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Hello + Welcome

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



Welcome from the Head of College



Choosing the right Sixth Form experience can be quite daunting. Perhaps for the first time in your life, it's you – the young adult – making this choice, rather than your parent choosing for you. But that is also what makes it so exciting. This brief introduction will give 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. But 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. And nowhere is that culture stronger than in our vibrant and dynamic Sixth Form.

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 students, but for every single one of you. And at the end of that two year journey, those experiences mean that you are fully prepared for what comes next: university, apprenticeships, a Gap Year, or perhaps the world of work. There is no cookie-cutter template, and you are in charge of your own journey. In other words, our Sixth Form is all about ensuring that you are prepared for life.

Of course, a Sixth Form is more than just an experience, it's a community of hugely talented and remarkable young adults. What really struck me about Hurst when I started here was that sense of community.

Almost a decade later, it is that vibrant dynamic and that warm feeling which make me so proud of what we offer. Stepping into bar night in St John's (our Upper Sixth day and boarding House where you will spend your final year with us) and seeing our Sixth Formers relax and unwind after a busy working day is one of the highlights of my week.

No school prospectus can ever do justice to the sheer breadth and depth of opportunities on offer at Hurst, nor can it replicate the scope for a voyage of self-discovery, for developing your leadership potential, or for forging new social connections. 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 can picture yourself being part of the Sixth Form at Hurst.

Dominic Mott
Head of College





Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

You have the opportunity to join a dynamic and inclusive College community that embraces individuality but is bound together by a shared love of learning, adventure, and fun.



At Hurst, we will work with you to fulfill four clear ambitions. Firstly, that you use these two years to develop the clearest possible understanding of who you are, what you value, and what drives you. Without a clear identity, how can you make the most of the life-changing decisions that are part of being a Sixth Former?

The second ambition is that you set the right possible goals for you: the path to fully realising your potential. For most, that goal will involve pursuing a place at a leading British university, but we embrace the alternatives from professional sport to the performing arts, entrepreneurship and aid work. What matters is striving towards the goal that you sincerely want to achieve.

Step three is achieving your chosen ambitions, which will take hard work, perseverance, and dedication. When it comes to pursuing excellent exam grades, Hurst's outstanding community of teachers will spare no efforts in supporting you. Your specialist Sixth Form tutors will monitor your performance using our Challenge Grade System to set and pursue the most ambitious grades for each individual. Our Careers and Higher Education team will advise you further on your next steps. But we expect the drive and determination to come from you.

Our final ambition for your journey through Hurst Sixth Form? Have an incredible adventure along the way. The opportunities to enrich and enliven your life at Hurst are almost limitless, and we expect recreation and innovation from you too. This is your chance not just to be in a play but to write and direct one, not to attend training sessions but to lead them, and be the Founding President of the society that you feel should be part of our super- or co-curricular provision. This is your moment to flourish.

To assist your journey towards adulthood, Hurst has its unique Sixth Form house structure: students spend Lower Sixth as the senior members of the main houses, then join a single, co-educational house for Upper Sixth. New entrants find their feet in a smaller house community first, receiving close support and developing the independence and self-discipline expected of young adults. It's a structure best seen for yourself, and one of the many reasons why I hope you will come to visit us at Hurst soon.

Brian Schofield
Head of Sixth Form





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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


Hurst

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

A huge part of Sixth Form at Hurst is building for your future, in higher education and beyond. As students work towards A-levels, Extended Project Qualifications (EPQs), university, apprenticeship and other applications, they benefit from extensive intellectual, sporting, cultural and social programmes which see them develop into well-rounded, accomplished individuals.

Alongside their studies, an inclusive super curriculum enables students to participate in a wide range of activities. From STEM and Young Enterprise to Model United Nations (MUN) and the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), students develop key leadership and life skills.

Students receive constant support at every step of the UCAS application and university selection process. Thanks to the Highly Selective University (HSU) programme, 'Hurst Means Business', Medic and Veterinary Schemes and Oxbridge team, students benefit from specialised coaching and advice for some of the most competitive degree choices.





Led by the Director of Futures, specialised advisors in our Careers department encourage students not to focus on one single career path, but rather on developing their employability skills across the board. Through the Careers Portal, as well as Hurst's extensive alumni and parent network, students receive up to date and inspiring information on the wealth of career options available to them.

At the end of the Upper Sixth, students are well-prepared to embark on the next stage of their education, with the majority heading to their first-choice universities.

> “The Curriculum is challenging and well-matched to pupils' needs and interests. This is a significant strength of the school.”
>
> Independent Schools Inspectorate



“The Head's focus is on the pupil experience and says education should be fun as well as purposeful.”

