



"Christ's College is an inclusive school with an impressive curriculum where pupils achieve well" OFSTED 2022

Christ's College Guildford





The Good Shepherd Trust is a multi-academy trust serving 16 schools within the Diocese of Guildford across Surrey and Hampshire and affiliated to the Church of England.

“In recent years we have seen the college grow in all areas, with strong leadership and a determined desire to bring out the best in all the children. My confidence in the school has increased massively” Parent

WELCOME



A very warm welcome to Christ's College, a proud 11 – 16 provider of Christian education in Guildford that serves a large urban and rural community. We believe a great values-driven education has the power to transform futures. Every student who joins us will receive the very best education, and will be prepared to take their place in the world with confidence, purpose, enthusiasm and strength of character.

Our shared Christian values of Love, Co-operation, Stewardship, Respect and Service permeate all the work undertaken in college. Students are encouraged to recognise the importance of education in their own fulfilment as individuals. They do this through developing a love of learning; discovering, developing and sharing their talents, gifts and skills, and by living our Christian values.

A young person's happiness and well-being are recognised as foundations to their success. The level of pastoral care we provide at Christ's College is second to none. As a faith college we nurture every student in developing resilience and self-worth, supporting them through any setbacks and celebrating their successes.

There are many misconceptions about who can apply to Christ's College. We welcome applications from Christians and also non-Christians who believe in our values. Please see our admissions criteria for further details.

Students, staff and governors are very proud of our college, and we look forward to working with you in partnership as we set out on a journey together as part of the Christ's College family.

If you would like to visit us during the day and have a tour, please contact the college.

“My son has just finished CCG and I am delighted that he has been helped to reach his academic potential whilst also gaining a huge amount from the extra-curricular opportunities available” Parent

