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PROSPECTUS



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“Standards of teaching in the College are high, teaching staff are well qualified and many use their experience of working in industry to plan and deliver stimulating lessons. College leaders concentrate on raising student aspirations.”

Ofsted Report

WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thank you for considering Woking College for your sixth form education; we continue to be delighted by our students' excellent results and progression onto University and Apprenticeships, but we are just as proud of our wonderfully supportive community and enormous range of academic and fun extra-curricular activities which are a key part of our specialist sixth form provision.

Your future success will be assured through engaging teaching, active learning and a belief that all young people have tremendous potential. The widest range of A Levels and Vocational Courses, first rate facilities and extra study support sit alongside a brilliant range of out of class activities which help build your portfolios and CVs as part of the 'Woking Way' programme - which is so vital in setting you apart from the crowd when making applications. At Woking College, all of our facilities and everything we do is designed around, and devoted to, sixth form students.

From the first time you meet us you will receive the highest quality advice and guidance to ensure that the programme you select enables you to progress to the next stage of your career and throughout your time with us our exceptional Careers Team and tutors will advise and guide you on your next steps, whether that be to higher education, higher apprenticeships or to enter the workplace.

As sixth form specialists, our teachers will help you become independent learners who enjoy studying - your personal successes will be as a result of you working hard with a team of expert staff who are passionate about helping you to achieve and prepare you for a happy and successful adult life.

Subject workshops and our tutorial system are devoted to ensure that you achieve the best possible results from your time at College. Weekly tutor group sessions will focus on our innovative pastoral course - What Every 18-Year-Old Should Know - which is part of our commitment to providing you with so much more than just brilliant examination results.

We are truly dedicated to extending your future life choices and doing everything we can to support you in your ambitions; your success is our priority.

Brett Freeman
Principal

REASONS TO CHOOSE WOKING COLLEGE

Woking College specialises in educating young people aged 16 to 19, with students from more than 70 schools across Surrey attending the College in an environment that promotes independence and confidence.

99% A LEVEL PASS RATE

Over the last ten years, the A Level pass rate at Woking College has been above the national average.

63%
High Grades
A*-B at
A Level

100%
BTEC
pass rate

89%
Distinction
/Merit at
BTEC

Outstanding support for learning and excellent careers guidance

Oxbridge Co-ordinator and Excellence Programmes

Exceptional progression to first choice universities

OVER 50 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



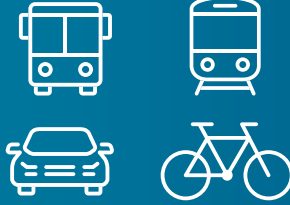
GREAT CHOICE OF COURSES AND COMBINATIONS



SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM FACILITIES



EASY TRANSPORT LINKS



WHAT OUR STUDENTS LOVE



- ♥ Excellent results
- ♥ Committed, supportive teachers
- ♥ Community atmosphere
- ♥ Great facilities
- ♥ Easy transport links

OPEN EVENINGS



STUDENT VOICE



THE STUDENT UNION

We listen to our students.

The results confirm that the overwhelming majority of students have found that their courses matched their expectations; that teaching and learning was of the highest standard; and that their Personal Tutor was very helpful, organised and supportive. In the words of the Student Union, "The great thing about the College is that all students matter and work together for the good of the College."

HELLO EVERYONE! LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR COUNT!!

Coming out of one of the most difficult years in history to be a student, the Staff and Student Union are here for all the students at Woking College, to support everyone in our journey back to normality.

Things have been tough for us all and we have all had to adjust, as well as miss out on the College experience we expected and looked forward to. As your new Student Union team, we hope to get things back on track and encourage a happy and healthy College environment, full of positivity for the future.

Woking College has always been a hub of excitement full of social events, clubs and extra-curricular activities, as well as an excellent track record in academics. Whilst government restrictions are gradually being eased, we hope to continue this legacy of student success and make a fun and creative College for all students.

Our College is diverse, inclusive and encouraging. We want every student to have the best chance at building their dream future, whilst enjoying their time and making the most of the opportunities the College provides. You should expect to receive guidance on career choices, university options, workplace apprentices and generally on what your next steps are in life.

The College staff are on hand to support us and help all students achieve their full potential. If you are struggling academically or personally, the staff and excellent pastoral team will offer all the support you need.

We, as the Student Union, will be working hard to try to get students the best College experience both academically

and socially. We're planning social events and working hard to take on the student voice in everything we do. We want to be the voice of the students! Let us hear your ideas and thoughts so we can work together to build a great College experience for all.

If you're thinking of joining us here at Woking College, please do reach out and speak to us! We have amazing state of the art facilities, a fantastic teaching team and a student body that is diverse, supportive, inclusive and successful. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you in the future onto campus.

Woking College is a place where every student should feel valued and respected. It is also a place where we are all expected to value and respect each other. Together we can build on the legacy of excellence and help each other to grow and flourish, even when times are tough.

EFFI FIORINI

**STUDENT UNION
PRESIDENT**



CHOOSING YOUR **STUDY** **PROGRAMME**

When you choose your subjects, think about how you're giving yourself a good foundation for achieving your career aims.

This Prospectus will help you choose courses that you are interested in studying and which give you the pathway to the next stages of your career aspirations whether that be to University, Apprenticeships or joining the workforce straight from College.

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.

We understand that choosing your courses can be daunting so we say a big "DON'T WORRY", we will be there to provide you with help and guidance. We will discuss your subject options with you at your interview, at Welcome Day and at enrolment when you have received your GCSE grades. We want to make sure that you choose the best subject combinations to succeed and enjoy your time at College. We are here every step of the way to advise and guide you.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your chosen courses in further detail at your personal interview following your application to the College.

Here are some examples of typical student programmes.



ADVANCED LEVEL (A LEVEL COURSES)

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

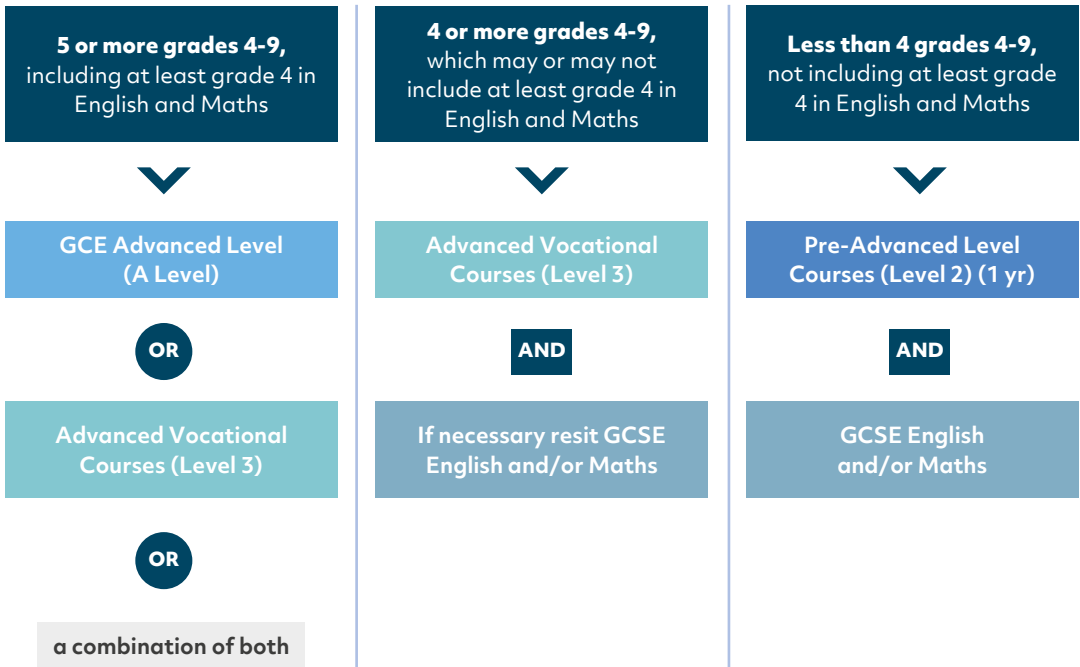
We will discuss final entry requirements for your chosen course during your interview. Subjects such as Mathematics, English, and the Sciences will require students to have specific grades - for example, to study Physics you will need at least a 6 in GCSE Maths. Woking College offers a wide range of subject choices (see page 12 onwards).

Most students study three A Levels but it is possible to study four. You will be given careful guidance at your interview, helping you to select the right number and combination of subjects.

ADVANCED VOCATIONAL COURSES

If you want to concentrate on a particular subject area and prefer the focus of assessment to be on coursework and assignments rather than exams, our selection of Advanced Vocational courses will give you the chance to experience the world of work. To study these qualifications you will need four or more GCSE passes with grades 4-9, depending on the subject area and course chosen. See page 12 for the range of subjects. Woking College offers two routes to achieving vocational qualifications at Advanced Level.

