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Oathall Community College

School statement

“Oathall is committed to promoting respect, aspiration, achievement and enjoyment in a supportive environment.”

Our values

- Self-respect
- Respect for others
- Aspiring to excellence
- Personal challenge and achievement
- Enjoyment of learning
- Being safe and healthy
- Contributing to our community
- Oathall – A college for everyone.

Oathall is a mixed comprehensive community college with over 1300 students located in the heart of Mid-Sussex. We are situated on the boundaries of the town of Haywards Heath and the village of Lindfield. We work closely with the other schools in our federation of secondary schools.

Learning is at the heart of all we do, and the college has clearly stated teaching and learning expectations for all members of the college. Students achieve impressive results that continue to improve year on year. The most recent Ofsted inspection in September 2023 graded the school as continuing to be good and, although pleased with this, Oathall is not a complacent school and has an improvement plan sharply focused on producing outstanding outcomes in all areas. The comprehensive programme of continuing professional learning ensures that each member of the Oathall team can fulfil their entitlement to a bespoke package of training that is underpinned by the appraisal system.

The college has a full spectrum of specialist accommodation catering for all subjects. We are understandably proud of our refurbished Maths and Science Block. Subjects that require specialist learning spaces have access to them; be it the flood lit 3G artificial turf pitch in PE, the 3D printer in engineering, the Mac suite in music or the purpose-built dance studio in performing arts.

Sets of Chromebooks are available for use in lessons so that students can take full advantage of our Google for Education provision. Classrooms across the college are well equipped and a rolling programme of building and maintenance development ensures that learning environments are kept up to date.

We are nationally and locally renowned for our outstanding school farm. We are delighted to have such a valuable and unusual educational facility. The farm enhances student learning and development



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in unique and creative ways and enables a range of courses and extra-curricular activities to take place that are distinctive to Oathall.

Religious Education & Philosophy

Religion and Philosophy (RP) lessons at Oathall offer a structured and safe space during curriculum time for reflection, discussion, dialogue and debate. Lessons also allow for timely and sensitive responses to be made to unforeseen events of a religious, moral or philosophical nature. RP provokes challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human. In RP students learn about and from religions and worldviews in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions. They learn to weigh up the value of wisdom from different sources, to develop and express their insights in response, and to agree or disagree respectfully.

GCSE students carry out a study of Christianity and Buddhism, learning about their beliefs and practices. Four different philosophical and ethical topics are also studied which includes Peace and Conflict, Crime and Punishment, Human Rights and lastly, Medical Ethics. Assessment is via two 1 hour 45 min exams. The exam board taken is AQA GCSE Religious Studies A.

You would be joining the Humanities Faculty, where leadership is extremely strong. Working alongside the Head of Faculty, a Deputy Head of Faculty, an Enrichment Leader and Head of History. Between them they take responsibility for the leadership of all aspects of the faculty's work and development.