



MILLAIS





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In pursuit of excellence

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Millais and I hope this prospectus goes some way towards answering your questions and informing your choice.

As one of the leading schools in the country, Millais has an enviable reputation for academic success which was recognised by Ofsted in 2010 when we were designated as being an 'Outstanding' school.

This was further enhanced by our designation as a National Teaching School in July 2011 when we were handed the challenge of leading an alliance of schools.

To receive such accolades for the exceptional quality of education we provide reinforces the message we constantly give to our pupils – namely to set their sights high.

We are confident that our aspirations for your daughter will challenge and inspire her. We hope that she will leave us as a happy, enthusiastic individual who has achieved her academic potential, with the confidence, skills and values she needs to succeed in an ever changing world.

The governors, staff, pupils, parents and I are very proud of this school and its achievements. We make exceptional claims but if you take the opportunity to come and see for yourselves, then I think you will share our enthusiasm. I look forward to meeting you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leon Nettley". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'L' and a distinctive flourish at the end.

Leon Nettley
Headteacher

National Teaching School
designated by



National College for
Teaching & Leadership



An outstanding school

In March 2010 Millais School was recognised by Ofsted as being 'outstanding'.

Students pointed to the skill and commitment of teachers as the key to their success.

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Introduction

Millais is a 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. A brand new block will house the mathematics, modern foreign languages and design technology curriculum areas. This will remove all temporary buildings from the site and a new entrance area on Depot Road will complete the refurbished frontage to the school.

Integral to all the new build and carefully planned in existing areas of the school, we will have the latest technology in our classrooms, providing Wi-Fi and wired connectivity throughout, giving us an excellent ICT network. This will provide the pupils and staff with access to the internet, video conferencing facilities, interactive whiteboards, a school virtual learning environment (VLE) and personal e-mail accounts.

The school has a well-established tradition of caring, high standards and academic excellence.



Creativity

Very high attainment and outstanding achievement are matched by students' development as thoughtful, confident and enterprising future citizens.

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Aims

Millais School aims to create a stimulating, happy and inclusive environment of trust and support in which all girls 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 girls for life in Further 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. We share many common values such as respect, integrity, trust, aspiration and confidence and ensure that we have a shared ownership of these important principles.

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.





Cheerful confidence and a shared sense of purpose underpin the success of this outstanding school.

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The Curriculum

On arrival all pupils 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 girls to reach a level in every subject which is commensurate with their ability by providing a relevant and differentiated curriculum. To ensure that pupils 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 pupils of all abilities and in enabling them to succeed.



The curriculum has the breadth and flexibility to meet the needs of all students extremely effectively.

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Happiness



...the quality and scope of care, guidance and support are outstanding.

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Languages

Our established reputation for high quality language teaching has enabled us to extend the range of facilities and subjects we offer. French, German, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin Chinese and Japanese are well established. All pupils follow a minimum of two languages until Year 9 and a high proportion pursue both through to GCSE level.

Pupils are encouraged to realise the importance of language skills in furthering their career prospects in an increasingly competitive international.

Our extensive global links ensure that a wider international perspective permeates all aspects of the curriculum and the life of the school. We have achieved the full International School Award which recognises curriculum based international work.

Aspiration

Students are, rightly, confident that the guidance they are given on how to prepare for further education, training or employment is well informed and effectively tailored to their individual needs.

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Respect

Enrichment

Extracurricular provision is a strength at Millais; there are 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. Annual exchanges are run to our partner schools in China, Germany and Spain and we are also able to offer other residential trips which take place either during the school holidays or in Activities Week. Many girls enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme which is very popular. Exciting activities take place within school during Enrichment Days which are organised throughout the year and Activities Week provides a different educational experience for the girls at the end of the academic year.

Care

The school provides a safe, nurturing environment within which pupils 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. Pupils 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 moral values which equip them for the challenges of everyday life.

