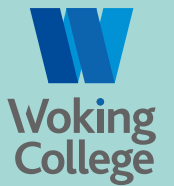


YOUR SUCCESS | OUR PRIORITY



**WOKING COLLEGE**  
PROSPECTUS 2027





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# WELCOME

## From the Principal



**Nuweed Razaq**  
Principal, Woking College

**It is a privilege to introduce you to a College where ambition, kindness and opportunity sit at the heart of everything we do. As Principal, I am proud to lead a community that believes in the potential of every student and works tirelessly to help each individual discover their strengths, broaden their horizons and achieve their goals.**

Woking College has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, exceptional teaching and a culture that places students at its centre. Our curriculum is broad and carefully designed to inspire curiosity, enable independence and provide clear pathways to university, apprenticeships and the world of work. Whether your interests lie in STEM, the creative arts, humanities or vocational study, you will find high-quality courses led by passionate specialists who are committed to helping you excel.

But outstanding results are only part of the story. What truly defines Woking College is its warm, inclusive and forward-looking ethos. We value diversity, celebrate individuality and create an environment where students feel known, supported and empowered. Our dedicated pastoral teams ensure that every student has the guidance they need to thrive academically, socially and personally.

Opportunities beyond the classroom are central to the Woking College experience. From enrichment programmes and sports to performing arts, community engagement and leadership development, students are encouraged to explore new interests, take on challenges and build the confidence and character that will serve them long after they leave us.

Joining Woking College means joining a vibrant, ambitious and caring community. I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of the energy, optimism and commitment that define our college. We look forward to welcoming you and supporting you as you take the next exciting step in your journey.

# REASONS TO CHOOSE WOKING COLLEGE?

Woking College specialises in educating young people aged 16-19, with students from over 75 schools attending the College in an environment that promotes independence and confidence.



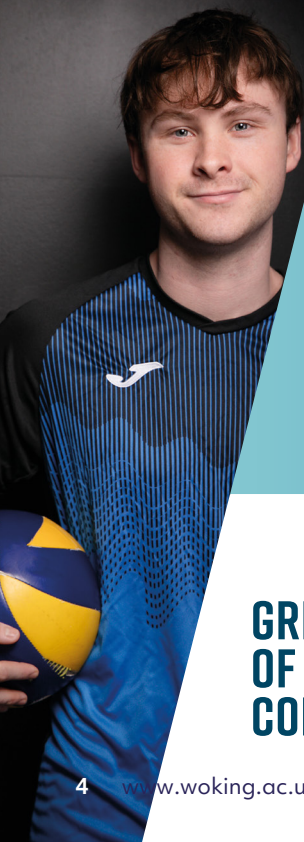
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## Open Evenings



## SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM FACILITIES



**99%**  
PASS RATE

Over the past 16 years A Level pass rates at Woking College have been above the national average

**99%**  
BTEC PASS RATE

**OVER 75** EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Students from over

**88**  
DIFFERENT SCHOOLS



STUDENTS RIGHTLY SPEAK HIGHLY OF THE **EXCELLENT SUPPORT** THEY RECEIVE FROM SUBJECT AND PASTORAL STAFF WHICH HELPS THEM TO STAY ON TRACK AND MAKE RAPID PROGRESS.

**OFSTED**

**100%**

PASS RATE  
for EPQ 70% at High Grades

**82%**

Students gained their first choice University place

**54**

Different subjects to choose from



## GREAT CHOICE OF COURSES AND COMBINATIONS



**186**

visiting speakers, lunchtime lectures and College trips in 2024

**124**

specialist Sixth Form teachers

Over

**570**

work placements organised for students

# STUDENT VOICE



## Welcome to Woking College

As Student Union Chairs, we are incredibly proud to represent such an inclusive and welcoming community at Woking College. One of the things that makes this college so special is the way students support one another, creating an environment where everyone feels accepted, valued and encouraged to achieve their best.

There are countless opportunities to get involved beyond the classroom, from enrichments and events to leadership roles and student-led initiatives. These experiences allow students to explore their interests, develop new skills and meet inspiring people from across the College. Alongside a high-quality education, Woking College offers a supportive environment where students build confidence, form lasting friendships and feel part of a community that encourages everyone to grow and succeed together.

The Student Union plays an important role in bringing students together and helping shape the college experience. We are proud to welcome you to Woking College, a place where you will be supported, inspired and encouraged to achieve your ambitions.

**Rida Noman and Emma Smith-Gould**  
Student Union Chairs



# BELLA AUSTIN



"Woking College has such a kind, supportive community. I've loved being part of the College musical, community theatre and the Student Union. My teachers have been amazing and always there to help, whether with my subjects, my EPQ or LAMDA Grade 8 Acting.

I'm applying to study Law at Essex, Royal Holloway or Bath Spa, and I'd love to go into environmental politics and eventually start a non profit organisation in Africa."



**Studying:**  
Drama & Theatre Studies, Law, Criminology

**Previous School:**  
Notre Dame

AMBITION  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS



### WHAT NEXT?

Law at University of Essex or Royal Holloway

94%	94%	92%	96%	97%	92%
agreed they received help with revision planning & exam preparation and/or coursework & assignment planning	agreed the feedback that teachers gave them in lessons helped them to make progress	agreed teachers in this subject set me suitable work to do outside of class	agreed they were encouraged to study and learn independently in this subject	agreed they were respected as an individual and felt safe in their class	agreed they would happily recommend this course to future students

# CHOOSING YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME



To help you choose your Study Programme we suggest you look at the more detailed course information on our website.

