



Ringwood School





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Welcome to Ringwood School

Firmly established over many years, Ringwood's excellent reputation is well-deserved. It is a thriving, highly successful school and a fantastic place for young people to learn and develop.

We have high aspirations for every student and we strive to ensure that all students achieve their full potential through a clear focus on learning and achievement in a supportive environment. Students only get one chance and we take our role in providing the best possible opportunities for them very seriously. During their journey with us, we aim to equip our students with the skills and confidence that they will need to flourish; to make the best of opportunities and be able to positively contribute to society and their communities. We will focus upon creating diverse, curious and critical thinkers who challenge stereotypes and are brave enough to think for themselves. We are proud of all our students' achievements and take time to celebrate these whether they are academic, sporting, artistic, technical, dramatic or something else.

As a parent myself, I know that children and young people learn best in an environment which is secure, happy and caring. We work hard to create the right atmosphere in school and place high importance on wellbeing. We aim to help every young person develop into the adult that they will become. Students know that their views are listened to and they take pride in, and responsibility for, their school community. We value our collaboration with parents and seek to work in partnership with families to increase the support around each and every young person at our school.

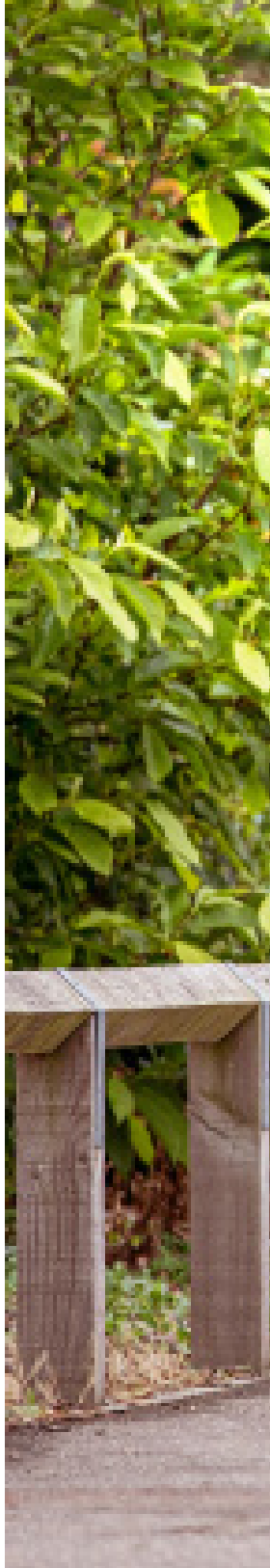
In 2011 Ringwood School was one of the first schools in the country to become a "Teaching School". This prestigious status has allowed us to work collaboratively with other schools over the last decade. This is important for us as it helps us to develop our classroom practice and continually improve the experience of students in lessons. Great teaching has delivered results at GCSE that are consistently well above the Hampshire and national average. At "A" Level performance is very strong; we are currently ranked in the top 10% of post-16 providers nationally.

I hope that the prospectus gives you a taste of life at Ringwood School. If you would like to visit in person you are always very welcome.

I look forward to meeting you.

 Leanne Symonds,
Headteacher





Ringwood School boasts first class facilities for our students. We believe that providing a fresh, modern teaching and learning environment engages them and enables them to learn effectively.



At every stage, our students experience a range of teaching and learning styles.



Ringwood has an outstanding Technology Department and sports facilities, which include access to the neighbouring Health and Leisure Centre, astroturf areas, dance studios, grass pitches, astroturf cricket nets, gymnasium and hard court areas.

Learning lies at the heart of everything we do



Students are encouraged to engage with a rich, diverse and personalised curriculum, one which promotes challenge, interest and the spirit of enquiry.

The learning environment at Ringwood is innovative and creative. To thrive in the 21st century, we understand that students need to graduate from their secondary education not only with strong

academic results, but also with a repertoire of personal skills. These qualities help them to succeed in life. We work hard to instil the habits and attitudes that will enable our students to face the future, calmly, confidently and creatively.

We place a strong focus on developing effective communication and leadership skills and building resilience and independence.

We encourage students to

- Develop an inquiring mind and love of learning
- Use their imagination and be creative in solving problems
- Show respect, self discipline and self-awareness
- Work effectively on their own and with others
- Have high expectations of themselves and others
- Show courage and perseverance when facing challenges

An inspirational environment

Our aim is to inspire our students to learn

Any creative journey in music, the arts or sport will have its diversions and obstacles and one of our key aims is to encourage students of all ages to be resilient, to be open minded to all possibilities, to observe the world carefully and to enjoy the process of learning as much as the outcome.

