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2026 PROSPECTUS



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WELCOME

From the Principal



At Woking College, we pride ourselves on being a vibrant community that offers top-notch education, a caring and dedicated staff, and a fantastic array of extra-curricular activities. Our mission? To open up a world of possibilities for every student.

Our students don't just meet expectations – they exceed them! Most of our students achieve beyond their predicted GCSE results, thanks to our supportive environment that caters to individual needs. It all starts with your interview, where we get to know you and your aspirations, ensuring we guide you towards the best academic choices.

Our facilities are tailor-made for sixth form students. With over £12 million invested in the past twelve years, our campus is equipped with everything you need for serious study and personal growth. From state-of-the-art academic resources to cultural and sporting amenities, you'll find a friendly and inspiring atmosphere that makes learning enjoyable.

Once you join us, we make sure you feel right at home with welcome events, enrolment, and induction activities. These help you settle in smoothly and get ready for an exciting journey filled with opportunities.

We believe in meeting each student's unique needs. That's why we offer weekly support workshops for all subjects, whether you need a bit of extra help or you're aiming for the very highest grades. Our Excellence Programme is designed to help you gain entry into the most competitive university courses and apprenticeships.

Due to our popularity, we are over-subscribed every year, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Visit us often to experience the vibrant life at Woking College and see all the amazing opportunities waiting for you.

Join us at Woking College, where your success is our priority, your future is our passion!

Brett Freeman
Principal

REASONS TO CHOOSE WOKING COLLEGE

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



Easy transport links



Open Evenings



SPECIALIST SIXTH FORM FACILITIES



99%

PASS RATE

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

99%

BTEC PASS RATE

OVER 75

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Students from over

75

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS



100%

PASS RATE

for E.P.Q. 74% at High Grades

83%

Students gained their first choice University place

54

Different subjects to choose from



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

OFSTED



GREAT CHOICE OF COURSES AND COMBINATIONS



186

Visiting Speakers, Lunchtime Lectures and College Trips in 2024

124

Specialist 6th Form teachers

Over

400

work placements organised for BTEC students

STUDENT VOICE



Welcome to Woking College

Woking College. The place where students are given the prized opportunity to be encouraged to aim high, challenge their social and mental boundaries and make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. With a strong academic foundation and a wide range of enrichment activities, Woking College offers something for everyone, whether your goal is to pursue university, apprenticeships or something else, Woking has a path for you.

As President of the Student Union, I am incredibly proud to be a part of such a diverse and supportive community where every student, irrelevant of background, is valued and respected. Woking fosters an environment where individuality is celebrated, and students are given the confidence to grow both academically and personally.

Beyond the classroom, there are countless ways to get involved in the Woking family. From enrichments to social events and leadership opportunities, Woking provides limitless ways to develop new skills, meet like-minded people and make everlasting memories. These experiences not only enrich your student life but simultaneously aid towards building a strong foundation for future success wherever you go.

The Student Union is here to be your voice, to represent you and make sure you are heard. We work directly with the senior leadership teams to act as your voice for change in the College.

Our sole aim is shaping the College experiences to reflect the needs and ambitions of our students, to create the environment all students are entitled to. Throughout the year we organise a range of exciting events, branching from cultural celebration and social events to charity fundraisers, all derived to deliver plenty of opportunities for social activities to strengthen the bonds of the Woking family.

My team and I look forward to welcoming you and sharing everything that makes Woking College such a vibrant and inspiring place to study. Here at Woking College, we look forward to giving our all towards you and your futures while fostering positive memories of your time at College. We can't wait to see you!

Come and start your legacy here at Woking College.

Adil Neaz
Student President



AMBITION

Prime Minister



MORGAN THOMAS



"College has been a very liberating and fulfilling time both personally and academically. The range of courses and the teaching is excellent with teachers really giving their all in helping with courses work and exams. My essay writing skills have improved greatly in my preparation for university.