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mr P Grundy

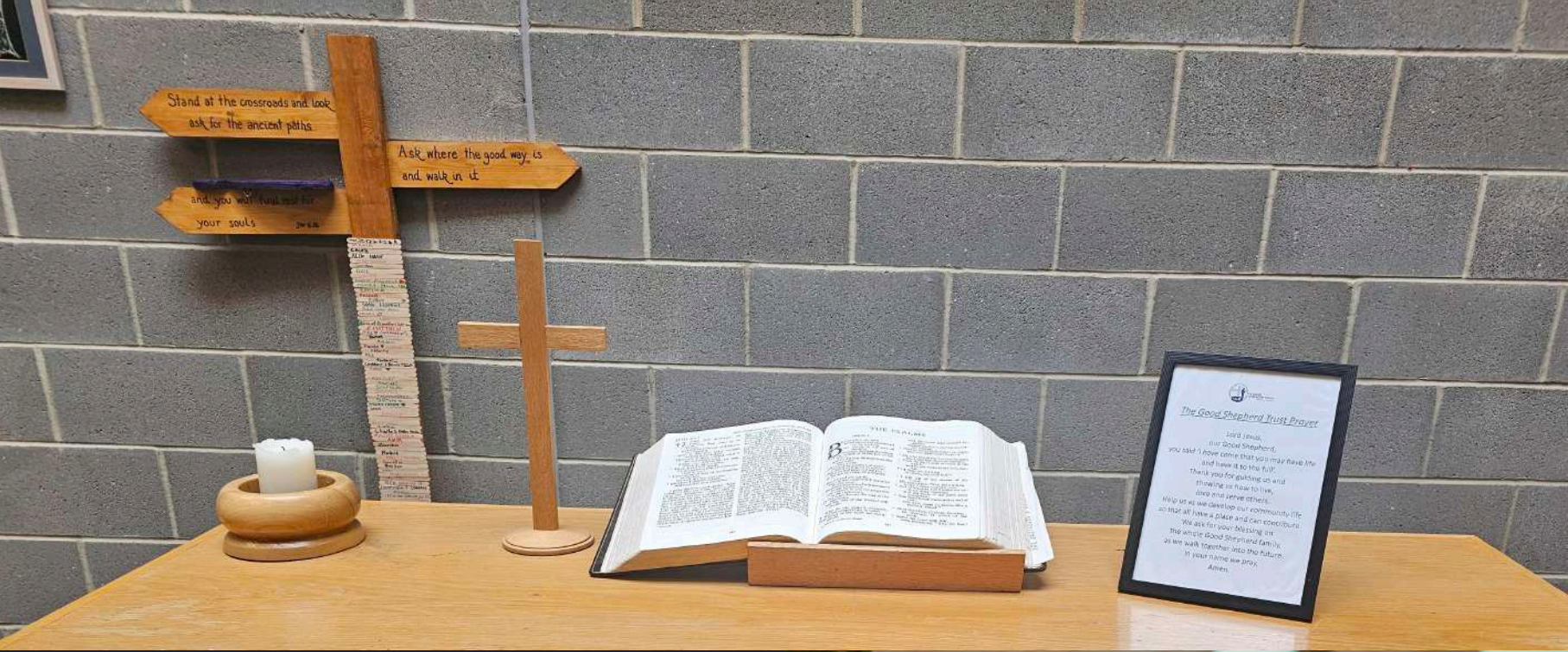
Mrs J Fodor

Mrs S French

Mr S Kennedy

Mr M McGarrity

Mrs L Starr



The Chaplaincy team has a significant impact on the Christian ethos and pastoral care of the college community. Our students have an opportunity to engage with the Christian faith in our Acts of Worship, tutor times, prayer weeks, and through our partnership with local churches. The team provides support, offering a safe space and a listening ear for students.

“There is a strong Christian ethos throughout the college, with good pastoral care. The smaller size creates a real sense of community - no one gets lost in the crowd”

Parent



OUR ETHOS, VISION AND VALUES



“The school’s thoroughly inclusive Christian vision is lived out in all aspects of its work. This has a transformational impact across the school community. All understand and practise the school’s five core values which are rooted in its Christian vision”

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Christ’s College serves our community and provides a fully inclusive education which enables all to flourish and reach their God-given potential. We do this by living our values and serving others for the greater good. Our shared Christian core values of **Love, Co-operation, Stewardship, Respect and Service** are reflected in all that we do in college, and our core values support how we educate both ‘head and heart’.

We:

- Provide a happy, safe and inclusive college that values each individual and promotes respect and consideration for others.
- Drive academic excellence in a supportive environment by providing high standards of teaching that enables effective learning.
- Provide a broad and balanced curriculum that meets the needs of all students and helps everyone to achieve their best.
- Encourage and challenge all students to develop their independence, self-esteem and ambition to flourish.
- Equip students for life, developing them culturally, morally and spiritually.
- Grow our students into confident and responsible citizens of the future.
- Motivate and celebrate our students’ achievements and reward their hard work.



STUDENT WELFARE & PASTORAL CARE

*“Positive relationships
and respect underpin the
calmness and cooperation
in classrooms”*

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*“Pupils say they feel safe
here and know who to turn
to if they need help”*

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Christ’s College has an outstanding safeguarding provision. The safety and well-being of your child is as important to us as it is to you. Our Year 7 Transition Team includes the Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) and the Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead (DDSL), as well as the Home School Link Worker (HSLW). A member of this team is available every day for our students to talk to.

We are very proud of our pastoral system. The well-being of all our students is paramount, and in college we work hard to develop students’ self-esteem, well-being and resilience, so that they can make positive contributions to society.

Beyond the usual subject classroom, students are able to access a team of support every day should they need it, through tutor time programmes, year group assemblies, an external counsellor, mentors, internal safeguarding staff, the youth worker team, and the Chaplain, as well as our on-site mental health first aiders.

Students with additional needs are supported by our experienced SEND Department, and we work on transition with local primary schools, as well as external agencies.



“The teachers at Christ’s College are so supportive. One of my children had some mental health issues; this was dealt with professionally, supportively and quickly with a very positive outcome – thank you Christ’s College!” Parent



CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

Our Christian ethos underpins our rich curriculum, ensuring all students achieve and succeed. We ensure that all of our students develop a life-long love for learning through a broad and balanced curriculum which is exciting, innovative, challenging and flexible. Students will be in tutor groups and streamed for their subjects.

