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2024 PROSPECTUS



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Welcome

From the Principal



At Woking College student success is our priority, expanding our students' life choices is our key focus. The fact students who study with us make so much progress beyond their GCSEs allows them a brilliant range of university and apprenticeship options, but we are so much more than a place to gain great grades!

You will see from the contents of this prospectus why Ofsted rated us as Outstanding in every category and why our students and their parents and carers are delighted they chose Woking College for their post-16 education.

At open evenings, interviews and taster and welcome events we do our very best to help young people make the right subject choices for them. Once students join they have the full use of our facilities, all designed to meet the needs of sixth form students. We have invested nearly £10m in the campus over the last three years giving us state of the art facilities; we are determined to create an environment which inspires aspiration.

Our teachers are all experts in sixth form education. The fact that they only teach this age group means their skills are well-honed in terms of the support they offer their students both during and after lessons. This College's success is built on its strong sense of community plus our total commitment to the highest quality teaching and learning.

Woking College's careers guidance is designed to help all to succeed in gaining places at their first choices of study or onto a highly competitive apprenticeship.

Our Excellence Programme assist the most ambitious and aspirational students in making the most positive applications to the very best universities and our extensive enrichment programme helps satisfy students' thirst for wider knowledge.

Outstanding sixth form education demands that we meet each and every individual's needs. Not only do all subjects offer weekly subject workshops, our learning support department of 20 staff alongside our tutorial and counselling provision means we can guide any student if they are struggling to progress with their studies.

You will see when you visit us or our website that the community of Woking College is about much more than a place to gain exceptional grades. The College is pervaded by a calm but dynamic atmosphere; we are one team, devoted to student success. I do hope you make the most positive choice and join us in the next academic year.

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 past 14 years, the A Level pass rate at Woking College has been above the national average.

63%

High Grades A*-B at A Level

99%

BTEC pass rate

75%

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 75 extra-curricular activities



Great choice of courses and combinations



Easy transport links





Specialist sixth form facilities

What our students love

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

Open Evenings



"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"
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Student voice



Welcome to Woking College

Woking College is a friendly, inclusive, welcoming place to study that allows all students to achieve their academic best alongside getting involved with the huge amount of enrichment activities on offer. The College offers 50 different A Levels and BTEC's and over 75 different enrichment activities all of which you can read about in this prospectus.

As President of the Student Union I am proud to belong to a College which values and respects each student as an individual and always has our very best interests at heart. We know that our College wants us to have the best life choices and nurtures us not just via academic success but with genuine concern for our wellbeing and for our success in our future aspirations.

The College has a diverse, strong sense of community where it is easy to make new friends and support each other. Students are actively encouraged to be part of the wider community through work experience, volunteering opportunities and of course the Student Union. All activities assist us in making decisions about our future careers and our contribution to society.

Woking College has an extensive enrichment programme which all students participate in

and there are lots of lunchtime lectures on interesting topics as well as inspirational visiting speakers and short courses all of which help extend your knowledge and help you stand out from the crowd when applying for university, apprenticeships or interviewing for the workplace.

The Student Union team and I are proud to represent your student voice to our senior leadership team and trustees to ensure the College experience is moulded to your needs.

We look forward to welcoming you as a future student, to one of our Open Evenings when we will be proud to show you why Ofsted awarded our College a well deserved Outstanding, we are...simply the best!!

Ashanti Carreon Wilden
Student President




**YOUR SUCCESS.
OUR PRIORITY.**

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."

AMBITION

**A career in
Illustration**A portrait of a young woman with long, wavy red hair and freckles, smiling slightly. She is wearing a white lace-trimmed top and a necklace with a crescent moon pendant. The background is a bright blue with colorful confetti scattered across it.

Grace Raggett

"The Visual Arts Department at Woking College is a fantastic place to study and I have immersed myself in the varied subjects on offer as well as studying for the Gold Arts Awards and attending the many short courses and lunch time lectures on offer. Creative freedom is encouraged and the art block is a creative hub with lots of enrichments, trips and visiting speakers. If you love the Arts this is the best place to study!"

Studying:

Fine Art, Graphic Design, Photography

Previous School:

Woking High

What next?

Illustration at Arts University
Bournemouth

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 after 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.



"Students rightly speak very positively about the high quality of teaching and support they receive from their teachers that ensures they make rapid progress."
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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 a combination of coursework, assignments and 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.

+5 GRADES

5 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

+4 GRADES

4 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

-4 GRADES

Less than 4 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

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 1 in Hospitality & 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

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.

To find out more about our courses scan the QR code.



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**.

"The majority of A Level students make excellent progress and earn places at highly competitive universities."
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AMBITION

Scientist in a hospital laboratory

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at Woking College. The teachers do an amazing job of ensuring you achieve your very best. The College provides so many opportunities. For me, the Excellence Programme, with university trips and interview practice, has helped enormously in my future university ambition. The various science Olympiads helped build my problem-solving skills and extended my subject knowledge."