A personalised, flexible learning experience, preparing students for the future

Whatever subjects they decide to study, young people need to be thinking about their future and planning their next step. By providing our young people with Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) we hope to help them explore future options and make informed decisions about their career path once they leave Ringwood School.

The School has close links with local businesses and we are continually adding to our network of business providers who share their knowledge through presentations and group work. We encourage the wider community to share their experiences with our students.

Getting ready for the wider world

All students undertake a personal development curriculum through PSHE lessons and the tutor programmes. Through these we seek to educate students so that they can make good choices and make a valid contribution as citizens of their communities as adults.

Extra-curricular activities

Ringwood has a broad and extensive extra-curricular programme. Students of all ages are encouraged to participate in activities as varied as outward bound adventure, dance, musical groups, mathematical challenge, sports leadership challenge in our junior schools, creative writing circle, school production and paired reading.

Leadership Development

Students are encouraged to take an active role in the development of the school. Their input has had a direct impact on many aspects of school life including site development and learning in the classroom. Student Leadership opportunities come primarily through the House System. In Year 10 students take on peer mentoring roles as they support Year 6 students with their transition to Year 7.

At Ringwood School we actively promote *British Values* and recognise their place in our own expectations, vision and values:

Respect
Keep an open mind
We look after each other and our school

Liberty
Be independent
We are free to make choices

Tolerance
Embrace diversity
We accept each other's differences

Rule of Law
Take responsibility
We keep to rules

Democracy
Embrace opportunities
Our opinions matter in school

British Values

Ringwood School House Values

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use your initiative Investigate Ask questions Keep an open mind Become an expert Make links 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be independent Challenge stereotypes Practise to improve Get organised Find solutions Be resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stretch your imagination Plan for success Have a vision Persevere Embrace diversity Take risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be your own person Believe in yourself Challenge yourself Have courage Try something new Collaborate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect yourself & others Have a positive attitude Engage & communicate Revise, review & reflect Be kind & supportive Take responsibility







Beyond the curriculum

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Ringwood is one of the largest school providers of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver programmes in the South. Individuals work to improve their own skills, support others in the community, participate in recreational activities and develop their leadership ability. This is a wonderful opportunity.

School visits

The commitment of subject departments and individual staff is further evidenced by the extensive range of school visits offered to students of all ages. These are often the most memorable learning opportunities for the students, helping them to develop personally as well as enhancing their subject knowledge and understanding.

Examples include:

- International visits to Kenya and Borneo
- History students visiting the Battlefields in France and Belgium
- Performing at the 'Shakespeare for Schools' Festival in the Theatre Royal, Winchester
- Language exchanges to France and Spain
- Participating in the Salters' Chemistry Festival at Southampton University
- Visiting arts producers at various venues across the country
- Biology fieldwork at a residential centre on the Isle of Wight
- Geography fieldwork at a variety of locations across the country
- Art, Media and Photography students visiting USA

Innovative and creative in all we do

The Music Department is renowned for its high quality provision of both classroom and extra-curricular Music, and our Drama Department is vibrant and dynamic. The school productions are much acclaimed and all year groups are included.

Art encourages students to interpret and respond to the visual world, an essential life skill. Art, Photography and Textiles give students the opportunity to explore, develop and realise their ideas using a wide variety of materials and techniques. Once a year, the school celebrates their achievements with an ever popular exhibition.

We provide opportunities for students to identify their strengths. Our students are interested in the world beyond the school gates, demonstrated by the contribution they have made at local, regional and national level over many years. Our students are active and proud to serve their community.





Ringwood School was the first school in the country to have Sixth Form students exercise their political voice by sitting on the Town Council.



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SPECIALIST SCIENCE
LABORATORIES



OVER 300
STUDENTS IN
PRODUCTIONS
AND CONCERTS

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COURSES
IN THE CURRICULUM



50 SCHOOL
CLUBS
OFFERED EACH WEEK



£9,583
RAISED
FOR CHARITY



304
BUSINESSES
ACTIVELY INVOLVED
WITH THE SCHOOL



Encouraging, inspiring and supporting young people to succeed. Ringwood is an exceptional school.



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