

# The Holt School



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Main School Prospectus



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We feel inspired and privileged to lead The Holt, to work alongside our dedicated colleagues, to care for our students, to create opportunities for them to flourish academically and to form their good character.

When our students leave us, we want them to be self-confident, to know how to build and sustain strong relationships, to have high aspirations and to have achieved their very best.

The Holt is forward looking and ambitious, whilst at the same time upholding traditional values. We maintain high standards of behaviour and expectations. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, evidenced based approaches to teaching and supportive pastoral care. We want our students to embrace and contribute to the life of the school, both through their learning and by taking part in our extensive range of enrichment and leadership activities. We are proud of our partnership with parents and value their support to fulfil our vision. We want every student to enjoy their time at The Holt and to leave with fond memories that they will cherish forever. They will leave us prepared for responsible adulthood taking with them principled values that will impact positively on their own lives, and those of others, to make for a better world.

Our vision for the school is summed up as Inspire, Challenge and Achieve.

Inspire – every member of The Holt Community to take every opportunity in and out of the classroom to learn and flourish

Challenge – everyone to be the best they can be.

Achieve – Success in all aspects of life.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Anne Kennedy and Katie Pearce  
Co-Headteachers







## Mission Statement

To inspire all members of The Holt community by challenging them to maintain a safe and caring environment in which they achieve success whilst preparing for a future in an ever changing global society.

**Honesty ~ Trust ~ Respect**





# *Inspire...*

The Holt aims to inspire every student to love learning...

The school has an environment that is stimulating and conducive to learning. There is a broad and balanced curriculum which is tailored to meet the needs and interests of all our students and utilises new technologies. There is no gender stereotyping with our students just as likely to successfully follow STEAM subjects (science, technology, engineering, art and maths) as language and humanities courses. We are also committed to providing an education that promotes global awareness and that encourages girls to look outside the "Wokingham bubble".

Teaching staff are experts in their subjects and are encouraged to be reflective and innovative practitioners. They work hard and are committed to achieving the best for their students. Older students including the 6th form act as great role models to whom the younger students look up as they do to the many past students who regularly return to the school to share their experiences and success. It is good to hear our alumni reinforce the "aim high, work hard, be kind" message.



A strong partnership with parents and carers has been shown to be a significant factor in how successful a young person is at school, therefore communication is key in strengthening that relationship. We will keep you informed about your daughter's progress through regular reviews and parent consultation evenings. We will contact parents and carers when things go well and when we have concerns and we ask that you do the same.

In addition there are regular blogs and newsletters that keep parents up to date with what is going on in school and information evenings that will help you support your daughter as she moves through the school. We also have a Virtual Learning Environment (Frog) which is a safe online system through which Parents (as well as students) are able to see what home learning has been set and also access tracking data on progress and attainment.

“The care, guidance and support, which the school provides for its students, are outstanding”

OfSTED





# Challenge

## Challenging our students to work hard

We challenge all students to respect themselves, others and the environment in order to make The Holt a safe and caring place where there is trust, mutual respect and appreciation of everyone's contribution to the life of the school. We celebrate the many cultures which are represented in the school community and actively promote tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Through our character education we also challenge our students to adopt a "growth mindset" mentality - to believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work - brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for future success.

## Extra Curricular Activities

The Holt is very fortunate to have a very committed and hardworking staff who are generous with their time both within and outside of the normal school day and recognise the value of extra curricular activities. All areas of the curriculum are represented with clubs and activities run before and after school as well as at lunchtime in addition to fixtures, competitions, concerts and productions. There are many day visits, curriculum based field trips and adventure weekends. There are also longer residential visits in this country and abroad including long standing exchange trips. There really is something for everyone.

Every girl who joins The Holt will receive a very good education, however that education only becomes great if they make it so by taking advantage of the opportunities that are available to them.





## Student Leadership

There are numerous roles that girls throughout the school can take on to develop their leadership skills. The very strong House system provides many opportunities to lead from House Captains in Year 7 to Prefects in Year 11 and the Senior Prefect Team and subject prefects in the 6th form. Student voice is an important part of school life with all form groups represented at Year Group Councils and each year group represented at Student Council.



## Enrichment Opportunities

Recognising the importance of developing the whole person we actively encourage all students to take part in the wide range of enrichment activities that are on offer at The Holt. The thriving House system gives rise to numerous inter house competitions - sport, music, drama, dance, art and many more besides. Students take part in local and national competitions including Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition, Maths Challenge and science Olympiads to name just three. There are many visits in this country and abroad in addition to curriculum based field trips and adventure weekends.



# Achieve

Our students do well in life, not just exams!

Our students are all encouraged to be the best they can be across a range of achievements: academic, social, creative. Education at The Holt is about much more than academic performance, important as that is.

An education at The Holt is also about providing every student with wide ranging opportunities to develop into confident, compassionate young adults ready to make a positive contribution to society.







Our students  
go on to achieve  
great things!



# *What our parents say*

“...thank you and all your staff for the help and encouragement you have given over the last 5 years ...with support, encouragement and praise she was able to do her very best”









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