The Excellence Programme was a great help in applying to top universities and my E.P.Q. gave me the opportunity to research in depth in a subject I was fascinated by, my topic was 'The End of History'.



Studying:
Politics, Philosophy,
English Language

Previous School:
Magna Carta

What next?

Exeter University to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics

94%

agreed the feedback that teachers gave them in lessons helped them to make progress

92%

agreed teachers in this subject set me suitable work to do outside of class

96%

agreed they were encouraged to study and learn independently in this subject

97%

agreed they were respected as an individual and felt safe in their class

92%

agreed they would happily recommend this course to future students

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.



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.

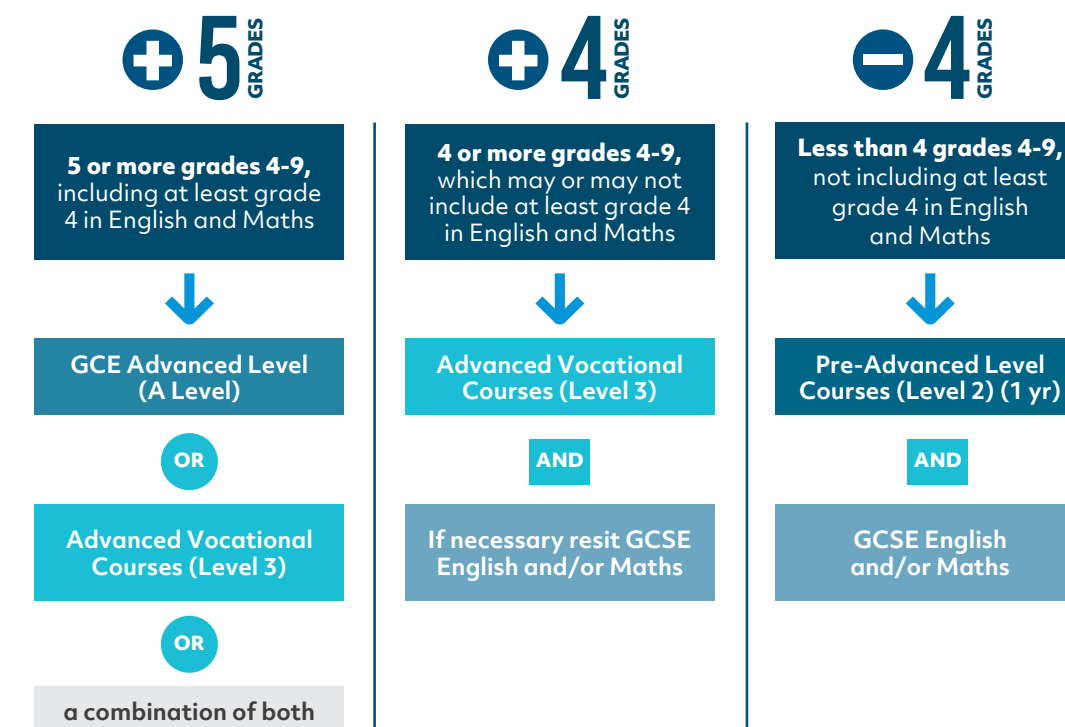
We will discuss final entry requirements for your chosen course during your interview. Subjects such as Mathematics, English, and the Sciences will require students to have specific grades – for example, to study Physics you will need at least a 6 in GCSE Maths. Woking College offers a wide range of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



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 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

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 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**.



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

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

OFSTED

AMBITION

Materials Scientist



SOPHIE
NUMWA



"Studying Chemistry, Physics and Maths has been an exciting challenge with excellent support from my teachers. I participated in the Chemistry and Physics Olympiads which really pushed my understanding of these subjects. The Excellence Programme has been invaluable in my university application to study Materials Science which combines all my A level subjects."



Studying:

Physics, Chemistry, Maths

Previous School:

Woking High

What next?