Studying:

Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Further Maths

Previous School:

Jubilee High

What next?

Biomedical Science at University of Oxford

Sayed Fahim Hussain

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/German/Spanish

Further Maths
(Double A Level)

Geography

Graphic Design

History

Law

Maths

Media Studies

Music

Music Technology

Philosophy

Photography

Physical Education

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Statistics

Textiles

Vocational courses

Applied Science

Art and Design

Business

Children's Play, Learning
and Development

Creative Digital
Media Production

Criminology

Digital Games Production

Engineering

Health and Social Care

Information Technology

Law

Music Technology
(Production)

Performing Arts

Sport

Travel and Tourism

Uniformed Services

A Level



Advanced Vocational



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

AMBITION

A role in
politics,
business
or finance

Sam Tough

"I have really enjoyed my time at Woking College. Teachers are extremely supportive and always go above and beyond to help expand your knowledge. The friendly and warm community makes everyone settle in easily. I embraced all the College has to offer and was involved in the British Physics Olympiad, The Maths Challenge and the Excellence Programme for both STEM and Humanities. One of my most rewarding opportunities was as President of the Student Union where I worked closely with staff, students and the local community to help make the College an outstanding place to study."

Studying:

Politics, Maths, Further Maths and Physics

Previous School:

Christ's College, Guildford

What next?

PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) at either University College of London or Exeter University

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 70 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.

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. The programme is targeted at students who achieve mostly grades 8+ in their GCSEs and aims to assist and inspire their pursuit for 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 extra-curricular 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, World Challenge, the College magazine, 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 during their time with us.

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 30 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 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/carer and let them know how I am doing?

A We predominately communicate with parents/guardians via email and the email service Mailchimp. Parents and guardians 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 per 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



To read more about the Woking Way, please scan here.

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 five element awards 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 75 enrichment options, in addition to the excellence programme, STEM, short courses and EPQ, there are multiple opportunities open and available to our students.

"Leaders, managers and teachers ensure students benefit from a broad personal development programme which helps students develop their wider skills and supports their progression."

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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 component, students will be encouraged to participate in sports enrichment, performing arts, wellbeing workshops and focused events.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

We encourage involvement with an array of community endeavours so that students are outward-focused. Schemes include the Duke of Edinburgh Award, mentoring and volunteering sports coaching in local schools.

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

WORLD OF WORK

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

AMBITION

**Barrister in
Corporate Law****Lalain
Bilal**

"I would highly recommend Woking College. The high-quality teaching and diverse extra-curricular activities have helped me establish what I want from my future steps in education and career goals. The College is very inclusive and diverse and its welcoming community encourages independence and personal growth. My involvement with the Humanities Excellence Programme has helped shape my ideas and gave me academic confidence in exams such as LNAT and entrance exams for university."

Studying:

Law, Maths and Economics

Previous School:

Winston Churchill

What next?

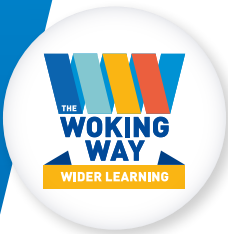
Law at Warwick University
with a year abroad

Wider learning



"Students speak very positively about the 'Excellence Programme' where they learn from alumni students and attend valuable university webinars"

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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.

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.



For more information about Excellence in Learning go to: www.woking.ac.uk



AMBITION

**Software
Engineer**A portrait of James Burge, a young man with short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a black hoodie with a pink graphic of a person with wings. The background is a purple gradient with colorful confetti.

James Burge

"During my time at College I have had excellent support in exam technique and the drop-in sessions, particularly in Maths has helped consolidate my knowledge. The wide range of extra-curricular activities allowed me to take part in LAMDA Acting and LAMDA Public Speaking despite the fact I was taking non-Arts subjects at A Level. In my EPQ I modelled an Augmented Reality App to show the impact this technology has in education which will undoubtedly help me in my university studies and a career in Computer Science."

Studying:

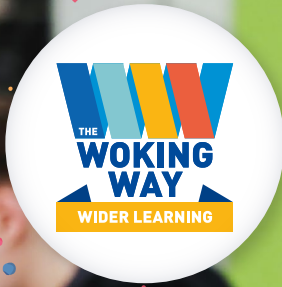
Computer Science, Digital Games Production and Maths

Previous School:

Jubilee High

What next?

BSC in Computer Science at University of Nottingham



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 2022 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.