We strongly recommend that you visit one of our Open Evenings where you will have the opportunity to meet staff and students and gather as much information about the courses on offer and what life at Woking College is like.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your chosen courses in more detail at your personal interview following your application to the College and also at your Welcome Day and at Enrolment.

When choosing your courses, ask yourself:

- What subjects do I enjoy?
- What subjects am I good at?
- Have I considered new subjects that my school doesn't offer?
- Do I need particular subjects to help me progress into a specific career?

Scan for Course Info



## YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

There are many ways to study at Woking College, allowing you to build a programme that suits your interests, strengths and future ambitions.

### A Levels

To study A Levels you will need at least five GCSE passes at grades 4-9

Some subjects require specific grades, for example, to study Physics you will need at least a 6 in GCSE Maths. To study Chemistry, you will need at least a 6 in Chemistry and Maths.

Course requirements can be found under Course Information on the website.

Most students study three A levels, but it is possible to study four.

### Advanced Vocational Courses

To study Advanced Vocational Courses, you will need four or more GCSE passes at grades 4-9. Some Vocational Courses require specific grades. For example, to study Engineering you will need at least a grade 6 in GCSE Maths and a grade 4 in Science.

Advanced Vocational Courses offer more practical, skills-based courses where you learn through a combination of coursework, assignments and exams.

### You may also study a combination of A Levels and Advanced Vocational Courses

In addition to your core courses, all students take part in our Enrichment Programme, offering opportunities to develop new skills, pursue interests and enhance your CV or university application. In addition, each student is assigned a personal tutor who will support you during your time at college, monitoring your progress and helping you stay on track. Group tutor time is one hour per week, taking place on a Monday.

### Examples of A Level and Vocational Course Study Programmes

MORE THAN **+5** GRADES

Five or more grades 4-9, including at least grade 4 in English and Maths

GCE Advanced Level (A Level)

OR

Advanced Vocational Courses (Level 3)

OR

A combination of both

UP TO **+4** GRADES

Four or more grades 4-9, which may or may not include at least grade 4 in English and Maths

Advanced Vocational Courses (Level 3)

AND

If necessary resit GCSE English and/or Maths

LESS THAN **-4** GRADES

Less than four grades 4-9, not including at least grade 4 in English and Maths

Pre-Advanced Level Courses (Level 2) (1 yr)

AND

GCSE English and/or Maths

# LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL COURSES AND GCSE COURSES

If you don't quite get the GCSE results you need for Advanced Level study, the College offers a good range of Level 1 and Level 2 courses designed to help you build confidence, develop your skills and get ready for the next steps at College.

- Level 2 Applied Science
- Level 2 Art & Design
- Level 2 Business
- Level 2 Health & Social Care
- Level 2 I.T.
- Level 2 Media
- Level 2 Performing Arts
- Level 2 Sport
- Level 1 Travel & Tourism

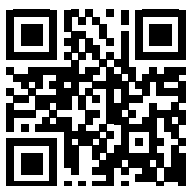
## GCSE Courses

If you get fewer than four GCSEs at grades 4-9, or you don't achieve a grade 4 in English and/or Maths, you can resit.

- GCSE English
- GCSE Maths

To join one of these courses you'll need at least three GCSEs at grade 3 or above.

Most students who complete a one-year course go on to stay for a second year and progress to an Advanced Level programme.



You can find more details about these courses at [www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk)



# BENJY FLEETWOOD



"My time at Woking College has been fantastic. The support from teachers and student services is excellent, and the community feeling is strong. I've loved the music events, trips and the big biannual concerts."

I completed the Senior Physics Challenge, my EPQ and joined the Student Union, which really improved my public speaking.

I'm hoping to study Physics at Exeter University and would love to become a metamaterials physicist or a live sound engineer."



## Studying:

Maths, Physics, Music, EPQ

## Previous School:

Winston Churchill

## WHAT NEXT?

Physics at Exeter University



AMBITION  
METAMATERIALS  
PHYSICIST

# COURSE DIRECTORY

## A LEVEL COURSES

3D Design  
 Biology  
 Business Studies  
 Chemistry  
 Classical Civilisation  
 Computer Science  
 Core Mathematics  
 (Level 3 Certificate)  
 Dance  
 Drama and Theatre Studies  
 Economics  
 English Language  
 English Language  
 and Literature  
 English Literature  
 Film Studies  
 Fine Art  
 French  
 Further Maths  
 (Double A Level)  
 Geography

German  
 Graphic Design  
 History  
 Law  
 Maths  
 Media Studies  
 Music  
 Music Technology  
 Philosophy  
 Photography  
 Physical Education  
 Physics  
 Politics  
 Psychology  
 Religious Studies  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Statistics  
 Textiles

## VOCATIONAL COURSES

Applied Science  
 Art and Design  
 Business  
 Early Childhood  
 Development  
 Creative Digital  
 Media Production  
 Computing  
 Criminology  
 Digital Games Production  
 Engineering  
 Health and Social Care  
 Information Technology  
 Law  
 Music Technology  
 Performing Arts  
 Sport  
 Travel and Tourism  
 Uniformed Services

A LEVEL



VOCATIONAL



To find out more about our courses, scan the relevant QR code and then select the subjects that you are interested in.

# GRACE BRIERLEY



"My time at Woking College has been incredibly rewarding. The College has supported both my academic progress and wellbeing. The wide range of subjects meant I could pursue what I truly enjoyed, and my teachers have been incredibly encouraging and challenged me to aim high.

I completed an EPQ which developed my writing and research skills and joined the Humanities Excellence Programme, which really strengthened my university application. I'm going on to study Theology and Religion at Oxford, and I hope to become a journalist."



