



**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.



HISTORY

The History Department in Hurtwood enjoys an excellent reputation and ongoing academic success. Every year over 30 students are involved in the A Level course and our extra-curricular History programme, developing their passion and understanding for the subject through the first class teaching and the high level of support they receive. In June 2025 85% of the A2 students achieved A*-B grades for A Level and a significant number progressed to History and History-related courses at university.

The department currently follows the EdExcel specification, focussing on units on Russia from Lenin to Yeltsin and Mao's China in the first year. The second year of the course comprises a coursework assignment from either Russia or the Cold War, as well as an exam unit based around Britain Losing and Gaining an Empire. We would like to appoint a teacher with the experience, drive and knowledge to help develop this curriculum across both years.

The History department comprises two full time teachers, teaching three A1 and three A2 classes. There are two well-equipped classrooms and the department enjoys good resources and generous funding.

Students are encouraged to participate fully in lessons through debate, presentations and general discussion and there is a strong, positive relationship between the teachers and students. The department has a track record of organising trips and visits to support students' historical understanding. A co-curricular course, Advanced History, runs across the year to give interested students the opportunity to explore areas of historical enquiry that are not covered by the A Level, offering excellent preparation for higher education. The department also supports a number of students undertaking History-based projects for their EPQ.

The successful candidate will be an outstanding classroom teacher, with excellent subject knowledge and the ability to convey their passion for the subject to their students. They can expect a highly rewarding experience by joining a successful department in September 2026.





DRIVEN BY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND A PASSION FOR CREATIVITY



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

