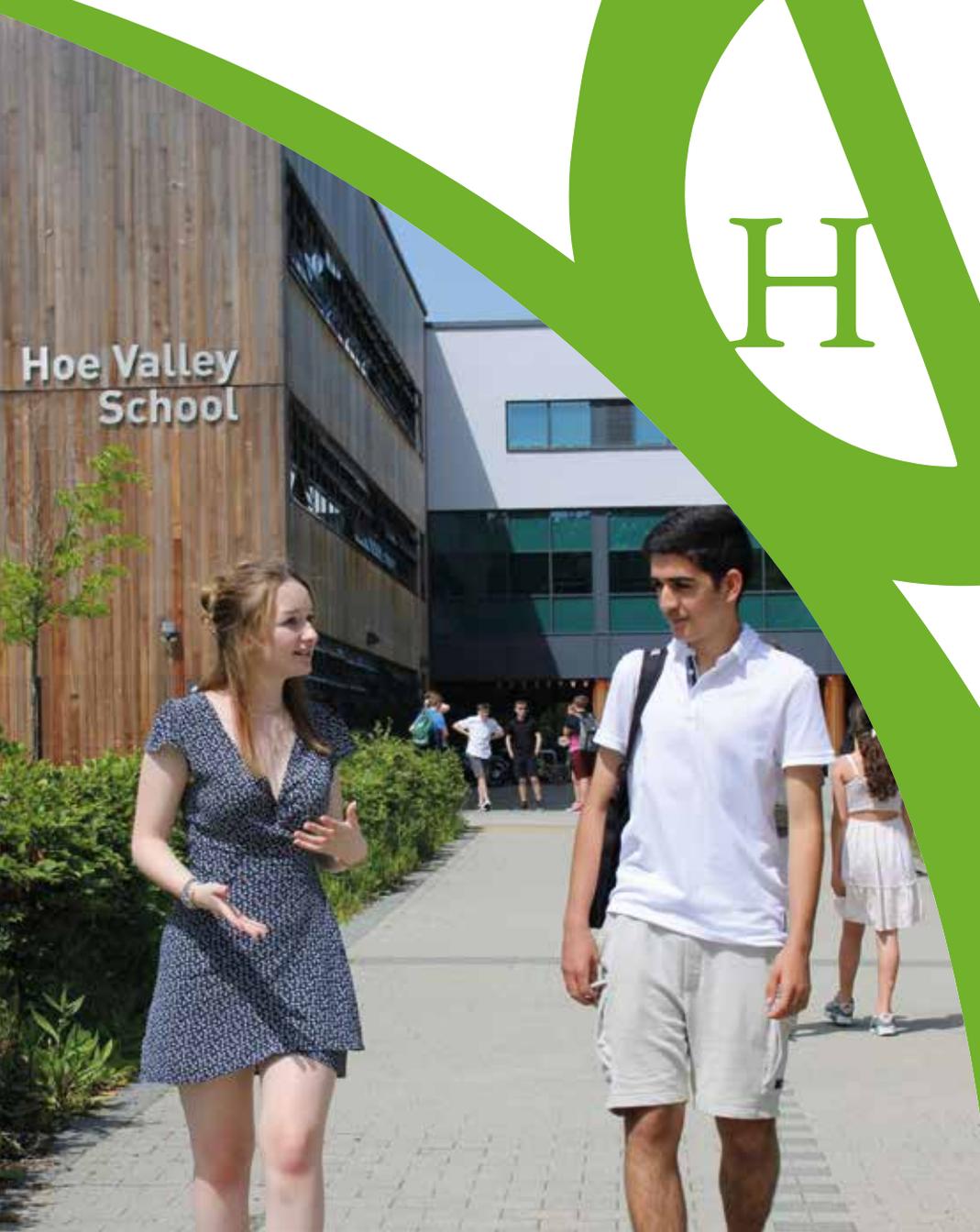


# HOE VALLEY SCHOOL SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



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# HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to our brand new, state of the art, Sixth Form. It has always been our vision to be able to deliver a post-16 education for our students which prepares them for a successful transition into Russell Group Universities, Apprenticeships with big businesses and ultimately for the world of work.