Advanced Vocational courses are a two-year programme equivalent to one, two, or three A Levels. To study for Advanced Vocational courses at Level 3 you will need four passes at GCSE with grades 4-9. This path provides a sound basis for further training, university entrance, or progression to employment within a vocational sector.





PRE ADVANCED AND GCSE COURSES

For students who do not achieve the GCSE results that they need to study at Advanced Level, Woking College offers a choice of:

- ▶ Level 2 in Applied Science
- ▶ Level 2 in Art and Design
- ▶ Level 2 in Business
- ▶ Level 2 in Health & Social Care
- ▶ Level 2 in IT
- ▶ Level 2 in Media
- ▶ Level 2 in Performing Arts
- ▶ Level 2 in Sport
- ▶ Level 2 in Travel & Tourism

To study one of these courses, you will need at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. These full-time vocational courses can, if completed successfully, lead to study at Advanced Level. The majority of students who attend the College to complete a one-year programme return for a second year to continue with an Advanced Level programme.

GCSE COURSES

For those students who attain less than the equivalent of four grades 4-9 at GCSE and/or do not have at least a 4 in English/Mathematics, the College operates a GCSE programme in English and Mathematics. We also offer literacy and numeracy qualifications, which can be studied alongside main programmes. Detailed course content is available at www.woking.ac.uk

Brief descriptions of each course are given in the course listings on the following pages. Course details given are for both A Levels and Vocational subjects. Individual leaflets describing each course in more detail are available from the College website www.woking.ac.uk

We will make sure you select the right combination of subjects to meet your individual learning needs and career aspirations. The course entry requirements and progression routes to higher education and employment will be discussed at interview and enrolment.



ADVANCED LEVEL STUDY (2 YEAR COURSES)

As all A Level courses have moved to the new linear specifications, the majority of students will take three courses, or the equivalent combination of Vocational and A Levels, alongside their enrichment and tutorial activities. Personalised support and guidance will be given at interview, and some students will be able to undertake four A Level options. Students will also have the option of undertaking the highly regarded **Extended Project Qualification** as part of their studies and being part of the challenging **Excellence Programme**.

"I chose Woking College because of its reputation for excellent results and its standard of teaching. The College is great at concentrating on each individual's needs and learning style. It isn't a huge College so there is a real community atmosphere. I feel valued and stretched to do my very best."

Emaan Mahmood

Studying: Biology, Chemistry and Psychology
Previous school: Winston Churchill

COURSE OVERVIEW

| | | | |
|----|---|----|--|
| 14 | 3D DESIGN (A Level) | 25 | ECONOMICS (A Level) |
| 14 | APPLIED SCIENCE (Advanced Vocational) | 25 | ENGINEERING (Advanced Vocational) |
| 14 | ART AND DESIGN (Advanced Vocational) | 26 | ENGLISH LANGUAGE (A Level) |
| 17 | BIOLOGY (A Level) | 26 | ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE (A Level) |
| 17 | BUSINESS (Advanced Vocational) | 26 | ENGLISH LITERATURE (A Level) |
| 17 | BUSINESS STUDIES (A Level) | 29 | FILM STUDIES (A Level) |
| 18 | CHILDCARE (Advanced Vocational) | 29 | FINE ART (A Level) |
| 18 | CHEMISTRY (A Level) | 29 | FRENCH/GERMAN/SPANISH (A Level) |
| 18 | CLASSICAL CIVILISATION (A Level) | 30 | FURTHER MATHS (Double A Level) |
| 21 | COMPUTER SCIENCE (A Level) | 30 | GEOGRAPHY (A Level) |
| 21 | CORE MATHEMATICS (Level 3 Certificate) | 30 | GRAPHIC DESIGN (A Level) |
| 21 | CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION (Advanced Vocational) | 33 | HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (Advanced Vocational) |
| 22 | CRIMINOLOGY (Advanced Vocational) | 33 | HISTORY (A Level) |
| 22 | DANCE (A Level) | 33 | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (Advanced Vocational) |
| 22 | DIGITAL GAMES PRODUCTION (Advanced Vocational) | 34 | LAW (A Level) |
| 25 | DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES (A Level) | 34 | LAW (Advanced Vocational) |

- 34 **MATHS**
(A Level)
- 37 **MEDIA STUDIES**
(A Level)
- 37 **MUSIC**
(A Level)
- 37 **MUSIC TECHNOLOGY**
(Advanced Vocational)
- 38 **PERFORMING ARTS**
(Advanced Vocational)
- 38 **PHILOSOPHY**
(A Level)
- 38 **PHOTOGRAPHY**
(A Level)
- 39 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**
(A Level)
- 39 **PHYSICS**
(A Level)
- 39 **POLITICS**
(A Level)
- 41 **PSYCHOLOGY**
(A Level)
- 41 **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**
(A Level)
- 41 **SOCIOLOGY**
(A Level)
- 42 **SPORT**
(Advanced Vocational)
- 42 **STATISTICS**
(A Level)
- 42 **TEXTILES**
(A Level)
- 45 **TRAVEL AND TOURISM**
(Advanced Vocational)
- 45 **UNIFORMED SERVICES**
(Advanced Vocational)



3D DESIGN

> (A LEVEL)

3D Design is a broad, diverse, practical course which uses a wide range of materials and techniques to research, design, develop, model and make three dimensional products/pieces that explore personal interests. Students experiment creatively through traditional making techniques as well as 3D digital technologies such as CAD/CAM.

Final design pieces are exhibited in our Art & Design show at The Lightbox Gallery in Woking. Students go on to complete degree courses Product Design, Architecture and Theatre Design or to pursue further creative study on an Art Foundation Course.



APPLIED SCIENCE

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

The course covers a mix of Biology, Chemistry and Physics with particular emphasis placed on the topics of forensic science, genetics and chemical analysis. Students carry out an independent investigative project and benefit from a range of assessment methods including laboratory work, coursework and written exams.

Most students go on to a variety of degree programmes such as BioSciences, Forensic Science, Paramedicine and Nursing, whilst career opportunities include scientific and technical posts in laboratories and industry.

ART AND DESIGN

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

Students on this course work to a range of diverse Art and Design briefs across the different disciplines such as Photography, Painting, Animation, Printing, Illustration, Graphics, 3D and Mixed Media. This course is ideal for the student who enjoys exploring and combining different creative techniques and is interested in a career in the creative arts. As part of the course, students learn how to put on a professional exhibition and are encouraged to get involved with our community projects and live briefs.

Gallery trips are embedded within our studies to enrich and personalise learning. Students have often successfully gone on to university courses in disciplines such as Illustration, Fashion Design, Concept Design as well as Art Foundation courses, apprenticeships or employment within a creative context.

For more info about our courses go to:
www.woking.ac.uk

AMBITION

**COSTUME DESIGNER FOR
THEATRE AND FILM****MEGAN SHRIVES**

"Woking College is an excellent place to study with a close knit and friendly community, I couldn't recommend the College more highly.

The Art and Media facilities are excellent and have helped me expand my technical and creative skills. Students in the Art Department have the opportunity of curating and exhibiting their work at the Lightbox Annual Summer Exhibition which is an amazing opportunity to showcase your work in a professional gallery.

With the help of the Careers office I have secured offers at both foundation and degree level in my chosen course."

STUDYING:

