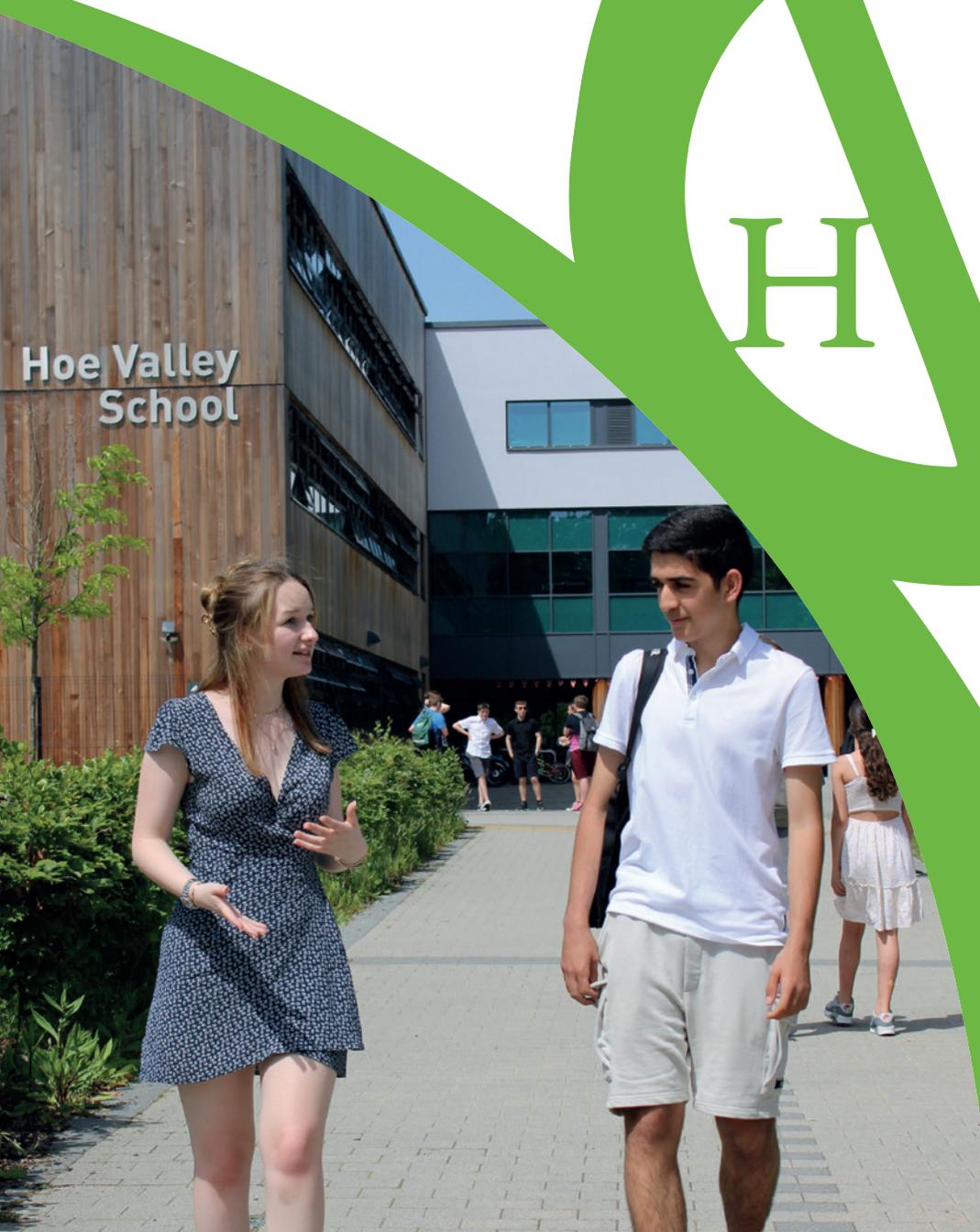


# HOE VALLEY SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



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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 top performing 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 and BTEC 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 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:

Art	Geography
Biology	German
Business Studies	History
Chemistry	Maths
Classics	Media Studies
Computer Science	Music
Drama & Theatre	PE
Economics	Philosophy & Ethics
Engineering	Photography
English Language and Literature Combined	Physics
English Literature	Product Design
Fashion & Textiles	Psychology
Food Science & Nutrition (Applied Diploma)	Sociology
French	Spanish
Further Maths	Sport (Extended Certificate)

Students will be expected to study three A Levels plus an enrichment option. This could include an additional qualification such as the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) or an extra-curricular activity such as supporting an after-school club. Details of the qualifications included in our enrichment offer are available within our curriculum guide, on the school website. Students who wish study A level Further Maths would count this as their enrichment option. We also encourage participation in enrichment through our graduation programme.

Each A level subject will have 5 hours' of curriculum time per week. Students will also have timetabled enrichment, tutor time and mentoring sessions as well as supervised independent study sessions.

