



CROWNWOODS COLLEGE

11–19 Humanities College



Our Community, Your Success

www.crownwoods.org.uk

Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you to Crown Woods College, a Specialist Humanities College. The College is an innovative and radical response to the needs of the 21st century. It is a £50million state of the art school and community learning facility that will ensure every student will realise their full potential.

The College is built on the principals of “human scale education”; a 9 form entry College divided into three 11-16 Schools and a Post 16 School each accommodating 450 students. On entry your child will be in one of three small schools and will benefit from both the positive relationships flowing from a small school and access to a broad balanced and highly personalised curriculum.

The quality of our service was recognised by Ofsted in December 2009 when they judged that the School was ‘good’ overall and ‘outstanding’ in the Care, Guidance and Support that we provide. However we have the potential to do even better and we shall continue to strive for excellence in all our work in an environment that is nurturing and caring where every individual is known, can contribute and feels an integral part of our community.

Yours sincerely

M J Murphy
Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you some of the experiences Crown Woods College has to offer young people and their parents and carers as they consider the next steps in their education.

My association with the school goes back as far as 1969 when I started as a Year 7 pupil. My children were also educated here and therefore I am able to relate to the enormous importance of the decision you are contemplating for your child.

Crown Woods College provides an exciting opportunity for your children and indeed yourselves to take advantage of the unique combination of a small school setting with a broad curriculum meeting the individual needs of each pupil. Our small schools will allow us to be more dynamic and responsive to individual needs. The professional and dedicated approach by all the staff at the school and the high standards of leadership within the school underpin everything that goes on each day. The care, guidance and support that we provide for all our students is second to none and we are confident that the significant improvement in exam results will continue.

Crown Woods College is an inclusive and transformational place to be and I hope that you will decide to join us on what is and will be a very exciting journey for everyone.

I hope you enjoy reading our prospectus and if you have not already visited the College that you will arrange to do so.

Yours sincerely


T Taylor
Chair of Governors



*“One of the most improved schools for
5+ A*–C grades between 2006–2009.”*

SPECIALIST SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES TRUST

Our Community,

A photograph of several students in a chemistry laboratory. They are wearing dark blue school uniforms with red ties and clear safety goggles. They are focused on their work at lab benches, with microscopes and other equipment visible. The background is slightly blurred, showing more students and lab equipment.

*"The school is determined
that all students should be
enabled to fulfil their dream by
'exceeding their expectations'."*

OFSTED 2009

Your Success

Humanities Specialist College



In June 2005 Crown Woods college became a Specialist Humanities College. Our additional funding in this area has been used to raise achievement in a number of ways.

These include:

- University graduates supporting our students in English and History.
- Cross Curricular projects with an international theme.
- Weekly Saturday schools for Year 11 students.
- The creation of a multi media technologies suite.
- Links and partnership projects with schools in Romania, Kenya and China.
- A full programme of community learning.



Small Schooling

The new college is made up of 3 distinct small schools for 11 – 16 called: Ashdown, Delamere & Sherwood. The Post 16 school is called Arden. The schools are serviced by bespoke centres for sport, inclusions, arts and technologies.

