



Pride . Ambition . Community



Heathfield

Community College and Sixth Form



“You give the school strong, purposeful and highly effective leadership. Your vision for improving teaching and learning through focusing on ‘four pillars of learning’ is shared by the whole staff.”

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Welcome to

Heathfield Community College

I am delighted to welcome you to Heathfield Community College, which I feel privileged to lead. A high performing Secondary School and Sixth Form, Heathfield is a happy and successful environment where all members of our College are proud of our inspirational and ambitious community.

Our success is based on that strong sense of community, high expectations and mutual respect. Students are well known and well supported, developing a firm identity with College values and a sense of responsibility for one another.

Our committed and experienced staff create the very best learning environment for all our students with a personalised, innovative curriculum alongside dynamic teaching and learning. We have the highest expectations of all our students as we work to ensure that every individual student succeeds.

We promote excellence and personal achievement for all students. A rich, balanced range of experiences and opportunities develop individuals who are able to achieve their very best. All students are encouraged to participate fully to develop the vital skills they need to thrive and excel. We call these skills our Heathfield Habits and they are developed through all aspects of College life.

Our positive and optimistic environment ensures young people can flourish, developing the self-esteem and resilience needed for their success and happiness. Every member of our community accepts their role in creating and supporting that ethos. Students are happy here; they succeed, often achieving far more than they ever thought possible.

But don't just take our word for it - we would be delighted to show you more of our very happy and high-achieving College.

Headteacher Ms Caroline Barlow B.A. (Hons)



“I like school because it’s a fun place to be to enjoy time with your friends and the teachers are very supportive and encouraging.”



Pride

Our College is going from strength to strength. In 2016 Ofsted confirmed Heathfield Community College as a “good school that is rapidly improving” with a tangible sense of pride, ambition and community within the College.

We have every reason to be proud of our learning environment, set within a 26-acre site on the edge of Heathfield with a beautiful setting and spacious layout. A modern, independent study space for the Sixth Form is matched by airy open learning spaces for all across the College and extensive sporting facilities.

Technology is an important tool in any learning environment - we are proud of the considerable breadth available to students at Heathfield including PCs and Apple Macs across the College. iPads and technology-rich classrooms make flexible, creative and aspirational approaches to learning an everyday experience.

The College has an excellent reputation for its high standard of music, dance and drama, and there are regular public performances locally,

nationally and internationally. Including the impromptu lunchtime concerts and student-led film showings and radio station, our tone and ethos promotes positive student engagement and participation.

Extensive sporting facilities along with excellent coaching and team ethic lead to a strong sporting reputation. However, engaged participation, often in a student-led range of opportunities, means all students are able to enjoy an active healthy lifestyle whilst at College.

Extra-curricular activities and clubs embrace a wide spectrum of interests, developing character, confidence and the capacity to succeed.

There really is something for everyone and often it is led by students for students. Leadership is a real strength here and we are proud that our students develop the skills to find their place in the world with confidence.

“This school is amazing in every area. I feel blessed to have it on my doorstep. My first two children have thrived here and the two next ones are desperately waiting to get here!”



“There is a sense of pride in the quality of learning in the school among staff and pupils... pupils and sixth formers enthuse about their school.”

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“The best thing about the College is the lessons. They are always enjoyable and I always want to be at school.”



Ambition



At Heathfield we are unashamedly ambitious for our students. We want to give them the very best launchpad for their future, making sure they achieve the very best outcomes that will open as many doors as possible to them as young adults.

We are proud of our academic success. Our personalised curriculum provides students with an equality of opportunity that ensures all learners achieve, whatever their interests and strengths. A clear ethos of high expectations means students are expected to apply themselves fully to their studies and reap the rewards of hard work as a result.

The College ensures a core academic curriculum for students aged 11 - 16 that is broad and balanced, preparing them for progression into further education/ training. Our digital curriculum further enhances learning, and complements the development of more traditional and important skills such as extended writing and memory

retention. At GCSE and A Level, students have pathways through the curriculum that closely match their needs, stretching and challenging them to ensure they achieve the best qualifications and exam results that they can.

Key Stage 4 is taken over three years. The extra time this creates enables enrichment opportunities, broadening the experience and enjoyment of learning whilst embedding wider skills such as creativity, collaboration, communication, problem solving and resilience. Extended Learning Days develop these through broad challenge-based approaches.

Wider opportunities are considerable, especially in sport and the arts. Educational visits are many and varied, broadening horizons and raising aspirations. Our innovative and ambitious curriculum prepares students fully to excel, wherever their next steps may take them.

“Teachers have high expectations and...design stimulating lessons. Staff work well together to inspire and challenge the pupils...who develop very high aspirations.”

