

VALLEY PARK SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in joining our school. Valley Park is an outstanding Kent high school. In April 2013 Ofsted commented that our work was 'exemplary'. The school was rated outstanding in all areas. It is the school of choice in the Maidstone area and is the most over-subscribed school in Kent. Student attitudes, behaviour and academic standards are outstanding. I hope you will read the report and decide to proceed with your application.

Valley Park School is an 11-18 mixed high school. There are currently over 1600 students on roll and our expectations are high.

Students

Student behaviour and attitudes to learning are Outstanding (Ofsted April 2013). The is consistently and increasingly over-subscribed.

Staff

We are completely committed to the professional development of all our staff and new colleagues follow a comprehensive induction programme.

Curriculum

We operate a two year KS3 followed by a three year KS4. The English Baccalaureate is available to all students whilst maintaining a flexible and diverse range of option choices.

Our current Sixth Form take three A level subjects or vocational courses. The Sixth Form has grown rapidly and has approximately 300 students. Students can study courses at either Valley Park or Invicta Grammar School across a curriculum common to both schools.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our colleagues are dedicated and offer a wide range of extra activities. These include the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and a wide selection of trips and visits including abroad. Colleagues have the opportunity to take part in visits if they wish.

The sports teams compete against other schools locally and do consistently well in inter-school competitions. The school has a widespread reputation for excellence in the Performing Arts with two productions a year – one in the summer and one in February. Both productions play to sell out houses.

During the school lunch break clubs and societies are organised by both students and staff to enable students from all years to take part in a wide range of activities. Some of these are subject based but many are purely for interest and enjoyment. We encourage students to take part in both day and residential visits and believe these are essential to broaden students' perspectives, not only for curriculum development, but also for their own cultural and personal development.

We are seeking outstanding colleagues to work in an outstanding school and look forward to receiving your application.