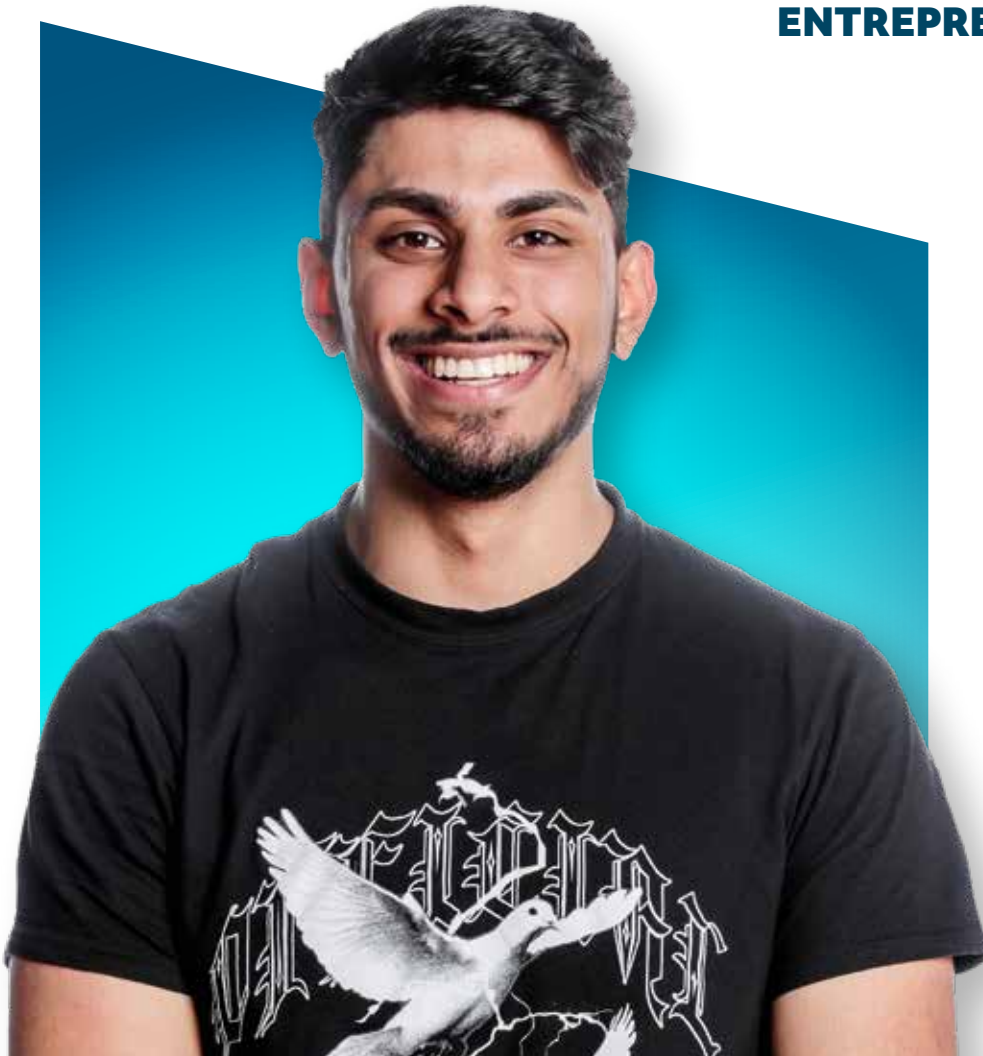
Fine Art/Textiles/Media Studies

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Fullbrook

WHAT NEXT?

STUDYING A FOUNDATION
COURSE IN ART & DESIGN AND
THEN A DEGREE IN COSTUME
DESIGN AT UNIVERSITY



BILAL AHMAD

"The choice of subjects meant that I could study a combination of A levels and BTEC's.

The College is super friendly and everyone feels valued, I really think that the teachers want the very best for their students. I was President of the Student Union which meant that my team and I had a real say in the development of the College and it really helped me grow and become more confident."

STUDYING:

Business/Physical Education
/Drama

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Bishop David Brown

WHAT NEXT?

GAP YEAR AND POSSIBLY
UNIVERSITY TO STUDY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

BIOLOGY

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course is for students who instead of that want to develop a deeper understanding of life on Earth and understand the relationships between all living things. You will learn to record, analyse and interpret data from experiments on organs, cells and animal behaviour. Students have recently attended talks from surgeons, zoologists and food scientists and all have the opportunity to take part in national Biology competitions.

Students often go on to study degrees in Biology, Healthcare, Pharmacology and Neuroscience.



BUSINESS

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course is aimed at developing your understanding of all aspects of business organisations, from marketing and consumer behaviour to finance and the interests of different stakeholders. Students participate in a range of enrichment opportunities including visits to enterprise conferences, trips to business organisations such as the BMW Mini plant and Cadbury's World, as well the opportunity to take part in business competitions at local universities such as a stock market challenge.

Students also participate in a period of work experience and most go on to specialise in a business related degree at university such as Accounting and Finance, Business Management or Marketing.

BUSINESS STUDIES

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course offers an insight into the world of Business and Finance and prepares students for further study at university or employment. The course covers a wide range of business operations including finance, marketing, human relations, strategic management and leadership.

Enrichment activities have included visits to a range of different types of business organisations such as the Mini factory, Thorpe Park and a local water softener manufacturer as well as overseas trips to Barcelona, Brussels and Paris. Students often continue to Higher Education with a range of business related degree courses at university.



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CHILDCARE

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course is aimed at students who ultimately want to work with children by developing the skills and knowledge needed to work with them through practical activities, work experience and curriculum related trips.

Many students go on to Higher Education to complete related degrees such as Primary or Secondary Teaching, Early Years or Youth Work. Some students choose to enter into apprenticeships in early years as an alternative route.

CHEMISTRY

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course is for students who enjoy problem solving, both mathematical and the written word, before applying the results to the world around them. Students complete plenty of practical work, and all have the opportunity to compete in Chemistry Olympiad competitions.

Students often go on to study degrees in Chemical Engineering, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Biochemistry, Biomedicine and Forensics.



CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

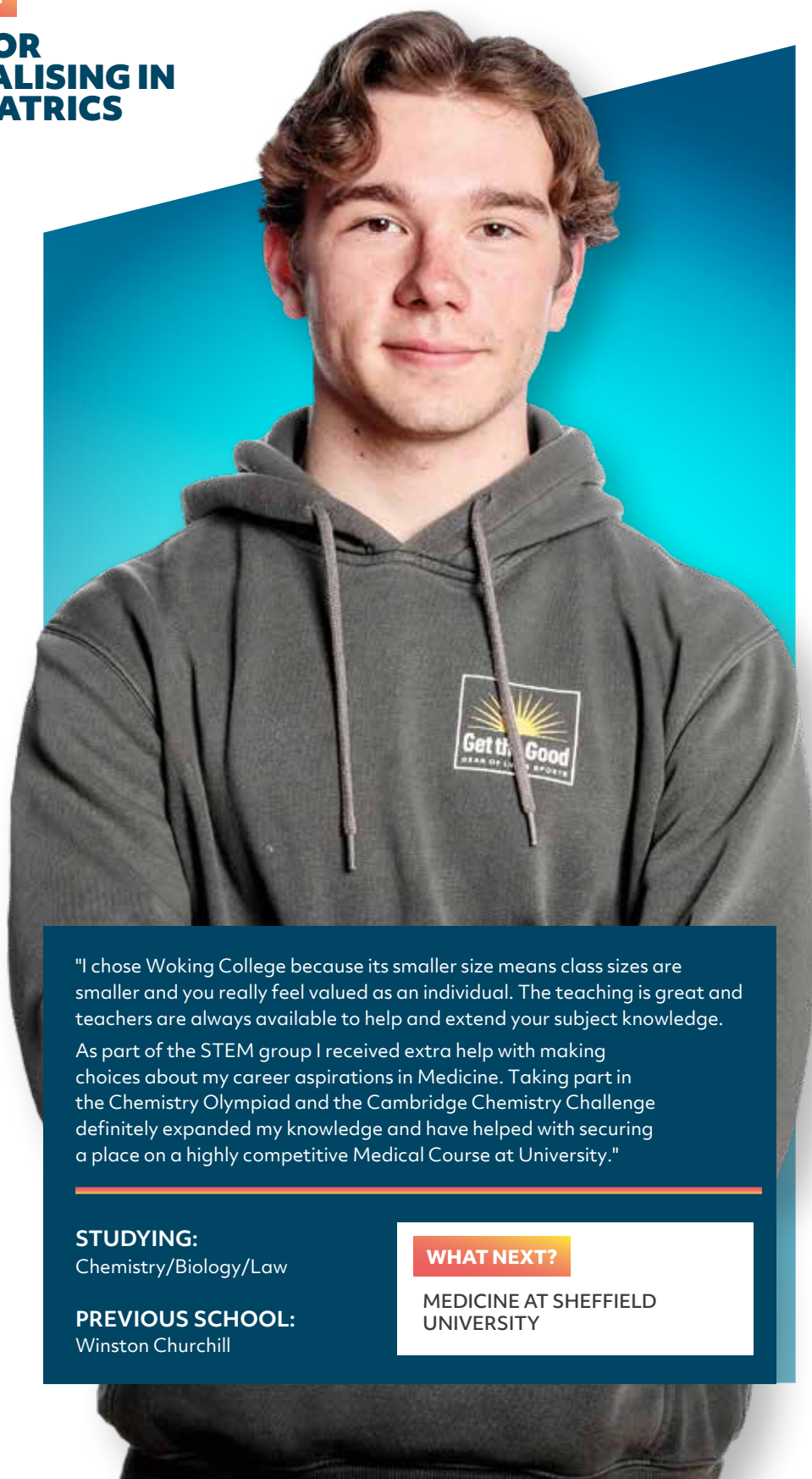
➤ (A LEVEL)

This course is for students interested in the ancient world and how its culture influences our own. We cover a wide range of material, from literature to art and philosophy. Students visit the British Museum and relevant lecture days.

Students go on to study a range of degree courses, such as Classics, History (ancient and modern), English, History of Art and many others, as well as working in a varied field from teaching to museum curatorship.

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AMBITION

**DOCTOR
SPECIALISING IN
PAEDIATRICS****CARSON HEAD**

"I chose Woking College because its smaller size means class sizes are smaller and you really feel valued as an individual. The teaching is great and teachers are always available to help and extend your subject knowledge.

As part of the STEM group I received extra help with making choices about my career aspirations in Medicine. Taking part in the Chemistry Olympiad and the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge definitely expanded my knowledge and have helped with securing a place on a highly competitive Medical Course at University."

