



The Warwick School
be inspired inspire others



Welcome to our school



Excellence is the watchword for all we strive for at The Warwick School and it is my privilege to welcome you to a school community which places the needs and aspirations of each individual at the heart of all it does.

Our broad and varied curriculum enables us to provide our students with an enviable range of educational opportunities, preparing them for life in the rapidly changing workplace of the 21st Century. Every student is given the chance to engage in a wide variety of academic, vocational and alternative learning experiences and, ultimately, to choose the most appropriate curriculum pathway to achieve their ambitions

The Warwick offers its young people a warm, secure and supportive environment in which they are able to develop into confident, healthy, self-motivating adults who are fully equipped to play their part in the wider community. Our extensive grounds and excellent buildings and facilities provide conditions which enhance learning and encourage students to acquire a love of learning.

The school is justly proud of the achievements of all of its young people, for whom our dedicated staff have the highest expectations: we expect them to work hard; to behave responsibly as good citizens; to play a full part in the wider life of the school, and, above all, we expect them to succeed.

I hope that this prospectus will help to answer some of the questions you may have about The Warwick School. The choice of a secondary school is a momentous one, however, and mere words and pictures can only scratch the surface in conveying the full depth and richness of life at The Warwick. I, the staff and our students would be delighted to show you more of what we offer and I should be delighted to meet you on Open Evening. We also invite you to visit during a normal school day during which you would see the school at work.

I very much look forward to meeting you.

Ron Searle MSc BA (Hons) NPQH
Headteacher

The Warwick School is a non-denominational mixed secondary school, educating students aged from 11 to 16 years. Situated in the centre of the Redhill community, we are committed to providing the highest quality educational experience to young people of all abilities and backgrounds.

All we strive to achieve is underpinned by our core values:

- Commitment to excellence – in every aspect of school life;
- Diversity in achievement – we want academic achievement, but we also want all students to have a rich experience that opens their eyes to life's possibilities and fosters a genuine sense of self-worth;
- Strength of character – we want to find that spark in every student to become an independent-thinking and self-reliant individual, ready to experience academic success, personal growth and fulfilment;
- Rights with responsibilities – we expect all members of the school community to act with fairness, dignity and respect towards others at all times;
- Community in action – we expect all members of the school to take pride in being part of both The Warwick School community and the wider local community and to support the school's active role within both.



Why we are special

Having been the first Specialist Technology College in Surrey, we have built on our expertise in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to provide a unique set of opportunities for all our students which enhance their educational experience across all curriculum areas. Our strong links with the local employers, the voluntary sector and our partner colleges allow our young people to engage with the wider community on a wide range of projects.

Our broad and balanced curriculum enables all students to follow a rigorous academic course of study whilst providing excellent opportunities for those who benefit from vocational courses and alternative learning programmes.



Learning opportunities

What we teach and how it is organised

In Years 7 and 8

Starting in Year 7, the following subjects are taught in groups that are revised each year to respond to students' needs:

English

Information and Communications Technology

Mathematics

Art

Science

Drama

Geography

Music

History

Physical Education

Modern Languages

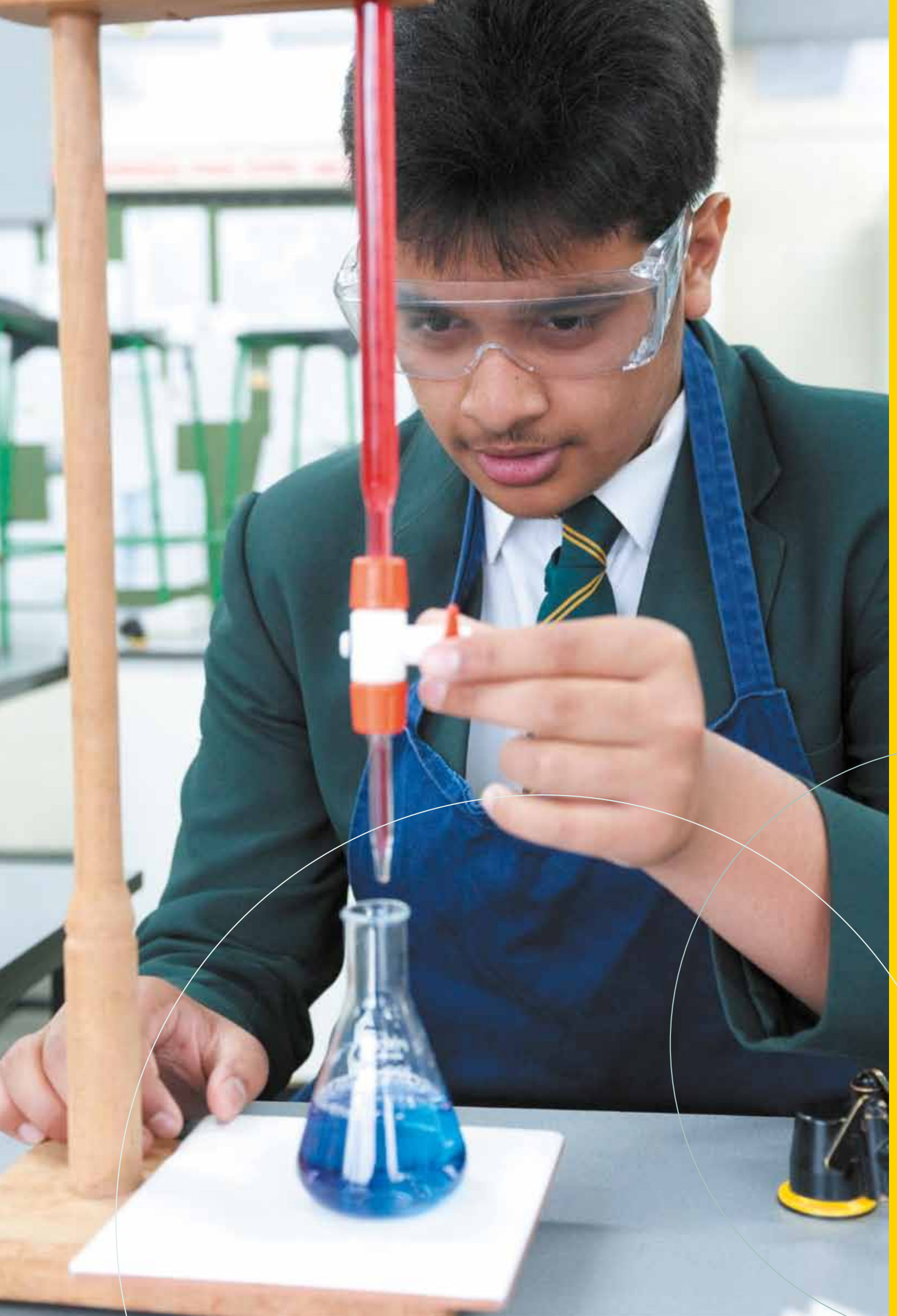
Religious Studies

Design Technology

Personal, Social and Health Education.

We monitor progress constantly and inform parents of standards achieved on a regular basis.

Students' special educational needs are supported in the classroom and in one to one and group support sessions.





Year 9 and beyond

In Year 9 each student has the opportunity to select subjects in which to specialise for the final two years of compulsory school based education in Key Stage 4.

The focus is always on a student's individual needs within a broad range of options that includes: Triple Science, Foreign Languages, a range of Technologies, a range of Humanities and Expressive Arts, a range of Sport as well as a range of opportunities to support our Gifted and Talented students.

Extended Work Related Learning is offered, as well as a growing number of College Link courses.



Extra-curricular opportunities

There's so much to do at The Warwick

We provide an extensive and popular range of extra-curricular activities to give our young people a broad and balanced education. Opportunities include:

- Foreign visits
- Trips and residential activities
- Competitive sports
- Numerous clubs and societies.
- Music and drama productions
- Charity fund raising events



Year 7 students are encouraged to attend a residential camp and subsequently a day visit to France. In Year 8 all students take part in visits to carry out geography and history fieldwork. For older students we organise Business Studies trips, ski trips and numerous day trips to museums, galleries, theatres, concerts and sports fixtures both in this country and abroad.

School sport

We encourage all students to develop a life-long interest in sport and are fortunate in having extensive grounds as well as both a Sports Hall and a Gymnasium. We participate in many tournaments and competitions, the success of which is reflected in our packed trophy display. Core PE comprises athletics, basketball, cross country running, hockey, netball, rugby, football and tennis.

In addition to PE lessons and our Sports Day we also offer: aerobics, badminton, climbing, cricket, dance, fitness training, gymnastics, orienteering, rounders, trampolining, volleyball and weight training.

Expressive arts

The Warwick has a well-deserved reputation for high quality arts productions and success in public speaking. There is an annual school production and we are regulars at The Harlequin Theatre in Redhill. Our talented musicians present concerts in school and our singers are in demand for events in the local community.

We employ a team of visiting teachers to coach students in a range of instruments in our suite of practice rooms as well as employing a professional singing teacher.