In a post pandemic world where social media pressures are unrelenting, there has never been a more challenging time to succeed as a young person. It is, therefore, our goal to place strong wellbeing at the heart of all we do, as we believe that this will not only enable excellent academic performance, but allow students to thrive and graduate with an experience that equips them fully for the next stage of their life. With this in mind, we aim to educate our students about their mindset; to embrace failure and make mistakes as well as developing skills and knowledge they have not previously tapped into, as this will ultimately build their confidence to take risks in their learning and achieve their full potential.

At Hoe Valley Sixth Form, there will be a strong emphasis on Enrichment; it will be compulsory for all as we believe in a community driven environment. Students will benefit from being busy and meeting new people outside of their timetabled lessons and ultimately have fun learning new skills and contributing to the whole school community.

As we continue to plan our Sixth Form, students will have the opportunity to help design the Enrichment Programme as well as the curriculum and the facilities in our newly extended building. This is a very exciting time for prospective students to apply as they will have the unique opportunity of shaping their own future and working with myself and Mr Robinson – Head of Sixth Form to do so.

I look forward to welcoming you into our brand new Sixth Form and to meeting you personally.

**Jane Davies**

# HEAD OF SIXTH FORM'S WELCOME

Our vision at Hoe Valley is to deliver an experience for students that provides educational excellence and prepares our young people for a modern world.

With a brand-new purpose built sixth form block, offering state of the art facilities in an outstanding school at the cutting edge of innovative education, we believe we can provide a setting where students can thrive academically, while further developing key character traits that will allow all students to be successful in the future.

At Hoe Valley Sixth Form, we offer a wide range of A Level courses as well as a strong pastoral System and an extensive 'Work Ready Programme.' We believe that academic achievement is not enough to prepare students for post-16 study and future employment and that is why we are focussed on developing young people who have a sense of duty to their community both within and outside of HVS, and are equipped with the work ready skills they need to succeed in a very competitive and digital world.

We have 3 core aims that are at the heart of everything we do in the Sixth Form:

- 1 Produce outstanding outcomes for all our students.**
- 2 Ensure students are role models in the whole school community and embody the school's CIRCLE values.**
- 3 Ensure students develop the skills required to be 'work-ready' for their chosen next step.**

We passionately believe that the Sixth Form at Hoe Valley can grow and set the standard for 16-19 education in the Woking area for years to come.

**Tom Robinson**



# THE CURRICULUM OFFER

Hoe Valley Sixth Form's curriculum is based on the school's curriculum which prides itself on being highly academic whilst also personalised by responding to the preferences of our students.

Our offer is a S.T.E.A.M. focussed, whilst also including those categorised as 'facilitating subjects' by the influential Russell Group of universities; these are courses that they consider offer access to the broadest range of university degrees:

Mathematics	French
Further Mathematics	German
English Language & Literature	Spanish
English Literature	Italian
Classics (Greek & Latin)	Art & Design
Biology	Music
Chemistry	Photography
Physics	Product Design
Psychology	History
Drama and Theatre	Geography
Economics	Philosophy & Ethics
Textiles Design and Manufacture BTEC	PE
Engineering BTEC	Business Studies
Sociology	Graphic Design

All students will be expected to study three A Levels. Some will study 4, by completing the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification). Each A level subject will have 5 hours of curriculum time per week, plus 5 hours of independent study, equaling 30 hours per week. Our state of the art facilities allow students to receive an exceptional learning

experience in practical subjects such as Product Design, Engineering, Photography, Art, PE and Drama. All students are taught how to apply subject knowledge to different careers through both digital learning as well as work experience in businesses and other organisations of employment.