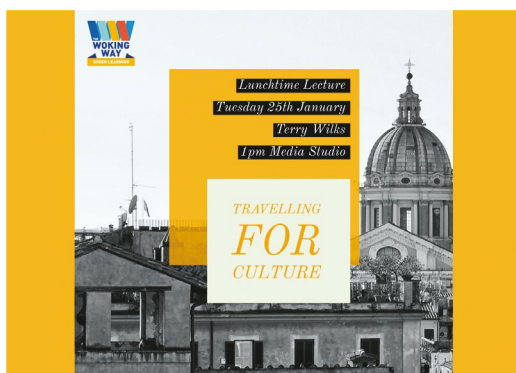
Short Courses

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 Short Courses, Ethics in Psychology, Astronomy, researching your family tree and upcycling in the fashion industry.



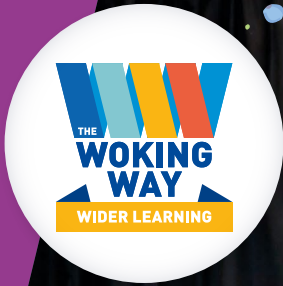
Lunchtime Lectures and the Big Talks

Our highly popular Lunchtime Lecture and Big Talk series introduce 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. Popular lectures have included Travelling for Culture, Veganism and Black History Week.



"The best thing about EPQ is the sheer amount of freedom you have to explore exactly what you want and are passionate about while intensely cultivating your skills and love for that subject."

Callum Gordon EPQ



- 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

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 folk band. Students also arrange their own ensembles, including rock and jazz groups, which perform both in College and the local area.



AMBITION

Theatre Director

A portrait of Shona Fernie, a young woman with long, straight, reddish-brown hair and blue eyes, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a brown, textured top with a tie detail at the neckline and a delicate necklace with small, colorful beads. The background is a bright blue gradient with scattered, colorful bokeh lights in shades of red, yellow, green, and white. The text 'Shona Fernie' is overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, bold, blue font.

Shona Fernie

"I have really thrown myself into the fantastic opportunities that the Performing Arts Department and the College offers and my friends and teachers have made my time at College so enjoyable and rewarding. I have taken part in the College Musical twice, completed LAMDA acting and LAMDA Musical Theatre as well as The Shakespeare Award and I have been on a Business Studies trip to Brussels and many English and Drama trips. Everything has contributed to enhancing my studies and preparing me for university. I would highly recommend the College"

Studying:

Drama, English Literature and Business Studies

Previous School:

Jubilee High

What next?

University of Warwick to study English and Theatre Studies



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 Head 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.

College counselling

You can either refer yourself or be referred to see one of our College counsellors for a six week course of sessions. For more information, take a look at our website or visit Learning Support.

Specific health and wellbeing support groups

We run various support groups at the College, including mindfulness 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. All students are welcome to join, and staff may also refer students who they think would benefit from them.

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.



"Students appreciate the welcoming, safe and supportive environment that leaders, managers and staff create."

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Wellbeing podcasts

Every month our topical podcast looks at issues that matter to our students, focusing on wellbeing. Recent recordings talked about how to access help when struggling with mental health issues and discussions with GPs and the College's on-site councillors.

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 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.

Some of the sports we offer

Badminton

Basketball

Dodgeball

Football

Womens Football

Netball

Table Tennis

"I chose Woking College because unlike a school the teachers are all specialists in 16-18 yr. old education which makes a huge difference. The teachers are passionate about their subjects and have provided me with additional opportunities to expand my knowledge and support my university and career aspirations. I have made full use of the excellent sports facilities as a player and captain of the women's football team. As well as completing my Gold D of E Award my EPQ in the responses to ACL injuries in female football players allowed me to explore a specific area of sports science which I hope to make my career."

Studying:

Physical Education, Biology and Chemistry

Previous School:

Three Rivers Academy

What next?

Sport and Exercise Science at Loughborough University



**Rebecca
Tiney**

AMBITION

**Sport
Scientist**

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. In 2023, students are travelling to Vietnam and in 2024 the destination is Morocco.



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, 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.

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

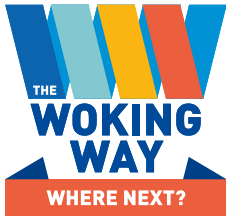


Work experience

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.

"The majority of A Level students make excellent progress and earn places at highly competitive universities."

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Our students go places

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.

Top choices of universities for our students

Bath	Sussex
Birmingham	University College London
Bristol	Winchester
Brighton	York
Cambridge	BIMM
Cardiff	Central School of Speech and Drama
Chichester	Edinburgh
Edinburgh	East 15
Exeter	Guildford School of Acting
Kings College London	Leeds Conservatoire
Leeds	Mountview
Liverpool	Trinity Laban
Manchester	University of the Creative Arts
Newcastle	Urdang Academy
Nottingham	Central St Martins
Oxford	Camberwell College of Art
Portsmouth	Kingston School of Art
Royal Holloway	
Sheffield	
Southampton	
Surrey	

100%

of parents recommend our Parents' Higher Education and Careers Information evenings

Careers Day

86 subject and career specific talks over 105 Exhibitors at the fair

99%

of students found Careers Day helpful

98%

of students found 1:1 Careers advice helpful

Weekly careers bulletins are sent to students which includes information on careers, HE and work experience.

