



MILLAIS





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In pursuit of excellence

Welcome to Millais School. We recognise that every student's educational experience is unique and therefore as a school, we are committed to the maintenance of a high performing learning environment which perpetually enables the pursuit of excellence for all to emerge and blossom.

Millais enjoys a well established reputation for academic success, recognised by Ofsted in 2010 and 2014 as an "Outstanding" school and designated as a National Teaching School in 2011 and 2015, successfully leading a local alliance of schools.

Millais provides an outstanding education based upon excellent and imaginative lessons, combining academic rigour with creative techniques and modern technology. There is high quality teaching, support and care from dedicated teachers and support staff who place the students at the heart of everything they do.

Millais sets out to unlock the immense potential which rests inside all of our students by offering opportunities and challenges throughout your daughter's school career. Essentially, we want to build resilience in our students so that they view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow. Millais will enable your daughter to achieve outstanding results whilst developing as a well-rounded, confident and happy individual with high aspirations.

Millais students are our best ambassadors so do take the opportunity to visit us and speak with them and their teachers for yourselves. We look forward to meeting you on a school tour, when you can experience the Millais aspiration of educational excellence for all.

Dr Alison Lodwick
Headteacher



An outstanding school ...

In June 2014 Millais School was recognised by Ofsted as being 'outstanding'.

The excellent relationship between students and their teachers lies at the heart of the school's success.

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Introduction

Millais is an outstanding girls' comprehensive school for students aged 11 – 16.

Situated on the east side of Horsham in attractively landscaped grounds, the school offers excellent specialist facilities and accommodation to deliver an extensive curriculum to all pupils. Mathematics, modern foreign languages and design technology are taught in a stylish new building and the refurbished frontage creates a stunning entrance and foyer for the school.

Integral to the new build and carefully planned in existing areas of the school we have installed the latest technology in our classrooms, providing Wi-Fi and wired connectivity throughout, giving us an excellent ICT network. This provides the students and staff with access to the internet, video conferencing facilities, interactive whiteboards and a school Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).



Creativity

Students have confidence in staff and feel well supported by their teachers and learning support assistants.

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Aims

Millais School aims to create a stimulating, happy and inclusive environment of trust and support in which all students and staff are encouraged and enabled to develop their skills, talents and potential to the full.

A broad and balanced curriculum is offered which seeks to equip students for life in Further Education, Higher Education and the world of work. The individual needs of students are identified and relevant tasks set to aid their progress. Recognising that the personal growth of each individual goes beyond the school curriculum, we offer a rich programme of extra-curricular opportunities and experiences. At Millais the love of

learning and the development of the skills essential to learning are at the heart of all we aim to engender in our students. We promote a warm and caring community where all members show commitment, courtesy, co-operation, tolerance and compassion, in an attractive and stimulating environment. All members of the school are encouraged to see themselves as members of a wider international community.



Collaboration



School Values

The school community takes pride in upholding the highest standards of achievement, behaviour and personal ambition. These standards are reflected in the school motto 'In Pursuit of Excellence' and are underpinned by nine core values which are: **Respect, Integrity, Collaboration, Happiness, Creativity, Aspiration, Self Esteem, Diversity and Resilience.**

Our values are reflected in the way in which we behave, work and treat one another. They form the backbone of our assembly programme and feature in our conversations on a daily basis.

Diversity



The Curriculum

On arrival all students are placed in mixed ability tutor groups and these usually remain constant throughout the school. Initially in Year 7 the same groups are used for teaching purposes but setting for most subjects is introduced in stages. Every effort is made to enable and encourage all students to reach a level in every subject which is commensurate with their ability, by providing a relevant and differentiated curriculum. To ensure that students make the most of all learning opportunities, their academic and personal development is monitored closely; progress is checked and appropriate targets for improvement are set. Our expectations are high and we take great pride in providing for students of all abilities and in enabling them to succeed.

Students respond very well to teachers' high expectations. As a result, students make outstanding progress.

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Happiness

Range of subjects taught

We pride ourselves on maintaining a broad curriculum. All subjects are important and students are given the opportunity to continue with studies they enjoy up to GCSE.

We have a unique offer amongst local schools for languages provision with students studying French or Spanish with either German, Italian or Mandarin Chinese. The provision for creative arts, technology and physical education is outstanding and our students excel across all disciplines.

Our extensive global links ensure that a wider international perspective permeates all aspects of the curriculum and the life of the school.

The school is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity for all its students.

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Respect

Enrichment

Extracurricular provision is a strength at Millais; there are a wide range of school clubs, field trips, educational visits, musical and dramatic performances, entry for local/national competitions and a variety of international links and exchanges on offer. We run exchanges to Germany (Year 9) and Spain (Year 10) and residential trips (languages and culture) to China (Year 11) and France (Year 8). Many girls enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and Young Enterprise which are very popular. Exciting activities take place during Activities Week which provides a different educational experience for the girls at the end of the academic year.

Care and Welfare

The school provides a safe, nurturing environment within which students are able to make the most of opportunities provided during their stay with us. Great importance is placed on caring for the individual in personal, social and intellectual terms. Our tutor system, Personal Development programme and assembly themes enable pupils to develop an understanding of how to make positive choices and develop skills that stand them in good stead for life within

school and beyond in the wider world. We place great emphasis on supporting the physical and mental health of all our students.

Students are encouraged to take pride in the school and have a sense of identity. Emphasis is placed on making sure that girls have a wide cultural perspective and a set of values which equip them for the challenges of everyday life.

The courses that students take are broad and balanced, providing a good mix of academic and work-related subjects. Ofsted 2014

Aspiration



Support

Students whose needs extend beyond the formal curriculum are offered additional help through in-class support or specialist intervention, on an individual or small group basis, and carefully prepared work within subjects which is appropriate to their needs. The Special Educational Needs and Disability provision is the responsibility of all teachers and they are assisted in this by our Learning Support Assistants who offer advice, expertise and training.

Teachers give tutorial help to students who need additional assistance or who wish to raise issues connected with their school work.





Healthy Lifestyles

At Millais we promote healthy lifestyles and teach about healthy choices in all aspects of our pupils' lives. Fresh, healthy and nutritious meals are prepared on site by our own catering team and the school has worked hard to incorporate the food standards for schools as part of our way of encouraging all our students to lead healthier lifestyles.

In physical education the emphasis is on participation and enjoyment. High standards are achieved through extracurricular clubs, practices, inter-form and inter-school matches in a wide range of sports.

STEM

We provide many opportunities for students to engage in STEM subjects (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) and we lead on the delivery and support of high quality Professional Development for teachers in these subjects. We see it as our role to nurture enthusiasm and interest in STEM to prepare our students for the technological age in which they live and give them the basis for the best career options.

PTA

Home school links are a very important part of school life and parents are encouraged to be involved and provide support for their daughters in all aspects related to school. The school has a thriving parents' association, the Millais PTA, which was set up to support the education of pupils and helps the work of the school in numerous ways in addition to fundraising.



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