



*"Success is an Attitude"*

**The Chalfonts Community College**

PROSPECTUS





"A GOOD  
AND  
IMPROVING  
SCHOOL"

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# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Choosing the right secondary school for your child is a big decision. At The Chalfonts Community College, we have one clear aim: to provide your child with a high quality education.

We are a school for students aged 11-18. We are very proud of the high standards of achievement reached by our students and I am confident that when you visit our school, you will be pleased by the positive relationships between all in our school community. I am proud of our school ethos. At the heart of what we do are lessons that inspire students to discover for themselves that they are capable of more than they thought possible.

Students of all abilities are developed and nurtured to be the best they can be and leave school successfully prepared to thrive in the next stages of life. We believe in a well-rounded education and breadth of curriculum and opportunities. Many of our students stay on to join our excellent Sixth Form, from where many progress to university.

We believe that children are entitled to a wide experience of extra-curricular activities to enable them to develop their confidence, communication and social skills. As a larger than average school, we have a wide range of extra-curricular activities which includes many sports, the Arts and exciting trips in the UK and overseas. Enrichment activities in subject specific areas take place daily to extend learning beyond the classroom.

This prospectus provides you with a snapshot of the school and what we can offer your child. However, to get a true sense of our vibrant and warm school community, I encourage you to visit the school to meet and talk to our staff and students.

We look forward to welcoming your son or daughter to the school for them to become one of our successes of the future.

Best Wishes,



Caroline Whitehead  
Principal







“Pupils made significantly above-average progress in English, Mathematics and particularly in the Humanities by the end of Key Stage 4”.  
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# SUCCESS IS AN ATTITUDE

We aim for our students to embody our motto 'Success is an Attitude' through setting the highest standards and aspirations for everyone.

Learning at The Chalfonts Community College is exciting, interactive and prepares students for their future. Students are taught to value learning, knowledge and think for themselves. We do this by providing them with opportunities to better their best and not be afraid to make mistakes.

In lessons, students are guided every step of the way by our talented staff who work hard to plan and deliver a balanced curriculum through direct instruction, discussion, experimentation, research and evaluation.

Our students will leave school and may solve problems not yet encountered by using new technologies. For this reason, providing a well-rounded education is more important than ever. We teach students to think outside the box, be curious as learners and develop their teamwork skills to help them succeed in any situation.



During the first two years, all students follow a broad curriculum before specialising in their chosen subjects for GCSE. Individuals with creative flair can choose to direct drama and music productions and those with business acumen may wish to fund-raise or even run their own business.

All children at the school learn our core values that teach students to respect themselves, others and their environment. We expect all of our students to subscribe to the highest standards of behaviour and achievement and we do this by instilling a strong sense of self-worth and responsibility.

Our aim is to help all students leave school with happy memories and an excellent set of qualifications.

"I couldn't be happier. My son is really happy at the school. The teachers and leaders are amazing and they have been extremely helpful".

Parent Survey





"The care my children receive is second to none. The Year Leaders and the pastoral team really care about the children and are always at hand to help." Parent Survey



# FEELING VALUED

The happiness of our students is very important to us. Exceptional pastoral care systems are in place to help our students flourish.

The atmosphere at The Chalfonts Community College is welcoming as we want our students to feel valued even before they join the College. This is done as part of our comprehensive transition programme which includes numerous primary school festivals that we organise for our local feeder schools.

We understand that all students have different needs so we provide Year 7 with their own outdoor space to help them settle in. Students with special educational needs are also given the additional support they require from an exceptional team of Learning Support staff.

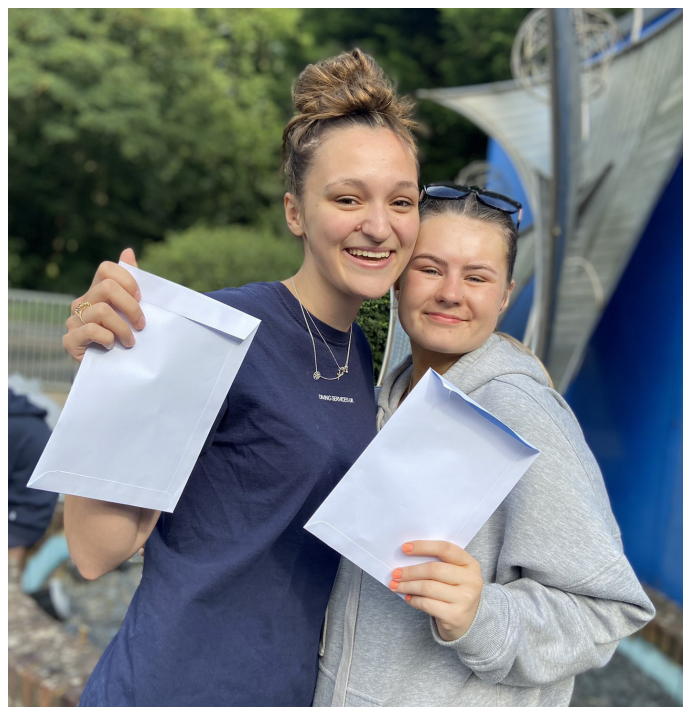
Every student belongs to a tutor group. The job of the tutors is to look after the welfare of each student in their group. If students feel overwhelmed or need a listening ear, there is always someone to talk to. We offer pastoral support in various forms such as: quiet rooms, a sixth-form buddy, medical welfare, one-to-one counselling, as well as lunchtime support clubs run by students and the pastoral support team.