# UNIVERSITIES, CAREERS & OUR WORK READY PROGRAMME

Our Work Ready Programme is designed to equip students with skills employers are so desperately looking for when recruiting graduates:



At HVS Sixth Form we develop these skills in a number of ways; through teaching them explicitly in lessons and using the context of careers to hone their skills in specific subject areas. For example, in Drama, students are taught how to use backstage equipment to an advanced level. We believe these kinds of opportunities give students a rudimentary understanding of the whole subject rather than just being taught how to pass an exam.

All students are required to take part in C.A.S. (Community Action Support) or Enrichment. This includes competitive sports, charity work, mentoring of younger students and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (Gold). Additionally, they will spend at least one week in a place of employment that interests them. Our students are fortunate to have exceptional sporting facilities including 3 3G pitches, 2 M.U.G.A.s (multi use games areas), an Olympic running track and grass pitches where they can enjoy and excel in a range of sports.

# NEXT STEPS GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Students receive a variety of talks and seminars throughout their two years and receive guidance on higher education routes and other pathways such as gap years, apprenticeships and employment.

They also have the opportunity to book appointments throughout the year with our higher education advisor or external careers advisor to help support their decisions.

They will attend a UCAS Higher Education conference and Apprenticeship Roadshow and engage in a week-long 'Next Steps' event at the end of year 12. The week includes a visit to a choice of universities, workshops on UCAS applications and personal statements, student finance and apprenticeships.

HVS also work closely with an external company who deliver one to one bespoke training to our students to prepare them for university and future careers. These sessions involve giving expert advice as well as students being taught how to write a good CV, letter of application, deliver a presentation and be confident in being interviewed.

# SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR OXBRIDGE STUDENTS

We will offer a programme of support that includes a visit to an Oxbridge Conference, mock interviews, alumni visits, specialist admissions tests and supported applications to Summer Schools.

This is in addition to the challenge, enrichment and specialist support delivered from within each academic subject.



# PASTORAL CARE

**At HVS we take great pride in knowing each student as an individual, and many of our students will have been with us from Year 7.**

This level of personalisation is a distinctive feature of our Sixth Form. We focus on all students being able to achieve their aspirational goals and being part of a kind and supportive community where they build lifelong friendships. High staff retention means that we know our students very well enabling us to quickly fix any problems and address any concerns or worries rather than needing to refer them to other people.

We have a strong Sixth Form Team; Head of Sixth Form, Deputy Head of Sixth Form as well as Tutors and a dedicated Support Person. We believe that the quality of mentoring our students receive is integral in how they progress during Years 12 and 13 as well as in their preparation for University and beyond. This is why we carefully select our Sixth Form Tutors and provide personalised mentoring throughout the two years, including interview preparation for Universities and Careers. Tutor time for Sixth Form is invaluable as students are taught age appropriate PSHE and have direct access to people from a range of careers as well as Speakers for Schools visiting in Assemblies. They also have the added privilege of developing leadership skills by mentoring year 7 students, helping to teach lessons to younger students in free periods and sitting on the Student Leadership Team including Head Boy/Girl and the Student Council.