### Studying:

Religious Studies,  
Biology, Geography

### Previous School:

Christ's College

### WHAT NEXT?

Theology and Religion  
at Oxford University

AMBITION  
JOURNALIST

# FAQs

## THESE ARE OUR STUDENTS' 12 MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### Q When should I apply to Woking College?

A Woking College is an oversubscribed College so we advise you apply as early as possible in your late Yr.10 or early Yr.11. We have two Open Evenings in June (your Yr.10) and October (your Yr.11) and we advise that you come and look around the College and meet staff and students before you submit your application.

### Q Do you interview applicants?

A Yes, we invite all applicants for an interview where you can discuss your subject options and ask any questions you might have to help you decide if Woking College is the right place for you.

### Q How many students are there in classes?

A This depends on the subject but an average size class is 18. Some classes are smaller but classes are usually no more than 20 students.

### Q How will I get to know people when I join?

A Students come to us from over 88 different schools so there is a great mix of new students to meet. The College is renowned for its inclusive, friendly community and as one of the smaller Sixth Form Colleges you won't get lost in the crowd! We encourage students to take part in enrichments and join clubs and societies where you will meet other students with similar interests.

### Q What is a typical day at College?

A A typical day at College depends on which subjects you are studying as all students timetables are tailor made to suit their study needs. In general, each A Level and BTEC subject has four and a half hours of teaching per week and there is time for private study which is best conducted in College. The day starts at 8.45am and ends at 4pm and students are required to attend College five days per week. There is time allocated for the many enrichment activities available, and there is one hour per week tutor time.

### Q What is The Excellence Programme?

A The Excellence Programme is designed to support ambitious and high achieving students in their pursuit of excellence at the College and in their future progression to the top universities and professions. You can read more about the programme on page 18 of this prospectus and on our website.

### Q Are there extracurricular activities I can get involved with?

A Yes, the College has one of the best enrichment programmes in the region with over 75 different activities to choose from, including Sport, Music, Drama, D of E, Gold Arts Award, Debating Society and Book Clubs. All students are required to take part in at least one enrichment activity with many choosing two or more.

### Q Can I study A Levels and Vocational courses alongside each other?

A Yes, providing your choices can be accommodated within your timetable. For some students this is a very good combination.

### Q What happens if I need extra learning support with my studies?

A The College aims to provide holistic, personalised and fully integrated support for all students who need it at any time.

In the first few weeks after enrolment, using diagnostic screening as well as information provided from home and school, our learning support team will create an agreed plan to address any needs. You can read more about our Support for Learning on page 36 of this prospectus and on our website.

### Q Will I get help with my university and apprenticeship applications?

A Yes, teachers and tutors are very experienced in handling university and apprenticeship applications, and our dedicated careers department are there to help you with your UCAS choices and in your application to top grade apprenticeships. All applications and personal statements are checked by personal tutors and our University and Careers Advisor. Throughout the year, visiting universities are invited into the College to advise on university applications.

### Q When it comes to careers advice what help can I expect?

A The College has a dedicated Careers team who offer advice on careers, Higher Education and apprenticeships. In March, there is a Higher Education event for Yr.12 parents and carers and two careers mornings for students in March and June. Our June Careers Event attracts over 100 universities and leading national and international businesses. Throughout the year visiting speakers such as KPMG, Proctor & Gamble and McLaren are invited into College to advise students on their career choices.

### Q How does the College communicate with my parents/carers and let them know how I am doing?

A We predominately communicate with parents/carers via email and the email service Brevo. Parents and carers are kept fully informed of each student's academic achievements and their personal and social development. Progress reports are sent home on a half termly basis and there are two Academic Tutoring days through the year to which students and parents/carers are invited to discuss how the student is doing. These provide the ideal opportunity to meet subject teachers and tutors to ensure everything at College is going to plan.

# THE WOKING WAY

## COMBINED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



"LEADERS, MANAGERS AND TEACHERS ENSURE STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM A BROAD PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH HELPS STUDENTS DEVELOP THEIR WIDER SKILLS AND SUPPORTS THEIR PROGRESSION"

OFSTED



As a College, we are committed to developing opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom.

The Woking Way is a unique programme designed to provide students with a breadth of opportunities beyond the classroom. Our extensive enrichment programme, providing over 75 activities across each week, sits at its core.

All students participate in at least one enrichment activity, which is added to their academic programme, and have the opportunity to participate in a range of additional activities such as workshops, pop ups, lectures and trips, in addition to qualifications such as EPQ and LAMDA and our Excellence Programme. Students work towards achieving their Woking Way awards, collating evidence in each of the programmes five areas; Wellbeing, What Next, Wider Learning, Working with the Community and World of Work.

The programme prepares students for their next steps in life and students value the breadth of experience and opportunities it provides.



To read more about the Woking Way, please scan here



To see the list of our enrichments, please scan here

### WIDER LEARNING

We challenge students to broaden their learning either as an extension to their chosen courses, through Maths and Science Olympiads, or as an additional learning opportunity with the EPQ programme and LAMDA.

### WELLBEING

We recognise that an important part of our role is to support and enable students to look after their own wellbeing. To achieve this, students will be encouraged to participate in sports enrichments, performing arts, wellbeing workshops, pop ups and focused events.

### WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

We encourage involvement with an array of community endeavours so that students are outward-focused. Schemes include Duke of Edinburgh Award, peer mentoring, volunteering and sports and performing arts coaching in local schools. Our community projects also provide tutor groups to plan and lead a community event.