Our brand new facilities allows students to receive an exceptional learning experience. All students are taught how to apply subject knowledge to different careers as part of our work ready agenda and will develop digital skills through in class use of their own touch-screen chromebook.

# 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 Work Ready 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.

These skills are already embedded into our main school curriculum and we believe this gives students a deeper understanding of how they could use their subject knowledge and skills in the future.

We have created a network of businesses in the local area to visit the school and work with our students on what is expected in the modern world of work. Workshops will take place across the two years in a variety of sectors, inspiring students to set ambitious goals for their future. Students will also have the opportunity to engage in a work experience week at the end of Year 12 in the career they wish to pursue. We have a designated Work Experience Coordinator who will ensure that all students will benefit from a high quality programme.

# 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 team. 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. 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

Students will be allocated a touch screen chromebook which will support their studies both in and outside of Sixth Form life. This will enable them to access a wealth of interactive digital resources to support their learning. The new and modern Sixth Form building will enjoy an extensive WIFI network such that students can maximise their learning time.

## A MODERN STUDY PLACE

Students will be able to learn, socialise and interact in our brand new, purpose built Sixth Form facility which will connect to the main school building through controlled access.

Acoustic pods for group work



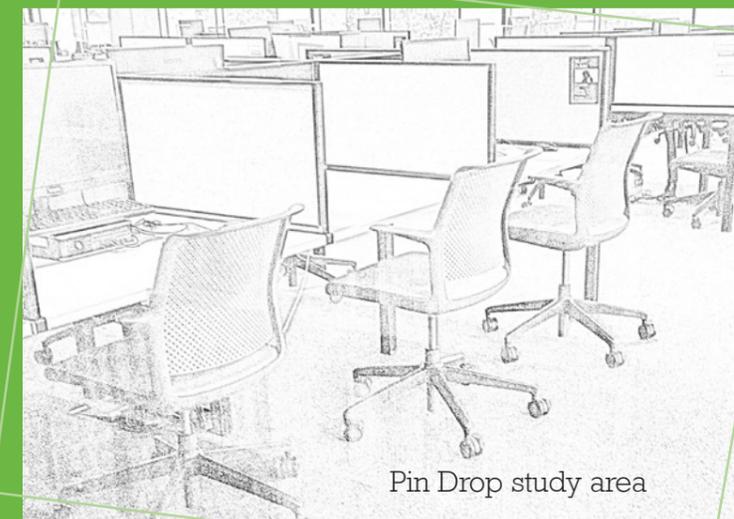
Our 3 story building will contain an extensive social space with bespoke dining, modern study spaces, seminar style classrooms and a reception area with offices.

A group of ambassadors from the main school have played a key role in designing our new building, ensuring it includes everything our students need.

Our students are also fortunate to be able to access modern classroom facilities, workshops, studios and laboratories in the main school, as well as exceptional sporting facilities. These include 3G pitches, sports hall, a running track and dance studios.