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

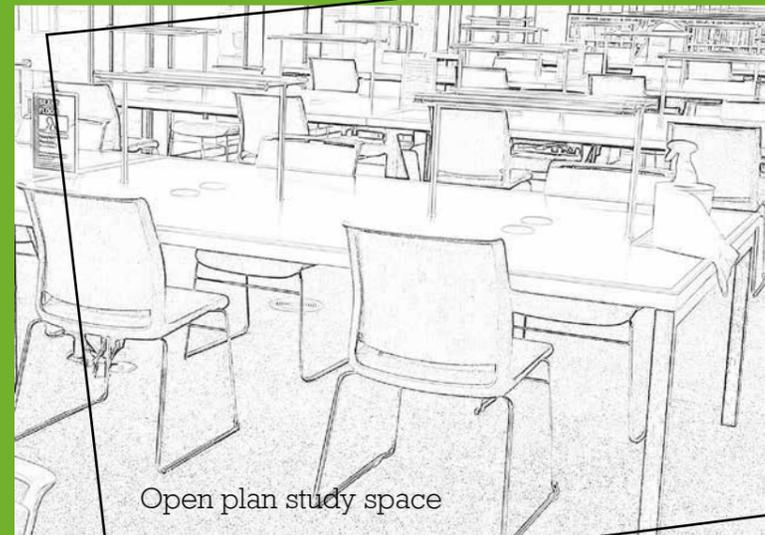
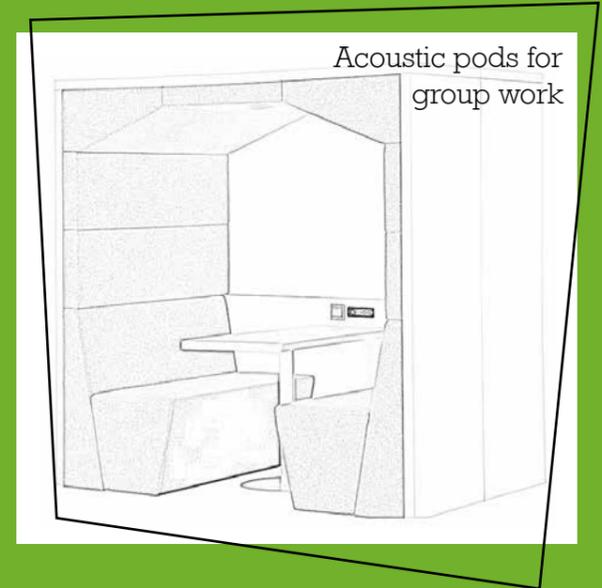
We are happy to guide Sixth Form students through the application for the 16-19 bursary scheme. Students can gain support, through this scheme, for travel, food costs and also to assist with one off costs for educational activities and expenses.



# DIGITAL LEARNING

With our Sixth Form offering state of the art facilities, students will be able to access the school's extensive Wi-Fi network and will receive a school-issued HVS touchscreen device.

This will enable them to benefit from interactive digital resources to support their learning. When not in lessons, students can make use of a wealth of resources and support through Google Classroom while working in our brand new study spaces within the sixth form building.



# A MODERN STUDY PLACE

Seminar rooms for smaller groups or collaborative group study



Pin Drop study area

# ENRICHMENT OFFER

We are committed to providing a first class Enrichment Programme, as we believe that learning new skills and making new friends is fundamental to the wellbeing of our students. For this reason, all Sixth Form students are required to attend at least one Enrichment Club or Society each week.

Our offer ranges from traditional sports such as football, tennis and badminton to learning extra languages such as Italian and Latin as well as many STEAM based activities. Our robotics club is already oversubscribed and we aim to deliver many more clubs based on student demand.

We are passionate about student voice and our first cohort of students will have the opportunity to co-design the Enrichment offer with our newly appointed Head of Sixth Form; Mr Robinson.

## DINE IN!

Students will have their own bespoke, modern dining facility where they can relax and socialise with their friends away from the classroom.

The interior design of this area will be in keeping with our well being philosophy as students will be able to enjoy a spacious and light environment with modern features such as booths, soft furnishings, cafe style tables and chairs as well as their own snack bar.

This area will be exclusively for Sixth Form students and will be supervised by our own staff.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will continue to run in Sixth Form and we look forward to our first group of students working towards their Gold Award.

We are very pleased to be able to offer a range of trips and visits which go beyond the curriculum and it is exciting to think that we are no longer shackled by the constraints of Covid which affords us the opportunity for more overseas trips. Again, students will be integral to deciding which trips we can run and any students who struggle financially will not be held back as our Pupil Premium strategy is always available to level the playing field and support students so that nobody misses out on the opportunity to attend the trip of their choice.