Imperial College London to study Materials Science

COURSE DIRECTORY

A LEVEL COURSES

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

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

VOCATIONAL COURSES

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

A Level



Vocational



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

AMBITION

Lawyer



AMIR AGHABABAEI



"I would highly recommend Woking College for its great exam results, inclusive community and its fantastic range of extracurricular activities. I have made many new friends and my confidence has definitely grown in my time at College. I have taken LAMDA Public Speaking, performed in two College musicals and was Vice President of the Student Union."



Studying:

Law, Economics,
Psychology

Previous School:

Three Rivers Academy

What next?

Law at Durham or
Bristol 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 75 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, Gold Arts Award, Debating Society and Book Clubs. All students are required to take part in at least one enrichment activity with many choosing two or more.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A We predominately communicate with parents/carers via email and the email service Brevo. Parents and carers are kept fully informed of each student's academic achievements and their personal and social development. Progress reports are sent home on a half termly basis and there are two Academic Tutoring days 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

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

OFSTED

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

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

All students participate in at least one enrichment activity which is added to their academic programme and have the opportunity to participate in a range of additional activities such as workshops, pop ups, lectures and trips, in addition to qualifications such as EPQ and LAMDA and our Excellence Programme. Students work towards achieving their Woking Way awards, collating evidence in each of the programmes 5 areas; Wellbeing, What Next, Wider Learning, Working with the Community and World of Work.

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



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



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

WIDER LEARNING

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

WELLBEING

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

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

WHERE NEXT?

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

WORLD OF WORK

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

AMBITION

Work in the film or radio industry



LYDIA KJELGAARD



"Academically the College is excellent, but it also has the wellbeing of its students at the forefront and teachers are immensely supportive if you are feeling stressed or under exam pressure and make the time to address your questions or concerns.

College has taught me independence, initiative, resilience and responsibility which are skills for life. Extra-Curricular here is brilliant and I have been part of Film Club, Filmmaking and Composition Club the Arts Excellence Programme and am taking part in a geography field trip to Iceland."



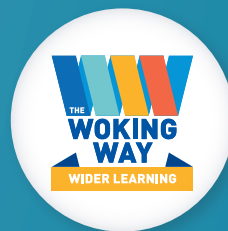
Studying:
Media Studies, English Literature, Geography

Previous School:
Fullbrook

What next?

Media Production at Bournemouth University

WIDER LEARNING



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

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 or university or employment.

These cover a huge range of disciplines from our Excellence Programme, STEM and the Extended Project Qualification to over **80 different enrichment activities**. Enrichments are open to all students regardless of whether you are studying these subjects as part of your courses.

“AS PART OF STEM EXCELLENCE, I TOOK PART IN THE CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND MATHS OLYMPIAD WHICH HELPED IN MY ASPIRATIONS TO STUDY ENGINEERING SCIENCE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY. I HAD GREAT SUPPORT WITH MY PERSONAL STATEMENT AND WITH MOCK INTERVIEWS.”

PETER HEENEY
EXCELLENCE STEM

Excellence Programme

The Excellence Programme is designed to support aspirational and inquisitive students in their pursuit of excellence at College and in their future progression. The programme is targeted at ambitious students who demonstrate a passion for learning and commitment in their pursuit of securing places at leading universities, art schools or competitive apprenticeship programmes, as well as developing as an individual and an academic.

The programme is divided into four strands; Humanities & Social Sciences, The Arts, STEM, and Physical Life, which encompasses Medicine, Dentistry & Veterinary Sciences and Sport. Students meet within their strands once a week from January until December, where they will participate in seminars delivered by academics from leading universities, workshops from guest practitioners, hear from captains of industry and be provided with a range of opportunities to develop their cultural capital and encourage personal growth. Strand coordinators ensure students are provided with a well-rounded programme and facilitate external opportunities such as visiting an Oxford University College, as well as hosting internal opportunities such as regular workshops from Brighton & Sussex Medical School, Girls in STEM events and industry days throughout the year.