Students enjoy being at the school and behaviour is good. Should issues arise, we use our clear Behaviour for Learning policy which is underpinned by the principle of respect for all.



Throughout the academic year, parents are kept updated with progress reports and they are invited into school for a Learning Review Day as well as Parents' Evenings.

At The Chalfonts Community College, we believe that it is important to recognise and celebrate successes. Therefore, each term, rewards are offered to students for: effort, attainment, 100% attendance, resilience, resourcefulness, kindness and services to the school. Some of these rewards include: days out, tea parties with the Principal and our favourite, the golden ticket.



"Strong leadership by the head of inclusion ensures very effective provision for pupils who have special educational needs and or disabilities. Leaders are passionate about wanting the best for every pupil, and relationships between staff and pupils are strong." Ofsted 2017







# NURTURING TALENT

We believe that every child has unique talents, gifts and needs and so we offer a wide range of clubs and activities to develop our students' interests and skills.

Academic study is important and we expect all students to achieve, but education at The Chalfonts Community College is also about embracing the creative, physical and spiritual as much as the intellectual.

Whether it is football, netball, singing or you just want to catch up with your homework, we offer clubs and activities to suit everyone. We want all students to try new things so that we can help nurture them and discover hidden talent. We encourage everyone to actively participate in joining a club and take part in inter-form, county and national competitions.

There are countless opportunities for students to showcase their talents each year. Some of these include school productions, concerts and sports days. In addition, specialist music teachers offer private tuition on-site in a variety of instruments for which bursaries up to 100% are available for students that may otherwise struggle to meet costs.

Each year, sporting achievements are formally recognised at the annual Sports Awards and prize giving ceremony.



The following is just a taste of what our students have done in the past few years:

- The World Challenge to Madagascar, Zambia and Iceland
- The Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Sports tours overseas to South Africa
- Skiing in Canada and Italy
- University visits
- STEM days including marine workshops
- Whole school drama productions
- Numerous overseas trips for Languages, Art and Humanities
- Over 200 sporting fixtures
- Crowd funding & fundraising
- Work Experience



"An extensive range of break, lunchtime and after school clubs allows students to take part in a range of sport and musical activities as well as chess, games and curriculum support." Ofsted 2017







# THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We are fortunate enough to have a wide range of well-equipped facilities which make up our spacious and attractive learning environment.

We aim to cater for all our students' needs as much as possible to provide them with skills they need when they venture outside the school gates.

Children have a tremendous capacity to be creative and it is our responsibility to give them a challenging and supportive environment which enables them to achieve their goals.



The school has spacious grounds and buildings, so we can accommodate all students comfortably. We have two large cafeterias and a 'grab n' go' service; all of which serve healthy and tasty, hot and cold foods.

There are lifts throughout the school, Evac-Chairs and a purpose-built wet-room. In addition, we have a successful Learning Support department with specialist Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP) so that children with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) are very well looked after.