Hundreds of career and Higher Education opportunities are advertised to students on Teams every month.

OVER **400**
work experience placements organised each year



Support for learning

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

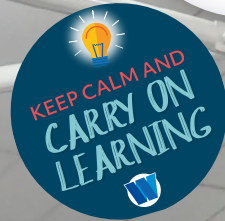
Every one of our students is a unique individual and our support is individually tailored to meet their needs. We ensure that all of our students receive the highest quality experience from the moment we receive their application and throughout every interaction with us, be that academic feedback, careers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

"Parents of students with extra needs speak very positively about the support that their children receive which enables them to flourish whilst at College."

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For more information about support for learning go to:
www.woking.ac.uk



Learning Resource Centre

The Learning Resource Centre (LRC) is a dedicated quiet study area with networked computers and desks and cubicles for individual study. In addition, there is a group study room, a dedicated room for Independent Learning Mentor meetings and a reading area with comfortable seating. Additional computers for private study are available throughout the College.

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 specialist staff can provide assistance for all students. Students can also gain additional help from Support for Learning staff throughout the week in the LRC. Depending on their preferences, some in-class support is also available including for students with an EHCP. There are also specific workshops for building confidence, social skills, mentoring as well as individual support.

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 the #WE18YOSK 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 are invited to meet personal tutors and are actively encouraged to get in touch with them if they have any concerns or questions.

What Every 18 Year Old Should Know #WE18YOSK?



At the heart of our pastoral curriculum is our #WE18YOSK programme. 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.

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, a stunning arts centre, a media studio and an extensive sports centre, paying fields and 3G sports pitch and pavilion. In 2023, a new teaching block was added and a new performing arts centre will open in September.

The College also benefits from a large Learning Resource Centre, professional theatre and dance studio and a dedicated music technology building.



AMBITION

A career in Science to help solve world health issues

Joshua Ford

"If anything, two years is too short at Woking College as I have enjoyed my time so much!

The teaching is of the highest quality and I have been encouraged at all times to expand my knowledge and push problem solving to its limits.

As well as taking part in the various Olympiads I was part of the Excellence Programme which introduced guest speakers and provided invaluable advice and interview techniques which helped in my Oxbridge applications, taking the stress out of applying and making the process so much more manageable."

Studying:

Chemistry, Maths, Physics and Further Maths

Previous School:

Woking High

What next?

Natural Sciences at Cambridge University

Your guide to applying



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 12th October 2023 and our Summer Open Evening on Wednesday 12th June 2024.

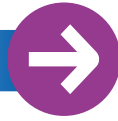
If you can't attend an Open Evening there is lots of information on our website www.woking.ac.uk or in this prospectus.



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.



Applying to Woking College couldn't be easier!

"Leaders and managers have created effective systems to maintain the outstanding quality of education."
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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.



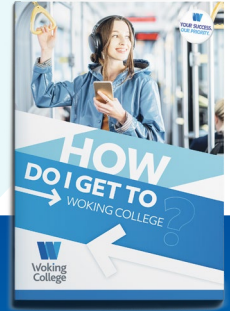
Contact

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



How do I get there?

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



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 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 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 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.



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 | --- | | |

AMBITION

**Human Rights
Advocate**A portrait of Erin Fitzgibbon, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a black lace top. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a vibrant purple with scattered colorful confetti.

Erin Fitzgibbon

"For me the College has the perfect balance between the continuous support from teachers whilst also allowing the space to develop and grow as an individual. Lessons are always collaborative and thought provoking and encourage you to do your very best. I would not have had the confidence to apply for a top university without the backing of my teachers and personal tutor."

Studying:

Geography, English Literature, Spanish and Biology

Previous School:

Woking High

What next?

Geography at Oxford University

Additional information

Fees

Students who are aged 16-18 on 1st 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 three 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**



AMBITION

A career in
Sociology to
address social
inequalities

Yasmin Leacock

"The College was able to accommodate my quite diverse subject choices and the great community at Woking College meant I settled in immediately and quickly had an amazing friendship group and support system. The monitored independence at College has boosted my confidence and has provided me with the stepping stone from school to university. My EPQ was on discrimination in the Hollywood system and was topical and interesting whilst promoting my independent research and study skills."

Studying:

Politics, Psychology and Graphic Design

Previous School:

Magna Carta School

What next?


Southampton University to
study Sociology

To read more
student stories visit
www.woking.ac.uk
or scan the QR code.



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