
Hurst
Senior School
GILBERT



Hello + Welcome

At Hurst we aim to ensure that every pupil experiences an outstanding all round education that prepares them for life.







A warm welcome from the Head of College

I do hope that this brief introduction gives you a flavour of our stunning campus, nestled at the foot of the Downs and benefitting from some of the finest sporting and creative facilities of any school in the country. More importantly, I hope that it will also offer you an insight into what I describe as 'the way we do things' here at Hurst: the culture of personal bests, strong values and a commitment to making the most of every opportunity on offer.

Many other schools make equally strong claims about the quality of their pastoral care and their academic provision, and talk just as passionately about the importance of a rounded education. The difference at Hurst is that this isn't just what we say we do; it is what we really commit to delivering. Not just for *some* pupils, but for every child. At Hurst, we aim to ensure that every single pupil experiences an outstanding all-round education that prepares them for life.

Our results at GCSE and A-level place us amongst the top echelon of independent schools, but what sets Hurst apart is our Value Added data. This proves that Hurst pupils achieve better academic results with us than they would at almost any other school in the country. It is for this reason that ISI (the Independent Schools Inspectorate) awarded us the rare accolade of a Significant Strength for the outstanding quality of our academic provision. But this academic success does not come at the cost of a genuinely rounded education, because at Hurst we encourage pupils to immerse themselves in an exceptional programme of sporting, creative, intellectual and social activities alongside their academic studies.

As impressive as our pupils' achievements are, what really struck me about Hurst when I started here was the sense of community. Almost a decade later, it is that vibrant dynamic and that warm feeling which make me so proud to welcome you to our College.

No school prospectus can ever do justice to the sheer breadth and depth of opportunities on offer at Hurst, nor can it replicate the happiness of our pupils as they bustle around the campus. So, I do hope that once you have leafed through this prospectus you will book in to see us in person, as nothing can quite match the experience of feeling it for yourself. I look forward to meeting you and your family, and hope that you will see these pages reflected in reality.

Dominic Mott
Head of College





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The Hurst Culture

A Hurst education is about much more than a mercenary pursuit of grades. Pupils acquire an awareness of right and wrong, a sense of duty, and a respect for others.

The Hurst Culture extends far beyond an academic education. As part of a vibrant, dynamic community, every single pupil commits to the distinctive 'way we do things'. Our mantra of 'Work Hard, Do Good and Engage' ensures pupils gain the confidence and skills to thrive and excel, making the most of every opportunity available to them.

The College exists for the benefit of its pupils and provides them with extraordinary opportunities to develop life-long talents, skills and friendships. They are ambitious with a clear sense of purpose, and leave the College as mature, independent individuals.





"My children are so happy at Hurst, I cannot imagine them going anywhere else. The breadth of lessons, the amount of physical activity and the fact they never want to leave at the end of the day speaks volumes."

Current parent



Academic Provision

Hurst provides a stimulating and engaging academic environment. Pupils are stretched and challenged, they acquire the skills to work independently, and develop a love of learning that extends well beyond the classroom.

While expectations are high in all aspects of College life, pupils strive only towards achieving their own personal bests. Through the Challenge Grade and tutorial system, high aspirations are realised for every pupil at GCSE and A-level. Academic success is not measured against league tables, but rather through Value Added for every individual. At Hurst, excellence is defined by the progress and success of *all* pupils.

Alongside their studies, an inclusive super curriculum enables pupils to participate in a wide range of activities; from CREST award and Geography field trips to Maths Olympiads and French Debating, pupils develop leadership and life skills at all levels.

The Higher Education and Highly Selective University programmes guide pupils in making the best decision for themselves, with the majority heading to Russell Group universities.

> "The Head's focus is on the pupil experience and says education should be fun as well as purposeful."
>
> Good Schools Guide







“Education at Hurst is deliberately outward-looking. The range of activities provides many opportunities for our students to try new ventures, confront risks and learn from the experience.”

Lloyd Dannatt, Deputy Head of College



“The Curriculum is challenging and well-matched to pupils’ needs and interests. This is a significant strength of the school.”

Independent Schools Inspectorate



Co-Curricular Programme
Beyond the classroom

Whether it be part of our thriving Sports, Music, Drama, Dance, or Outdoor Education departments, every pupil is encouraged to engage with all of the co-curricular opportunities available to them.