"I love every minute of every day".  
Year 7 student

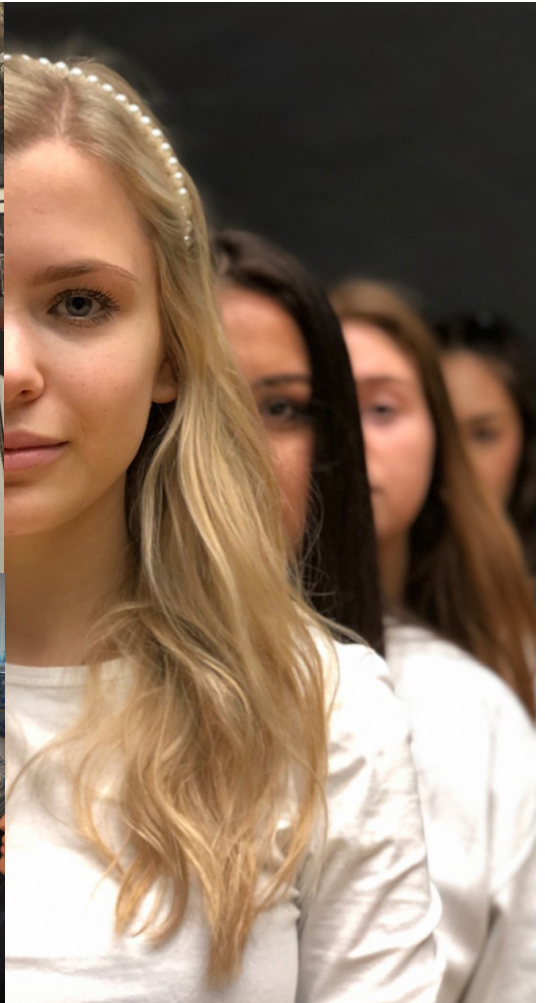
All students have access to:

- Large fields
- Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Outdoor Areas for each Year group
- Drama and dance studios
- State of the art fitness suite with weights area and multi-gym equipment
- Apple mac and PC suites
- iPad, Kindle and Chromebook banks
- A well stocked library & LRC
- Sports hall and gym
- Leisure centre with racquet sports
- Tennis courts
- Science laboratories
- Design, Technology & Engineering workshops
- Music labs with band-rooms for private tuition

Our Sixth form block, The Chikara Centre provides a large common room with quiet study areas and computers for students to use anytime. It also houses the KarMa Academy for Hair & Beauty which is also open to the public by appointment.









# THE SIXTH FORM

The Sixth Form prepares students for the next stage of their lives and support is offered to students at every step of the way to ease the transition from GCSE.

Our Sixth Form is an extremely friendly place to be. We are immensely proud of our students and all of their achievements. We have high expectations of our students and we never settle for anything less than their personal best.

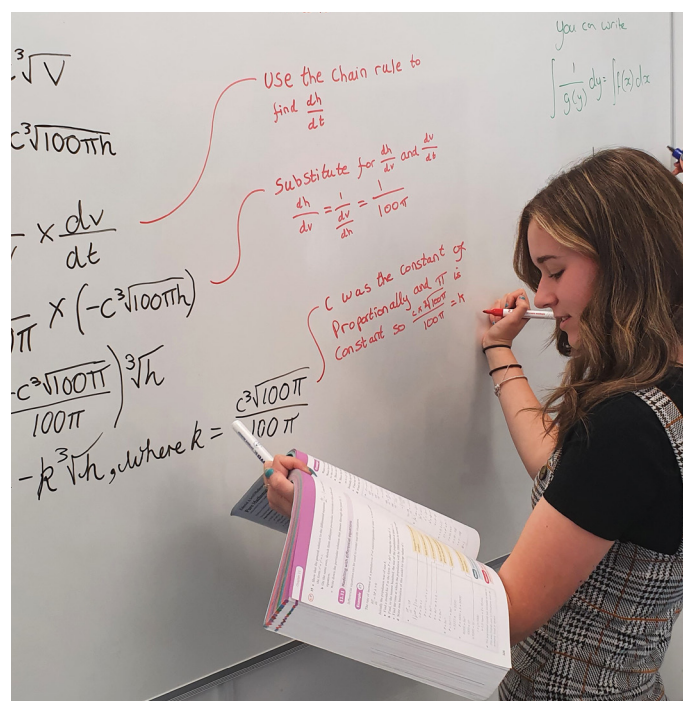
Sixth Formers are trusted to enjoy privileges and freedoms not available to the younger students such as independent study periods during the day and a common room. In return, we expect Sixth Formers to be responsible role models for students in the lower school.

As in the lower school, Sixth Formers are placed in a tutor group. Sixth Form tutors look after student welfare, monitor academic progress and guide students through university and apprenticeship applications.

Each year many students go on to university, higher apprenticeships and drama or music colleges. Student destinations include: Exeter, Southampton, Leeds, Manchester, The Royal Veterinary College and Imperial College.



"The best years of my life have been spent during my time at the school. I have been provided with lots of opportunities which is why my decision to stay on into the sixth form was so easy. I am proud to say I am a Chalfonts Community College Student." Head Girl, Year 13



"I was provided with all the support I needed to do an A level in Maths in one year. The teachers helped me anytime they had a free period. I left with 4A\*s at A level in: Maths, Physics, Chemistry & Computing. Brandon, Former Student

"My daughter realises how friendly and supportive the school is and how much time and effort the teachers have invested and how much they genuinely care." Sixth Form Parent







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