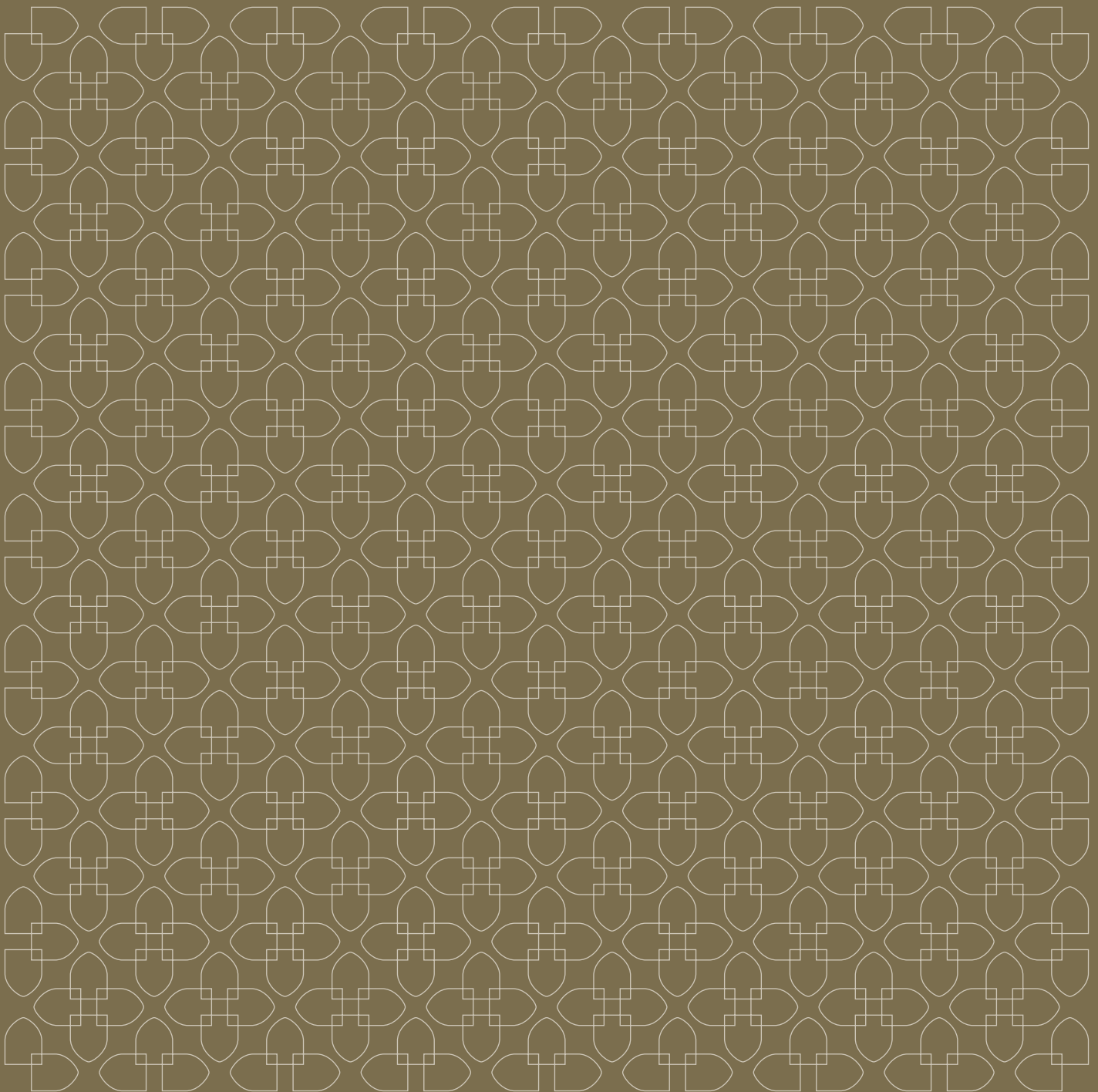


One of the top co-educational schools in England



CATERHAM  
SCHOOL

# INSPIRING EDUCATION FOR LIFE



# WELCOME



## **Welcome to Caterham School.**

We are a highly successful and ambitious school but, above all else, Caterham is a warm and welcoming community where each member is nurtured and encouraged to flourish.

We are enormously proud that Caterham School is consistently recognized as one of the leading co-educational schools in the country. We are committed to providing an environment in which all pupils are challenged to be the best they can be, and one in which pastoral care and well-being underpin academic, co-curricular and sporting excellence.

