

The Ashcombe School



Situated at the foot of Box Hill in Dorking, Surrey, The Ashcombe School is a genuinely comprehensive 11-18 mixed school with high academic standards for all, a strong and caring pastoral system and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.



**“It’s a great place to work, it’s the support, I love working here
there are opportunities for professional development, they care about staff, they trust you”**

Investor in People Report June 2018

This is one of many positive comments in our Investors in People (IiP) Report reflecting the strong support for all staff. Our fantastic NQT package in their first year of teaching and the development opportunities in the following years, are some of the reasons that the IiP report goes on to say “The content and pace of the school’s NQT programme and the support provided by mentors is rated highly” with one NQT confirming “You felt supported, not overburdened or pressurised”.

All staff including NQTs, are offered the opportunity to teach across all ages and abilities. NQTs are given an experienced mentor from outside the department to provide support and ensure their NQT year is a successful one.

“Each member of the community is valued and their well-being matters to everyone”

Ofsted Report January 2015

We believe that this strong, caring ethos with an emphasis on making the school a safe, warm and welcoming place is one of the contributing factors to our pupils' academic success.

“it’s a positive environment, the teachers really want the best for the children””

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KS4

- broad & balanced GCSE based curriculum
- a fifth of pupils gain 4+ GCSE top grades (9, 8, A*)
- 75% gain grades 9-4 in English, Maths, Comb. Science
- strong subject value-added

6th Form

- 300 points average score per student
- 250 students
- 25 A/L subjects offered

“Information about students’ attainment and progress is used to good effect in ensuring that each student does as well as they can. The attainment of students is consistently good at GCSE and A level”

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Our extensive extra-curricular opportunities range from sporting events to local and international trips (incl Build Africa in Uganda) to European exchanges to musical groups and our highly acclaimed dramatic and musical productions. We have a thriving Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme with over half of Year 10 participating in the Bronze Award. Staff are very involved in this enjoyable and rewarding aspect of school life.

“The school makes an impressive contribution to students’ personal, spiritual, moral, social and cultural development”

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