Within the programme, students who wish to apply for Oxbridge will receive training from admissions tutors from Oxford and Cambridge throughout the year, workshops to prepare for admissions tests and a full mock interview programme. Further to Oxbridge, strand leads are well versed in the individual application routes for competitive courses and apprenticeships and will offer students on the programme specialist support with these.

The Excellence Programme prides itself on inclusivity and supporting all students unlock their potential. The key criteria for participating is curiosity, aspiration and a love for learning.



Scan the QR code for more information about Excellence in Learning.



AMBITION

Veterinary Surgeon

“USEFUL PREPARATION FOR UCAS APPLICATION, IT GAVE ME AN INSIGHT ON PERSONAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER MODEL ANSWERS AND PRACTISE FOR INTERVIEW!”

ALISHA, EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME



"I have really enjoyed being part of the Woking College Community which is very supportive to all students. The teaching is of the highest quality and I have been encouraged at all times to expand my knowledge and stretch my abilities.

As part of the Excellence Veterinary Programme, I had invaluable help with my university application, with mock interviews and my personal statement which made the process of applying to very competitive courses more manageable."



ISADORA VASQUES

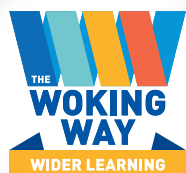


Studying:
Chemistry, Biology, Spanish

Previous School:
Woking High

What next?

Veterinary Medicine at Liverpool University



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

CHRIS K, EPQ

Extended Project Qualification

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

The final product can take the form of a written report or an artefact or product/event. The EPQ involves students taking on independent learning and has teachers acting as supervisors. The EPQ begins in the September of year 12 and submission for marking is June of year 12. You will have timetabled sessions with supervisors who will give you guidance and one-to-one meetings to support your progress. The EPQ is highly valued by universities as it demonstrates passion and ability in a particular subject. It is worth up to 28 UCAS points and can enhance your university applications. It also helps you develop a wide range of skills

(for example academic writing, referencing and research) which will supplement your performance in your A Level exams and BTECS, as well as your next steps.

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

This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge, pursue your interest and improve your university applications. In 2024 the EPQ pass rate was 100% with 74% of students achieving a high grade of A*-B.

AMBITION

Chemical Engineer



PETER
HEENEY



"For me the College has the perfect balance between continuous support from teachers whilst allowing the space for independent learning. I am part of the STEM Excellence Programme and have taken part in the Maths, Chemistry and Physics Olympiads which have really helped with my application to university. We have had lots of visiting speakers which further expanded my knowledge.

We are encouraged to aim high in all we do."



Studying:
Chemistry, Maths,
Further Maths, Physics

Previous School:
Woking High

What next?

Oxford University
to study Engineering
Science

Pop ups

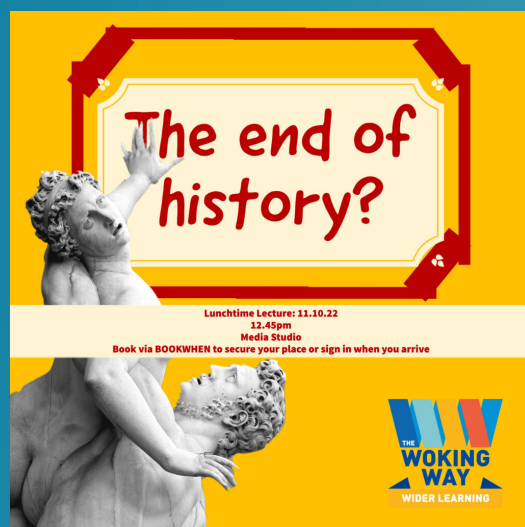
You will be able to get involved in a variety of pop ups in the canteen during lunchtime run by our Enrichment Coordinator. It is a great way to get involved, make new friends and focus on your wellbeing. Popular activities this year have included bath bomb making, candle painting, stress shaker making, mindful colouring and our staff versus students sporting activities.