Trying new activities brings pupils a strong sense of achievement, fun, and wellbeing. Hurst provides pupils with a wide variety of experiences across the board, from rock bands, water sports, and ballet to conservation projects, skiing, and climbing. All pupils benefit from the College's outstanding facilities, including the recently built Performing Arts Centre, Music School, Dance Studio, Astroturfs, playing fields and indoor pool.

Excellence at Hurst is not just defined by the success of our elite students. Our inclusive calendar of fixtures, trips, and events ensures that all pupils enjoy the challenge of representing the College in a whole range of pursuits; 'no-one is left on the bench'. Pupils develop essential skills in teamwork and leadership, whilst strengthening their resilience in line with our mantra of 'keep on keeping on'.

> "Hurst pupils are all strongly supportive of each other, whatever the activity, a characteristic for which the College is renowned."
>
> Current parent





“The best thing about Hurst is that whatever your abilities, you are given every opportunity to succeed at what you want to do.”

Current pupil













“A parent told us this is not a school for those who want to fly under the radar and just get to the end of their school days: ‘the thing you do at this school is engage – it can be anything, there are endless opportunities’.”

The Good Schools Guide







“High praise for the sport coaching, with a genuine feeling that ‘no one gets left on the bench’. ”

Good Schools Guide













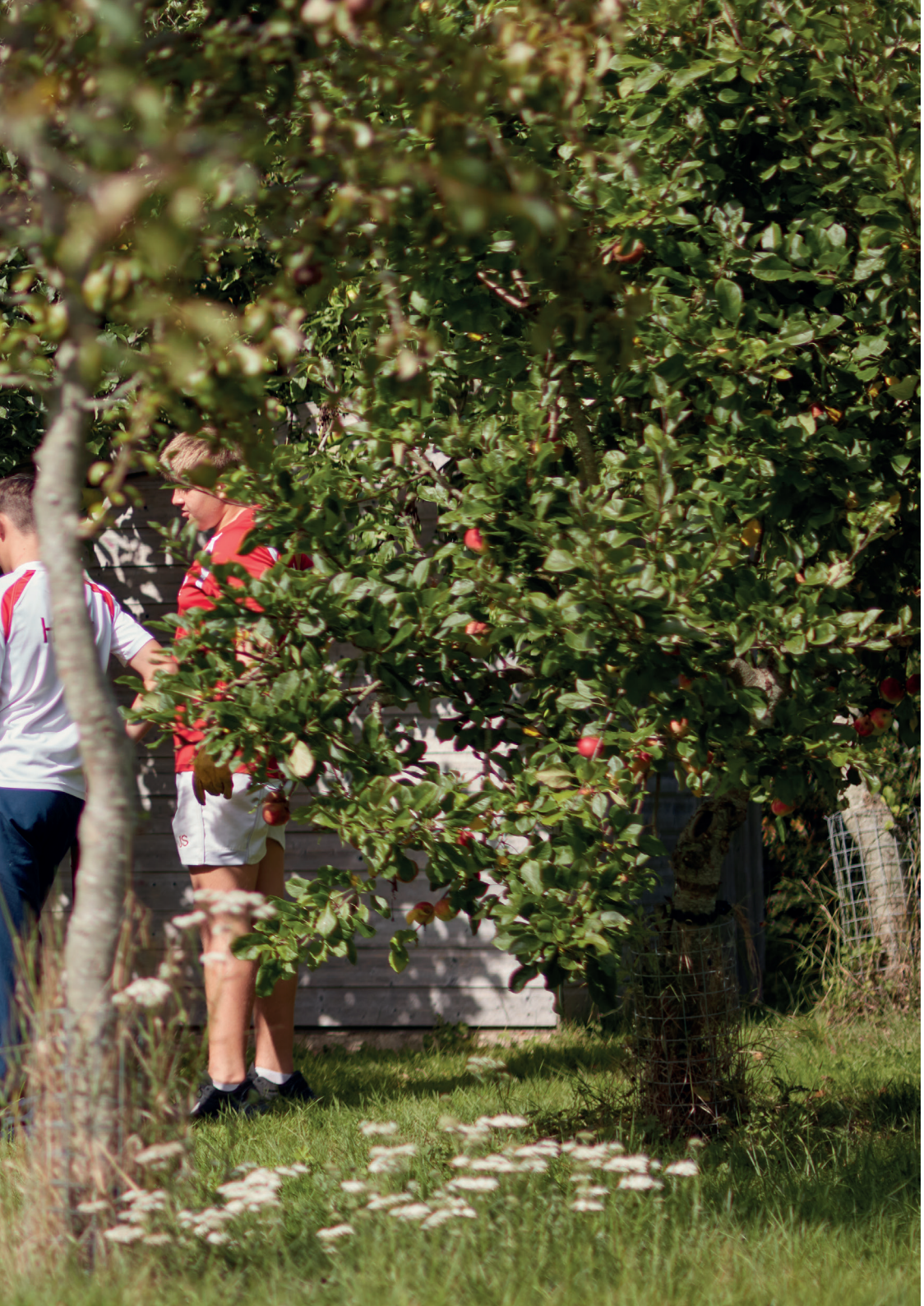


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“Pupils thrive on the challenge, structure, discipline and opportunities provided by the school.”

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Community and Pastoral Support

Hurst provides a safe and homely setting where everyone is welcomed, respected, and valued for who they are. Caring and committed staff champion the physical health, mental wellbeing, and overall happiness of all pupils, and additional support is always available to those who need it.

