

Hurst

HURSTPIERPOINT COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM



Hurst is an exceptionally friendly, courteous and mutually supportive learning community.

This, together with our strong academic record, explains why so many students who have studied to GCSE level elsewhere, choose to join the Hurst Sixth Form.

Within the superbly equipped campus, Hurst provides all the opportunities and facilities expected of a first-rate independent school.



You will be warmly welcomed into a dynamic environment where you will be delighted to discover how much you can gain from, and contribute to, community life.

WELCOME TO THE SIXTH FORM AT HURST, AN OPEN AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY INFUSED WITH THE ENERGY OF NEW ARRIVALS



I look forward to welcoming you in person.
Brian Schofield, Head of Sixth Form

Thank you for taking an interest in joining the Sixth Form at Hurst. Up to a quarter of the College's Sixth Form are new joiners and we hugely value the fresh perspectives and wide experiences they bring. You have the opportunity to join a dynamic and inclusive school community that embraces individuality but is bound together by a shared love of learning, adventure and fun.

When you join the Sixth Form at Hurst, we will work with you to fulfil four clear ambitions:

First that you use these two years to develop the clearest possible understanding of who you are: what you value most, what drives you on, which of the many possible versions of yourself you choose to be. That might sound rather intense, but without that clear identity, how can you make the life-changing decisions that are part of being a Sixth Former?

The second ambition is that you set the right goals for you – the path to fully realising your potential. Not me (nor indeed your parents) but you. 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 to aid work. What matters most is that you sincerely want that goal – because you'll need that drive to achieve the next step.

Step three, is achieving your chosen ambitions, which will take hard work, perseverance and dedication on your part. Hurst's outstanding community of teachers will spare no effort in pursuit of your excellent exam grades. Your specialist Sixth Form Tutors (whom we train as Executive Life Coaches - an innovation unique to Hurst) will monitor your performance, using the Challenge Grade System, to set and pursue the most ambitious grades for each individual. You'll get all the advice you need from our Careers and Higher Education team, including our experienced Highly Selective Universities advisors. But we expect the drive and the determination to come from you.

Our final ambition for your journey through the Hurst Sixth Form? That you have an incredible adventure along the way. The opportunities to enrich and enliven your life at Hurst are almost limitless - sport, drama, music, dance, outdoors adventure, the Combined Cadet Force, intellectual societies, debates, lectures and a wide range of academic trips and team tours. This is more than just recreation – we expect

creation and innovation. This is your chance not just to be in a play but to write and direct one, members of the senior teams in all our sports don't just attend training, they lead sessions, and if there's a society you think the school should provide, then go ahead and be the Founding President. This is your moment to flourish.

To assist your journey towards adulthood, Hurst has its unique Sixth Form house structure – students spend the Lower Sixth as the senior members of the main school houses, then the Upper Sixth in a single, co-educational house. This allows new entrants to find their feet in a smaller house community, and receive close support developing the independence and self-discipline expected of young adults. It's a structure best seen for yourself – one of many reasons, I hope, that you will consider visiting Hurst to hear more about our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian Schofield".

Brian Schofield, Head of Sixth Form



When you join the Lower Sixth, you will be one of the leaders of your house, enjoying many of the responsibilities and privileges that most schools reserve for those in their final year. You will assist your Housemaster or Mistress in the running of the house, whether as a prefect or through taking responsibility for a specific aspect of house life. You will also act as a high profile role model in setting standards for the younger year groups.

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 room. The centre of the house contains the communal TV room, computer room, conference/workroom and social centre with a bar and kitchen. Its facilities are outstanding and enable students to work together in an atmosphere similar to that found at university.

Each pupil has a study bedroom – regardless of boarding status - 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; full boarding, weekly boarding, flexi boarding 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 school, foster links with the local community,

organise charity events and establish a close working relationship with both 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 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.

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

SPORT

Hurst has an enviable record in county, regional and national competitions, and in the past 12 months has ranked in the top eight in five national competitions across four sports. Sixth Formers are able to represent the College in many different sports throughout the year. For example, Hurst enters teams into U19 National Schools competitions for Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Cricket as well as county competitions for Tennis and Athletics. At senior level the College runs three Rugby, six Hockey (boys and girls), four Netball, and six Cricket teams (boys and girls).

We operate a 'no-one on the bench' policy so that every student who wishes to play regularly and represent the school can. For those who enjoy sport on a less competitive level, there is a wide range of opportunities to make the most of the excellent sports facilities on campus.

CREATIVE

The creative arts at Hurst are famously very strong, both as academic subjects and co-curricular activities. Sixth Formers can sing in our school or chamber choir, join an ensemble or band – or form one of their own; take the lead – on stage and behind the scenes - in the many drama productions on offer; and be part of the annual Dance Showcase.

ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVISM

There is a wide range of co-curricular options available including the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Scheme and the largest Combined Cadet Force in the South of England. The College's dynamic Diversity and Inclusion and Climate Awareness teams, both driven by Sixth Form leadership, offer great opportunities for social activism and education.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

The Young Enterprise Programme, available in the Lower Sixth, provides the opportunity for students to create and run their own business from scratch, supported at weekly meetings by our Head of Careers and an external Business Adviser. Hurst has a long and successful track record, winning awards at county and regional level.

SUPER-CURRICULAR LIFE

Britain's leading Universities expect Sixth Formers to independently pursue their intellectual passions outside the classroom, and Hurst is committed to providing you with every opportunity to do so. You can attend and lead intellectual clubs and societies, listen to visiting lecturers, enter essay competitions, and teach your peers about your specialisms. This is your moment to become an expert.



MOVING ON . . .

A huge part of the Sixth Form at Hurst is building for your future, in Higher Education and beyond. There is a specialist Careers and Higher Education department on the Sixth Form level of the College Library, holding information on university options, careers and gap years.

A dedicated team gives students invaluable support as they consider the subject areas that interest them and research the various options that are on offer. Personal tutors spend one-to-one time with their students to discuss their personal statements, their aspirations and career choices.

Students who are considering Oxbridge, STEM degrees or 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 justly proud of its employment programme which provides a vast range of careers talks covering almost every profession or industry. Our unique work experience scheme offers 100 weeks of student placements each year. We also provide in-house guidance on CV writing and interview techniques, from experts with commercial experience.

Throughout this, your Sixth Form tutors will serve as your individual mentor, to ensure your subject choices, work experience and activities perfectly match your chosen goals for life after Hurst.



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