STUDYING:

Chemistry/Biology/Law

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Winston Churchill

WHAT NEXT?MEDICINE AT SHEFFIELD
UNIVERSITY

AMBITION

A CAREER IN COMPUTER SCIENCE



KAYCEE SPRIGGS

"Woking College has been an amazing experience with the best support in all areas of my journey. The quality and content of lessons is excellent and engaging, offering a balance of world use and university level specifications. My teachers have encouraged me to aim high and I am now confident in achieving a place at my chosen university."

STUDYING:

Computer Science/Maths
/Business Studies

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Matthew Arnold

WHAT NEXT?

COMPUTER SCIENCE AT
UNIVERSITY

COMPUTER SCIENCE

➤ (A LEVEL)

Computer Science enables students to fully participate in the digital revolution which will underpin all our futures, from the essential requirements which enable organisations to function to scientific research into new technologies.

Students are able to take part in the UK Bebras Computing challenge and have also enjoyed trips to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park. Most students go on to Higher Education to undertake Computing related degrees or to embark on apprenticeships with global companies.



CORE MATHEMATICS

➤ (LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE)

This course answers the question: "When will I ever need Maths?" It applies and extends GCSE Mathematics to real world situations such as financial calculations, modelling and critical analysis of real everyday calculations and data sources. This one-year course is equivalent to half an A level and is useful as an extra qualification for those who do not wish to take a full A Level in Mathematics but would like to enter into an apprenticeship, employment or study a degree programme that could include some Mathematics. Previous students have gone on to use the knowledge gained in this course to complete degrees in Business, Psychology, Sociology and Geography amongst others.

CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This practical course provides you with the knowledge and skills to generate an outstanding portfolio of productions. You will gain a vast range of technical skills using industry standard filming and editing equipment and software. Students experience trips to Harry Potter World as well as local media businesses. Most students either go on to study degrees in Higher Education or various media production careers such as cameraperson, sound designer, film editor or producer.

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CRIMINOLOGY

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

Criminology is the scientific study of the nature and causes of crime, the behaviour of criminals and the workings of the Criminal Justice System. The main purpose of Criminology is to understand why people break the law and to develop policies that might stop them.

Students have experienced visits to a magistrates' court, true crime and criminology conferences and visiting speaker lectures from lawyers and police officers. Many go on to further study at Higher Education by combining a degree course with Psychology or Science before embarking on careers in law, police work, probation services, prison or the forensic arena.

DANCE

➤ (A LEVEL)

Dance is a practical, creative course which has a strong focus on American Jazz Dance and Rambert Dance Company, allowing students to develop their knowledge and performance skills in both Jazz and Contemporary dance. Students will perform regularly throughout the course and also have the opportunity to play key parts in the annual College musical production. Students often go on to study degrees or foundation courses and diplomas in Dance and Musical Theatre.



DIGITAL GAMES PRODUCTION

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

Digital Games Production is for students who wish to take their passion for gaming to the next step, by learning how to design and develop digital games. Students experience different games engines and professional techniques to develop a broad perspective on the industry.

Students have participated in visits from universities covering the creative generation of game ideas and have visited the British Museum to collect images of real artefacts to use in their own work. Many students continue to further study at university with courses including Games Design and Computer Games Animation and Digital Technologies or to entry-level jobs in the industry.

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our courses go to:
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AMBITION

FORENSIC OSTEOLOGIST

MIKHAIL DRURY

"The College offered a great choice of subjects, much more than a school 6th Form and the courses were much more "hands on". From the beginning I was offered good advice about what subjects would be best for me to achieve my ambitions in Forensic Science. In my first year I attended a Criminology Conference in London which further supported my ambitions. I was part of the Student Union which really got me involved in the student community which has a real voice and influence at the College."

STUDYING:

Criminology/Psychology
/Applied Science

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

George Abbot

WHAT NEXT?

BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY
TO STUDY FORENSIC SCIENCE,
ARCHAEOLOGY AND
ANTHROPOLOGY

**PRIMARY SCHOOL
TEACHER**

LILJA HICKFORD

"I chose Woking College because of the outstanding Drama Department and because of the wonderful, friendly atmosphere. The classes are brilliant in developing your personal skills and working as a team but most of all they are full of fun and guidance

There are so many extra-curricular opportunities and I have played the lead role in the College Musical and taken exams in LAMDA Musical Theatre. I have had some of the best times of my life here, full of fun and happiness."

STUDYING:

Drama/History/Sociology

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Christ's College Guildford

WHAT NEXT?

UNIVERSITY OF WINCHESTER
TO STUDY PRIMARY
EDUCATION

DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

> (A LEVEL)

Drama and Theatre Studies is a course which develops your practical, academic and creative skills. Students have the opportunity to perform regularly during the course both within College, such as the highly popular annual musical production, or within the wider community, such as local and national drama festivals and competitions. Students also attend the theatre regularly at venues, such as The National Theatre, The Globe and a wide variety of West End venues as well as enjoying workshops with visiting theatre companies and working actors.

Many students progress to study degrees in Drama and Theatre, writing for Performance, Collaborative and Applied Theatre, Acting and Musical Theatre at prestigious institutions such as LAMDA, Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance, Central School of Speech and Drama, Guildford School of Acting, Birmingham University and Exeter University.

ECONOMICS

> (A LEVEL)

Economics is a hugely popular and well-regarded subject which provides a fantastic platform for Higher Education in a number of related subject areas including Business, Maths and Politics. The course covers two main areas of study - the small scale operation of businesses in terms of revenue, costs and profit and the operation of the economy as a whole in terms of, for example, economic growth and international trade.

Previous educational visits have included the Bank of England and other financial institutions in London as well as overseas trips to Europe. Most students go on to study Economics or Finance at degree level at a wide range of renowned universities.

ENGINEERING

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course covers all key areas of engineering, including mechanical and electrical principles, and is for students who enjoy solving real world problems through the application of mathematical, scientific and technological solutions. Students will develop both theoretical and practical skills, and learning is enhanced through work experience and inspirational visits to or from industry.

Many students go on to study Engineering at degree level, take courses in other related subjects such as computing or design, or undertake engineering apprenticeships.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course is about understanding the subtle meanings of English Language in varied contexts, such as Child Language Acquisition, language in the media, spoken language and language in relation to gender and power.

Students have the opportunity to hear from visiting University speakers and complete a language investigation into any topic of their choice!

Students often go on to study degrees in Journalism, Creative Writing, Linguistics and Education, as well as becoming Speech and Language Therapists or Teachers.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

➤ (A LEVEL)

This combined English course offers a unique, practical and engaging insight into texts of all types, alongside producing original creative writing.

Students can expect to engage with visiting speakers and writers, theatrical production trips and a wide range of internal and external writing competitions.

Students who complete this course often go into Higher Education, and it is a logical progression into Creative Writing, Journalism, Media, PR and Teaching careers.



ENGLISH LITERATURE

➤ (A LEVEL)

English Literature is a course specifically designed for those students with a love of reading and debate. You will study a wide range of texts from Shakespeare in the 17th Century through to 21st Century poetry with a real focus on engaging with the texts and the time periods.

Students should expect a variety of trips to Cultural Institutions and Theatrical Performances, alongside visiting speakers and internal and external writing competitions.

Students who complete English Literature typically progress to Higher Education and go on to careers in Publishing, Law, Heritage Work, Marketing, Academia and Teaching.



For more info about our courses go to:
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AMBITION

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

GEMMA LAMBERT



"I chose Woking College because the Open Day inspired me to take English Language A Level and because of its amazing Performing Arts Department. I have loved all my courses and the English Language course has inspired me to study Speech and Language Therapy at University.

There are the most fantastic extra-curricular opportunities and I have been involved in the College musicals and taken LAMDA exams in Musical Theatre."

STUDYING:

English Language/Dance
/Psychology

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Christ's College Guildford

WHAT NEXT?

UNIVERSITY TO STUDY SPEECH
AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

AMBITION

LANGUAGE TEACHER

HOLLIE DOYLE

"My time at Woking College has been amazing, giving you the independence to be treated like an adult but with all the support and guidance that you need.

The teaching on all my courses is excellent and the Extended Project has provided an area of additional study which enhances your UCAS application and allows for independent and creative study.

There are lots of extra-curricular to get involved with and I have been a member of the Student Union and the Netball Club. Thanks to help from the Careers Department my university application went very smoothly."

STUDYING:

Spanish/English Literature
/Psychology/Extended Project
Qualification

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Woking High

WHAT NEXT?

UNIVERSITY OF BATH TO
STUDY MODERN LANGUAGES

FILM STUDIES

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course focuses on your communication and analytical skills and increases your awareness of film form by exploring how mise-en-scene, performance, cinematography, editing and sound go together to create meaning. Students have recently visited Brighton Film School and Disneyland Paris to experience film-making first hand. Film Studies will prepare you for degrees and careers which require good communication and analytical ability as well as a future in writing, publishing, film journalism and television or film personnel.

