



# HURTWOOD HOUSE

## INFORMATION PACK



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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## PHYSICS/GCSE SCIENCE



Hurtwood House is looking for an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher to join a strong A Level Physics team and to take responsibility for the delivery of GCSE Physics to a small group of Foundation students.

### A LEVEL PHYSICS

With a 90% A\*- C success rate at A Level last June, Physics is a high achieving department looking to build on its success. The teaching team consists of two full-time members of staff and a technician who works across the science faculty. A candidate who would be able to offer A Level Chemistry, in addition to Physics, would be at an advantage in the recruitment process.

Groups are small, averaging ten students in each class - there are usually two groups running in both A1 and A2 years. The classes are not streamed and the groups are of mixed ability and from mixed cultural backgrounds. The department places a great deal of emphasis on ensuring the students acquire the knowledge, practical skills and analytical approaches necessary for A Level. Much importance is placed not only on the understanding of Physics concepts and techniques but also on the ability of each student to apply these to real-world scenarios and case studies. Contact time with students is six hours per week and support outside of lesson time is regarded as an essential supplement. Students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular events such as the Physics Olympiad. Regular trips provide the opportunity for students to broaden their understanding of key concepts and their applications. The department follows the AQA Physics specification at A Level.

### GCSE PHYSICS

Every year a small number of students are accepted onto Hurtwood's one year Foundation programme in order to prepare them for the rigours of A Level study, following one year courses in IGCSE Mathematics, English, Science and Drama.

The group size varies each year but is generally between 8-10 students and they have over nine hours of contact time each week, studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics, currently on the AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy course. The students come from a variety of different backgrounds and, as well as being prepared for good grades at GCSE, they need to be equipped with the study skills required for A Level. The course is delivered by the Teacher i/c GCSE Science who covers Biology and Chemistry, with the support of a part time member of staff and the science technician.

The successful candidate should be a confident teacher at both GCSE and A Level and can look forward to joining a thriving department in September 2021, playing a major role in its continuing success.

This is a part time role and days/hours can be determined to suit the right candidate - the ideal would be 25 -30 hours (approximately 0.7 of a full time role) across 4 or 5 days



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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