



At Waingels we consider it vital to our students' and the College's development that we provide a great many opportunities for students (individually and collectively) to take on responsibility for themselves and others and to have their voice heard and acted upon.

### Service to the community

All our students are expected to make an active contribution to the life of the wider community of Woodley of which they are members. Many subjects and learning teams build community service into their teaching and learning programmes. Groups of Waingels students are regularly involved in working alongside younger children in nursery and primary schools, as well as the elderly in local community day centres and residential homes. In the Sixth Form it is an expectation that every student completes a programme of active community support as part of their educational and social development.

### Showing responsibility

Individual students are encouraged to lead assemblies, guide visitors round the site and 'show off' their talents in music, art, drama and many other activities. We have a long-established peer mentoring scheme that

professionally trains Key Stage 4 and 5 students in the skills of active listening.

### Student Councils

Key Stage and College Councils provide one mechanism for students to play an active part in the life of the College. We are particularly proud of our students' record of charitable and wider fund-raising for local, national and international groups.

### Student Champion

We have recently established a new post of Student Champion to support the development of the active involvement in the College by students of all ages.



“Waingels shows a strong commitment to providing all students with equality of access to the full range of the curriculum and other opportunities”



# The Sixth Form & Beyond



A high proportion of our students choose to remain with us at the end of compulsory schooling and progress into Years 12 and 13 to pursue advanced studies in a wide range of academic and vocational courses.

With over 300 students, our Sixth Form is one of the largest in the district and enables us to offer a very full range of courses and a high quality of other facilities and provision.

#### **A-levels and vocational courses**

Students can currently choose from more than 25 courses leading to Advanced Level including the full, traditional subject curriculum as well as non-traditional subjects like Psychology, Media Studies and Business Education.

#### **An international dimension**

Waingels is one of the very few state schools in the UK offering the International Baccalaureate course in our Sixth Form. This world-renowned programme provides the most able with an alternative to A-levels that both demonstrates their intellect and commitment and has wide currency with higher education colleges and universities across the globe as well as within this country.

#### **Other benefits**

Our aim of encouraging student responsibility within a framework of care and support continues in our approach to Sixth Form education.

Small classes led by experienced, specialist staff and access to first-rate private study facilities are combined with close monitoring of progress by personal tutors to ensure individual achievements are of the highest standards.

Careful careers guidance and support for higher education applications mean that the majority of our Sixth Form students go on to university where their degree success provides the passport to fulfilling careers.



“The quality of teaching in the Sixth Form is very good”

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