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“There is a strong community spirit and the school is a warm and welcoming place to be.”

Community

Heathfield is a warm and welcoming community. This is no accident; we take great pride in our culture and ethos. Personalised care is a real strength of the College.

“Pupils feel that staff care for them and understand their needs..... they feel safe and happy at the school.”

Every student is well-known and supported by their Tutor. Heads of Year co-ordinate and monitor the progress and wellbeing of their year group. Non-teaching Pastoral Managers for every year group also ensure support and care is available whenever needed.

We promote a strong sense of self-worth combined with a respect for others. Peer support is a strength of the College; from year

7 and throughout their time at the College there are multiple opportunities for students to support each other and work together in a genuine community ethos.

The Student Support Centre (SSC) works with students with social, emotional and behavioural issues offering broad and tailored support to suit students' needs with a skilled team of Student Support Officers. The SSC is open to all students if they need access to the support offered.

The Learning Support Department ensures that both the formal and informal curriculum is accessible to all students. A department of specialists with a dedicated suite of rooms provides training and advice so that teaching

and support staff are confident in meeting a range of needs.

We believe strongly in the power of the partnership we share with parents. Good communication, both informal and formal, is an important part in the support enjoyed by each student, providing valuable information and feedback. Parents are also warmly invited to take a more proactive role, where possible, working collaboratively to ensure the development of the College.

We take our sense of community seriously and the potential it creates. Heathfield students have the opportunity to develop the mindset, skills and confidence to become leaders. We are very proud of them.

“The strong pastoral system nurtures good working relationships between staff and pupils, and ensures that all pupils' pastoral and welfare needs are given careful support, alongside their academic requirements”.

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Our Sixth Form

Heathfield Sixth Form has an established reputation for consistently excellent results which have consistently placed us in the top 25% of colleges nationally. We have strong reputation for high quality A Level teaching and excellent support. Our high expectations throughout the wider College support students to be ambitious and to aim to join our post-16 provision with students from other local secondary schools.

Our growing Sixth Form enjoys great facilities, including the Learning Resource Centre, a Sixth Form study area, a well-stocked library with over 50 computers available for Sixth Form use, Café 6 and a common room where students can meet with friends, enjoy a coffee and discuss work.

Sixth Form students also play an active part in wider school life. Our mentoring programme partners Year 7 students with sixth formers on a weekly basis, allowing for active discussions about lessons, homework and social lives. Sixth formers also promote charity events and get involved with departments throughout the school to support students in all year groups and play their part in the wider community.

Our students pursue and achieve aspirational goals, enjoying the independence and more adult approaches of the Sixth Form. They are prepared fully for their life post-18 with large numbers going on to study at University, while others begin apprenticeships or start employment.

"Sixth formers are universally positive about provision and could not speak highly enough of their teachers, recognising the extra support and guidance that they give."

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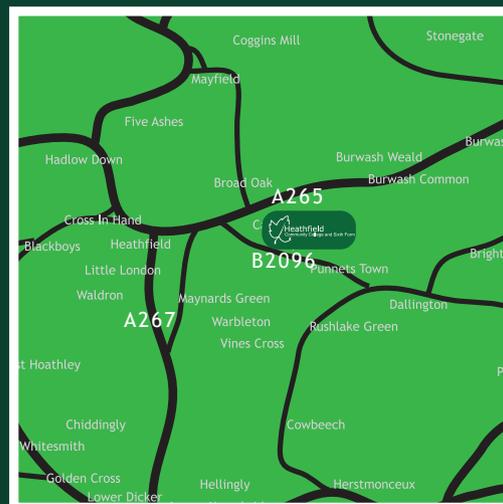
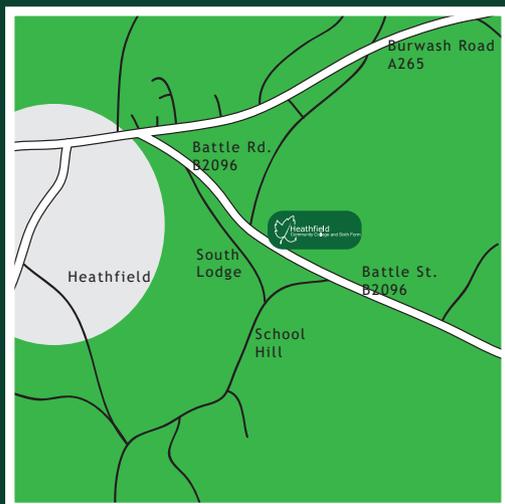


“High-quality careers advice ensures that they are very well prepared for their next steps to university or apprenticeships.”



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