### WHERE NEXT

We maximise the chances students have to consider their next steps by providing a whole host of events. Students join careers days, Higher Education fairs and talks, apprenticeship trips and university open days.

### WORLD OF WORK

We support students to gain real-world employment experience through enterprise schemes, employability events, work experience trips and external speakers.

# EVANGELINE ROSE FLEMING



"My time at Woking College has been incredible. I've not only learned so much in my subjects, but I've also gained life skills that I know I'll carry with me forever. I'm really grateful for all the opportunities I've had and for the amazing people I've met along the way. One of my highlights has been being part of Theatre Company and working under Claire's brilliant direction.

Outside my subjects, I threw myself into the College Musical and Theatre Company, which helped me grow in confidence and experience.

I've been accepted at Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts to study Screen Acting, and my ambition is to build a career as an actor."



**Studying:**  
Drama, Film,  
Performing Arts

**Previous School:**  
Winston Churchill

### WHAT NEXT?

Screen Acting  
at Liverpool Institute  
for Performing Arts

AMBITION  
ACTOR



# WIDER LEARNING

Life at Woking College is not only about work and study. As part of our Woking Way programme, we offer a wide range of activities and enrichments which will help you broaden your experiences and gain a competitive edge when it comes to interviews for university or employment.

These cover a huge range of disciplines from our Excellence Programme, STEM and the Extended Project Qualification to over **75 different enrichment activities**. Enrichments are open to all students regardless of whether you are studying these subjects as part of your courses.



Scan for enrichments list



## EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

The Excellence Programme supports aspirational and inquisitive students in their pursuit of academic and personal excellence. Aimed at ambitious learners with a passion for discovery, it prepares students for leading universities, Arts schools and competitive apprenticeships, while nurturing their development as individuals and scholars.

The programme is organised into five strands: Humanities & Social Sciences, The Arts, STEM, Physical Life (including Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Sciences and Sport) and Apprenticeships. From January to December, students meet weekly within their strand to take part in seminars and workshops led by university academics, industry professionals and guest practitioners. They also benefit from opportunities designed to broaden cultural capital and encourage personal growth. Strand coordinators curate a balanced programme and arrange external experiences such as visits to Oxford or Cambridge colleges, alongside internal events including Brighton & Sussex Medical School workshops, Girls in STEM activities, mock assessment centres and industry days.

Each year, we support numerous students applying to Oxford or Cambridge through college visits, admissions workshops and subject-specific sessions. Students receive tailored preparation for admissions tests, practice interviews and personal statements. Beyond Oxbridge, strand leads provide specialist guidance for competitive courses and apprenticeships, including portfolio and audition support, interview practice, entrance exam preparation and full-day assessment centres.

The Excellence Programme is proudly inclusive, welcoming students who demonstrate curiosity, ambition and a genuine love of learning.



Scan for Excellence in Learning

# ALEXANDER OWEN



"I've really enjoyed my time at Woking College. Choosing subjects I was genuinely interested in made lessons engaging, and having such supportive teachers really helped me push myself. The UCAS process felt much less daunting thanks to the guidance we received in form sessions, and the wide range of enrichment activities meant I got to meet lots of new people outside my subjects.

Over my two years, here I've played for the College Football Team and taken part in academic competitions like the UK Senior Maths Challenge and the British Physics Olympiad. I was also part of the Excellence Programme, which really supported my university applications.

I'm hoping to study Civil Engineering at the University of Warwick, and one day I'd love to travel the world."



**Studying:**  
Maths, Further Maths,  
Physics, Engineering

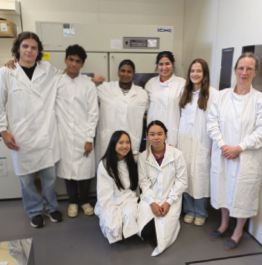
**Previous School:**  
Winston Churchill

## WHAT NEXT?

Civil Engineering  
at the University  
of Warwick

AMBITION  
CIVIL ENGINEER





## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

The Extended Project Qualification is an independent research project – your opportunity to gain a qualification in whichever area of interest you choose, anything from a hobby to a future career.

The final product can take the form of a written report or an artefact or product/event. The EPQ involves students taking on independent learning and has teachers acting as supervisors. The EPQ begins in the September of year 12 and submission for marking is June of year 12. Students will have timetabled lectures which will deliver a range of academic topics to develop critical thinking, resilience, independence and their presenting and writing. They will also have timetabled sessions with supervisors; getting an opportunity for one-on-one support and feedback. The EPQ is highly valued by universities as it demonstrates passion and ability in a particular subject. It is worth up to 28 UCAS points and can enhance your university applications. It also helps you develop a wide range of skills (for example academic writing, referencing and research) which will supplement your performance in your A Level exams and BTECs, as well as your next steps.

For past projects, Woking College students have submitted animations, dance productions, extended essays and videos.

This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge, pursue your interest and improve your university applications. In 2025, the EPQ pass rate was 100%, with 70% of students achieving a high grade of A\*-B.

THE EPQ WAS A BRILLIANT DECISION AS IT ALLOWED ME TO GAIN A WIDER KNOWLEDGE ON TOPICS I VALUE GREATLY, AS WELL AS AN INFORMED PERSPECTIVE ON CURRENT EVENTS



CHRIS K, EPQ

# LILY LUCAS



"Woking College has been a great experience. The support from teachers and the revision resources really helped with the step up to A Levels. The MVD Excellence Programme was especially valuable for understanding the medical school application process.

I completed my EPQ and took part in DofE and several medical related trips, which confirmed my interest in medicine.

