



# Nunnery Wood High School







## Message from the Headteacher

I am extremely proud to introduce Nunnery Wood High School to you over the following pages. We are a thriving educational community which buzzes with academic, sporting and artistic activity. As such, this prospectus can only offer you a glimpse of what our happy students experience on a daily basis.

Our excellent examination results arise from a calm, friendly environment and first class teaching. We know and care about each student individually. In our most recent survey, 99% of our parents would recommend Nunnery Wood to other parents and 99% say their child feels happy and safe. Our students go on to fulfil their potential, whether at university, Oxbridge or a vocational profession.

At Nunnery Wood, we share an irresistible belief that each child will succeed. I hope that these pages encourage you to join us in making this happen.

**Mr Stephen Powell, Headteacher**





# Our Curriculum

At Key Stage Three, alongside English, Maths and Science, students experience a wide range of academic, creative and practical subjects: French and German, Art, Dance, Drama, ICT and Design and Technology. This allows them to make informed option choices at Key Stage Four.

At Key Stage Four, students can choose subjects about which they are passionate, but all receive a core of traditional subjects, sometimes referred to as the Baccalaureate.

## **In the words of subject leaders:**

### **Maths**

Our academically rigorous approach ensures students are carefully nurtured, enthused and challenged to become the best mathematicians they can be, regardless of their starting point. Learners thrive here because they are well taught and grow in confidence as they master the most highly prized of skills.

### **English**

The English department aims to truly inspire and challenge students, igniting

a passion for the subject that reaches far beyond the classroom. As the subject enters a new and exciting phase we have designed a curriculum which will unlock potential and give students a desire to learn and motivate them to achieve.

### **Modern Foreign Languages**

As a department we are passionate about language learning, travel and understanding foreign cultures and we pass this on to our students. We aim to produce independent language learners who are equipped with transferable skills and who are resilient and capable of expressing themselves both orally and in writing.

### **Science**

Alongside the traditional three sciences, Chemistry, Physics and Biology, students can opt for Astronomy in Year 10. Many of our students study separate Sciences as a matter of course and go on to specialise in Science at A Level and beyond.

### **History**

History staff are bursting with enthusiasm and enjoy what they do, sharing a belief

that success is a state of mind that can be achieved by all students. Students develop a love of History and are inspired in their learning. Positivity, enthusiasm and resilience are embedded into the department. We provide many opportunities for experiences outside of the classroom, including annual trips to Berlin and the battlefields in addition to local visits, theme days, guest speakers and our weekly history club.

### **Geography**

As a department we are passionate about the world around us and we aim to inspire a love and understanding of both physical and human environments and their interactions. In the ever changing and increasingly global community in which we live, we aim to promote awareness, empathy and resilience towards a sustainable global future.





“Fantastic facilities –  
great opportunities....”

Year 8 parent

## Superb Facilities, Superb Enrichment

We are determined that our students have access to as wide a range of opportunities to explore their talents and interests as any school in the country.

The best athletics track and stadium in the county, all weather pitches, state-of-the-art theatre and design technology centre: the list of facilities we offer is long. Our sports facilities are so good, we host King's Grammar School amongst others for their annual sports days.

It's probably not surprising that Nunnery Wood has a reputation for sporting excellence, with some of our students competing at national and international level. Our number one priority is participation and our sports staff are determined that all students are engaged in sport at any level.

Trips, visits and clubs make education real and our staff work tirelessly to ensure that their subjects come alive through enrichment activities. Thousands of opportunities are offered to students, from international trips to lunchtime clubs.



# Our Values

Clear, strong values bind the Nunnery Wood community together. Excellent behaviour is the norm because students know what is expected of them.

We want our students to learn how to think, to aspire and strive for greatness and to have compassion in their hearts for others.

## **Students leave Nunnery Wood High School with:**

- a strong sense of their self-worth
- the skills and qualifications to become valuable citizens in the 21st Century
- compassion and care for others
- an understanding of British values and a respect for the values of other cultures and races
- happy memories of their school days

Your child's well-being is central to all we do. Through attention to detail and rigorous monitoring, we offer support quickly when a student needs particular care in their work or social relationships.