Pastoral care

Children are supported through an exceptionally strong pastoral system, starting with a form tutor who meets his or her form every day. Each tutor group is part of a year structure with up to two Heads of Year responsible for the students in each year group and generally staying with them from Year 7 to Year 11. Supporting the pastoral team is our Pastoral Co-ordinator who oversees robust transition arrangements for new Year 7s to ensure students arrive well prepared and well supported from the start. Overall, the emphasis is on positive reward and promoting a highly inclusive culture, although strong discipline is enforced if necessary.

Looking outside school

Charity and community work

Students are encouraged to develop a strong sense of social responsibility. We work together to support a wide range of charities, including each year group identifying their own charity to support over their five years in secondary school.

Links with businesses and the local community

We enjoy the active support of many local businesses and our joint working provides our students with a real insight into the world of work and life beyond the school gates.



A close partnership with parents

The Warwick – keeping in touch

The school places great importance on its partnership with parents. We believe that children will make the most progress when the school and family work closely together. All staff are contactable via e-mail (addresses are on our website).

We provide each student with a Record Book that enables tutors, subject teachers and parents to keep in regular contact. We provide written information each term on your child's progress.

Parents receive a *Feedback* newsletter every half term and students produce *The Warwickian World* to keep students updated about key events.

The Warwick School Association, our thriving PTA, enables parents to work with us in partnership to contribute to the life of the school for the benefit of all.

Homework

Working at home is a central part of your child's education – completed fully, it will add the equivalent of a year's education to his or her time at The Warwick. Homework tasks are set out in the Record Book, which we ask parents to check and sign each week, and on our Visual Learning Environment (VLE).

Coming in to school

You are always welcome to visit the school. The first point of contact should be the form tutor – appointments can be made through the school reception. The Head of Year is also available to advise parents.





Developing our partnership

We welcome parents' input into all aspects of the development of the school and hold a Parents' Focus Group at every Parents' Information Evening to raise and discuss any and all matters of interest. All parents are welcomed to these meetings.

We encourage you to stand for election as a parent governor. Offering diverse experience and skills, our Governors form an essential link between the wider community and the school.

Important information

Applying to The Warwick

We offer 180 places in Year 7. Surrey County Council encourages parents to apply online by visiting the website. Paper application forms for children to join the school in Year 7 (aged 11) can be obtained from The Admissions and Transport Team, Quadrant Court, 35 Guildford Road, Woking, Surrey GU22 7QQ. Telephone 0300 200 1015. Email: admissionsandtransport@surreycc.gov.uk. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. The full Admissions Policy is found in the enclosed Appendix.

Parents of older children should contact our Admissions Officer (see below).

Visiting The Warwick

The data and time of Open Evening can be found in the Appendix. Other visits can be arranged by appointment with our Admissions Officer, Mrs Liz McGrain, mcg@warwick.surrey.sch.uk

The Warwick School Website

Please visit our website. It contains a wealth of information about our school as well as our online curriculum. Students are encouraged to visit the website to access specially prepared materials designed to support homework and extension study.

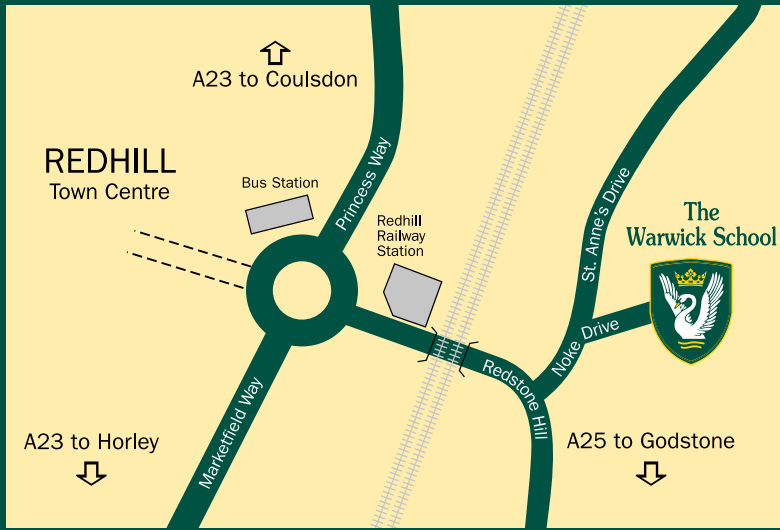
School location

Directions to The Warwick School

Train: The school is a few minutes' walk from Redhill railway station which is on the main London to Brighton line but also has lines to the East (Nutfield, Godstone etc) and to the West (Reigate, Betchworth, Dorking etc.). There are frequent train services throughout the day.

Bus: Redhill is similarly well-served by regular bus services from all directions meeting at the centrally-located bus station which is also a few minutes' walk from the school.

Walking routes: Many students walk to and from the school on designated routes including public footpaths that link with the school.



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