



Hoe Valley School - Who are we?

Hoe Valley secondary and sixth form is located in the Mayford area of south Woking in Surrey. It was established as part of the government's free school programme to meet the need for secondary school provision in the area. Mayford is on the outskirts of Woking on the way towards Guildford.

The area around the school is largely residential and very diverse with a large primary school a short distance along the same arterial road in and out of Woking. Adjoining the school is one of Woking's 5 Leisure Centres with gym facilities, a large sports hall, training rooms, dance studios and a fully equipped 3G athletics track and field which the school uses extensively in the delivery of its PE curriculum. Senior students get reduced membership and usage rates for gym and other facilities. Parking for the Leisure Centre is shared with the school and make it a thriving and bustling hub of the local community.

Hoe Valley is a Stand Alone Academy Trust with 6 Members overseeing strategic workings of a Governing Board of 10-12 Governors. Consideration is regularly given to the wider educational landscape in which the school operates and whether or not it would be in the interests of the school to become part of a Multi-Academy Trust in the future. The current view of the Governing Board, given the changes involved in the opening of the sixth form and a variety of other factors, is that there would be no great benefit in joining a MAT for the students or for the school as a whole at this point in time but this is under constant review.

The school is fully subscribed and has a waiting list for each year group. There is a PAN of 150 in each year group from Y7-Y11 with 180 in the current Y8. Moving to a PAN of 180 on an on-going basis is being actively considered.

The new sixth form became a reality last year with an initial small intake of 15 students. This year the Y12 cohort is 60 and was made up of both internal and external candidates. The target is to recruit 80 students to Y12 next year and in each subsequent year to make up a sixth form cohort overall of 180 students. This will make the sixth form sustainable into the future.

There are 55 teaching staff employed within the school, 8 teaching Assistants and a support staff of 30 including administrative, business, premises, IT and catering staff. There is an emphasis on pastoral care within the school with a Head of Year for each year group, tutors, and a Faculty of personalised learning to meet the needs of individual students. Improving attendance and meeting the diverse and extensive needs of students with SEN have been sharp foci this year. The curriculum is broad and balanced with differing routes according to student need, a nurture grouping to ease the transition from the primary to the secondary stage of education and express grouping for English, Maths and Science. The timetable runs over a two week period and subjects are organised into faculties with a Head responsible for each Faculty.

Emphasis is placed on enabling and empowering students to become "Work Ready" with a digitally based cross curricular drive across the school which focuses learning on the softer skills that employers seek such as being a team player, persuasive communication and time management amongst them. A series of Work Ready events take place throughout the academic year as well as an annual careers fair, open to all year groups which encourages this further, as do mock interviews in Y10 and 11 and work placements higher up the school.

Both students and staff are proud to be associated with Hoe Valley School and with what it stands for in terms of self-belief, challenge, innovation and achieving success. Aspiration and expectation levels are high as are levels of support and challenge. The school has established a clear set of core values that underpin both the operational activities and the strategic direction encapsulated in our Vision Statement and the pillars that support it.

Further information can be found on our website at <http://www.hoevalleyschool.org> and any questions or further information you require can be obtained from the school info@hoevalleyschool.org, the Head Teacher headteacher@hoevalleyschool.org, or the Chair of Governors chair@hoevalleyschool.org.