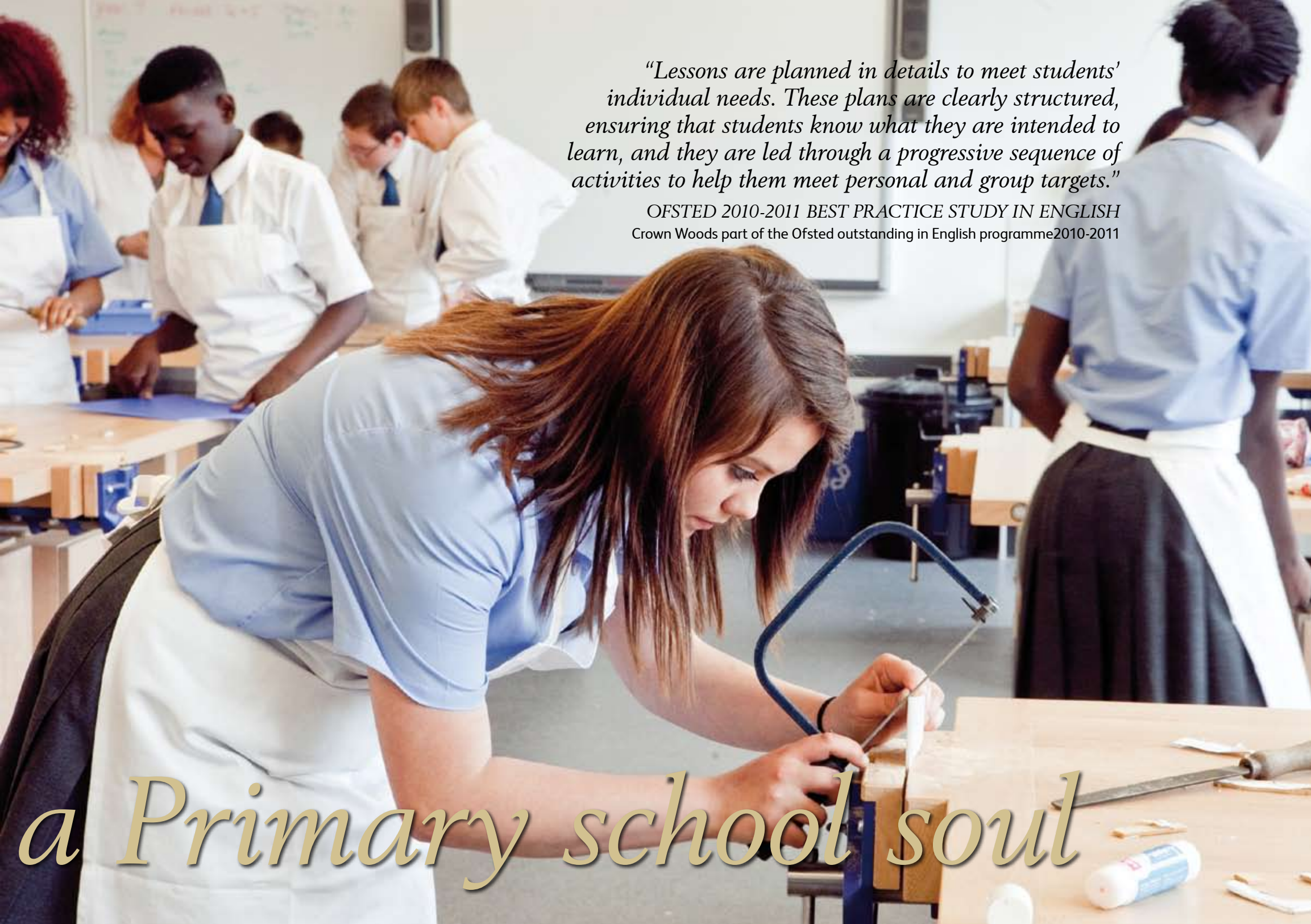
Students are placed in one of three small schools based on aptitude, skills and experiences. The small school model supports every student with a highly personalised curriculum within a strong pastoral structure. Academically gifted students will be stretched through an accelerated curriculum within the small school. Every student has challenging targets set for their academic achievement. The College groups in all subjects by ability.

Schools within schools

All students across the three schools will follow the National Curriculum at KS3 and a range of academic and/or vocational qualifications at KS4. Further details of our current curriculum can be found at the back of this prospectus.

Each student has a tutor who has responsibility for their academic and personal needs. Each school is supported by a School support officer. Our innovative and creative 'well being' programme delivered by tutors daily aims to cover health, well being, personal, learning and thinking skills as well as ethos and student leadership.

A Secondary school with



“Lessons are planned in details to meet students’ individual needs. These plans are clearly structured, ensuring that students know what they are intended to learn, and they are led through a progressive sequence of activities to help them meet personal and group targets.”

OFSTED 2010-2011 BEST PRACTICE STUDY IN ENGLISH
Crown Woods part of the Ofsted outstanding in English programme 2010-2011

a Primary school soul

Maximising success for all through small schools



Ashdown

The College has excellent facilities, which include four home schools Ashdown, Delamere and Sherwood for 11-16 and Arden for 16-19.