We believe in providing an education for life for all Caterhamians and we seek to ensure that the learning experience at our school blends the best of tradition with the exciting opportunities provided by new technology. Learning how to learn is a key facet of a Caterham education and is an essential skill for life in the

twenty-first century. We believe that a truly excellent school is about more than academic achievement alone: it is also about developing a passion for learning; a capacity for independent and critical thinking; self-awareness and resilience; self-confidence without arrogance and genuine interests that extend beyond the confines of the classroom.

At Caterham School we focus on developing the whole person, aiming to ensure that each pupil leaves here ready for the challenges of life at university and beyond, and understanding their responsibilities towards others. We want our pupils to leave Caterham well equipped to engage positively with a rapidly changing world as accomplished problem solvers and innovators, confident in their ability to lead and with a clear appreciation of and respect for the views and potential of others.

**Ceri Jones**  
Headmaster



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Everything is right here for us and you can't help but be proud of how beautiful the campus is.

A FOUNDATION  
FOR SUCCESS



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School has been an amazing support for me... and I enjoy giving the same care back to others too.

#### Pastoral Care

We believe that all pupils can be successful in an environment which is caring, optimistic and encouraging. Caterham is a happy school which provides an atmosphere which supports pupils and enables their success, their development of character and wellbeing.

Our pupils know that they are valued as individuals with unique needs, strengths and potential. The Caterham School community celebrates the differences between each individual whilst cherishing that which binds us together.

Our uniquely supportive environment ensures that, by the time they leave school, Caterhamians are intellectually curious and emotionally intelligent thinkers, eager to engage with the world around them, whilst resisting the rush to judgment, sensitive to the needs and beliefs of others, but with the courage of their own convictions too.

The promotion of wellbeing, care for each other and resilience lies at the core of our School. The pupils know they have a voice that is listened to by teachers and fellow pupils. Initiatives such as School Council, the Digital Council, Study Buddy and proactive pastoral discussion groups are centre stage in school life. Within structures such as these our pupils find their voice and develop leadership skills that will last a lifetime.

#### Facilities

The Harestone Valley, set in the Surrey Hills, provides a stunning location for the School's extensive campus. Just 20 miles from Central London, yet set in its own tranquil space, the School benefits from 200 acres including woodland, sports fields, high ropes course and outdoor learning centre.

Elegant Victorian architecture is juxtaposed with purpose built facilities: our science complex, a Sports Centre with indoor pool, fitness centre and

double space sports hall, a new Performing Arts Centre with theatre, the Maggs Library and a dedicated Digital Innovation Centre. Facilities matter because they enable the best teaching and learning to take place.

Above all, Caterham is home to our thriving community of day and boarding pupils, with bustling common rooms and welcoming houses, and the wrap around support and care offered by the pastoral team and fully staffed Health Centre.





# A UNIQUE APPROACH TO LEARNING

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Consistently among the top schools in the country for 'adding value' to its students.



**Learning and Teaching**

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At Caterham we believe in not only preparing our pupils to do their best in exams but also in developing their own academic passions and equipping them with the skills to succeed.

To achieve this each pupil needs to understand how they best learn and how to think independently and creatively. We are one of the only UK schools who have recognised that this requires a focal point in the school with specific programmes and training for pupils, staff and parents.

From the youngest to the eldest, pupils benefit from time each week that is dedicated to improving their study skills, their self-management and their approach to work and problem solving. A Caterham education enables pupils to develop the habits of learning and habits of mind that will ensure that they can thrive at university and beyond, confident in their abilities and ready to lead.







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Listening to my teacher's voice giving feedback on a homework via my iPad is so much more helpful than marking in pen. I can clearly understand how to get better and what to improve.

**Connected to the Best of Digital**

Our unique approach to Learning and Teaching also manifests in our ground-breaking approach to digital learning. Embracing the very best of digital, we bring the opportunities for learning and exploration presented by technology together with the finest traditions of an independent education. Caterham is one of only a handful of Apple Distinguished Schools, recognised nationally for our innovation, leadership and educational excellence in digital learning.

Our Innovation Centre provides the physical space, technological equipment and expertise to encourage pupils to extend and finesse their digital skills. From coding to animation, from robotics to building applications, our pupils are encouraged to be digital ambassadors, engaged on and off line, and ready for the world they are moving into as adults.

