

# Inspired to Achieve

A Specialist Mathematics, Science and Technology College with Academy Status

# **Our Vision**

The Fullbrook community inspires an active passion for learning in everyone.

We challenge, respect and support each other to be better than we ever thought we could be.









### Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all students and their families from Fullbrook School. We are a specialist Mathematics, Science & Technology College with Academy Status offering a strong educational experience which supports students from entry in Year 7, through to GCSEs and A-Levels, preparing them for a world beyond secondary education.

#### **Our School**

Fullbrook is a large, mixed comprehensive school focused on providing a rich and balanced learning environment for students from Year 7 to 13. We support our students to develop a growth mindset approach, which can then be applied in their lives outside education. This ethos is adopted by the whole Fullbrook community, which encourages everyone to be better than they ever thought they could be and to help others achieve the same.

"Pupils in the main school and sixth-form students are now making faster progress than their peers with the same starting points nationally." Ofsted 2017

Being a Specialist Mathematics, Science and Technology College with Academy Status, we work to raise achievement across the curriculum and provide lifelong learning opportunities for Fullbrook students.

A unique feature of our school is the commitment to ensure we deliver a consistently high level of personalised tutoring, along with offering quality support, information and guidance to all students in a nurturing environ-ment. Pastoral care is fundamental to all aspects of student life. Our proactive approach to student welfare has a positive effect on their academic achievement.

"There is a strong culture of vigilance and support for pupils' health, welfare and well-being." Ofsted 2017



Mrs K J Moore Principal

Our excellent enrichment provision broadens and supports the curriculum. We deliver a balanced education that develops confident, articulate and enthusiastic learners. Fullbrook students really are creative, caring learners.

Beyond GCSE, students choose to remain at Fullbrook for A-Level studies in our dedicated campus, Fullbrook 6. We offer students a true taste of college life whilst retaining the core element of our tailored approach to learning and support.

We prepare all of our students for making the important decisions about the next steps in their lives.

As a founding member of the Guildford Education Partnership, Fullbrook School is working with our partner schools to share expertise and resources, ensuring a broad curriculum provision and high quality teaching for all.



# **Our Teaching**

"Teaching is consistently strong across all years, including in Key Stage 3. Pupils' writing demonstrates the improved focus which teachers place on literacy and presentation." Ofsted 2017

#### Teaching and Learning

The success of our students as learners underpins everything we do.

We believe all students:

- Have the right to be successful and feel encouraged to aim high
- Are entitled to learn in an engaging and vibrant environment
- Learn in a variety of ways and have access to a personalised learning experience relevant to their needs
- Should be challenged to be better than they ever thought they could be, and help others do the same.

All adults at Fullbrook, whatever their role, take an active part in supporting students' learning.

We know there is no ceiling on achievement, and student progression is at the heart of all that we do. By promoting inclusion and facilitating access to a balanced curriculum we aim to remove the barriers to success. Students have access to a range of academic and vocational routes, equipping them with skills for life in the modern world.

"Books confirm that pupils take a pride in their work." Ofsted 2017 The school places great emphasis on the development of the whole person. An inspiring curriculum challenges students to extend their knowledge beyond the classroom. This approach also allows teaching staff to focus on the employability skills our students will need for their future.

"Teachers demonstrate high expectations of their pupils and have a good knowledge of their strengths and weaknesses. Teaching takes account of different pupils' needs." Ofsted 2017

Across all years, students participate in The Citizenship Programme which provides tools for the students to stay safe, live a healthy life, and remain financially secure. As part of this, Fullbrook's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Programme heightens our students' understanding of the world in which they live.

Our focus on Science, Technology and Mathematics (STEM) means students not only make good progress in these vital subject areas, but they also benefit from additional opportunities, enriching their experience now and for their futures.















### **Our Ethos**

Teachers, students and associate staff all work together to help each other to achieve and make progress. Everyone matters and we provide a combination of high expectations, innovative thinking and support for young people in a caring environment; it is an excellent place to learn and work for students and staff. We are sensitive to the additional needs of individual students and we promote, support and develop their access to the curriculum.

#### Learning Opportunities Beyond The Curriculum

Fullbrook provides broad and varied enrichment opportunities. We have well-equipped, purposebuilt facilities to support the curriculum with a rich programme of coaching, competition, workshops and performances.

#### "Pupils behave well and value the support which they receive from staff." Ofsted 2017

The school has a Concert Band, Jazz Band, String Group, and Orchestra, as well as a student run Ukulele Group who perform regularly at school and community events. At the end of the summer term, we take all ensembles on a music tour abroad. Fullbrook stages a highly regarded and successful musical production every other year. Students can also join a weekly drama club.

Fullbrook Falcons have competed in the Land Rover 4x4 In Schools competition since 2017, and have successfully reached the finals each time. In the past we have also taken part in the National Electric Car Challenge, designing, building and driving the car which has reached speeds of up to 25 m.p.h.As an active member of the STEM schools organisation, we enter the STEM Challenge every year and frequently reach the finals. Our Key Stage 3 team won the competition in 2017.