The College also has a state of the art sports centre, a craft, design and arts school with specialist facilities for design and construction, a well resourced inclusions hub, 18 ICT suites plus portable laptops, a new learning resource centre, a large restaurant and landscaped gardens with nature reserve. In each school there is a lecture theatre and small spaces for individual tuition outside each classroom.



Sherwood



Delamere



Arden

Meeting needs through

*"Students are motivated to learn
because of the good relationships
with staff and each other"*

OFSTED 2009



choice and diversity

Enriching the Curriculum

Careers Education

All Year 10 pupils take part in the Work Experience Programme as part of the Year 10 curriculum. The school has developed a wide network of links with business and industry locally and throughout London.

Educational Visits and Activities

Crown Woods runs an additional enrichment programme of over 100 classes each week, both in small schools and cross college.

Many of these are designed to support and extend students in their curriculum subjects. There are also specialist interest classes.

Students are expected to attend one enrichment class each week. Full details are available each term.

The college provides a range of trips. These include curriculum trips to museums, galleries, exhibitions, field trips and workshops, as well as enriching trips, such as Post 16 trip to New York, vocational trip to Cyprus, outdoor education weekends, annual skiing trip, and a Humanities trip to Rome.

Homework

It is clear that homework raises achievement.

Homework is set to extend the skills and knowledge of students, developing independent learning, preparation for tests and exams and to foster enthusiasm for learning.

The Library

Our well resourced library is open daily from 8.10am. It accommodates whole classes with their teachers, as well as small groups and individuals.

Transition

Transition from primary school is very important and we aim to make this as smooth as possible. We have developed strong links with our feeder primary schools such as our Junior Sports Leaders and our infamous dance production, joint science projects for gifted and talented and our annual travelling school production.



Enriching childrens



lives

"The school is rightly proud of its outstanding care, guidance and support"

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Creativity – The Performing Arts



Crown Woods College is a designated Creative Partnerships Enquiry school. We work closely with practitioners in the Arts, Media and Music to support the curriculum. Our projects have included animation, workshops, performance, mural painting and web page design. To view our pupils' amazing web page design skills please visit the site on www.represent.org.uk/crownwoods/ or go onto the Crown Woods College website and follow the link.



Drama

Drama has been judged 'outstanding' by recent inspections. The College is totally committed to the teaching of Drama and has excellent teachers who teach at GCSE and A level as well as KS3. The team put on a number of performances throughout the year where students from all three schools perform GCSE, BTEC and A level work as well as a huge annual production involving over 80 students. This year the production was 'Grease'. The College is well resourced with two brand new Drama studios.



Music

The excellence of Music at Crown Woods College is well known. The team develop the aesthetic awareness of students both in lessons and through a comprehensive extra-curricular project. We have fifteen instrumental lessons who provide weekly tuition to those who play an instrument. Students learn music first hand through composing, performing and listening. Students across all three schools can select Music GCSE and in Arden students can study Music Technology.

There are many opportunities for performance including to governors, to the public and to staff and students. We have a school band, orchestra and choir.

The facilities for the teaching of Music within Crown Woods College are second to none, occupying a whole floor of our 'Symphony' centre with digital Music Technology rooms kitted out with computers through to practice rooms and performance spaces.



Promoting



"All members of staff do their best to make the school a better place for everyone"
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Creativity

William Morris School

The William Morris School is a new building for the teaching of Art, Design Technology and Construction. It is a service provider to our four 'home' schools and has accommodation in the Design workshops for the teaching of Food Technology, Graphic Products, Product Design and Construction. Our specialist subjects are popular and successful across the College at KS3, GCSE and A Level and some of our students continue in a design based subject at degree level.

Sculpture, pottery, photography, ICT, painting, mixed media and collage are skills taught in our specialist Art and Design studios. A varied display of students' artwork is exhibited throughout the year and is an exciting feature of our school environment. GCSE Art results were 81% A*-C in 2010. The specialist art rooms provide a stimulating atmosphere in which students can explore ideas and develop their talents. Learning is enhanced through visits to exhibitions and galleries.



