



Hartdown Academy





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# WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our prospectus. Hartsdown is a good school that provides an excellent education for all of its students. We combine academic rigour and ambition with a caring ethos that develops the whole child.

At Hartsdown, we believe that each child is created as a unique individual. We believe in 'education for an amazing life', a central philosophy that reflects our commitment to enabling every student to fulfil their academic, social and personal potential.

Please check our website for details of forthcoming open events and more information about our school.

I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Matthew Tate  
**Headteacher**







# STRIVE

➤ **(verb)** to make great efforts to achieve something, to struggle or fight vigorously.







## Our Ethos - The Hartsdown Way

We call our core values 'The Hartsdown Way'. It comprises the word 'Strive'.



**Scholarship:** we value high attainment and aim for mastery for all students.



**Teamwork:** we are one community, one team working to the same end.



**Resilience:** whatever it takes, we don't give up.



**Integrity:** we show character: respect, honesty and kindness.



**Vision:** seeing ourselves as part of something bigger, a belief that our life has meaning and value. Asking the question where am I heading and what difference do I want to make?



**Excellence:** we aim for excellence in everything we do, no excuses!





# SCHOLARSHIP

## > The Middle Years Programme

We are extremely proud of our KS3 curriculum, in which academic excellence is achieved through teaching students to be lifelong learners and global citizens within a unique structure that promotes a nurturing transition to secondary school.

- Excellent teaching: Pupils have two main teachers, learning in a challenging but supportive environment where each student is known and enabled to maximise their potential.
- Our advanced stream are our most able students. These students receive a more challenging curriculum including a second language. This ensures that all of our students receive a curriculum well suited to their abilities and aspirations.
- Challenge and rigour through the INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE: Pupils experience high levels of challenge throughout their time here at Hartsdown, underpinned by the highly acclaimed International Baccalaureate curriculum, which culminates in the Career-Related Programme in the Sixth form.







# TEAMWORK

## ➤ Nurturing our students

At Hartsdown, we nurture our students by caring for them and challenging them to aim high.

**The key elements of the pastoral care system are:**

- Our house system: Students are placed in one of four houses and will remain in these for their time at Hartsdown. The houses are highly competitive with opportunities for inter house tournaments. This also ensures that their head of house gets to know all students as individuals.
- Tutor Groups: These are led by a teacher who mentors and encourages each child to make excellent academic progress and supports their pastoral needs.
- A high-expectations ethos: At Hartsdown, students learn values which help them to care for each other and become active, socially-aware and engaged citizens.
- Pastoral Team: Dedicated staff provide a wide range of individual and small group support in a range of settings which helps students to develop and thrive.





# RESILIENCE

## > Beyond The Classroom

At Hartsdown, we believe that activities outside the classroom are invaluable in helping students to develop as individuals and to express their gifts and talents.

- Sporting Life: Hartsdown offers a full programme of sporting activities using our 3G pitch and extensive fields. Inter-school competitive sports give students opportunities to excel and lead.
- Embracing The Arts: Music and the creative and performing arts are a key priority for the school. All students have the opportunity to take part in regular school performances and express their creativity in art, design and drama.
- After School Clubs: the school runs a wide variety of clubs including homework clubs for various subjects, British Sign Language club and various sports clubs. Local, national and international school trips and business links are a key and growing part of our extra-curricular programme.







# INTEGRITY

## ➤ Nurturing & Strengthening Character

At Hartsdown Academy, we recognise that a pupil's character is just as important to their future success as their academic achievements.

- Expanding young minds: Visiting speakers, global contexts and a responsive curriculum ensure that pupils are equipped to thrive in the modern world.
- Service in Action: From Year 7 through to Sixth Form, our students engage in service in their communities, learning responsibility, empathy and how to be empowered.
- Student Leadership: Students are given opportunities to be both ambassadors for the school and leaders who shape it, as members of the school council, prefects, form captains or participating in outreach activities.







# VISION

## **Looking Towards The Future**

We are an aspirational school which wants students to meet, or exceed, our high expectations. Specifically:

- **Leading through Learning:** All members of the school, both students and teachers, are leaders of learning. We have formed partnerships with leading local schools to ensure that our teachers have the very best training and that our teaching and learning is of the highest quality.
- **Focus on Praise:** Our rewards system encourages students to work hard and achieve excellence in all that they do.
- **Relentless Aspirations:** Starting in Year 7 with a trip to Oxford University, all students experience and learn about the possibilities of higher education and future careers from their first days at Hartsdown.





# EXCELLENCE

## Always Striving For Excellence

Achieving excellence underpins everything that we do at Hartsdown, from an individual piece of work to the grades and qualifications pupils earn.

- High Expectations: We set challenging targets for all of our students to inspire them to achieve their maximum potential. In addition, we work with Dane Court Grammar School and Kent University to ensure that every child is pushed and supported to perform at their best.
- Excellence every day: Students are guided to achieve excellence in everything that they do, in every lesson. Students are always asked to reflect, "Is this my best work?".
- Excellent futures: Students are given all of the tools and skills they need to be able choose their own excellent futures throughout their time with us at Hartsdown, leaving our Sixth Form to go on to excellent employment, apprenticeship or university places.





Hartsdown Academy, alongside Dane Court Grammar School, King Ethelbert School, The Royal Harbour Academy and Cliftonville Primary School, is a proud member of the Coastal Academies Trust, a local trust that is proud to serve the citizens of Thanet through the education of their children.

All schools within the Coastal Academies Trust work in close collaboration with each other to ensure that every child in Thanet receives an excellent education that is the foundation of an amazing future and to dedicate ourselves to the service of our local community of Thanet.



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