I'm applying to the University of Leicester for Medicine, with the aim of working in Obstetrics and Gynaecology."



### Studying:

Biology, Chemistry, Geography, EPQ

### Previous School:

The Magna Carta School

### WHAT NEXT?

Medicine at the University of Leicester

AMBITION  
MEDICINE/  
OBSTETRICS &  
GYNAECOLOGY



## POP UPS

You will be able to get involved in a variety of pop ups in the canteen during lunchtime run by our Enrichment Coordinator. It is a great way to get involved, make new friends and focus on your wellbeing. Popular activities this year have included gingerbread making, candle making, ceramics, a trivia quiz and Diwali decorations.



**DOING AN EPQ MADE ME A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY AND ALLOWED ME TO DEVELOP INVALUABLE RESEARCH SKILLS, WHILST BEING A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE A PASSION OF MINE!**

**MORGAN S**



To see the list of our enrichments, please scan here.



## BIG TALKS AND SUBJECT LECTURES

Big Talks are a part of our pastoral programme and take place during the tutor session. Talks are given by a range of staff members, covering topics as diverse as Knife Crime, the Digital Divide, Do We Really Have Free Will? and Travelling for Culture.

We also offer a broad range of lectures across a variety of subject areas, led by visiting speakers who are experts in their fields.

Speakers have included experts in Cyber Security, Architecture, Film and Animation, hip hop Choreography, the NHS and apprenticeship talks from Lloyds Banking and Airbus.

# WILLIAM RHYDDERCH



"I've really enjoyed the teaching at Woking College. In all my lessons I feel included, supported and fully engaged, which has made a huge difference to my confidence and progress. I also took part in the Physics Olympiad, which challenged me and helped deepen my understanding.

I'm going on to study Maths with Economics at the University of Bristol, and my long term ambition is to become an actuary."



### Studying:

Maths, Physics,  
Computing,  
Further Maths

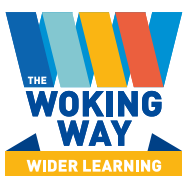
### Previous School:

Woking High

AMBITION  
ACTUARY

## WHAT NEXT?

Maths with Economics  
at University of Bristol



## MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA

Our reputation in this area is unparalleled; we regularly win local and national awards for excellence. With our own purpose-built performance arts centre, theatre, dance studio and music suites, there is ample opportunity for everyone to get involved, whether backstage or in the spotlight. There is a major musical production staged each year, as well as plays, music and dance.

We have a concert band, funk band, chamber choir, wind ensembles and folk band. Students also arrange their own ensembles, including rock and jazz groups, which perform both in College and the local area.



- Gold Arts Award
- Baroque Ensemble
- Choir
- Clarinet Ensemble
- Contemporary Choreography
- Contemporary Dance Technique
- Grade 1-3 Music Theory
- Grade 5 Music Theory
- Music Technology Workshops
- Making Popular Music
- Musical Production
- Dance Leaders Award
- Percussion Ensemble
- Funk Band
- LAMDA Theatre
- LAMDA Musical Theatre
- Shakespeare Certificate
- Theatre Company

# ATHIDH SREEVALSAN



"Woking College has been challenging but very rewarding. Music has been a highlight, and the structured teaching in Maths and Chemistry has really helped me progress. The teachers are always supportive and great with advice about next steps."

I completed an EPQ on generative AI in music and took part in the Concert Band, Summer Session Band and the annual music concert.

I'm hoping to study Music and Sound Recording (Tonmeister) at the University of Surrey and aim to become a film music composer and orchestra conductor."



**Studying:**  
Music, Maths, Chemistry

**Previous School:**  
Winston Churchill

### WHAT NEXT?

Music and Sound Recording at University of Surrey

AMBITION  
FILM MUSIC COMPOSER  
AND ORCHESTRA  
CONDUCTOR



# WELLBEING

We know that feeling physically and emotionally safe and nurtured is essential so you can learn, excel and above all, enjoy your time in and outside of College. That's why our students' wellbeing is our top priority.

We pride ourselves on creating an environment where all students can access support from our pastoral team in the moment that they need it. Students say they come out of these conversations feeling truly heard and valued.

As well as supporting individual students, the co-ordinator of Student Wellbeing leads the College-wide approach, promoting general welfare throughout every aspect of College life and empowering students to look after their own wellbeing.



To find out more about Wellbeing, please scan here.



**"THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE TO TALK TOO AND PLACES TO RELAX IF LIFE OR YOUR WORK IS GETTING ON TOP OF YOU."**



## College counselling

To see one of our College counsellors, for a course of up to nine sessions, you can either refer yourself or be referred. For more information take a look at our website or speak to one of our pastoral team.

## Specific health and wellbeing support groups

We run various support groups at the College, including mindful courses, and bereavement and anxiety support groups. The Learning Support department also run a chill-out group if you prefer a staff-led, supportive lunchtime environment as an alternative to the wider College social spaces.

## Peer mentors

You'll have access to a trained peer support mentor who you can speak to about any concerns you have including your mental health and wellbeing.

## Drop-in wellbeing sessions

You're invited to enjoy pop-up events in the canteen run by the Enrichment Co-ordinator. These can involve all sorts of activities, and in the past have included decorating gingerbread men, creating bath bombs and making glitter shakers as a relaxation tool. Specialist drop in sessions include young carers, bereavement counselling and visits by therapy dogs.

# EMILIA BYE HARRIS



"I've really enjoyed my time at Woking College, especially being able to balance challenging A Levels with playing basketball in the academy. The teachers are incredibly supportive and always willing to help, which has made a big difference to my confidence and progress. I've also made lifelong friends who've made my experience here memorable and fun.