In an ever fast moving world, an ongoing training programme ensures our teachers are consistently developing their own digital skills to ensure the best delivery in the classroom.



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Some of my best moments at School have been playing sport on Home Field. You're there with your friends and the atmosphere is just brilliant.

# ACHIEVING FULL POTENTIAL



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**My biggest inspiration is the improvement that you can see as you compare your current performance against where you've come from. I am incredibly lucky to have support from my teachers, for my training and my academic work, which makes a great difference.**

Sam Talbot. Caterham and Team GB

### Sport

An enviable reputation for producing highly successful individual and team performances across a wide range of sports is only a small part of the story.

Excellence is pursued whole heartedly with many pupils achieving county, national and international representative honours. The aim of our dedicated sports staff is to cater for every pupil, at his or her own level of ability and enthusiasm.

While pupils are encouraged and pushed to reach their full potential and to excel, we are also committed to ensuring wide participation, enjoyment and the development of skills for all

pupils. Our priority is to give pupils a positive experience of sport: introducing them to the camaraderie and sportsmanship enabled by physical activity. The chance to compete for School is available at every level with all pupils relishing the fun and enjoyable competition that sport provides. Regular inter-House competitions augment the opportunities for positive sportsmanship, team work and leadership for all pupils.

The expert coaching provided by our sports team includes medical and rehabilitation support and is supplemented by regular visiting

professionals and specialists. The Caterham Athletic Programme helps sharpen the focus of our ambitious and talented young sportspeople to achieve all that is possible.

The exceptional sporting facilities which make all of this possible include some of the very best grass pitches in the south of England, a floodlit Astroturf, a 25 metre indoor swimming pool, five netball courts and a fully equipped double sports hall.







# A PLATFORM FOR EXPRESSION



### Performing Arts

Music, drama and dance are key elements which bind the Caterham community together, bringing joy to those performing and those watching. The performing arts are supported by ambitious departments where anything is possible and where all pupils are encouraged to express themselves in a positive and enriching way. The focus is on excellence, with many pupils pursuing their talents at conservatoires, RADA, the Royal Schools of Music and beyond, combined with broad participation.

A new Performing Arts Centre with purpose built theatre, recording studio and flexible smaller performance spaces, plus the School's dance studio and additional rehearsal rooms, provide professional-standard, dedicated space for a myriad of School productions and concerts. Pupils also perform on a wider stage with recent productions taking place in London and across regional theatres and performance spaces.

### Music

From regular weekday Lunchtime Live concerts to celebrated whole school events, such as MAD (Music and Dance) Live and the annual House Music extravaganza, music pervades throughout the School. The ethos is to encourage and facilitate pupils in their pursuit of musical achievement. We offer a broad spectrum of co-curricular activities and an enriching and stimulating range of performance opportunities including regular workshops and overseas tours.

### Drama

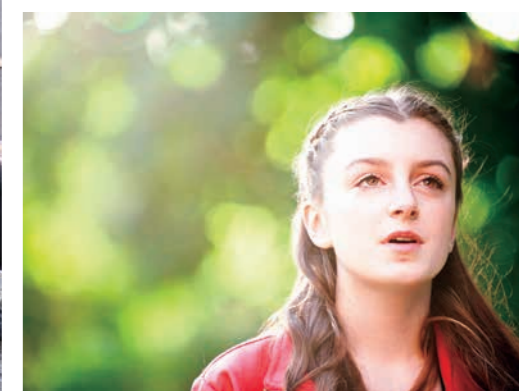
Drama at Caterham extends our pupils, it develops and nurtures confidence, co-operation, creativity and independent thinking. It provides a platform for performance and nurtures understanding and interest in the historical, cultural and social context in which pieces are created and performed.

There are opportunities for everyone whether a performer, a technician, backstage, designing costumes and set or front of house. Each term

sees numerous performances from large scale Shakespearian and musical productions to smaller, self-penned collaborative pieces from our own pupils.

### Dance

Dance as an expressive art form and an engaging activity is popular with both boys and girls with a range of genres on offer. Our dance studio hosts weekly lessons and clubs across genres with various showcases in the school calendar giving plentiful opportunity for performance.





