



Fit for learning

THE CURRICULUM is a strength of the Noadswood experience. We are able to maintain a broad and balanced curriculum which provides pupils an opportunity to follow broadly academic routes or a mix of academic studies with more vocational qualifications.

All of these subjects are studied alongside the core subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, PE and Religious Studies). Noadswood's teaching goes beyond the national curriculum by tailoring the curriculum to meet the needs of today's learners. Navig8 is a significant part of the year 7 curriculum which addresses the need for pupils to become confident, resilient and independent learners. Navig8 uses the humanities syllabus to build on pupils' skills of enquiry, team work and presentation. We make use of the school's size to ensure that when children move into key stage four they are able to choose from more than 20

different courses. We offer a broad range of level 1 and level 2 vocational courses which cover subjects such as the performing and visual arts, sports and Information Communication Technology (ICT). We also offer some pupils the opportunity of following a Certificate Of Personal Effectiveness course which provides pupils a break from the rigors of academic study and an opportunity to develop life and employability skills through taking part in number of projects in and out of school. A small number of pupils take part in extended work placements in local businesses.

HOUSE LEADERS FOR LEARNING are responsible for ensuring that pupils are making good progress across the curriculum. They lead a team of tutors within their House who support and mentor pupils on a daily basis. They also work closely with subject leaders and teachers to ensure that pupils are appropriately challenged and supported throughout their time at Noadswood so that they can achieve their best.

"Students' GCSE results are consistently above average, largely due to teaching that is giving them the confidence to try to achieve their full potential."

Ofsted 2013



THE FACILITIES and the teaching at Noadswood are exceptional. All pupils are taught by subject specialist teachers in purpose designed teaching spaces. We have a full sized drama studio which opens out onto a newly created grass amphitheatre. The music department not only benefits from a wide range of instruments but make good use of a suite of iMacs. Dance, PE and gymnastics enjoy the use of the Olympic standard gymnasium, a 4G multi-sports surface, a large sports hall as well as tennis courts and playing fields. The design and technology team work in two fully fitted kitchens with forty work stations as well as two workshops equipped with modern laser cutters and a 3D printer as well as the more traditional pillar drills and hand tools. Design work is carried out on computers and

laptops which are available for all rooms. ICT and computing are accommodated in four computer suites however all other areas of the school have access to specialist technology. Laptops, iPads and Chromebooks allow pupils to access online learning in all areas of the school.

"In key stage 4, the option programme provides a wide range of courses which prepare students well for further education or training"

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"I can't tell you how impressed I was with the work you are doing in the Navig8 project. I've been telling everyone who will listen about the engagement, enthusiasm and most of all the impressive outcomes I observed."

Michael Alger, National Training Director, Channel 4 Learning

SUCCESS at Noadswood depends on pupils engaging in many of the opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. Along with the 40 or so clubs and activities outside of school, there are homework support groups, after school revision classes and online seminars. Online learning offers a great deal of flexibility for busy pupils. The Noadswood Virtual Learning Environment (VLE/'Frog') is fast becoming the go to place for online lessons, revision activities, archived lessons and, of course, homework. Parents can also log in to Frog 24/7 to check on their child's homework and to access many of the resources available to the pupils.

