



**HURTWOOD
HOUSE**



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ABOUT HURTWOOD

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.

We have an academic record of which we are truly proud, with over 20 subjects being studied at A Level, all achieving strong results with our mixed ability intake. We are able to achieve this success because we invest in subject specialists, prioritise teaching and learning above all else and spend time creating partnerships between teachers and students out of which grow professional satisfaction and academic success.

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 Acting and Dance Companies, Art Master Classes, Film Academy, our concerts and our drama productions.

This culture of creativity, originality and professionalism permeates 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 – driven by academic excellence and a passion for creativity.



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 eight classes studying A Level English Literature – approximately 50 students in all. Results are excellent, with 90% of candidates achieving A*- B grades last year. The department comprises three full-time and one part-time teacher, following the Edexcel A Level 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.

Every class has six hours of teaching time per week and support outside of lesson time is regarded as an essential supplement. Students benefit from regular trips, screenings of plays and other performances and 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 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.





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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 twelve students per class. An enthusiastic, dynamic and ambitious teacher should expect a challenging but highly rewarding experience by joining the team from September 2026.

JOINING HURTWOOD

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

BOARDING AND PASTORAL

As a largely 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 teams 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'. One minute you could be playing pool with a group of students in the house Common Room, the next supervising prep time to ensure that all students stay on top of their work. The atmosphere in the boarding houses is lively, collegiate and purposeful; there's rarely a dull moment.

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 choose to be full tutors, assisting 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.

At its best, boarding at Hurtwood House is about relationships. Boarding houses are places where academic focus, creativity, laughter and conversation coexist, and where our students learn to live independently while knowing that there is always an adult close at hand. For staff, being part of a House means becoming part of a community that extends well beyond the classroom – one built on trust, professionalism and a shared commitment to helping students flourish, both academically and personally.

JOINING THE PASTORAL TEAM

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
- **INVOLVE** yourself in the busy and exciting extracurricular life of the school