Support

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

All teachers are available for one hour on one afternoon a week to provide support to any pupils who need additional assistance or who wish to raise issues connected with their school work.

Outstanding care and guidance ensure that students follow courses that meet their individual abilities and aspirations and that they are strongly supported through the process. Ofsted 2010

... the skills they develop through work-related learning and 'enrichment' activities, equip students extremely well for life after school.

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Make a positive contribution

All pupils are engaged in activities to promote decision-making and support the community and environment not only through their formal lessons but also in the hidden 'informal' life of school. The school rules promote excellent behaviour and positive relationships are evident at all levels of school life. Pupils are taught and encouraged to develop self-confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges.

Enterprise

Pupils are taught enterprise throughout the curriculum and skills in this area are further developed through Enrichment Days. The school has developed strong, valued links with local businesses, which we believe are mutually beneficial. Local businesses actively encourage girls in Year 10 to take part in the Young Enterprise programme and in addition there is the opportunity for selected pupils to do Work Experience; this takes place in the summer term.

Healthy Lifestyles

At Millais we promote healthy lifestyles and are proud to have achieved the Healthy Schools Award. We promote and teach about healthy choices in all aspects of our pupils' lives. Fresh, healthy and nutritious meals are prepared on site and the school has worked hard to incorporate the new food standards for schools as part of our way of encouraging all our pupils to lead healthier lifestyles.

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

Community

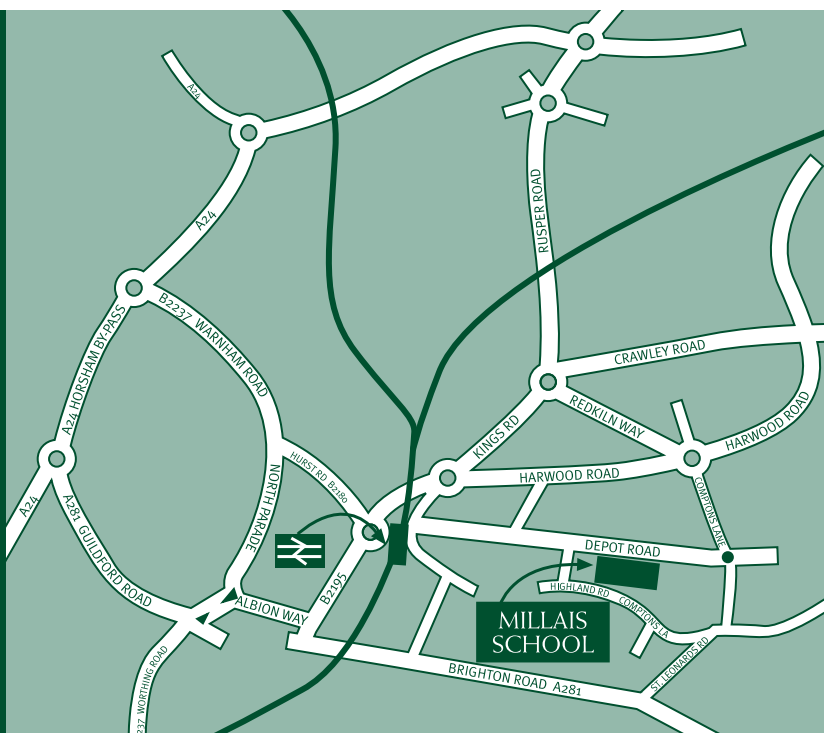
Through our Teaching School status we work closely with our Strategic Partners and an alliance of over 30 schools. The focus of the Teaching School work is to develop the skills of teachers at all levels from Initial Teacher Training though to leadership training. Our teaching School work continues to grow and it attracts high caliber staff at all levels.

The school has a thriving parents' association, the Millais PTA, which was set up to support the education of pupils. To this end it helps the work of the school in numerous ways in addition to fundraising.



Students' success as learners is complemented by their steady development of the attitudes and skills that will serve them well beyond school.

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