



HURTWOOD HOUSE

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Hurtwood House is an independent school specialising in the sixth form; our unique blend of the creative and academic prepares students for university and life beyond.

The school has an outstanding academic record with over 20 subjects being studied at A Level, ensuring that it has ranked highly in the independent sector coeducational sixth forms for the last ten years. The other defining feature of Hurtwood House is its creativity. We are a centre of excellence for the performing and creative arts, providing outstanding opportunities for the aspiring actor, singer, artist, fashion designer, composer and film maker, both in the A Level courses and in specially arranged and professionally organised activities. These include our Film Academy, our concerts and our drama productions.

This culture of creativity, originality and professionalism permeates throughout the school and, because it is important to us that we provide a complete and broad education, we put a great deal of emphasis on personal development, preparing our students for university and, more importantly, the challenges of life beyond.

Hurtwood House is one of England's most exciting and successful schools – retaining traditional values, but breaking new ground educationally.

Joining the Hurtwood community offers opportunities to:

- Work with enthusiastic and well-motivated students in small, well-resourced classes
- Become part of a committed and professional teaching team in a friendly and supportive atmosphere
- Experience the benefits of a coeducational boarding environment, with a strong pastoral ethos and students from many different national backgrounds
- Develop your career in a modern, energetic school with a reputation for academic achievement and creative excellence
- Enjoy a beautiful campus in the midst of the Surrey Hills, but within easy reach of London, major airports and the South coast



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DANCE



The work of the Dance department is a highly successful and valued part of life at Hurtwood House. Many students participate in Dance each year in both academic and extracurricular strands; classes are offered in all styles including jazz, ballet, contemporary, choreography, hip hop and tap. The faculty consists of eight full time, part time and visiting teachers, all with exceptional backgrounds in professional dance training and performance, each bringing a particular area of specialism to the department.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

A Level Dance was introduced into the curriculum in 2009, following the opening of our purpose-built dance studio. Co-taught by the Head of Dance and one other part time specialist Dance teacher, we currently deliver A Level Dance following the AQA specification. We are looking for a part time teacher from September 2024. The successful applicant should be able to teach A Level Dance practical classes, run choreography rehearsals and contribute to the extra-curricular programme. This will include the teaching of dance technique, solo repertoire and choreography. It is desirable to have previous experience of teaching AQA in relation to the current areas of study (Rambert Dance Company and American Jazz 1940-1975). We are looking for a teacher who can work well under their own initiative but also as a part of a vibrant team. The role is one day a week, but more days may be available for the right candidate.

EXTRA CURRICULAR DANCE

The extra curricular Dance programme offered at Hurtwood is of a standard found in full time vocational institutions, and the department works alongside some extremely talented young dancers. Students dance for a variety of reasons; some aspire to a professional dance career, others want to enhance their general performing arts skills as a part of their all round theatre training, and some will just want to stay healthy and fit. All students are extremely enthusiastic and hard working. There will be an opportunity for the successful candidate to contribute to the provision

PERFORMING ARTS AT HURTWOOD

The Dance department functions within the wider Performing Arts department whose team includes the Head of Performing Arts, an Artistic Director, a Director in Residence and two full-time theatre technicians. The Performing Arts department has developed an incredible reputation for successfully supporting young people in gaining access to drama and dance schools, with many also entering the industry straight from Hurtwood. Academic and vocational standards are second to none which makes Hurtwood House a school that is coveted by many aspiring young performers.



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BOARDING AND PASTORAL



As a fully residential school our primary concern is to provide students with a safe, structured, caring and happy community. That is why we place so much emphasis on our House structure.

Students board in one of five country houses or their lodges, some of which are on the campus and some nearby. Each House has a Housemaster or Housemistress (HsM) who lives in and a team of House Tutors. The HsM is the link between the school, the student and parents and is the first point of contact on all academic and pastoral matters. The House staff are responsible for looking after the students, for monitoring academic progress, for providing guidance and for creating a warm, supportive and organised family unit and what we like to think of as a sense of 'structured informality'. All full-time staff are assigned to one of the boarding houses as academic tutors who take responsibility for a small tutor group, meeting them on a Monday evening. Some staff are full tutors who assist the HsM in the running of the boarding environment by doing evening and weekend duties in the House. An additional allowance is paid for these duties.

All of the working day is spent on campus and students are transported back to their House after supper every evening by the House staff. Main meals are taken on campus in our award winning 'refectory' building where there is a wide choice of menus to satisfy all dietary requirements, freshly prepared on the premises by our own staff. There are also kitchen facilities in every House for snacks, tea and coffee, as well as games rooms, gyms and communal TV rooms. All Houses have wifi access and are connected to the main school network.

Joining the Hurtwood pastoral team offers opportunities to:

- Work with students outside of the classroom, building long-lasting, productive relationships
- Become part of the hard-working and dedicated tutor teams who run the boarding houses
- Help students prepare for the independence of life at university, drama school or art college
- Become fully involved in the busy and exciting extracurricular life of the school