# GRADUATION PROGRAMME

At the end of the two years of Sixth Form, students will be rewarded for all of their achievements through a Graduation Certificate.

This recognises all of their achievements both in and out of the classroom. It is an important feature of our Sixth Form offer which can be presented to future employers.

To achieve a graduation certificate students will be required to complete the following:

## GRADUATION CERTIFICATE

<p><b>1 Community Action Support</b> (minimum 20 hours)</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student leadership team</li> <li>• Peer mentoring/tutoring</li> <li>• Volunteering role in school</li> <li>• Support in lessons/after-school clubs</li> </ul>	<p><b>2 Personal Enrichment</b> (minimum 20 hours)</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involvement in school productions</li> <li>• Duke of Edinburgh</li> <li>• Clubs or organisations outside of school (scouts, police cadets etc.)</li> <li>• Learning new skill (playing instrument, learning new language)</li> </ul>	<p><b>3 Academic Enrichment</b> (minimum 20 hours)</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Language Qualification (offered in French, German and Spanish)</li> <li>• EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)</li> <li>• MOOC's (Massive Open Online Courses)</li> <li>• Summer schools</li> <li>• Attending lectures/viewing documentaries.</li> <li>• Reading journal articles/texts outside of subject specifications.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4 Health &amp; Wellbeing Development</b> (Minimum 20 hours)</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in school team or sports outside of school</li> <li>• Attending sports club in or out of school</li> <li>• Completing event for charity (5k run or walk, marathon etc.)</li> <li>• Attending regular exercise class (yoga, spinning etc.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 Study Skills Development</b> (completion of modules)</p> <p><b>Examples of modules:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organising your learning</li> <li>• Effective revision</li> <li>• Effective note taking</li> <li>• Approaches to independent learning</li> </ul>	<p><b>6 Work Related Learning</b> (minimum of 5 days)</p> <p><b>Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience in the workplace</li> <li>• Virtual work experience</li> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Volunteering</li> </ul>



# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hoe Valley Sixth Form will provide a wide range of leadership opportunities for our students who will not only be role models for the lower school but will also have the opportunity to work alongside teachers and senior leaders in shaping this aspect of Sixth Form life.

Student leadership is already a huge part of what we do as a school, and we aim to take this to a whole new level at Sixth Form by empowering our students with responsibilities which will stand them in good stead for the next phase of their education. Aside from the traditional Head Boy and Girl roles, students will be expected to run Enrichment Clubs for the younger students as well as mentoring them in their academic studies.

Sixth Form students will also have the opportunity to co-write the tutorial programme, placing mental health and wellbeing at the centre of this

as we recognise the pressures students are under in this current age. Students will be explicitly taught how to look after their own wellbeing and their feedback will be monitored with the aim of continuous improvement to the content and quality of tutorial time. Students will have the opportunity to deliver assemblies and spearhead new initiatives that will benefit the whole school community, something which we know is crucial to the continued success of Hoe Valley School.

As part of our commitment to our community agenda, Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to deliver extra curricular lessons to the local community; families and local residents. This is an experience that will greatly benefit both parties as students will develop their work readiness skills in a new environment outside of the traditional classroom setting.



## A COMMUNITY AGENDA

Community is at the heart of everything we do at Hoe Valley School and we are very excited to be able to extend our offer to include sixth form students.

Our community agenda has always been important to us and forms the foundation of our vision; to be a local school and sixth form for our local community.

**This means three things;**

- 1** We are a strong community of people who work together to achieve our best and look after each other.
- 2** We reach out to the local community to do both curricular and extracurricular projects to know our local area better.. This knowledge feeds back into our lessons and benefits our students in a refreshing way as knowledge is contextualised and linked to the real world.
- 3** We provide opportunities for local families and residents to come together in school and learn new skills from our teachers and, soon, our new Sixth Form students.



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