"98.8% of Nunnery Wood parents say  
"My son/daughter is happy."









A parental response to the question, **“What are the school’s strengths?”**

“Great academic results. Wide range of activities (sport, music). Nurturing nature of school ethos. Strict uniform policy. ECO status.”

## Student Leadership

Students are fully engaged in school leadership, and our school parliament mirrors the national democratic process. While retaining traditional opportunities to lead, through tutor representatives and Head Boy and Girl, our students grow into informed citizens with strong moral codes.





# Teaching

Great teaching is the building block of our success. We blend the traditional with the innovative to give our students dynamic and expert experiences in the classroom, laboratory, dance studio, theatre or on the playing field. We are reflective and ambitious as educators and push ourselves to ensure that our teaching stands alongside the best national practice.

At Nunnery Wood, parents receive termly updates on how their child is doing, academically and socially, in simple reporting formats. Through the Parental Portal, a wide range of information about your child and the school is only a few clicks away.

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# Sixth Form

Through partnership with Worcester Sixth Form College and other providers, we ensure that our students continue in high quality education once they have left. Sharing a site with Worcester Sixth Form College means that we have a special relationship that manifests in taster days and visits.

Worcester Sixth Form College is committed to ensuring that every one of their students is successful. In 2014, their students achieved over 750 A\*, A and B grades at A level and a recent survey suggests that 89% of parents and students would recommend the sixth form to others.

Worcester Sixth Form College are specialists in the education of 16-19 year olds, offering:

- the widest range of A level subjects in Worcestershire
- a range of well-resourced vocational courses, which can be taken on their own or alongside A levels
- a highly flexible timetable, through which any subject can be mixed with almost any other subject
- staff who are experts in 16-19 education
- excellent teaching
- outstanding results
- first rate pastoral support
- consistently highly rated careers and Higher Education guidance, including courses specifically aimed at those seeking university places in some of the most competitive degree subjects, such as Medicine
- many opportunities for gifted and talented students to extend their programmes and develop their talents further
- a huge range of extra curricular activities, including sports, performing arts and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- a long track record of supporting students with learning needs in achieving their full potential
- a college environment, not a school

Open Evenings are held during October and November where you can meet the teaching staff and see the facilities the College has to offer.



# Alumni

## Lydia Dean

"Chemistry is a challenging A-level, but the teaching at Worcester Sixth Form College is outstanding. I initially chose Chemistry because it is required for Medicine, but I would recommend it to people not aspiring to a scientific career, too. There are several topics that cross-over with Physics and Biology, such as radioactivity and DNA, so these

subjects are a good combination. The course is contextualised, enabling you to see why the theory is relevant. The A2 individual investigation also provides the opportunity to delve further into a specific area – you can even make aspirin or paracetamol!"

**Lydia achieved A\* grades in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics A levels and is studying Medicine at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge.**

## Ryan Hempenstall

"At first I wasn't sure whether or not I wanted to study Further Maths or just single Maths but now I've chosen Further Maths I'm glad I did. Although I already loved Maths I was worried that Further Maths would be too specialised and limit my options in the future, but I don't think I could have been more wrong! The teachers are very approachable and there are frequent workshops if I need help. There's also the Maths Academy which

provides challenging but fun problems to solve from a wide range of areas, some similar to topics covered in class and some from outside of the Maths syllabus. All this support has helped me to become a better Mathematician. All I can say now is thank you Worcester Sixth Form College: I couldn't have made a better choice!"

**Ryan achieved an A\* in Further Maths A level and grade A's in Maths and Physics and is now studying Computer Science at Oriel College, Oxford.**

## Anita Bharath

"I chose Business Studies as I have always had an interest in the subject, especially as my parents are business owners. The course has been very beneficial to me as it has helped me to decide the area of business I would like to specialise in at university. The Business Studies course is very diverse; covering

all aspects of a business from finance to human resources. I have particularly enjoyed applying the theory learnt in the first year to real businesses and seeing theoretical business practices in reality. The teachers have made this course very enjoyable and are hugely supportive."

**Anita is now studying Marketing Communications at Bournemouth University.**















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