FINE ART

➤ (A LEVEL)

Fine Art develops a wide range of creative skills to encourage students to express themselves through drawing, painting, sculpture, print and mixed media based work. Students visit a variety of galleries and museums and a programme of visiting artists enriches and underpins their creative practice. Students enjoy exhibiting in the annual summer exhibition at The Lightbox Gallery and go on to study degree courses in a breadth of creative disciplines.



FRENCH/ GERMAN/ SPANISH

➤ (A LEVEL)

The language courses cover a wide range of current topics such as changes in the family structure in the relevant language speaking countries as well as cyber-society, cinema, young people and politics, labour movements and immigration. Students read a novel and watch a film and are invited to write essays.

Students go on to seek employment or to study a variety of degree courses, some of which are combined degrees such as International Business.

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our courses go to:
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FURTHER MATHS

➤ (DOUBLE A LEVEL)

This double A-Level qualification is for students who really enjoy and excel in Mathematics. The first year consists of the full A Level in Mathematics whilst the second year extends techniques developed in the first year and brings in more advanced concepts such as 'imaginary' numbers. Students studying this course will typically go on to study Engineering, Mathematics, Physics or Economics at some of the most prestigious universities both in the UK and abroad.



GEOGRAPHY

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course promotes the links between physical and human geography and helps develop students' quantitative, investigative and analytical skills. Students undertake four days of fieldwork which includes a visit to Tooting to investigate the impact of migration on the urban and cultural landscape, to Kew Gardens to study water and carbon cycles, to Newhaven to collect data on coastal processes and to London South Bank to conduct qualitative fieldwork.

Students often go on to study Geography or other related degrees such as Town Planning, Geology, Development Studies or Geographic Information Systems.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

➤ (A LEVEL)

The Graphic Design course challenges students to problem-solve by exploring new ideas through a combination of studio-based work and digital software. Study topics include a variety of areas such as advertising, typography, branding, illustration and packaging and cover how designers accept a brief, develop concepts and use industry standard processes. At the end of the year, student work is exhibited in our Art & Design show at The Lightbox Gallery in Woking. Most students go on to complete degrees in Graphic Communication, Illustration and Marketing & Advertising or to further study on an Art Foundation course.

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AMBITION

**MATHS RESEARCHER
OR TEACHING****ALICIA TAYLOR**

"I have really enjoyed my time at Woking College and this is a combination of the high quality teaching and the great sense of community and inclusivity.

Teachers go the extra mile to ensure you are stretched but supported and as they only teach at 6th form level their knowledge and teaching methods are very specific to this age group.

I have had lots of support with my UCAS application and personal statement which has given me the confidence to apply for the top universities."

STUDYING:

Maths/Further Maths
/Psychology/Business

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Mathew Arnold

WHAT NEXT?

MATHS AT EXETER UNIVERSITY

AMBITION

A CAREER
IN H.R.

MAHMUDA BEGUM

"I have had lots of support and guidance in choosing my future steps in education and career goals. Teachers are always on hand to steer you in the right direction and provide that extra help when you need it. During lockdown my teachers were super helpful in ensuring we were on top of our studies."

STUDYING:

BTEC Health and Social Care
/BTEC Business

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Guildford County

WHAT NEXT?

UNIVERSITY TO STUDY
HUMAN RESOURCES

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course develops the skills and knowledge needed for careers in the care or education settings.

Students participate in a range of enrichment opportunities including visits to London to explore the history of childhood and play as well as Bethnal Green Children's Museum. Students also participate in a period of work experience and most go on to specialise in education or health degrees at university or apprenticeships in care and education.



HISTORY

➤ (A LEVEL)

This course is for students interested in developing a critical understanding of social, economic, cultural, political and international processes across time. We explore revolutionary developments which shaped 17th century Britain and the tumultuous road to modernity taken by China and Russia in the 20th century. Students will develop critical skills to interrogate source material and gain a greater understanding of human behaviour by exploring moments of significant and dramatic historical change.

Students go on to study a variety of degree courses, such as History, PPE, International Relations, Philosophy, Politics or go on to jobs in law, the charity sector, the public sector and the media.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course gives students the opportunity to learn and develop a wide range of skills in Information Technology including software, security and social media. It equips them with the ability to design, develop and support information systems in all types of organisations.

Students have the opportunity to participate in visiting lectures from academics in key topics such as cybersecurity and hacking activities. Students go on to Higher Education to complete related degree courses in areas including Business Information Systems and Cybersecurity.

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LAW

> (A LEVEL)

The Law course is for students who enjoy exploring and debating aspects of the English legal system such as criminal and tort law. Students have recently been on trips to Westminster, the Supreme Court, the local Magistrates' Court and a Criminology Conference to support their knowledge and understanding of the legal system.

Students who complete the course can go on to access a variety of degrees at university including Law and Social Sciences. Students have also gained apprenticeships in the legal sector and careers in the legal and business sectors.



LAW

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

The course is for students with a keen interest in the English legal system. Students will discover how laws are created, roles within the legal system and look into aspects of criminal law.

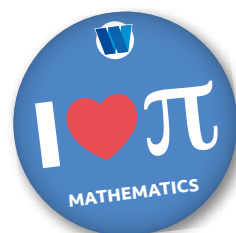
Students often go on to study Law or other related degrees such as Business, Social Sciences or Criminology.

MATHS

> (A LEVEL)

This course in Mathematics covers the development of algebraic problem solving skills, alongside statistical methods and physical modelling. It is designed for students who enjoy Mathematics and wish to gain a deeper understanding of the Mathematical techniques used at degree level in subjects such as Computing, Economics, Sciences, Engineering and, of course, Mathematics.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in national Maths challenges as well as competitions in local universities such as an annual stick market challenge.



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AMBITION

POLICE OFFICER

AYESHA SIDDIQUE



"Working College could not have been more supportive and encouraging in my transition from being educated in Pakistan; this was a big change for me but the wonderful student and teaching community meant I was immediately immersed in my studies and student life. Classes are smaller and teaching is individual and tailored to your style of learning."

STUDYING:

Law/I.T./Uniformed Services

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Educated Overseas

WHAT NEXT?

POLICING APPRENTICESHIP WITH
THE SURREY POLICE FORCE

AMBITION

A CAREER IN THE MEDIA OR FILM INDUSTRY



MEGAN RUSSELL

"I chose Woking College because of the range of subjects which gave me the opportunity to develop in many disciplines. The Dance Department is amazing and there are lots of extra-curricular opportunities, I have even performed at The Rhoda McGaw Theatre! The facilities in Media and Art are of professional standard which is invaluable for course work and building a portfolio. Teachers couldn't be more encouraging and supportive and always go the extra mile."

STUDYING:

Creative Media Production/
Photography/Dance

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Kings International College

WHAT NEXT?

FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY TO
STUDY MARINE PHOTOGRAPHY
AND NATURAL HISTORY

MEDIA STUDIES

➤ (A LEVEL)

Media Studies develops your awareness of a range of media issues arising from an increasingly digitally dominated, media-saturated culture in this exciting, theoretical and practical course. Students experience trips to The Guardian and Bournemouth University with many students continuing to study the subject in Higher Education. The course also leads to a range of career opportunities including marketing, advertising, public relations and publishing, as well as careers in the media such as researcher or production assistant.

MUSIC

➤ (A LEVEL)

Music is a wonderful all-round course for the aspiring working musician, whether you aim to be a performer, composer, teacher or musician in some other capacity. Students regularly take part in concerts and musical theatre performances at College and in the wider community and have recently been on trips to the Royal Albert Hall, UCA Farnham and Abbey Road Studios. Many students progress to study degrees in musical disciplines including classical, jazz and popular music performance, music therapy and film composition at prestigious institutions such as Trinity and Leeds Conservatoires, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Birmingham University.

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

The Music Technology course is for students who enjoy practical application of music production skills including recording, processing, sequencing, sampling, synthesis and mixing. Students also complete written evaluations of their work, present findings to peers and carry out an independent research project about a music technology topic of their choice. Students also enjoy trips to universities and other music establishments such as the Abbey Road Institute. Students often go on to study degrees in music production, sound engineering and acoustics.



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PERFORMING ARTS

➤ (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course allows you to develop your knowledge and understanding of a range of contemporary theatre makers and practitioners, with a particular focus on physical theatre. There are opportunities to create your own performance material in response to a stimulus and perform contemporary texts. Students are taken on backstage tours of theatres, attend a range of productions and interview working actors about their training and careers. Students have many opportunities to perform both in College and in the wider community and many of them go on to degree courses either at Drama Schools or University.

PHILOSOPHY

➤ (A LEVEL)

The Philosophy course is for students who enjoy questioning the physical and metaphysical nature of the world around them. It includes the topics of knowledge, perception, morality, the origin of the universe and the human mind. Students have recently been to conferences in London, the Museum of the Mind in the Bethlem Hospital and attended talks by academics from Southampton and Chichester Universities.

Students often go on to study degrees across the Humanities and Social Sciences spectrum which allow them to fully utilise their highly developed literary, communication and analytical skills alongside their open perspective on a wide range of issues.

