



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 top ten coeducational sixth forms for the last five 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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ESOL - IELTS



Hurtwood House is looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic part-time teacher to join a strong ESOL department in meeting the challenges of preparing our overseas students for A Level study and university entrance in the UK. Hurtwood House operates a flexible admissions policy and our mixed ability intake generally contains a significant number of students who are studying in their second language. Hurtwood prides itself on its ability to support and encourage each of these students through a structured programme of English Language classes and individual tutorial sessions. Through these, we aim to ensure that every student reaches their full potential at Hurtwood, both socially and academically.

The school's ESOL department currently consists of two full-time teachers and one part-time teacher who are responsible for the teaching, preparation and assessment of students with ESOL needs; we would like another part-time teacher who can offer five afternoons a week for teaching. The aims of the department are:

- to give students a strong foundation in all English language skills, following the University of Cambridge IELTS exam structure
- to prepare students for success in the Cambridge IELTS exams to the level required for university entrance
- to support students in their GCSE and A Level curriculum subjects

On joining Hurtwood, students undertake a placement test and are grouped according to their needs. Each student follows an individual pathway, depending upon their level of English at each stage. Most students will be prepared for IELTS assessment, although some may be encouraged to follow an IGCSE course in English Language. IELTS measures the ability to communicate in English across the four language skills: listening reading, writing and speaking. Universities use it as an indicator of students' academic study skills and top universities are likely to demand a score of 7 or more in every skill. Hurtwood also provides extra English lessons to support students who will benefit from more help with general English; for those who need subject-based assistance; and to explore areas that may not be covered in group lessons. Extra English can be on a one-to-one basis or in small subject groups.

Groups vary in size during the academic year, with an average of eight students per class. Teaching takes place in modern, well-resourced classrooms. An enthusiastic and dynamic teacher should expect a challenging but highly rewarding experience by joining the school from September 2022.



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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 the food is healthy, wholesome and there is a wide choice to satisfy all dietary requirements. It is all freshly prepared on the premises by our own staff. There are also kitchen facilities in every House for snacks, tea and coffee etc, games rooms and communal TV rooms. All Houses have internet access and a wireless LAN.

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