Good Schools Guide








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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'.

The UK's leading universities expect Sixth Formers to independently pursue their intellectual passions beyond the classroom, and Hurst is committed to providing them with every opportunity to do so. In the Sixth Form, students attend and lead intellectual clubs and societies, listen to visiting lecturers, enter essay competitions, and teach their peers about particular specialisms.





"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


1st XV
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Grays




















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“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







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Brian Schofield, Head of Sixth Form









"Our ambition for each student's journey through Sixth Form, is that they have an incredible adventure along the way."

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Community and Pastoral Support

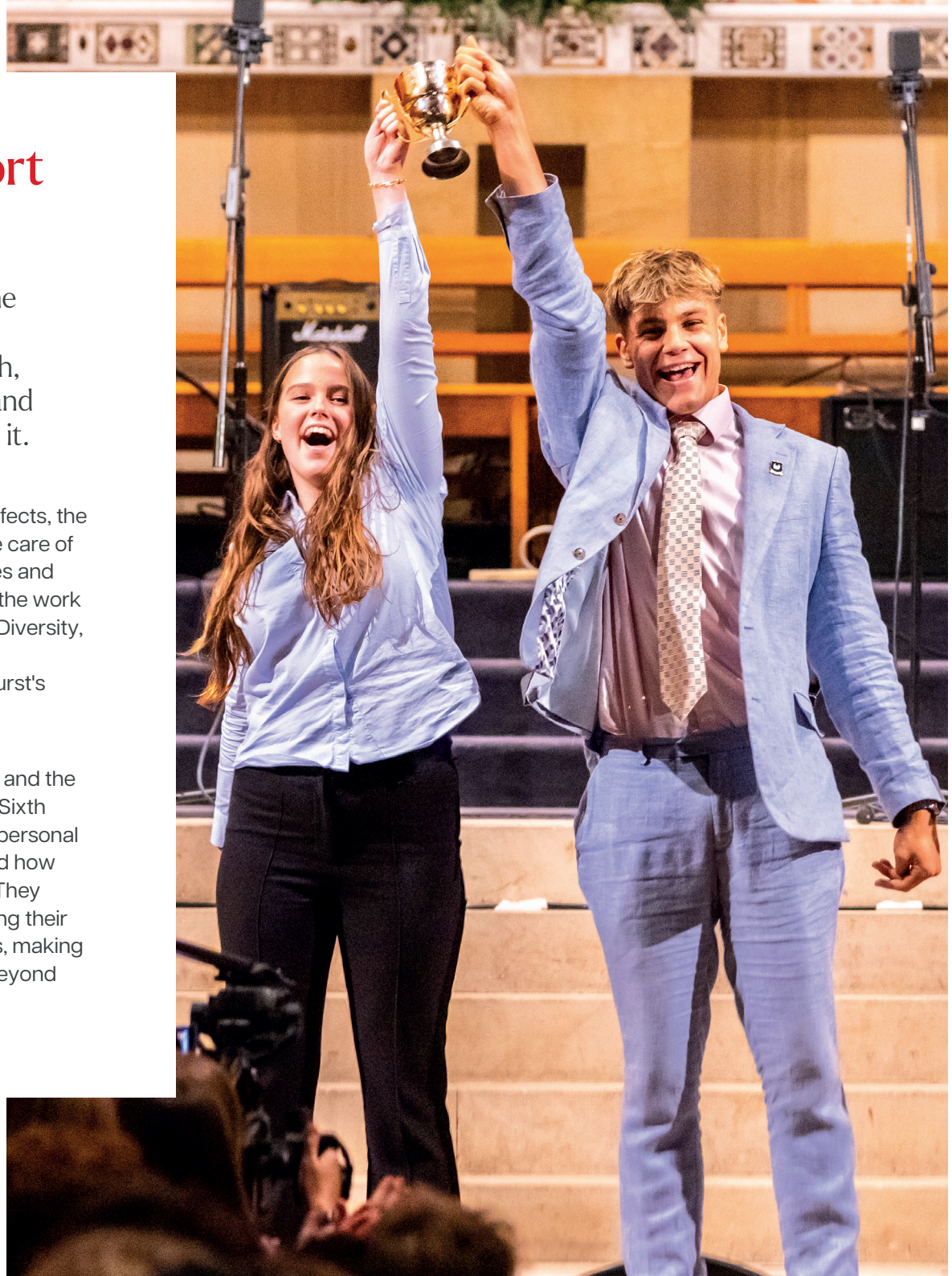
Hurst provides a safe and homely setting where everyone is welcomed, respected, and valued for who they are. Caring and committed staff champion the physical health, mental wellbeing, and overall happiness of all students, and additional support is always available to those who need it.

