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**The support  
my child has  
received since  
starting is  
fantastic.**

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Parent Survey 2018

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**2018**  
**PROSPECTUS**

# Welcome To Northfleet School For Girls

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Northfleet School for Girls is a vibrant and caring school in which all students can 'Dream big and achieve'. Every student is talented and capable of excelling; our role is to foster those abilities so that everyone achieves excellent qualifications alongside the learning skills to succeed in their chosen career.



Our vision centres on high expectations for all students, this is demonstrated through challenging yet supportive learning, proactive behaviour, professional appearance and positive relationships. In 2017 we became an International Baccalaureate World School, this recognises our intention to deliver aspirational qualifications as well as developing well rounded, internationally minded and confident learners of the future.

At NSFG students will experience a community which is dedicated to working together for the benefit of all its members. Key to our success is the knowledge that when staff, students and parents work effectively as one team, the best possible results will be achieved for all.

Finally, we believe that students can enjoy their journey through school. We place a strong emphasis on creating opportunities for students to lead, take part in trips/clubs; ensuring all members value being a part of an aspirational and respectful community.

Thank you for taking time to read our prospectus; we hope you find the information you require. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Chris Norwood**  
**Headteacher**



## A Culture Of Achievement

Our high expectations agenda is firmly focused on students achieving excellent results. Over the last 3 years we have consistently performed above Kent similar school predictions and results show a year on year trend of further improvements across all Key Stages.

Our good and continually improving results are attributed to ensuring the following;

- Solid foundations through excellent attendance and proactive, respectful behaviour
- Consistent high quality learning in the classroom where students are given an appropriate blend of challenge and support
- Individualised support in class and beyond, so that all students are supported to learn in the way that works best for them
- Developing wider learning skills in areas such as literacy, numeracy, problem solving, teamwork and resilience



Standards continue to improve in all subjects

Ofsted 2017



96% of  
parents would  
recommend  
NSFG

(>300 responses)  
Parent surveys 2018

## Our Challenge Agenda

A central focus of our teaching philosophy is challenging learning, in practice this means lessons where students are expected to undertake tasks that take them beyond their comfort zone. Teachers carefully scaffold lessons with a variety of tasks so that students are challenged based on their individual need.

We make substantial use of e-learning, in particular our on-line learning platform to ensure students have access to a wide range of tailored support and development materials at home or in school.

All students are given aspirational targets and progress is tracked carefully in all years to ensure no time is wasted. We operate a fast track route for the ablest students from the start of year 7, however students who make particularly good progress can join this stream later in their school career.



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Pupils were clearly enjoying the levels of challenge on offer and showed respect towards their teachers and each other.

Ofsted 2017

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We recognise that each young person is an individual and might at times experience barriers to learning thus needing more tailored support through our learning domain. All students with Special Needs are given a key worker within the school and progress is tracked carefully through individual support plans.

Our challenge agenda is not solely concerned with achieving excellent grades, it also aims to prepare our students for success in their chosen careers. We know that students who have learnt to be resilient, solve problems and develop independence will be successful beyond school, as well as achieve higher results in examinations.

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I think the teachers are very supportive and push you to achieve good grades

Student Survey 2018

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The school has  
a good balance  
of support  
and high  
expectations

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Student Survey 2018

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## A Happy And Respectful Community

We place a strong emphasis on pastoral support for our students as we work to ensure school is a positive experience with happy, relaxed and engaged learners.

Every student is assigned to a College approximately the size of a small primary school, meaning an easier transition into the larger Secondary school environment. Within morning College time students meet with their Base Leader, this teacher will form a positive working relationship and check that all are ready for learning. In addition to this each College has an Engagement Support Leader (ESL). The ESL does not have a teaching timetable and works closely with any student who may have personal issues, this might include attendance, social concerns or managing day to day life in school. The ESL is always the first point of contact for parents, they will get to know families as well as the student, ensuring positive working relationships between school and home.



I think the school makes everyone feel safe and helps everyone achieve their goals in life

Student Survey 2018

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School is a place where students develop socially as well as academically. We work hard on developing positive relationships in all students, where character traits such as building others up and respecting the best in all are paramount.

We are a school who values working closely with the students to keep improving. There have been many changes as a result of student feedback including streamlined behaviour systems, improved rewards and a greater range of enrichment opportunities.





**“ It is clear that  
leaders, governors  
and staff at  
every level have  
established a culture  
in which everyone  
in the community is  
valued and treated  
with respect**

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Ofsted 2017

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## Developing All Talents

We firmly believe that all students are capable of being amazing in a wide variety of areas, not just in the classroom.

To develop wider talents there is a comprehensive enrichment programme across all years which includes clubs such as Music, Performing Arts, Computing, Cookery, Farm, Sports and many other areas. Students are involved in competitions in areas such as Performing Arts, Sports, Maths challenge days and Engineering. We offer the Duke of Edinburgh programme to students in years 9 upwards. Further details of all activities are available on our website and Facebook page.

In addition to the above we run a structured trip programme aimed at developing learning outside the classroom and well-rounded learners who have an excellent understanding of the wider world. Over recent years we have undertaken a range of local trips as well as wider afield, including Switzerland, Italy, Germany and Poland.

To support all young people to become successful in their qualifications and talents we make use of base leader mentoring. Students meet regularly with their base leader to discuss how they can improve on academic grades as well as develop talents in school and outside.



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Every year my daughter continues to improve academically and personally

Parent Survey 2018

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64% Level 4+ in English & Maths in 2018





“ They benefit from taking part in after-school clubs and activities which help to build their self-confidence and future ambitions

Ofsted 2017



## Success Beyond School

An effective school does not just ensure excellent exam results, it prepares students for success far beyond school life.

This journey at NSFG starts with a clear focus on developing the highest literacy skills for all students, these skills are essential to success in qualifications and future life chances. There are clear programmes to ensure all students have effective reading skills and develop a love for the written word.

In 2017 NSFG became an International Baccalaureate World School. This status recognises our intentions to create a world class education, developing all students to become well rounded learners ready for careers in a global society.



**67% of grades  
at L4+ (C+)  
in 2018**



Through our World School status, we develop traits needed by an international minded individual. These traits (called the Learner Profile) include; inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. In essence, the Profile defines the kind of student we work to nurture and strongly believe will prove successful in their future career.

In addition to the above, our school has been working closely with the Women's Business Council to develop Female leaders of the future. In 2018 over 70% of students were able to lead in the school with many undertaking specific leadership training courses. All of this aims to ensure that our students enter their careers as experienced and equipped leaders who are ready to shape the workplace of the future.



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The lessons are very challenging so I feel I am making more progress

Student Survey 2018

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The school has improved my daughter's confidence hugely

Parent Survey 2018

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Girls wishing to transfer from Year 6 to Northfleet School for Girls should fill in the 'Kent Secondary Common Application Form' (SCAF) which is online or in the back of the Information Booklet issued by KCC. There is no separate school specific application form.

For admission into other Year groups, parents should apply through KCC or write to the Headteacher, giving brief details about their daughter. If a place is available they will be asked to come to the school for a discussion.

Our criteria for admission and over subscription can be found on our school website.

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### **Visiting Our School**

We would welcome parents visiting our school prior to making a final choice of secondary education. Please check our website for details of the open evenings and open day tours.

All open day tours should be pre-booked through the school using the contact details shown on this page.

 [www.nsf.org.uk](http://www.nsf.org.uk)  
 [facebook.com/NorthfleetGirls](https://facebook.com/NorthfleetGirls)  
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