Hurst has a genuine family feel. Pupils can choose day, flexi or weekly boarding when they arrive and are allocated to one of twelve Houses, where they look after each other within an environment that fosters healthy competition and collaboration. Pupils develop a strong sense of House loyalty, and the dedication of House staff ensures that they receive excellent academic and pastoral care within this 'home away from home'.

In Upper Sixth, students join a co-educational day and boarding house. Set in its own grounds, St John's provides students with an excellent transition into university and life beyond Hurst.

Caring and committed staff champion and nurture the physical health, mental wellbeing and happiness of all pupils at the College. Thanks to our integrated pastoral programme – including an on site Wellbeing Centre, Chaplaincy, School Counsellors and Welfare Group – support is always available to pupils should they need it.

As School Wellbeing Champions and House Prefects, pupils mentor and take care of their peers within their Houses and beyond. Across the College, the work of our pupil and staff Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Group is instrumental to promoting Hurst's inclusive, positive culture.

Through charity fundraising, environmental conservation, and the Hurst Educational Trust (HET), pupils develop a sense of personal responsibility and understand how to enrich the lives of others. Pupils appreciate the value of helping their local and global communities, making them well-prepared for life beyond the College.





“It is a fantastic community with a strong culture and out of this, children really support each other.”

Current parent







"Pupils have opportunities to make valuable contributions to the wider community."

Independent Schools Inspectorate

"Service matters at Hurst. There is a lot of collaboration and community work and all can get involved."

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By the time they leave Hurst,
they are prepared.

For Life.

Arrange a Personal Visit

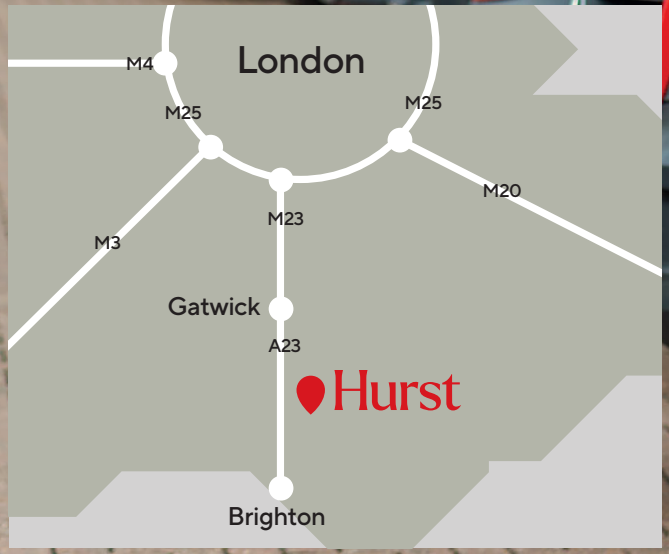
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