PHOTOGRAPHY

➤ (A LEVEL)

The Photography course involves using creative approaches which go beyond mere observation and recording. You will use photography as a means of personal enquiry and expression and create artwork using traditional darkroom techniques, digital imaging and film.

Students are able to participate in a variety of visits to exhibitions and galleries and exhibit their own work in our annual Art Exhibition at Woking's Lightbox Gallery. Many students go on to pursue degree courses in Photography or other creative art subjects such as Film, Graphic Design, Architecture and Theatre Design.



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

> (A LEVEL)

Physical Education is for students who have an interest in the science behind sports performance, by investigating how physiological, psychological and biomechanical factors can influence the quality of performance. Students have the opportunity to learn more about physiology with a trip to BodyWorlds, London along with fitness training on a residential trip to Club La Santa, Lanzarote. Students often go on to study degrees such as Sports Science, Sports Therapy, Sports Coaching as well as PE Teaching.



PHYSICS

> (A LEVEL)

This course is for students who enjoy using experimental work and mathematics to explore the way the universe works, and applying these physical laws to find technological solutions in everyday life. Students have recently been on trips to Inspirational Physics lectures at Surrey University, had talks on black holes and acoustical engineering by visiting speakers, and had the opportunity to take the British Physics Olympiad.

Many students go on to study Engineering or Physics at degree level, while others find the analytical skills they have developed invaluable for other career paths.



AMBITION

DIPLOMAT IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE

FRANKIE TAYLOR

"I came to Woking College because I wanted to experience a broader educational offer. The College has a very inclusive and welcoming community and encourages independence and personal growth.

I joined the Student Union because I wanted to be involved at the heart of the College and this, along with joining the Debating Society, led me to become Youth Officer on the Executive Committee of the Woking Labour Party which will be invaluable experience in my career aspirations.

The teaching is very good and I have always felt supported and challenged in my studies."

STUDYING:

Politics/Law/History

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Sir William Perkins

WHAT NEXT?

GAP YEAR IN CHINA AND THEN BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TO STUDY POLITICS

POLITICS

> (A LEVEL)

This course is for students interested in current affairs in the UK and USA. We debate many topics, such as voting systems, human rights, political ideologies and the effectiveness of parliament. Students visit Parliament, the Supreme Court, the Guardian Newspaper and attend an American Politics Conference.

Students go on to study a variety of degree courses, such as International Relations or Political Science, or go to jobs in the public or charity sectors.

PSYCHOLOGY

> (A LEVEL)

Psychology explores research and theories of human and animal behaviour including a variety of topics from the way memory works through to the diagnosis, causes and treatments of mental illness. Students enjoy a range of enrichment opportunities to further develop their subject knowledge and understanding including a visit to London Zoo's phobia clinic, talks from practicing psychologists, participating in the Zimbardo lectures and attending psychology conferences.

Many students go on to specialise in psychology with other subjects at university such as medicine, human resources, business, sports coaching and hospitality, often leading to a wide range of careers including as a Clinical Psychologist in the NHS, as a Forensic Psychologist with the Police and as an Educational Psychologist in schools and colleges.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

> (A LEVEL)

Religious Studies is for students who enjoy debating about the nature of belief and the continuing impact of religion on society and the world. It includes a depth study of one religion alongside an in-depth study of the philosophy of religion and ethics. Students have recently had visiting speakers from religious and community groups on the subjects of religion and secularism and gender identity.

Students often go on to study a range of different degrees such as Theology, Divinity and Religious Studies.



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SOCIOLOGY

> (A LEVEL)

Sociology is aimed at anyone who wants a better understanding of human nature and society. The areas of focus for sociology are diverse, ranging from crime to religion, and from the family and education to identifying divisions in society based on social class, age, gender and ethnicity.

Students have the opportunity to attend a crime conference and revision workshops as well as experiencing taster days at local universities. Many students go on to Higher Education to study Sociology at degree levels leading to a range of career options including areas such as law, police, journalism, teaching and social care. Careers in social policy development are also very popular.



SPORT

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

The Vocational Sport course is for students who enjoy the more practical based components of sport such as sports coaching and fitness testing. Students learn through a mixture of theory and practical lessons covering a variety of units whilst also experiencing a range of sports trips both in the UK and abroad.

Students can go on to study degrees such as Sports Development and Sports Coaching as well as seeking employment in the sports and fitness industry with sports centre management, sports coaching or personal instructor roles.



STATISTICS

> (A LEVEL)

This course is for students interested in understanding how the data in the world around them is collected, presented, analysed and interpreted and students will leave the course well equipped for the world of 'Big Data'. The course provides a thorough grounding in statistical techniques and analysis and particularly focuses on practical application of statistical techniques to real data sources. This course is useful for students wishing to study Social Sciences, Humanities, Sciences and Statistics at university with many students aiming for fields such as Psychology and Medical Research.

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AMBITION

**TO JOIN A MULTINATIONAL
BUSINESS USING MY
ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS
QUALIFICATIONS**

OLLY EDWARDS



"The great thing about Woking College is that it let me take my broad choice of A level subjects alongside being part of Woking Football Academy.

The sports facilities at the College are great with a new 3G football pitch, extensive gym and a huge indoor sports hall.

The teaching has been everything and more that I could have wished for and I have been given all the support I need to help me get the grades I need for university. My form tutor and the Careers Department were always there to aid me in my UCAS application."

STUDYING:

Economics/Business
/Physical Education

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Heathside

WHAT NEXT?

LOUGHBOROUGH
UNIVERSITY TO
STUDY BUSINESS

AMBITION

COSTUME DESIGNER IN THE FILM AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY

CHARLIE TOLLEY

"I really did my research before choosing Woking College and they had by far the best staff and resources in the Art Department where I knew my career aspirations lay.

The Art department has been amazing in helping me evolve creatively and supporting my university applications.

My EPQ was in Elizabethan Costume Design and it was invaluable in expanding my research and essay skills and taught me a lot about time management and independent study, it's also a great asset for your UCAS application.

As Vice President of the Student Union I was able to develop my public speaking skills and was involved in organising charity events. I also got involved with lots of extracurricular activities, writing articles in Spanish for the student newspaper and making costumes for the Musical Production.

My advice to any student coming to Woking College is to make the most of all the fantastic and diverse opportunities on offer during your time here."

STUDYING:

Textiles/Spanish/Film Studies/
English Literature

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Woking High

WHAT NEXT?

ARTS UNIVERSITY
BOURNEMOUTH TO
STUDY COSTUME DESIGN

TEXTILES

> (A LEVEL)

This course is designed for creative minds who enjoy working in a tactile form. Students explore printed, stitched, constructed and manipulated textiles creating fashion or Art Textile pieces. Guest artists host workshops to give a professional context to the work and students are invited to visit exhibitions and galleries which underpin their creative practice. Students are able to exhibit their work in our Art and Design show at The Lightbox Gallery in Woking and enjoy seeing their work in the Annual College Fashion Show.



TRAVEL AND TOURISM

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

This course is for students who have a keen interest in the travel and tourism sector and prepares them for a range of roles within the industry. Topics studied include the principles of marketing, global destinations and customer service. Students have been on trips to Disneyland Paris and Thorpe Park and have engaged in a wide range of interactive learning opportunities.

Students who complete the course can go on to access a variety of degrees at university as well as apprenticeship and career opportunities in the travel and tourism industry.

UNIFORMED SERVICES

> (ADVANCED VOCATIONAL)

The Uniformed Services course is for students who have an interest in joining the Uniformed Services such as the Police, Fire Service, Army, Navy etc. Students gain first-hand experience through trips to Woking Fire Station, Pirbright Army Barracks as well as fantastic visits from the Police and Forces Careers Advisors. Students often go on to study degrees such as Policing as well as seeking employment in the full range of Uniformed Services.

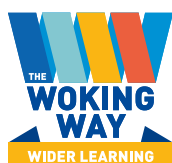
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THE WOKING WAY COMBINED ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

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

The Woking Way is a bespoke 5 element programme which enables learners to develop beyond and outside of their academic or vocational studies, preparing themselves for the next steps at university, apprenticeships or in employment. All students work towards achieving their certificates during their time at College and participate in an enrichment activity in addition to their academic programme.

This unique programme sets our students apart and enables them to experience and participate in a range of activities, workshops, lectures, trips and events under the categories of Wellbeing, What Next, Wider Learning, Working with the Community and World of Work. With over 40 enrichment options, in addition to the excellence programme, Stem, short courses and EPQ, there are multiple opportunities open and available to our students.



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. We also launched a Lunchtime Lecture programme in 2019.



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



We encourage involvement with an array of community endeavours so that students are outward-focused. Schemes include the Duke of Edinburgh Award, mentoring and sports coaching in local schools, taking part in consultations with the WWF and exhibiting artwork at The Lightbox.



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 talks, university open days and the Alternatives to University Network, and STEM Breakfast Network.