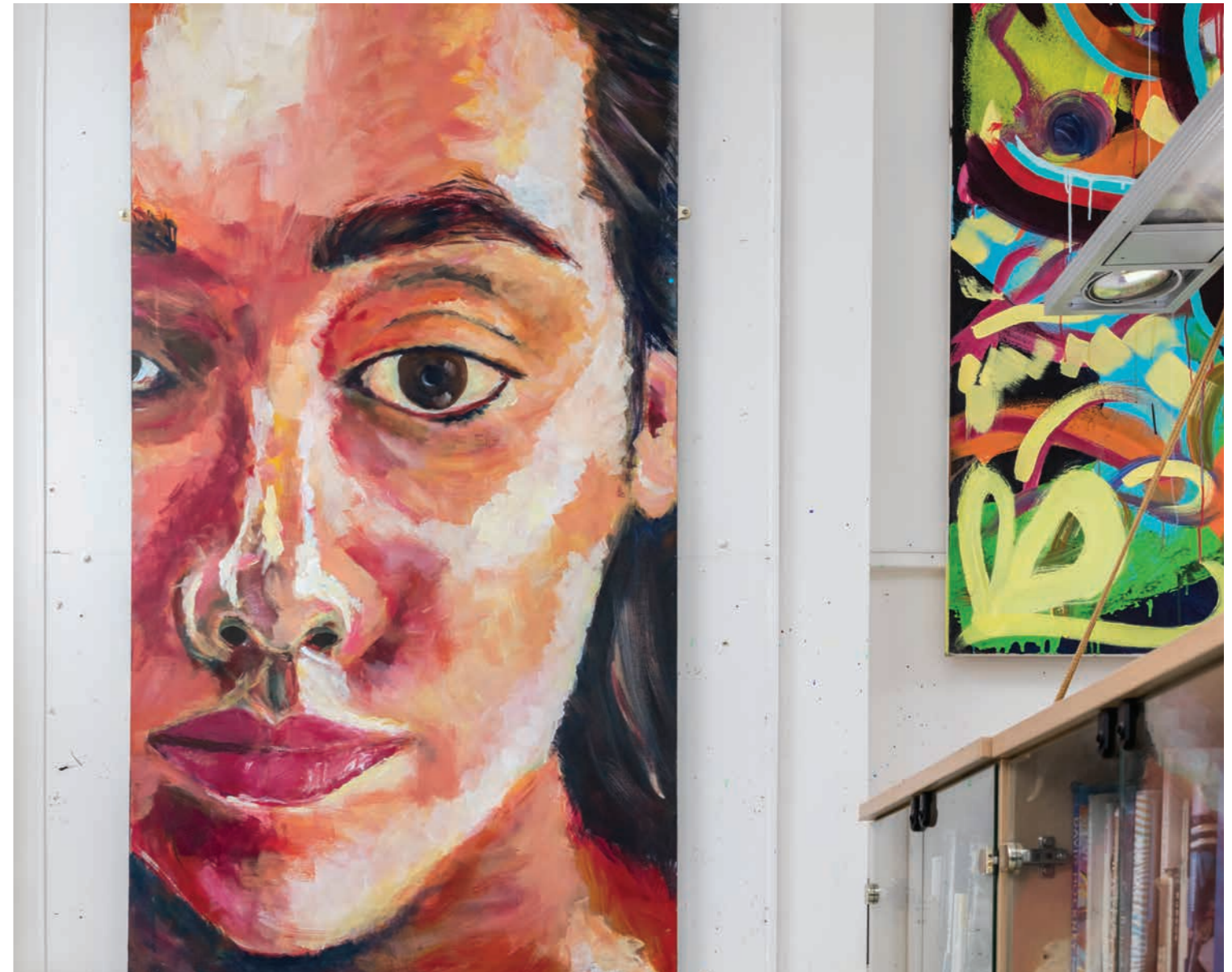
**Creative Arts**

Creative expression and application of knowledge are a vital part of a Caterham education and all pupils are encouraged to develop their imagination and communication through a range of media.

The creative arts enable pupils to think in different and creative ways building an understanding of how they, and others, view the world and themselves. Our teachers are practising artists and designers in their own right and set a high value on their subject.

All pupils enjoy a broad curriculum in the younger years encompassing aspects of Art, Textiles and Design before specialising as they progress through the School. Co-curricular clubs offer specialist lunchtime, after-school and Saturday workshops including life drawing classes.

