



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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ENGLISH



Hurtwood House is looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher to join a strong A Level English Literature and IGCSE team working towards continued success and maintaining the high standards in this curriculum area. This academic year there are five groups studying A1 English Literature and four groups in their A2 year – approximately 75 students in all. Results are excellent, with 84% of candidates achieving A* - B grades last year, and 75% in 2019. The department comprises four full-time teachers and one part-time teacher, following the Edexcel A Level (2015) course (9ET0) with the Drama, Prose and Poetry units.

The teaching of English at Hurtwood emphasises the understanding of literary texts from different eras, cultures and traditions, but is also concerned with the personal and intellectual growth of students over the two-year course. The richness of the classroom experience is therefore vital and this is founded on the commitment and experience of the teachers themselves. Contact time with students is six hours per week and support outside of lesson time is regarded as an essential supplement. Students benefit from regular trips and screenings of plays and other performances and, when such trips are impractical, a wide variety of extra-curricular and enrichment activities run 'in house'. There is an extensive programme of creative writing workshops in which visiting writers work closely with students to develop their creative literary skills. We are also responsible for running 'Muse', a platform for the creative student voice, which includes a dedicated blog and podcast, interviews with past students, as well as occasional events and exhibitions.

Hurtwood House operates a flexible policy in student admission and the mixed ability intake contains many students who are studying and writing in their second language. Group sizes are small, with an average of ten students per class. Teaching takes place in a modern suite of well-resourced classrooms. An enthusiastic, dynamic and ambitious teacher should expect a challenging but highly rewarding experience by joining the team from September 2021.



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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