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

AMBITION

FILM COMPOSER

WILL MORRIS

"Joining the Music Department at Woking College has nurtured my ambitions and dreams to specialise in film composition. The extra-curricular possibilities have been fantastic and I have been involved in the College Musical where I had a lead role, the Concert Band and the Woking College Theatre Company all of which I have done alongside my academic studies. The College has a really good creative community which encourages you to expand your own creative boundaries.

During lockdown I was given excellent support with online learning and my tutor and teachers were always there to offer help and guidance."

STUDYING:

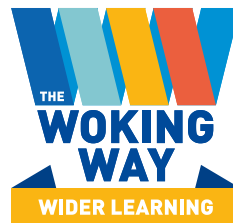
Music/Drama/English Literature

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Winston Churchill

WHAT NEXT?

MUSIC AT LEEDS COLLEGE
OF MUSIC



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 **50 different enrichment activities**. Enrichments are open to all students regardless of whether you are studying these subjects as part of your courses.

EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

The Excellence Programme is designed to support ambitious, aspirational and high achieving students in their pursuit of excellence at College and in their future progression. The programme is targeted at students who achieve mostly grades 8+ (or equivalent) in their GCSEs and aims to assist and inspire their pursuit for the top universities and professions.

A specialist teacher leads workshops and seminars to expand student skills and perceptions to prepare them for applications to competitive academic institutions and courses. Students are encouraged and supported in applying for residential courses and university study days, which have included attending Sutton Trust summer schools, physical science residential courses at the Cavendish Laboratory in Cambridge, Cambridge Masterclasses in a wide range of subjects and the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme.

There is a supplementary Oxbridge programme, which includes training from admissions tutors from Oxford and Cambridge throughout the year, workshops to prepare for admissions tests and a full mock interview programme. These activities have ensured a high success rate for our students with all those on the programme having secured a place at Oxford or Cambridge, a Russell Group university or medical school in recent years.

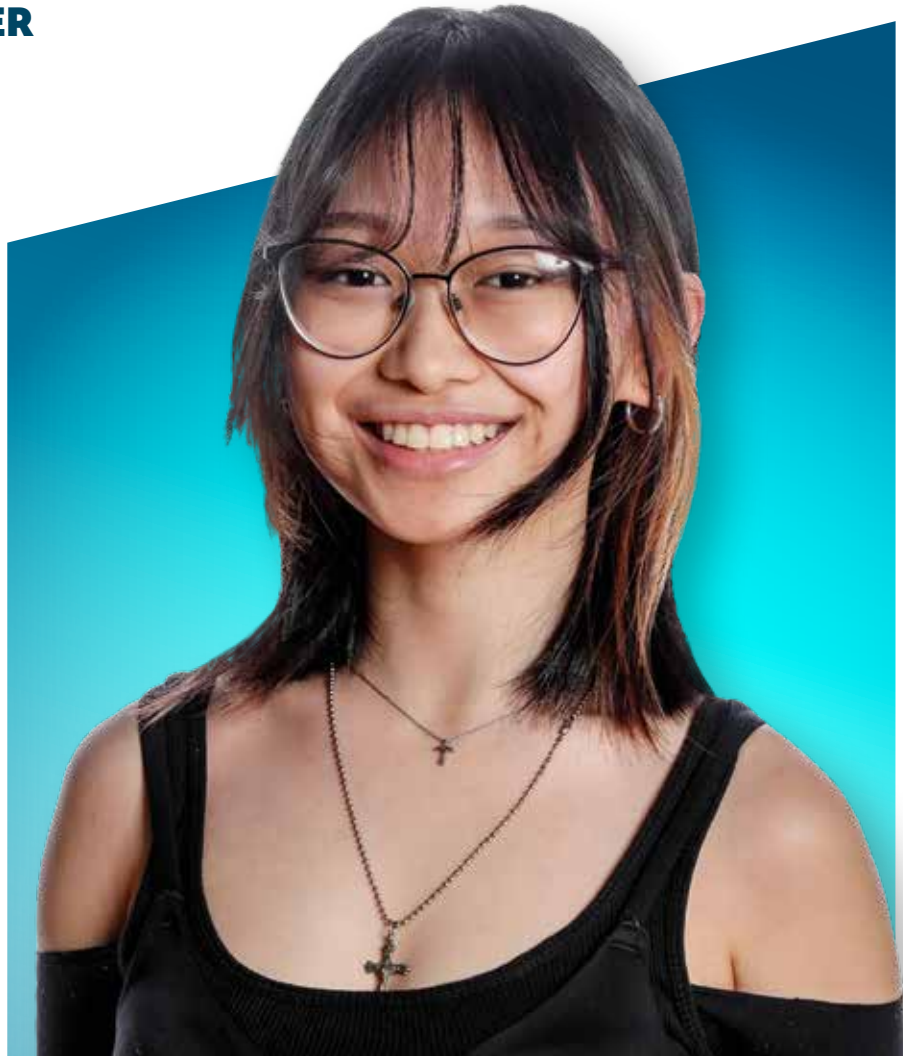


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AMBITION

ENGINEER

MARIONNE ESPINO



"Woking College has allowed me to not only progress academically but has helped me grow as a person. The College encourages independent learning but with great back up support which prepares you for the next stage of university, more so than a school Sixth Form.

The teachers supply wonderful encouragement, especially during lockdown, and their knowledge of their subjects is fantastic. Taking part in the National Physics and Chemistry Olympiads has definitely helped my C.V. and stretched my academic aspirations."

STUDYING:

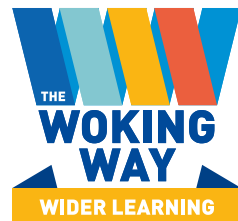
Physics/Maths/Chemistry

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

St John the Baptist

WHAT NEXT?

CIVIL ENGINEERING
AT UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL



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 after Christmas in year 1 and finishes at the beginning of year 2. You will get timetabled sessions with supervisors who will give you guidance and one-to-one meetings to support your progress. The EPQ is extremely valued by universities as it demonstrates passion and ability in a particular subject. It is worth 28 UCAS points (half an A-level) and can help support your university applications. It also helps you

develop your research and writing skills which will supplement your performance in your A-level exams and BTECs.

For past projects, Woking College students have submitted animations, dance productions, extended essays and videos. This is a great chance to expand your knowledge, pursue your interest and improve your university applications. In 2020 100% of Woking's students achieved A*-C in their project and students who are enthusiastic, passionate and committed will find the EPQ a qualification which extends their academic ability and cultural Capital.



SHORT COURSES

Our short course programme launched in 2021 is led by our highly qualified teaching teams. Over a 4-6 week course students are able to gain an invaluable insight into a range of subjects for example, Ethics in psychology, Exploring the role of technology in healthcare to researching your family tree.

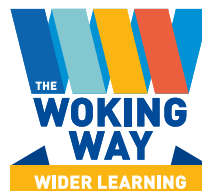
MESSAGE EMMA HOBBS
EHO@WOKING.AC.UK
TO BOOK

*Lost in adaptation -
How and why
narratives change
from text to screen*

LUNCHTIME LECTURE: MEDIA STUDIO
WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY: 12.55PM FOR 1PM START

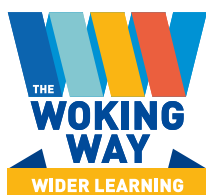
LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES

Our highly popular lunchtime lecture programme introduces students to a range of thought provoking and informative topics. Lectures typically last for around 30 minutes during the lunch hour and will widen your understanding of the world around you.





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 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 and dance performances.

We have a concert band, funk band, chamber choir, wind ensembles and African drum group. 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

AMBITION

PERFORMING IN
THE WEST END

ELLIE GREENWAY



"I chose Woking College because of its brilliant reputation in the Performing Arts. The Theatre and Dance studio are amazing and encouraged me to expand my performances in both Dance and Drama. The teaching is outstanding with a really helpful and caring atmosphere. It also offers lots of related extra-curricular activities and I achieved a Distinction in LAMDA Musical Theatre.

I had lots of help whilst applying for university and this allowed me to grow in confidence and receive a much coveted place at the Urdang Academy. I have definitely grown as a person and a performer during my time at College."

STUDYING:

Dance/Drama/Sociology

PREVIOUS SCHOOL:

Woking High

WHAT NEXT?

THE URDANG ACADEMY
TO STUDY DANCE AND
MUSICAL THEATRE

SPORTS & FITNESS



- Basketball
- Badminton
- Climbing
- Cricket
- Football
- Women's Football
- 5 A Side Football
- Gym Enrichment (Girls only)
- High Intensity Interval Training
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Weightlifting
- Yoga

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 new 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 so all activities are open to all students to contribute to a healthy lifestyle.



WELLBEING

We understand the importance of supporting the wellbeing of students at Woking College and our Head of Student Wellbeing provides a cross-College programme of events that all students are able to access and get involved in. In addition, they are able to speak to any student who might find themselves struggling with any aspect of life within or outside of College, or who just needs a friendly face and a listening ear.