The Christine Walker Gallery, set within the heart of the School, provides the perfect space for regular exhibitions of pupils' work and, in addition, pieces are showcased throughout the School. The creative arts at Caterham benefit from inspiring and well-equipped specialist studios and workrooms established within the School's campus.





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I love that one lesson we're exploring the forces of nature in a Physics lab and the next we're out in the woods learning to light and control fires... and eat marshmallows...

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM





### Outdoor Learning

Given the School's stunning location it is only natural that a Caterham education embraces outdoor learning. Resilience, risk taking and problem solving are enhanced by the School's outdoor curriculum, along with the obvious physical and mental well-being benefits of spending time outdoors.

Pupils enjoy timetabled outdoor learning lessons exploring bushcraft, orienteering skills and woodland ecosystems in addition to mastering the high ropes course and climbing wall. For those who already have,

or discover, a love of the outdoors, Wilderness Club allows for more time exploring each week with additional camping weekends held year-round in the School's woodland.

For many pupils, exploring different skills and environments is the perfect balance to academic study, a time where pupils stretch themselves and strengthen friendships. Besides being great fun, outdoor learning enhances pupils' social communications and teamwork and brings a greater appreciation of environmental issues and their responsibility to the world around them.

Outdoor Learning is a great stepping stone to the Combined Cadet Force and Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, both of which thrive here. We are one of the country's leading Duke of Edinburgh's Awards centres with many pupils achieving Silver and Gold Awards each year. A thriving Combined Cadet Force ensures pupils have the opportunity to fly, to sail and test their skills at camps and expeditions all over the country on a regular basis.







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### The Best School Project Ever!

**Richard Hammond**  
(Review of Caterham Kit Car Club)

#### Life Memories in the Making

We are proud that there is no typical 'Caterham pupil'. We encourage individuality and diversity in our community and this is evidenced by the vast range of clubs, activities and trips on offer. From building a British kit car to choreographing at Dance Club, from proving your perseverance and performance at Circus Club to exploring your creativity at Jewellery Club, the opportunities and enthusiasm are endless. Our extensive co-curricular timetable allows pupils to learn new skills, helps our young people to find what makes them tick and what brings them joy beyond academic study.

Our programme of annual trips is equally impressive with pupils exploring Tanzania, Nicaragua, Romania and the USA, in addition to language exchanges and field trips to Iceland, Spain, France and beyond.

Whether skiing on the slopes of Europe or engaging in community projects in Africa and South America, Caterham trips are about much more than having fun. Expeditions allow pupils to find their place in the world and ensure that they are ready to develop their skills and maintain our community ethos as they move on from school life.







**Ready for Life Beyond School**

Our Sixth Form pupils leave Caterham well equipped to engage positively with a rapidly changing world as accomplished problem solvers and innovators. They are confident in their ability to lead and with a clear appreciation of and respect for the views and potential of others. Our young people are accustomed to thinking well beyond the boundaries of School subject areas and are practised in working within and leading multi-disciplinary teams to drive successful outcomes.

The Sixth Form is a time for looking to the future and developing independence, but also for supporting those younger in the School. Having benefitted themselves in their younger years, our senior pupils take active leadership roles in the award winning Study Buddy scheme, in the School's House structure and in volunteering work.

Sixth Form pupils are part of a global community of Caterhamians whose shared root is the School and who remain actively connected to Caterham. They benefit from a rich network of Caterhamians spanning a broad range of professions and sectors and who represent a living library of advice, counsel and opportunity.

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I've had such an amazing time here, made so many friends and achieved so much. But we're ready to move on now. We'll stay in touch and never forget all that we've gained.





**Understanding Our Place in the World**

Our strong sense of community and responsibility towards each other extends well beyond the School's boundaries with a shared commitment amongst staff and pupils to play our part in the world.

Pupils are actively involved in supporting local, regional and global initiatives from the youngest age through volunteering, charity work and collaborative projects. Our pupils are fortunate to benefit from a wealth of opportunity at School and they know that it is their duty to share talents and opportunities as widely and productively as possible.

Caterham School is proud to be actively engaged in supporting educational initiatives and ambitions in other schools in the UK and abroad. We have been a driving force behind the foundation of The London Academy of Excellence (LAE) Sixth Form College in Stratford, East London, an area where Sixth Form academic opportunities were previously limited. Teachers and pupils across the two institutions support each other with regular visits and mentoring programmes. We also support Kingsford Community School in Beckton and other local schools in and around Caterham.





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