Denstone College



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Achievement, confidence and happiness are central to the College philosophy, with pupils always encouraged to aim high and reach their full potential.

We offer a rounded education, where proper emphasis is placed on academic achievement, but where a wide range of other opportunities ensures that every individual finds and develops his or her own talents. Denstonians emerge with a degree of self-esteem and confidence that is only possible after years of opportunity and challenge, both academic and extracurricular. The College site of over 100 acres is located in magnificent countryside, yet is well served by road, rail and air. We welcome parents and their children to visit us and experience a taste of the Denstone education.

Three-school structure

At the heart of our approach to educating young people is the 'three-school structure'. Unusual in traditional independent schools, this is a structure that allows our three different age groups to live, work and socialise in their own unique areas. It is based on the fact that 18-year-olds and the under-13s have very different needs. The traditional house system runs happily alongside this structure, and all its best features remain. House loyalty and spirit are as strong as ever in competitions, sport, music and drama.

Facilities

In recent years the College has benefited from a £10m development programme, with a new Music School and additional classrooms opened in September 2010. Further extensive classroom facilities and the Adamson's sports complex were completed and opened in June 2012. Then in September 2013 the doors opened to a beautiful library which is at the heart of teaching





and learning at Denstone. The day and boarding accommodation undergoes regular improvement and redecoration, and impressive language and IT teaching facilities have been developed, along with general classroom refurbishments to a high standard. A large sports hall allows for a wide range of minority and unusual sports. Other recent improvements and additions include a theatre, £750,000 of works to the kitchens and servery, a sixth-form centre and a second AstroTurf.

Academic focus

Pupils are given every support and opportunity to realise their full academic potential, with progress being monitored closely through a highly developed system of tutors, reports and grade sheets. We provide a purposeful environment with skilled teachers, where high standards are expected and pupil/teacher ratios are very favourable.

Opportunities

A Denstone education gives students more choices and greater opportunities to expand their horizons. Frequent trips are a feature of our calendar, and a programme of more than 40 activities and an excellent record in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme also help to ensure that Denstonians are always busy. Our sporting history is outstanding, with College teams county champions and national finalists many times over. We have a modern sports hall, swimming pool, two all-weather AstroTurfs, fives courts and an English Golf Union (EGU)-affiliated golf course.

Being a Denstonian gives you more chances in life... there's no limit to what you can do. Sixth-former

Key facts Type of school Co-e

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Number of pupils 601

Number of boarders 159

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:11

Religious tradition Christian

Fees per term Boarding £5,694–£8,923;
Day £3,931–£4,751

ISC association HMC

Affiliations BSA, Woodard





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