Years 7 - 9 At least 12% of the time available is spent on each of the core elements of English, Maths and Science. Students also study Art, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition, French or Spanish, Geography, History, Information & Communication Technology, Music, Performing Arts (Drama and Dance), Physical Education/Sports and Religious Education. Students make their option choices at the end of Year 9.

Years 10 and 11 students follow a core curriculum of English Language and Literature, Maths, Science, Religious Studies and a Modern Foreign Language. In addition, they choose from a number of option blocks including: Art; Biology; Business Studies; Chemistry; Computing; Dance; Design & Technology; Drama; Food & Nutrition; Geography; History; ICT; Music; Photography; Physical Education; Physics. There are a number of vocational options, such as Travel & Tourism.

PSHCE Across The College Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) is delivered through our bespoke Well-being and Citizenship programme. This is a rolling programme of lessons linked closely with literacy, which is delivered in tutor groups and tailored to the needs of each year group as they move through college.

RSE Relationship and Sex Education is part of our curriculum. It has been designed in keeping with our Christian ethos, and it emphasises our core values.

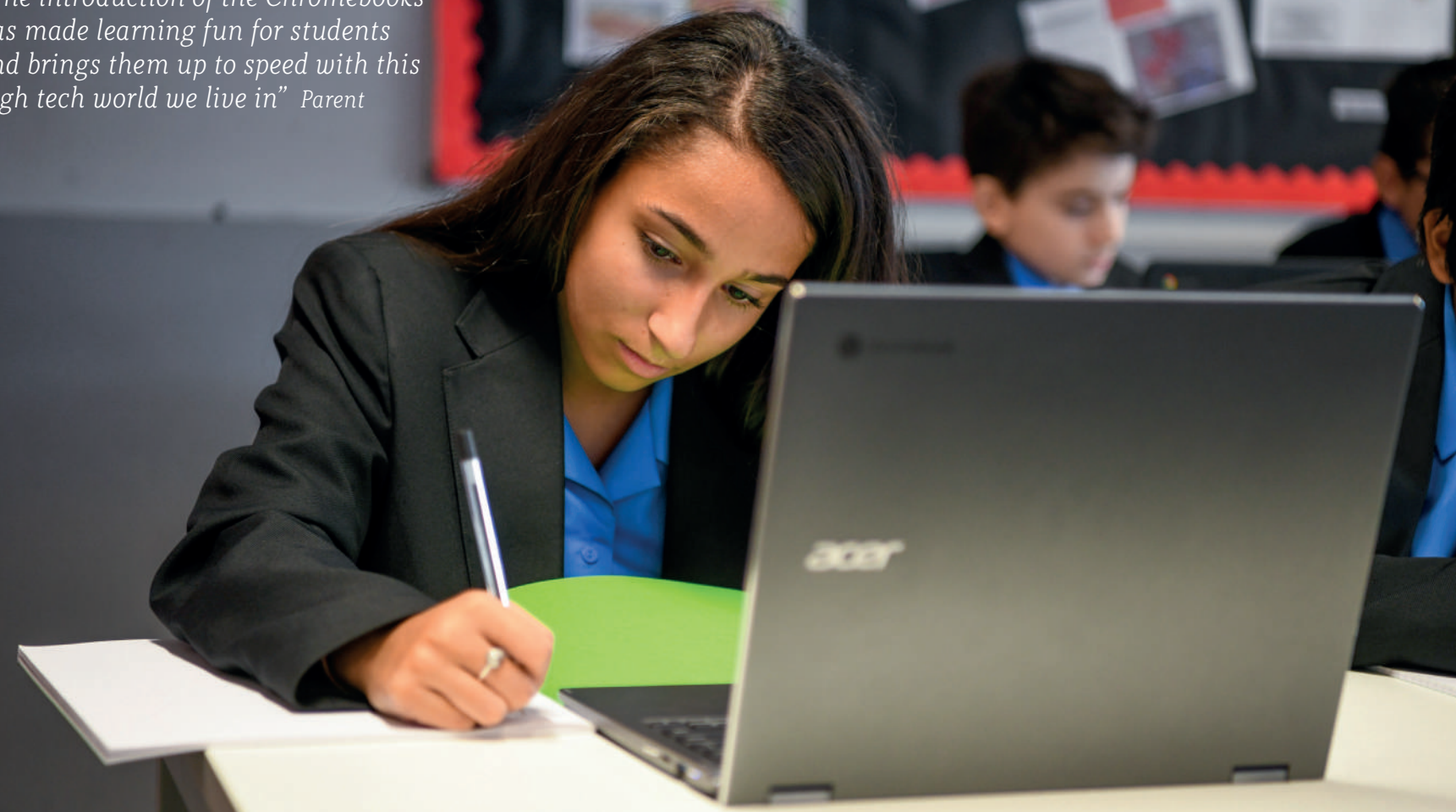
At Christ's College, we are a training hub and lead practitioner of the Teacher Effectiveness Enhancement Programme model (TEEP). We use the TEEP framework in our common language of teaching and learning, which expresses our values and ensures effective teaching that fully engages our students.