I completed an EPQ on stem cell therapy for canine osteoarthritis, which helped me develop valuable skills and gave me insight into the veterinary field through guidance from professionals at the Royal Veterinary College.

I hope to study Veterinary Medicine at university, and I'd love to continue playing and coaching basketball alongside my studies."



**Studying:**  
Biology, Chemistry,  
Psychology

**Previous School:**  
Woking High

## WHAT NEXT?

Veterinary Medicine  
at university



AMBITION  
VETERINARY  
MEDICINE

# SPORTS & FITNESS

With our modern multi-million pound Sports Centre, Woking College is proud to offer an extensive indoor sports hall, dedicated weights room, gym, exercise studio and 60m running track. A 3G pitch and sports pavilion completes the College's impressive sports facilities.

Woking College has an excellent reputation for competitive sport and offers a full programme of team sports as well as individual sports and fitness activities.

Woking College believes that sport and fitness is for all our students via our enrichments programme, so all students contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

## SPORTS TEAMS

Woking College sports teams compete in Regional and National leagues. The College is proud to be the education provider for the Woking Football Academy and hosts the Blackhawks Basketball Academy, whereby students can study for A levels and BTECs alongside a structured programme of additional basketball training from Blackhawks professional coaches.

**Some of the sports we offer**

Badminton	Netball
Basketball	Table Tennis
Dodgeball	Womens Basketball
Football	Womens Football
Gym training	Womens Rugby
Rugby	



# LEO CHRISTOPHERS



"College days are always exciting for me because I get to see my friends and teammates, both in lessons and during football training. I really enjoy all three of my subjects, especially because they link to what I want to study at university. I'm quite academic, which has helped me stay confident even when topics get challenging, and my teachers have made the lessons engaging and easy to follow."

One of the things I love most about Woking College is that I've been able to play football in the academy while studying A Levels. I've made great friends through football, and that's made my whole college experience even better.

I'm planning to go to university to study Sport and Exercise Science, and I'm currently deciding between the University of Bath, Nottingham or Birmingham. I'd love to build a future career in elite sports."



**Studying:**  
PE, Psychology, Maths,  
Woking Football Academy

**Previous School:**  
Kings  
Academy

## WHAT NEXT?

Sport and Exercise  
Science at University

AMBITION  
A CAREER IN  
ELITE SPORT



# ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES



## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The world's leading youth achievement award – a fun adventure and major challenge with a wide range of potential activities, offering endless possibilities to anyone aged 14 to 24. Students will push personal boundaries, gain new skills and enhance their CVs and university applications. At Woking College, we provide support for those working towards the award at Silver and Gold levels.



### Just a few of our activities include:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Astronomy                     | International Club      |
| Book Club                     | Maths Challenge         |
| Ceramics                      | Meditation              |
| Christian Union               | Neurodiverse Group      |
| Debating Society              | Philosophy Book Club    |
| Duke of Edinburgh Award       | Physics Olympiad        |
| Embroidery                    | Volunteering            |
| Gender and Sexuality Alliance | Wellbeing & Mindfulness |
| History of the Universe       | The Woking Word         |

# LILY STRIDE



"I've really enjoyed my time at Woking College and have grown so much, both personally and academically. My teachers have been incredibly supportive and approachable. I took part in a trip to Longmoor Army Base with my Uniformed Services Course where I gained a real insight into military life.

I've been part of the Women's football team, becoming captain in my second year and competing in national competitions. I'm applying to join the RAF as a military firefighter and hope to work in either the RAF or the Fire Service."



### Studying:

Uniformed Public Services, PE, Criminology

### Previous School:

Three Rivers Academy

AMBITION  
MILITARY  
FIREFIGHTER

### WHAT NEXT?

Applying to the RAF as a Military Firefighter





## EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Woking College is committed to creating and maintaining a working and learning environment for staff and students alike that is free from any form of harassment or bullying. The Equality and Diversity Policy aims to ensure that neither staff nor students are discriminated against on the grounds of gender, race, ethnic or national origins, marital status, domestic circumstances, age, sexuality, disability, political or religious beliefs. Procedures exist to monitor compliance with this policy and to deal with any grievances.

Student voice is central to all we do. Each department has an EDI staff champion and student EDI rep.

They meet on a regular basis to drive initiatives and improvements at departmental and whole College level. Equality, diversity and inclusion is celebrated in a range of events and in our College themed weeks. These weeks launch with a student prepared PowerPoint as part of our pastoral programme.

The College is proud to have been assessed as 'outstanding for social inclusion' by the Ofsted Inspectorate. All appropriate facilities are made available to students with disabilities and a designated tutor assesses their needs when applying to the College.

## VOLUNTEERING



There are a breadth of volunteering opportunities available to you during your time at College. Students regularly volunteer in our local community at primary schools, the foodbank, in cub or scout groups and in charity shops. Volunteering is rewarding, fulfilling and develops your active citizenship whilst also enabling you to gather invaluable work experience.



# SEB LE VALLEE



"My time at Woking College has been amazing, and the strong sense of community has helped me grow both personally and academically. My teachers have always been supportive and lessons have been consistently engaging. Completing my EPQ taught me valuable planning and time management skills, and I loved being able to explore something different from my main subjects. I've also really enjoyed taking part in college shows, which boosted my confidence and helped me meet new people.

I'm going on to study Multimedia Journalism at Bournemouth University, and I hope to build a career in journalism."