MY WELLBEING MATTERS

Every month at College we use a different 'My Wellbeing Matters' theme to explore different aspects of wellbeing. Students can access support and advice on how we can all be looking after our wellbeing and making it a priority in our day to day lives. These resources are shared through our Woking College Wellbeing Instagram account, monthly newsletters and videos, and fun interactive activities and events happening in College each month.

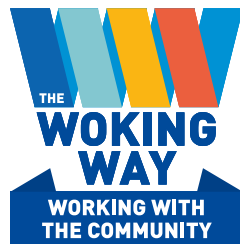
GROUP SUPPORT

We are committed to listening and responding to the needs of our students, and offer ongoing support groups which are tailored to particular issues that may be impacting students throughout the year. Group support can be a particularly powerful way of discussing sensitive issues such as social anxiety or bereavement in a safe and supportive space, which helps students to know that they are not alone with whatever they may be going through.

PEER SUPPORTERS

We know that sometimes speaking to a member of staff can feel daunting and is a difficult first step to take. Our Peer Supporters are students who are supported by the Pastoral team and have received training on how to provide listening support to fellow students – and to help these students to access further support from the College pastoral team. Training to be a Peer Supporter also provides students with a deeper understanding of the importance of active listening and empathy, which is something they can take forward into all aspects of life.





ACTIVITIES AND CHALLENGES

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

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.



WORLD CHALLENGE

Our students have the opportunity to become involved in this Adventure Charity Expedition. Students raise funds via various activities to travel and become involved in charity projects across the world. Previous trips have included working on charity and travel projects in India and Ecuador.



- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Board Games
- Bridge
- Business Enterprise
- Christian Union
- Community Action
- Debating Society
- Eco Community
- Feminist Society
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance
- International Club
- Maths Café
- Java Programming
- Wellbeing & Mindfulness
- Volunteering
- World Challenge

ECO

The Woking College Eco Community is committed to letting student voices be heard on how Woking College can improve its sustainability and make the changes needed to play our part in tackling the climate crisis. Whether that is increasing the biodiversity of College grounds or participating in sustainability workshops, there are a range of activities and events that we can set up to make the College a greener place.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

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.

Equality and Diversity is celebrated in a range of annual events and promoted by student and staff groups. Issues related to Equality and Diversity are an integral part of the tutor group programme.

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



VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering opportunities are available to suit anyone who wishes to become involved. You could volunteer in your neighbourhood, online or in other countries. Volunteering is great for your community and makes the world a better place. You could use it as a way of building a new skill or pass on your knowledge. Whatever you choose to do you will enrich your own life and those of the people around you.



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Whether you're planning to go on to university, begin work, or are unsure about next steps, we are here to help.

CAREERS INFORMATION

Throughout the year Careers advisers are available for 1:1 appointments to help you discover the full range of opportunities available. We have a number of highly regarded Careers events, including our extraordinary Careers fair offering the chance to speak directly to universities, apprenticeship providers and local, national and international employers.

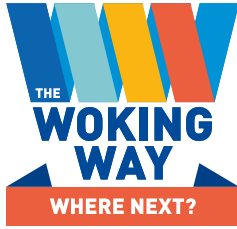
We encourage all students to consider university study, and while a majority of our students go on to higher education, an increasing number are choosing to apply for the new degree apprenticeships. Support is provided in choosing the right university or

apprenticeship programme, applications and personal statements, information on open days and mock interviews. Each application form is checked individually with students and the highest quality advice and guidance provided.

Opportunities provided by university speakers and local and international employers include:

- ▶ CV writing
- ▶ Mock interviews
- ▶ Personal statement writing
- ▶ Student finance
- ▶ Employability workshops





WORK EXPERIENCE

Students who are studying Advanced Vocational courses 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
450
WORK EXPERIENCE
PLACEMENTS
ORGANISED
EACH YEAR**



100%
OF PARENTS
RECOMMEND
OUR PARENT'S
HIGHER
EDUCATION
AND CAREERS
INFORMATION
EVENINGS

**CAREERS
DAY**
86 SUBJECT
AND CAREER
SPECIFIC TALKS
OVER 102
EXHIBITORS
AT THE FAIR

99%
OF STUDENTS
FOUND CAREERS
DAY HELPFUL

98%
OF STUDENTS
FOUND 1:1
CAREERS
ADVICE
HELPFUL

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.



LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Our recently remodelled Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a dedicated area for independent and group study with over 90 networked computers, desks for individual silent study and individual study cubicles with plug sockets so students can work on their own devices using the College Wi-Fi. In addition, we now have a group study room that students can book into to work on joint assignments, a dedicated room for Independent Learning Mentor meetings and a reading area with comfortable seating.



For more information about Support for Learning go to:
www.woking.ac.uk

LEARNING SUPPORT

We aim to provide holistic, personalised and fully integrated support for all students according to their needs and circumstances. In the first few weeks after enrolment, using diagnostic screening, as well as information provided from home and school, Support for Learning staff will create an agreed plan to address any particular needs.

A dedicated, quiet and relaxed Support for Learning area is available in the main building throughout the week, where one-to-one and small group lessons take place and specialist staff in the fields of literacy, numeracy and study skills can provide assistance for students with EHCPs. Students can also gain additional help from Support for Learning staff throughout the week in the LRC. Depending on learning preferences, some in-class support is also available, as well as specific workshops for building confidence, social skills and mentoring.

PERSONAL TUTORING

When you enrol at Woking College, you will be assigned a Personal Tutor and be given a comprehensive induction programme to ensure a smooth transition from school to College life. Your Personal Tutor will advise and guide you throughout your programme of study, monitor your progress and assist you in taking the next step to higher education or employment.

#WE18YOSK

We believe that a good education goes beyond the curriculum so the #WE18YOSK programme has been designed to feature wider knowledge and information that would benefit every 16-19 year old. The #WE18YOSK programme is delivered via tutorial sessions and through extra-curricular opportunities throughout the College. You will see events, resources and speakers with the #WE18YOSK badge and the programme covers a wealth of diverse topics ranging from key figures in history and employability skills through to first aid and top tips for living independently.



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.

WELFARE AND COUNSELLING

In case you experience any difficulties that could distract you from your studies or work, our Student Counsellors and Safeguarding Officers are in touch with a network of local agencies and can offer advice and support on welfare and personal issues.

There are counsellors on site for help with personal and emotional problems. You can self-refer or alternatively your Personal Tutor can contact counsellors on your behalf.

FACILITIES

Woking College is a contemporary campus College. 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 new facilities include a high tech Science Block and Presentation Theatre, a stunning Art Block, a film and television studio and an extensive Sports Centre and playing fields. A new 3G Sports Pitch and Pavilion opened in 2021.

The College also benefits from IT and Learning Resource Centres, state-of-the-art Music Technology facilities and a professional theatre and dance studio, as well as excellent access to computers, a language studio and a careers centre.





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.

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.

We have parking for students at the College and rail links from all major stations in the area are fast and efficient.

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



For more information about How to get to College go to: www.woking.ac.uk



Railway Stations ● Bus Stops ●

Bus Routes

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|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| Route 28 | | Route 446 | |
| Route 34 | | Route 462/463 | |
| Route 73 | | Route 556/557 | |
| Route 436/437 | | | |

YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING

Applying to Woking College couldn't be easier!



OPEN EVENINGS

We would suggest you 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 7th October 2021 and our Summer Open Evening on Wednesday 15th June 2022, applications are open to students online at www.woking.ac.uk.

If you can't attend an Open Evening there is lots of information on our website www.woking.ac.uk or in this prospectus.



YOUR APPLICATION

Complete an Application Form online at www.woking.ac.uk. We will acknowledge your submission by return email.

You can track your application at any time by entering your password that you have provided on your application form. 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 a postal notification of your individual 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 made an offer of a place which you need to accept.



WELCOME DAY

Having accepted your place you will be invited to our Welcome Day in the summer term before you join to give you a taste of life at Woking College.



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.



CONTACT

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



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FEES

Students who are aged 16-18 on 1 September in the year they start their course at Woking College, have settled status under the EUSS and have lived in the UK or Islands for at least the last three years before the course starts OR have pre-settled status in the UK and have lived in the UK, Gibraltar, EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or Switzerland for at least the last 3 years before the course starts, receive free tuition. They will be exempt from external examination fees during their first sitting at College. Students who do not fulfil the above criteria will be given further information at interview.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The College is able to offer financial assistance in the form of bursaries to help students with the direct costs of study, such as transport, books, and equipment. In addition the College is able to offer free lunches to qualifying students. For further information, visit www.woking.ac.uk.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Woking College operates a successful Adult Education Programme of evening and daytime courses including:

- ▶ ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)
- ▶ GCSE English and Mathematics

For more details about these courses:

Visit www.woking.ac.uk

Email wokingcoll@woking.ac.uk

Telephone **01483 761 036**









**OPEN
EVENINGS**

**THURSDAY
7TH
OCTOBER 2021**

**WEDNESDAY
15TH
JUNE 2022**



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