This model draws on significant education research that has identified what is required of teachers and students, in order for them to gain the best learning and outcomes possible. More information can be found on our website.

“The breadth of the curriculum offer in this small secondary school is impressive, and pupils achieve well”

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“The introduction of the Chromebooks has made learning fun for students and brings them up to speed with this high tech world we live in” Parent



CHROMEBOOKS FOR LEARNING

We are a Google College. All students will use Chromebooks to enhance their learning, through the use of the full Google Suite. Lesson materials are all uploaded to Google Classroom, and homework is also set here and marked accordingly. Alongside the Chromebooks, traditional teaching and learning methods use exercise books and continue to develop handwriting skills.

PREPARING FOR CHRIST’S COLLEGE



Our outstanding Year 6 to 7 transition process has been developed by our dedicated Transition Team to ensure that the move from primary to secondary school is as seamless as possible. We want students to feel ready, prepared and confident to join Year 7. We therefore have strong partnerships with our local primary schools, in order to ensure curriculum and pastoral continuity.

The Transition Team speaks to every Year 6 teacher and child during the summer term before joining, so we can fully understand your child’s needs, and offer parent information meetings, induction days and a summer camp as part of preparing the whole family to join Christ’s College.

For their lessons, students will be in three classes: a tutor group; a streamed class for English/Maths/Science /MFL; a mixed ability class for all other subjects.

“New Year 7 pupils told inspectors they found it easy to make friends quickly here”

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“The academic curriculum has been designed with the flourishing of students as a key priority”

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PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

“We have been so impressed by the way the learning has taken place for both our children at Christ’s. The teachers have been welcoming, calm, confident, reassuring, patient, clear and handled questions really well”

Parent

We hold high expectations of our students, and we actively engage with parents and carers to ensure that our students excel in all that they do.

Information about college life is provided through our website, letters, newsletters and social media channels. Throughout the year you will find a variety of events to support your child/children. These could include Option Evenings, Music, Dance and Drama performances, exam preparation, internet safety, Work Experience and preparation for educational visits.

We regularly ask for parental feedback through surveys, parent panels and individual meetings. This enables us to have a dialogue with our whole college community around areas including lessons and learning, homework and uniform. There is a fortnightly Parent Prayer Group which supports the college community. In addition, for those who wish to be involved in fundraising and to meet other parents, there is a very active PTA called the Friends of Christ’s College, where you will be most welcome.



CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

As well as being a place for learning and achieving, our college is enjoyable, welcoming and filled with memorable experiences. At Christ's College, we place a great emphasis on our extra-curricular activities, with over 40 free clubs each week, including Breakfast Club. Students are encouraged to join at least one club at the start of the year, as well as to participate in a wide range of charity and fundraising events. Some clubs are run by students (supported by staff), including the Amnesty Group and our Eco Association who were recently awarded a coveted Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction.

Sporting excellence is a feature at Christ's College. Students have represented their county and even country in a wide range of sports, and handball is a particular strength, with our boys U15 Handball team being the current England National Champions.