Hurst has a genuine family feel. In the Senior School students are allocated to one of twelve houses, where they look after each other within an environment that fosters healthy competition and collaboration. Students 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 house in which everyone has their own bedroom. Set in its own grounds, St John's provides students with an excellent transition into university and life beyond Hurst.

As Guardians and House Prefects, the Lower Sixth 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 Education Trust (HET), Sixth Formers develop a sense of personal responsibility and understand how to enrich the lives of others. They appreciate the value of helping their local and global communities, making them well-prepared for life beyond the College.







“Hurst pupils are all strongly supportive of each other, whatever the activity, a characteristic for which the College is renowned.”

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.”

Good Schools Guide







St John's House

In the Upper Sixth, you will move into St John's which sits in its own grounds, conveniently close to the centre of the campus. Its structure, facilities and the light touch with which the house is managed, ensure that it provides an environment best suited to students' academic, personal and social development in their final school year.

Girls and boys are housed in separate wings, each of which has its own laundry and social space. The centre of the house contains the communal social centre including bar and kitchen. The facilities are outstanding and enable students to work together in an atmosphere similar to that found at university.

Each pupil has a study bedroom and all are encouraged to undertake independent study in their own time, not least as preparation for the less structured life they will experience later at university. There are a range of boarding options; flexi (3 nights a week), weekly (5 nights a week) and day pupils can buy packages of either 25 or 50 nights to board at their convenience.

Students manage their own community, with opportunities to arrange school functions for themselves and the rest of the College, foster links with the local community, organise charity events and establish a close working relationship with both the Prep and Senior schools.

Life in St John's provides an exciting challenge at a crucial point in a student's school career, whilst continuing to provide firm foundations for many aspects of their future life. Throughout the year, the house is a hive of academic activity with everyone pulling together in the same direction. This calm, workmanlike group knows how to have fun - but at the right time. The first lesson for life after school.



“We feel that [the Houseparent] really has our daughter's back and best interests at heart. Her approach is pragmatic with the right balance of discipline versus understanding of today's teenagers.”

Current parent







Preparing for Life After Hurst

A huge part of the Sixth Form at Hurst is building for the future in Higher Education and beyond. There is a specialist Careers and Higher Education department as well as a dedicated team giving students valuable support and guidance as they consider the options that interest them.

During the Lower Sixth year students attend a Higher Education Masterclass Day where external speakers come in to share their valuable insights about the UCAS application process and how to choose the right university and former students come in to talk about their gap year experiences. In addition, the Lower Sixth students begin the important task of visiting universities as they start to think about their next steps.

Students considering Oxbridge, STEM degrees, Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry are given additional support with visits to Oxford and Cambridge, tailored workshops, group discussion meetings and interview practice.

Hurst is justifiably proud of its Futures programme which provides a vast range of careers talks covering almost every profession and industry. Each summer, over 70 students participate in our unique Work Experience Programme. Ranging from half-day to two-week placements, over 40 different companies - covering industries from legal services and finance to PR and healthcare - give Hurst students a valuable insight into the inner workings of their organisations. The places will show students the wide variety of career paths available to them whilst encouraging them to develop their employability skills across the board. The programme offers students tremendous opportunities to network with local companies prepare for their UCAS applications, and to potentially the the foundations for future paid work or apprenticeships.




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By the time they leave Hurst, they are prepared.
For Life.

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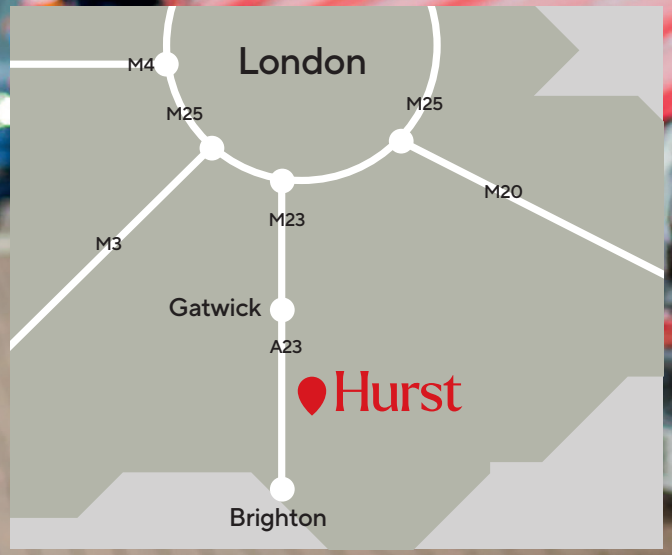
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