**Studying:**  
French, Photography,  
English Language

**Previous School:**  
St Peter's School,  
Guildford

### WHAT NEXT?

Multimedia journalism  
at Bournemouth  
University

AMBITION  
JOURNALIST



# CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Take a look at the Careers page



## CAREERS INFORMATION

Throughout the year, Woking College students can access high quality one-to-one appointments with our trained Careers Advisors to help them explore their options for the future. There are numerous events and opportunities for students to consider their next steps including:

### Tutorial Programme

A comprehensive series of sessions designed to support students in planning their next steps. This includes guidance on UCAS applications, gap year options, employability skills and apprenticeship opportunities.

### Careers Mornings

We host two career mornings featuring a traditional careers fair alongside a carousel of speaker sessions from approximately 80 universities and employers.

### Apprenticeship Information and Support

In addition to our external provider apprenticeship assembly, we organise a trip to the National Apprenticeship Show. We also collaborate with leading companies including Lloyds Banking Group and Balfour Beatty to create opportunities for our students to access bespoke sessions offering valuable insights and opportunities for career development.

### UCAS Applications

University personnel provide one-on-one personal statement sessions, this is complemented by dedicated guidance from a careers advisor for every student to ensure a smooth and successful application process.

### Work Experience

There are two valuable opportunities to complete a work placement with the support of our dedicated work placement team.

### Careers Advice and Guidance

All students have the opportunity to attend a one-to-one career guidance meeting.

### Higher Education Evening

A dedicated event for parents/carers to hear from universities about post-18 routes and learn about student finance options.

### Unifrog Online Careers Platform

Every student is provided with a Unifrog account, offering impartial and independent guidance and learning on a wide range of career paths and post-18 opportunities.

### Careers Bulletin Board

A real-time, dynamic bulletin board where students can access a wealth of opportunities and information, including work experience vacancies, industry insight events, UCAS resources, degree apprenticeship opportunities, careers fairs, university open days and much more.



## UNIVERSITY

Students are supported to consider university study and encouraged to attend Open Days, choose the right course for them and complete applications and personal statements. Our students go on to study at a wide range of prestigious universities across the UK as well as specialist music, drama and art colleges.

**IN 2025, 82% OF STUDENTS ACCESSED THEIR FIRST CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING:**

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Arts University Bournemouth     | University of Cambridge   |
| BIMM University                 | University of York        |
| University of the Creative Arts | University of Exeter      |
| Kings College London            | University of Cardiff     |
| UCFB                            | University of Leeds       |
| University of Bath              | University of Oxford      |
| University of Birmingham        | University of Southampton |
| University of Bristol           | University of Surrey      |

## APPRENTICESHIPS

An increasing number of students at Woking College are applying for highly sought after apprenticeship programmes, and they are supported in this process by the careers department, subject teachers and personal tutors. Just some of the places our students took up apprenticeships at include:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Airbus</b>                 | <b>RSM</b>           |
| <b>ARM</b>                    | <b>Savills</b>       |
| <b>Aspreys</b>                | <b>Surrey Police</b> |
| <b>Freshfields LLP</b>        | <b>TET Limited</b>   |
| <b>Historic Royal Palaces</b> | <b>Thales Group</b>  |
|                               | <b>VWV</b>           |

## WORK EXPERIENCE

All students have the opportunity to take part in high quality work experience placements with employers and work-related learning with workshops run by speakers from commerce and industry experts.



**OVER**

**570**

**WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS LAST YEAR**

**THE MAJORITY OF A LEVEL STUDENTS MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRESS AND EARN PLACES AT HIGHLY COMPETITIVE UNIVERSITIES.**

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# SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

To help you achieve your full potential we have extensive support services available to all our students.

Every one of our students is a unique individual and our support is individually tailored to meet their needs. We ensure that all of our students receive the highest quality experience from the moment we receive their application and throughout every interaction with us, be that academic feedback, careers and university advice or help and support with personal problems. We are here to help.



Scan the QR code for more information about support for learning.



“THE LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL IN MAKING SURE I STAY ON TRACK WITH MY WORK. THEY PROVIDE GREAT SUPPORT, WHETHER IT’S HELPING TO UNDERSTAND TRICKY TOPICS OR JUST OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT. THEIR SUPPORT HAS REALLY IMPROVED MY CONFIDENCE AND MADE LEARNING SO MUCH MORE MANAGEABLE.”



PARENTS/CARERS OF STUDENTS WITH EXTRA NEEDS SPEAK VERY POSITIVELY ABOUT THE SUPPORT THAT THEIR YOUNG PERSON RECEIVES, WHICH ENABLES THEM TO FLOURISH WHILST AT COLLEGE.

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## LEARNING SUPPORT

A dedicated, quiet and relaxed Support for Learning area is available in the B Building throughout the week, where specialist staff can provide assistance for all students. There is also further specialist mentoring and in class support available to students with an EHCP according to their need and preference and trained ELSAs (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) to give bespoke support to students where this is required. The Support for Learning team also run specific workshops in revision, organisation and wellbeing and can provide ad hoc one-to-one support sessions to any student on request.

## PERSONAL TUTORING

When you enrol at Woking College, you will be allocated a specialist personal tutor. They provide a comprehensive induction to help you in your transition from school to college. You will meet with your tutor every week and they will keep you up to date on key news and exciting opportunities in College as well as delivering tutorial sessions. Your personal tutor will also meet with you regularly for one-to-one reviews. They will monitor your progress and set you challenging targets to ensure you meet your full potential.

Your personal tutor will guide you through your options after college and help you to make those big decisions about your future, assisting you in applications to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Early in the first term parents/carers are invited to meet personal tutors and are actively encouraged to get in touch with them if they have any concerns or questions.