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

MORGAN S



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



Big Talks and Subject Lectures

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

We also offer a broad range of lectures across the subject areas, led by visiting speakers who are experts in their fields. Speakers have included experts in sleep science, Norland Nannies, NHS and sports careers leaders, a hip hop choreographer and a leader in Women in Cybersecurity.

AMBITION

Musical Theatre Performer



HARMONY MURRAY



"Extra-Curricular has been a huge part of my College experience. I have been in two College musicals studied LAMDA Musical Theatre and LAMDA Acting as well as Dance Technique and performed at Sadler's Wells in a dance performance with Making Moves. We have had lots of theatre trips and as part of my Politics A Level I have visited the Houses of Parliament and The Supreme Court.

Teaching has been amazing allowing me the freedom to explore my creativity whilst still offering structure and support."



Studying:
Drama, Dance, Politics

Previous School:
Sunbury Manor School

What next?

Musical Theatre
at Italia Conti



Music, dance and drama

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



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

Actor



FINLEY WAKE



"I have found my time at College has made me a stronger more confident person. I have made the most of what the exceptional Performing Arts Department has to offer and performed in all the College Musicals and am part of the Woking College Theatre Company where we compete nationally."



Studying:
Drama, Film,
Philosophy

Previous School:
Winston Churchill

What next?

Either Drama at University or gap year to further my acting career

WELLBEING

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

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

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



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 meditation 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. Specialist drop in sessions include; young carers, bereavement counselling and visits by therapy dogs.

AMBITION

Working for a not-for-profit organisation



"The College was highly recommended by my school and had very successful grades in my subject choices. Teaching is very supportive and there is lots of one-to-one help when its needed, the careers department were very helpful in guiding my choices for my UCAS application.

I have made the most of all the different enrichments including the debating society, public speaking, the Excellence Programme and in my role as environmental officer for the Student Union, there really is something for everyone.

The community here is very inclusive and all students are respected and appreciated."



Studying:

History, English Literature, Maths

Previous School:

Bishop David Brown

What next?

University College London to study Politics, Philosophy and Economics

MAHI
HUSSAIN

SPORTS & FITNESS

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

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

Woking College believes that sport and fitness is for all our students so all activities are open to all students to contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

Some of the sports we offer

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

Sports teams

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



AMBITION

Physiotherapist



MADDY
SAUNDERS



"All my lessons at College have been supportive and inspiring where teachers have created structured, clear lessons whilst maintaining a fun learning environment. Independent study has helped me manage my time effectively and the opportunities for work experience secured by the College was essential for my university application.

I also had excellent guidance in writing a strong personal statement.

Being part of the netball team has kept up my interest in sport and helped me develop teamwork and leadership skills."



Studying:
P.E., Biology,
Psychology

Previous School:
Hoe Valley School

What next?

MSci in Physiotherapy
at Birmingham
University

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.



Eco

At Woking College, we are committed to improving sustainability and ensuring students are aware of the part that they play in the future of our planet.

The College offers all students the opportunity to take part in a six-week certificated Carbon Literacy course teaching students about the causes and impacts of climate change and how we can help combat these issues. Students who complete the course receive a certificate from the Carbon Literacy Project which can be listed on their UCAS applications and CVs. www.carbonliteracy.com

Just a few of our activities include:

Board Games	International Club
Book Club	Maths Challenge
Christian Union	Meditation
Debating Society	Neurodiverse Group
Duke of Edinburgh Award	News Desk
Eco Community	Physics Olympiad
Embroidery	Volunteering
Gender and Sexuality Alliance	Wellbeing & Mindfulness
History of the Universe	

AMBITION

Environmentalist



REBECCA WEEEDEN



"My academic ambition was to study environmental science and I could not have had more supportive and encouraging teachers who have helped me achieve this. Teachers put in huge efforts to find me projects that would help my university applications like the SATRO research project where I researched geothermal energy and collaborated at an academic conference and finding work experience at Balfour Beatty. The Carbon Literacy Project at the College helped endorse my academic ambitions.

