



HEATHSIDE

WALTON-ON-THAMES

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OPEN EVENING 2021

Wednesday 29th September 6.00 - 8.00pm at the Xcel Centre KT12 2JG, with presentations at 6.30pm and 7.15pm

WELCOME

We are really looking forward to welcoming Heathside Walton-on-Thames' first intake of year 7 students in September 2022. The first year will be in temporary accommodation on the permanent site on Waterside Drive, Walton-on-Thames (KT12 2JP), before the school transfers into its fantastic brand-new building for its second year of operating in September 2023.

At Heathside Walton-on-Thames School we will promote the highest aspirations for all our students, nurturing every student's potential. Our broad and carefully sequenced curriculum, combined with inspirational teaching, will ensure that students make excellent progress; building on their prior learning so that they know more and remember more.

Students' personal development will be supported by the tutor programme, assemblies, PSHE and extracurricular opportunities.

Students will leave Heathside Walton-on-Thames as polite, empathetic, well educated, confident and ambitious young adults, with a desire to contribute positively to society. We will build opportunities for students to mix and participate in events with older students from Heathside Weybridge who will act as mentors and role models.

Extensive career education, advice and guidance will ensure that students are well informed when choosing their post 16 courses and it is expected that most will continue their education in the Sixth Form at Heathside Weybridge.

Above all, we want our students to be happy, feel safe and enjoy their learning.

Please do visit our website to learn more. The school is part of the ElmWey Learning Trust.



Mrs A Cullum
Executive Principal



CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

The curriculum our students will study will be both broad and balanced but with a clear focus on the core subjects of English and mathematics; developing students' literacy and numeracy skills. Our belief is that acquiring knowledge and skills in these subjects is key to further progression across the curriculum. In addition to the core subjects, our year 7 students will study Science, Foreign Languages, P.E. and a range of Humanities and creative subjects including Drama, Music, Art and Technology. This breadth of study at Key Stage 3

will cover the skills and knowledge students need to be successful at GCSE level. In year 10, students will be able to select new options including BTEC Engineering, Business Studies and Media Studies and a range of vocational courses. To be fully effective, our curriculum and its delivery must match and reflect each student's individual abilities and interests. Across all school years we will do this through offering extension courses and activities to the most able and additional support to students who have learning needs.



EMBRACING CHALLENGE

Heathside Walton-on-Thames School will provide an inspiring, welcoming place for young people to develop the skills they need for both academic and personal success.

We will aim to provide a wide range of extracurricular activities to suit all interests and talents, be they scientific, musical, artistic or sporting, with our sports teams aiming to compete at county and national levels in a wide range of events including football, rugby, netball and athletics. Badminton and basketball will also be popular options.

The curriculum will be enriched through trips and visits within the locality and abroad.

Students will be able to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, at bronze silver and gold level, which builds confidence, leadership skills and teamwork.

Students will be actively encouraged to attend after school extracurricular clubs such as STEM club, Amnesty International, Art, Music, Drama, sport, public speaking and cheerleading. Student voice will drive this provision.





SUPPORTING OUR LEARNERS

Pastoral support will run through every aspect of school life and we will foster the development of students as individuals with their own unique strengths and talents. Joining a secondary school can be a daunting prospect but we will ensure that the transition process runs as smoothly as possible.

This will begin with a two-day induction programme for new starters in the summer term before starting, a 'Welcome Evening' for new parents and a 'Hurry to Heathside Walton-on-Thames School' programme for those who may need a little more time to

settle in. Our partnership with parents will be key and we will do all we can to support families through the teenage years.

As students move up through the school, our Student Services staff will continue to work as a cohesive team to ensure their progress, wellbeing and happiness. The Learning Support staff, led by the SENCo, will provide both in-class and small group support where needed. Facilities for students will include our ICT suite and a large Learning Resource Centre which will create a stimulating environment in which to learn.

The House system will promote a sense of achievement and belonging as well as encouraging friendly competition. All students will be valued for their contributions to the House system, be it through gaining achievement points, participating in a charity activity or entering a House event. Students will decide the names of the Houses once the school has opened.



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