## WOKING WAY PASTORAL PROGRAMME



Our pastoral curriculum is a continually evolving programme of activities, events and opportunities designed to provide all our students with the kinds of skills, knowledge and cultural awareness that we would expect from every young adult.

With interesting and interactive sessions covering everything from driving safety, current affairs and budgeting through to how to be a responsible citizen, the programme aims to equip you with a range of practical and useful skills and knowledge ready for you to take your next steps into living independently at university or within the world of work.

## HEADS OF YEAR

Our highly experienced Heads of Year are here for you if you have a more complex issue. Whether personal or academic, they can provide comprehensive guidance offering safe and non-judgemental support and advice to students regarding a wide range of issues.

## LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a dedicated quiet study area with networked computers and desks and cubicles for individual study. The LRC is open from 8am – 6pm for students to study in a quiet, calm space.

# FACILITIES

Woking College is a contemporary campus with tailor-made facilities for Sixth Form education. In the past six years, we have received multi-million pound investments to ensure that our facilities match our excellence in courses and education.

Our facilities include a high-tech science block, a stunning arts centre, a media studio and an extensive sports centre, playing fields and 3G sports pitch and pavilion. In 2023, a new teaching block was added and a new purpose built performing arts centre opened in 2024.



THE COLLEGE ALSO BENEFITS FROM A LARGE **LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE**, **PROFESSIONAL THEATRE AND DANCE STUDIO** AND A DEDICATED **MUSIC TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**.

## JARED SETHI



"I've loved the balance between academic focus and extracurricular opportunities at Woking College. I enjoyed getting involved in enrichments such as Badminton and the Law Society. My teachers have been consistently supportive, and programmes like the EPQ and Humanities Excellence Programme helped me go beyond the syllabus.

The careers and UCAS support has been fantastic and helped me prepare thoroughly for challenging university interviews. I'll be studying Law at Cambridge and hope to build a career in the legal field."



### Studying:

History, Computer Science,  
English Language & Literature

### Previous School:

Christ's College

### WHAT NEXT?

University of Cambridge  
to study Law

AMBITION  
CAREER IN LAW



# YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING

## APPLYING TO WOKING COLLEGE COULDN'T BE EASIER!



### Open Evenings

Come along to one of our Open Evenings where you will be able to tour the College, meet staff and students and discuss some of your future plans. The Evenings are a great starting point to help you make your future decisions.

Our Autumn Open Evening will be held on Thursday 15th October 2026 and our Summer Open Evening on Wednesday 9th June 2027.

If you can't attend an Open Evening there is lots of information on our website [www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk) or in this prospectus.

### Your application

Complete an application form online at [www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk). We will acknowledge your submission by return email.

We advise you to apply as early as possible as we are a heavily oversubscribed College.

### Interview

After we have received your application, you will receive an email inviting you to and interview with a senior member of staff. This will give you the opportunity to discuss your course options and talk about your study programme at the College.

### Accept your offer

Following a successful interview and references from your school (where applicable) you will be emailed with an offer of your place, which you will need to accept by email.

### Welcome day

Having accepted your place, you will be invited to our Welcome Day in June before you join to give you a taste of life at Woking College. It is a requirement to attend the Welcome Day.

### Enrolment

Enrolment Days take place in late August when you will be registered on your courses, have your student card issued and have the opportunity to ask any of those last minute questions.

LEADERS AND MANAGERS HAVE  
CREATED **EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS TO**  
MAINTAIN THE **OUTSTANDING QUALITY**  
OF EDUCATION.

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### Contact

If you have any questions about your application, contact [admissions@woking.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@woking.ac.uk) where our dedicated team will be happy to help.

# HOW DO I GET THERE?



Woking College is the best-connected College in the region. With excellent rail, road and bus routes, Woking College attracts students from a wide geographical area.

Based on a single site with playing fields, we are placed in a residential area close to the town centre of Woking with good access to a mainline station.



**By train:** Woking College is a 15-minute walk from Woking Station, and a regular bus service connects the station to the College. Rail links from all major stations in the area are fast and efficient.



**By bus:** The College is on national and local bus routes from the areas of Camberley, Chertsey and Guildford. Subsidised passes for travel between home and the College are available from Surrey County Council.



**By road:** The College is easily accessible by road and there is ample free parking for all students and visitors.



**By foot:** It is a 15-minute walk from Woking town centre.



**By bike:** We strongly encourage you to cycle to College and have many undercover cycling bays.

If you're travelling by train, remember that students qualify for travelcards, which give discounted rail fares.



For more detailed travel routes

# GEORGE BINNEY



"I've really enjoyed the freedom that Woking College gives me. Being able to express myself creatively, in my own way, has been such a refreshing change from secondary school. I've loved learning new techniques across my subjects and using them both in and outside the classroom.

I also took part in the Carbon Literacy Award, a six week course that gave me a deeper understanding of sustainability, as well as a recognised certificate and UCAS points.

I'm hoping to study Costume Design for Film and Television at Falmouth University in 2026. I also hold offers from Bournemouth Arts University, UCA, Kingston, and an unconditional offer from Brighton University."



**Studying:**  
Textiles, 3D Design,  
Film Studies

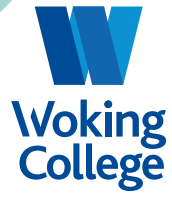
**Previous School:**  
Bishop David Brown

## WHAT NEXT?

Costume Design for Film and Television at Falmouth University

AMBITION  
COSTUME DESIGNER





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