

# How to choose the right secondary school for your child

Heathfield Community College's Lead Prefect Team discuss key opportunities and experiences to consider for parents and students when choosing the right school.

## The Quality of Teaching

At Heathfield we are exceptionally proud of the sense of community and passion from our students, however our exam results still stand as a healthy measure on a schools' effectiveness to not only educate but also motivate their students to achieve highly. One important thing to note is that pure results are not always the best way to showcase academic success instead it's important to also look at the progression students have made since joining the school.

At Heathfield students continually achieve highly at GCSE from years 9-11 and A Level from our fantastic Sixth Form College. GCSE performance has not only been the highest in the county for years but also in the top 20% nationally for progress and attainment, far above the countrywide average of Grade 9's in 2017, 2018 and 2019. A Level results are consistently in the top 20% nationally; over 80% of students got into their first-choice university. Increasingly, Heathfield students leave having secured places on the more competitive courses at the most competitive universities.

## Extra-Curricular Activities: ways to get involved

It's been proven that if your children enjoy what they are studying and are passionate about learning they will succeed.

At GCSE & A-Level Heathfield offers a competitive range of subjects. The subjects our students really relish are spread over two or three years, offering

the opportunity to fully explore and engage with the subject, giving them the best chance of achievement possible.

Every student has access to an iPad offering limitless new methods of revision, study and active learning approaches never thinkable before. Heathfield also offers a wide range of trips that are comprehensive, educational and importantly, affordable. Also, offered are a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities. Every child can find a like-minded group, along with developing valuable organisational skills through our advanced student leaderships programs, learning precious skills for life.

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We ensure our teaching staff at Heathfield have the constant motivation they need to inspire students, old and young, to produce the highest quality classwork, homework and exam results. Their full subject knowledge is inclusive and interactive. Lessons are planned to clear expectations for learning, so your children are always aware of how to improve with clear goals to achieve in the future.

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## The Learning Environment

When a school's design is modern, with a positive atmosphere, staff and pupils alike are uplifted to work even harder in the topics they love. Heathfield's environment is filled with vibrancy, spreading positivity with the words of famous and inspirational people, constant modernisation and improvement. Students accept and share the responsibility to look after our surroundings as well as considering our impact on the wider world, spearheaded by our fantastic eco-reps and community prefect team.

## Behaviour Expectations, Pastoral Care & Site Safety

Without a feeling of safety, comfort and engagement, nobody can thrive in their learning at school. At Heathfield, there's always existed a powerful staff-student relationship, based on embedded trust and respect, which encourages an open communication channel. Heads of Year are the first point of contact if any students have any academic or pastoral concerns.

Additionally, there's a team of non-teaching staff whose sole responsibility is the welfare and care of students,

available throughout the day. Behaviour at Heathfield is monitored through a consequence-based system where we are also recognised for our achievements every lesson.



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We strive for a collective desire to learn and focus our efforts in the pursuit of success.

## How the School is Led

Our leadership team share the same common belief, creating the climate that means everyone can thrive. They take a proactive approach which is clearly producing leading results.

Ofsted have recognised this numerous times, during their last visit in March 2020 they endorsed our motto "*Pride. Ambition. Community*", describing the school as likely to be judged Outstanding. We can see there is a clear vision for us to be the very best we can be.

Expectations are ambitious and regularly communicated. We all hold the knowledge that we have the ability and potential to become the stars of the future, who change lives for everyone.

Heathfield is committed to help our students achieve to the greatest heights of their potential because every student matters.

**Selecting a secondary school can be a tough decision but when it's right it can unlock an entire world of opportunity and success.**