“Pupils enjoy the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available, and are proud of the range of performing arts and sporting opportunities on offer”
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Musical theatre, dance and choral singing are greatly valued by our community. Our students have the opportunity to perform regularly, as part of our Performing Arts Festivals and College Productions. They also perform at professional venues such as G Live, and our choir is asked to perform at local Diocesan events, such as the Bishop's Tea. Many of our students are inspired by our Performing Arts department to enter the profession. Most recently, our alumni have graduated from the Guildford School of Acting, Trinity Laban, RADA and the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama.

There are regular opportunities for engaging with the wider world through a wide variety of trips and visits. Previously, we have visited France, Belgium, Italy and New York, and we have planned trips to Iceland and Italy (skiing).

We offer six Enrichment Days throughout the course of the year, to provide opportunities for the continued personal development of all students outside of their normal timetabled lessons, encouraging them to develop their gifts and talents, and to learn about the wider world and their place in it. Opportunities include trips, visits, visiting speakers, cultural days, exhibitions, tours, and physical activities which stretch and challenge students.

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme is open to all students from Year 9 upwards.

“The Performing Arts department at CCG is exceptional, and the opportunities for my children to perform and develop skills have been amazing. They are creating memories that will stay with them their whole lives”
Parent



STUDENT LEADERSHIP



Students have many opportunities to engage with each other and contribute to college life, which will help them grow in confidence, become well rounded individuals, and enjoy their time at Christ's College.

Students play an active role in helping us to ensure that their educational experience is as wide, enjoyable and interesting as possible. Our Student Leadership Team is led by our Head Girl and Head Boy, as well as Heads of House, who lead our College Council.

With representatives elected from each tutor group, the College Council meets every half-term with a member of the Leadership Team. Students are encouraged to share their views on a wide variety of issues in the college, from the quality of food at break and lunch, to curriculum changes. Stewardship is important to our community. The College Council and Student Leadership Team give all our students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to our college.

We have a strong 'House Identity', with every student being a member of either Austen, Redgrave, Turner or Sibley House. Students can earn house points every day by living our core values in their work in class and around college, as well as participating in a diverse range of inter-house activities such as sport, dance and drama competitions.

"My child has had lots of opportunities to share his own ideas and put them into action at the college. This has been such an encouraging experience and has grown his confidence hugely" Parent

"The school's core values of respect and love are genuinely lived out in relationships between students. Both in lessons and in unstructured time, students show kindness and compassion to one another"

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CAREERS

As an 11-16 secondary school, we prepare our students for their next steps when they leave Year 11 after their GCSEs. We have embedded a Careers offer which ensures that students get the very best and unbiased advice and guidance to support them moving into further education or training. We have strong links with the many excellent dedicated Sixth Form Colleges in the area that provide exciting new opportunities for our students and offer a full range of subject choices whatever their interests.

Students engage in careers and find out more about workplaces through our Tutor and Future Choices Programmes, which starts when they join in Year 7. By Year 9, careers education is included in activities during Enrichment Days, and in Years 10 - 11 the emphasis is on meeting employers and businesses, mentoring and regularly talking to our dedicated independent Careers Advisor.

We take part in National Careers and Apprenticeships Weeks, we work with HEON and local universities and Higher/Further Education establishments, and we offer our own bespoke Careers Fair. In Year 10, students start preparing for work, by taking part in Work Experience Week as well as mock interviews with local employers.



We lead and share good practice with other Guildford secondary schools as part of the Careers and Enterprise Company Careers Hub and we have recently been awarded the Quality in Careers Standard by Career Mark.

"Careers Education Information and Guidance (CEIAG) is treated with a high priority at Christ's College and this has led to a comprehensive programme which is having a positive impact on learners. The various inputs are producing learners who have well researched career aims, know what is available to them and have the skills and knowledge to achieve them"
CAREERMARK



5 REASONS TO CHOOSE CHRIST'S COLLEGE

- High standards and expectations
- A happy, safe and supportive environment
- Outstanding and engaging lessons
- Wide range of academic subjects
- Outstanding facilities



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