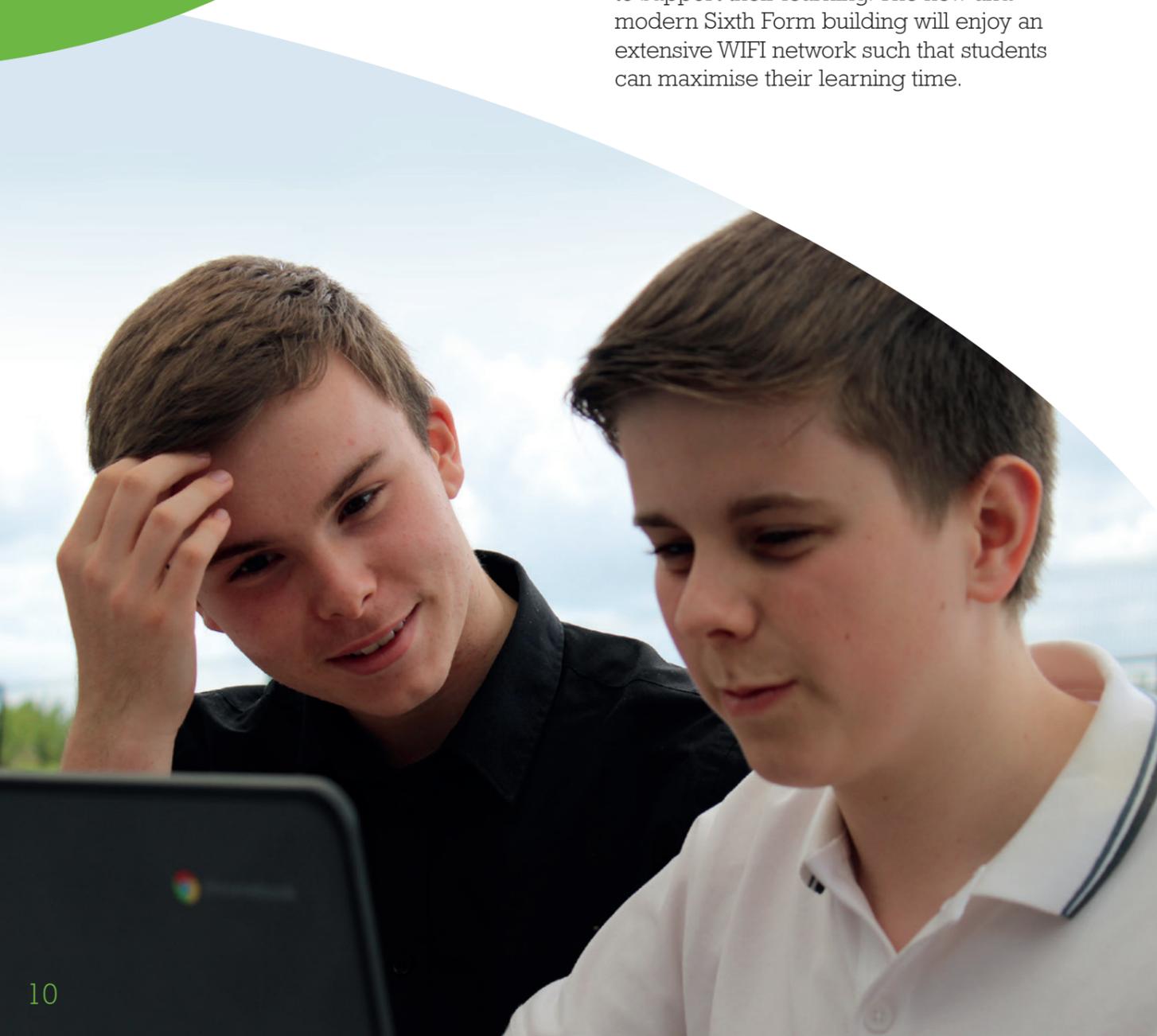
Open plan study space



Pin Drop study area



Seminar rooms for smaller groups or collaborative group study



# ENRICHMENT OFFER

Universities and employers widely recognise the importance of students having a wide range of experiences and skills beyond their academic qualifications.

This is something that we feel passionately about providing. Students are offered a range of enrichment opportunities within their academic curriculum time, but a comprehensive programme is also offered across the Sixth Form.

All Sixth Form students are required to commit to at least one enrichment activity across the two years. They can choose from traditional sporting activities to supporting events and activities around the school or undertaking an additional qualification. Details of the qualifications included in our enrichment offer are available within our curriculum guide, available on our website.

We are passionate about student voice and our first cohort of students will have the opportunity to further develop our enrichment offer to ensure that a wide variety of activities and experiences are available.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will continue to run in the 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 will go beyond the curriculum. Again, students will be integral in deciding which trips we run and any students who struggle financially will not be held back as the 16-19 Student Bursary Scheme can be used to support all students so that nobody misses out on the opportunity to attend the trip of their choice.

# DINE IN!

Students will have their own bespoke, modern, dining facility within our brand new Sixth Form facility, where they can relax and socialise with their friends away from the classroom.

The interior design of this area will offer 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.

Food and drink will be provided by our in-house chef, ensuring we continue to deliver the nutritious and freshly cooked food that students get to enjoy in the main school. This area will be exclusively for Sixth Form students and will be supervised by our own staff.

# 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

### 1 Community Action Support

(minimum 20 hours)

#### Examples:

- Student leadership team
- Peer mentoring/tutoring
- Volunteering role in school
- Support in lessons/after-school clubs

### 2 Personal Enrichment

(minimum 20 hours)

#### Examples:

- Involvement in school productions
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Clubs or organisations outside of school (scouts, police cadets etc.)
- Learning new skill (playing instrument, learning new language)

### 3 Academic Enrichment

(minimum 20 hours)

#### Examples:

- Business Language Qualification (offered in French, German and Spanish)
- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- MOOC's (Massive Open Online Courses)
- Summer schools
- Attending lectures/viewing documentaries.
- Reading journal articles/texts outside of subject specifications.

### 4 Health & Wellbeing Development

(Minimum 20 hours)

#### Examples:

- Participating in school team or sports outside of school
- Attending sports club in or out of school
- Completing event for charity (5k run or walk, marathon etc.)
- Attending regular exercise class (yoga, spinning etc.)

### 5 Study Skills Development

(completion of modules)

#### Examples of modules:

- Organising your learning
- Effective revision
- Effective note taking
- Approaches to independent learning

### 6 Work Related Learning

(minimum of 5 days)

#### Examples

- Experience in the workplace
- Virtual work experience
- Internships
- Volunteering



# 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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