Learning for the Sport – The 2012 Centre



Fit for Life

We are privileged to have world class sporting facilities for all Crown Woods College pupils. The 2012 Centre is a new, 21st Century, Olympic standard sports centre with a fully equipped Sports Hall and Dance Studio. The Sports Hall has seating for 450 for spectators of tournaments and exhibition matches. Professional basketball exhibition matches are planned for the Autumn term, when we will welcome not only families of Crown Woods College pupils, but pupils and families from across the borough. The 2012 Centre will be the hub for basketball in Greenwich.

From January 2012 we will have a floodlit astro-turf area as well as a multi-use games area. In addition we will have large sports fields for a whole range of sports: Rugby, Football, Athletics, Netball, Tennis, Hockey and Cricket. We offer a comprehensive programme of enrichment using our network of coaches and specialists. We are proud of our track record in promoting health through sport as well as our achievements in local and national competitive sporting fixtures.



21st Century

*"Teaching and Learning are good
throughout the school"*

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*"Students achieve well in their learning
because the school has very high
expectations of them, and also of staff"*

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Support for All – The Symphony Centre

As part of the college commitment to the Every Child Matters agenda, we strive to support the high standards in the five areas:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying & achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Social & economic well being

Visual Impairment Specialist Resource

The Visual Impairment Specialist Resource enables visually impaired students to access the curriculum alongside their sighted peers.

Specialist staff (Learning Support Assistants and teachers) produce adapted materials and provide in-class support for the visually impaired students, according to their individual needs.

The Resource base is sited in the Symphony Centre where we have rooms for preparation of materials and teaching.

The Designated Special Provision

The Designated Special Provision is for students with moderate learning difficulties and visual impairment. These aim for maximum integration into mainstream classes. The progress made by students during recent years has been especially pleasing. The new college is fully accessible to all students.



Supporting all to



Learning Support & Inclusion

Students across all schools are supported by a team of staff including support for students with learning difficulties, behaviour issues or English as an additional language. The team comprises of counsellors and learning mentors.

A reading withdrawal programme is delivered by our specialist Learning support teachers with students from each small school.

"The high quality of care and inclusive approach in lessons means that all pupils are supported well in English...inclusion in English is outstanding"

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achieve success



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Healthy Schools
GREENWICH



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND



Creative Partnerships



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Specialist Schools
and Academies Trust
EXCELLENCE AND DIVERSITY

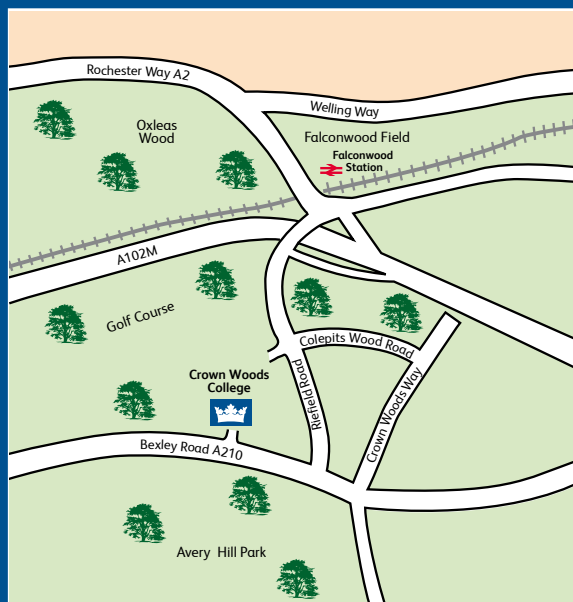


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Admissions Procedures and Policy

There are 270 places available in each year group. Entry is controlled by the London Borough of Greenwich. If your child attends a Greenwich school their headteacher will have explained the procedure and documentation to you. Parents wishing to obtain a place in Crown Woods School from outside the borough should contact the London Borough of Greenwich Education

Admission Section (Tel: 020 8854 8888 ext 8043 and ask for Admissions).