A number of students participate in the UK National Maths Challenge every year. Our students always do well in these challenges and in 2017 and 2018 we had students highly commended, with a number of students ranking in the top 10% nationally. Sport plays an extremely important role in the physical and social development of young people. We believe that providing high quality and varied sporting opportunities is an essential part of school life, both for health and fitness, and for the sense of achievement that active participation and successful competition can bring. We are fortunate to have several sports teams that experience success at district, county and even national level. All students are actively encouraged to take part and try out new activities, as this will help them to develop their personal skills and talents further. Clubs are open to all students, regardless of sporting ability, and take place after school free of charge to participants.

There are many opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills through initiatives such as the Student Council, Peer Mentors, Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and House activities. Each year group has specific leadership opportunities including environment, charity and careers representatives. Sixth form students can develop their community skills through working with younger students and the organisation of charity events.

This wide ranging programme caters for all our students' interests. It supports and enriches their formal education as well as providing competition, leadership opportunities and fun.

"I have enjoyed being on the school council because it is a great opportunity to speak out and share your opinions with everybody." Abi, Year 7



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"Sixth form students are now making faster progress than their peers with the same starting points nationally." Ofsted Short Inspection 2017

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# Enrichment

Fullbrook's off-site enrichment activities provide all students with new experiences and fresh interests. Galleries, museums, exhibitions and theatre trips are regular additions to support the curriculum.

#### **Broadening Horizons**

Students have the opportunity to take part in our water sports residential trip where they visit Le Lac Mimizan in France, camp just metres from the lakeside edge and take part in dinghy and catamaran sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, mountain biking and other activities. We also offer a variety of other travel opportunities including a history visit to the Somme, Ski Trip and international music tours.

Over 160 students participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award across Bronze, Silver and the prestigious Gold Level, taking part in physical challenges, learning new skills and completing a period of service in the community.

Eikon is a charitable organisation, situated on the Fullbrook site, supporting young people in Surrey to develop their aspirations, resilience and well-being. Eikon run a wide range of activities throughout the year, including residential trips such as the Rock Climbing and Surfing trip to Croyde, Devon.



# Fullbrook 6

Our sixth form is a popular choice for students to continue their education beyond the age of sixteen. Our aim is to provide a stimulating and caring community where you will be valued as an individual. It is our mission to provide students with the qualifications and skills to make them fully equipped to cope with the transition to further or higher/further education or into work and to meet the demands of an ever changing world.

Fullbrook is fortunate to offer a seven year education for all of its students.

Big enough to challenge, small enough

**to care** Fullbrook 6th form is the perfect progression for students to further their academic study. The vibrant atmosphere and a proven track record of A level success over many years has enabled students to realise their ambitions for university study or other planned progression routes.

At 18 years of age, our students leave Fullbrook 6 with the skills and confidence to embark upon the modern world of work. Enrichment opportunities and pastoral support, which is second to none, develops confident and independent learners who are able to thrive in their chosen pathway.

Specialist facilities and dedicated teaching staff are the core strengths of our sixth form. Personalised curriculum routes are available in a wide range of courses, allowing students to build upon their strengths and interests. Each student is monitored and supported to ensure they reach their full potential.

We look forward to welcoming your child into our sixth form after their GCSE studies!

## **Our Community**

Strong community links provide wider opportunities for our students. We collaborate with parents in a caring partnership to ensure the success of our students. Regular reporting keeps parents informed of progress and achievement.

We want our parents to be involved and recognise that students achieve more when everyone is involved in the learning process. The 'Parent Voice' is an innovative support group committed to involving and broadening parent communication and involvement in Fullbrook and to promoting the school's values. In conjunction with the 'Parent Voice' the school has been able to offer a number of information evenings for parents. Recent events included a session on Mental Health and an E-Safety Information Evening. The 'Parent Voice' meet with the Principal on a regular basis to share ideas and refine school procedures and practice.

The Fullbrook Careers Fair is staged biannually. This is an informative event for students aimed at offering advice and ideas on career paths to consider beyond GCSE and A-Level. This event involves local, national and global employers, and apprenticeship opportunities from a wide range of industries.

"My daughter found it very inspiring and commented on how passionate everyone was about their jobs. She came away with interest in a number of different fields which was wonderful!" D Jones, Year 10 Parent

There is an extensive Work Experience scheme allowing students to gain first-hand knowledge of the world of work. Students follow a coordinated careers curriculum that provides impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance to support their futures.

Our close work with other schools belonging to the GEP Multi-academy Trust is instrumental in enabling us to ensure our teaching standards remain high. We utilise our network to share expertise and resources to maintain our curriculum provision to ensure this remains as broad as possible.

Being a member of the GEP allows Fullbrook to forge strong, mutually beneficial links across the county and beyond. The GEP offers Fullbrook the opportunity to work in partnership with Surrey University and The Royal Grammar School in Guildford, supporting students in building their aspirations.

We also have strong links with our local partner primary schools, working together for the benefit of future students in all schools involved. Year 5 students take part in science lessons in the newly refurbished science laboratories. Year 6 pupils participate in a variety of outreach activities across the school year including our Primary Maths Challenge, Calculator Workshops, and the Modern Foreign Language Department organise language days.









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