I could not recommend the College and its teaching more highly. Apply now!"



Studying:
Geography, Biology, Psychology

Previous School:
Hoe Valley School

What next?

Savills degree apprenticeship in chartered surveying in renewable energy



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

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

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

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

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



Volunteering

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

AMBITION

Academic in Mathematics



SEBASTIAN JANSSEN



"The teaching at College is immaculate! There is always help and encouragement to achieve your very best and extend your research into your subjects.

My extra curriculum included Programming Club. Member of the Student Union and STEM Excellence which helped with my university preparation. I have also met lots of new friends via my extracurricular activities.

The community here is inclusive and collaborative where everyone is valued as an individual."



Studying:

Further Maths, Computer Science, Physics

Previous School:

Thamesmead

What next?

Mathematics and Philosophy at Kings College London

CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

Careers information

Throughout the year, Woking College students can access high quality 1:1 appointments with our trained Careers Advisors to help you explore your options for the future. There are numerous events and opportunities for students to consider their next steps including:

Tutorial Programme

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

Careers Mornings

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

Apprenticeship Information and Support

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

UCAS Applications

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

Take a look at the Padlet:



Work Experience

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

Careers Advice and Guidance

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

Higher Education Evening

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

Unifrog Online Careers Platform

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

Careers Bulletin Board

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

University

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

IN 2024, 83% OF STUDENTS ACCESSED THEIR FIRST CHOICE OF UNIVERSITY. DESTINATIONS INCLUDING:

Arts University Bournemouth	University College London
BIMM University	University of Exeter
Bird College	University of Durham
Kings College London	University of Leeds
UCFB	University of Oxford
University of Bath	University of Southampton
University of Birmingham	University of Surrey
University of Bristol	
University of Cambridge	

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.



Apprenticeships

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

Amazon	Mendolez-Cadbury
BAE Systems	NATTA
BMW	NHS
British Airways	Royal Air Force
Deloittes	Samsung
Ernst & Young	SAP Software
KPMG	Savills
Lloyds	Surrey Police

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SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

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

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



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



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



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

Personal tutoring

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

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

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

Woking Way Pastoral Programme



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

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

Heads of Year

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

Learning Resource Centre

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

FACILITIES

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

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



AMBITION

Animator



EVE CLARK



"My time at Woking College has been truly unforgettable. I have forged lasting friendships, developed both my artistic and academic skills and grown a newfound confidence in both myself and my academic abilities. Teachers are approachable, respectful and hugely knowledgeable."

The art facilities are amazing and far exceeded my expectations. From Graphic Design to Textiles and Fine Art, the equipment, support and materials provide the opportunity to explore, express and develop our own unique and individual art styles which helped build my university application portfolio."



Studying:
Fine Art, Media
Studies, Psychology

Previous School:
Hoe Valley School

What next?

Animation Production
at Arts University
Bournemouth

YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING

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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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 16th October 2025 and our Summer Open Evening on Wednesday 10th June 2026.

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 an email 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 emailed with an offer of your place, which you will need to accept by email.



Welcome day

Having accepted your place you will be invited to our Welcome Day in 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?

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

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



For more detailed travel routes



AMBITION

Cardiac Surgeon



ANANTH AJINITH



"I chose Woking College because of its excellent A level results in the Sciences and I quickly settled in to a very welcoming and inclusive community. The teachers are very supportive and offer real indepth knowledge of their subjects. I want to study Medicine so became part of the Excellence Medical Programme and have had good support in preparing for UCAT entrance exams, mock interviews and have benefited from visiting speakers from medical schools and past students who have studied medicine."



Studying:
Chemistry,
Biology, Maths

Previous School:
Woking High

What next?

Medicine at
Brighton and Sussex
Medical School



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