



OATHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oathall is a mixed 1000 student comprehensive community college located in the heart of Mid-Sussex. We are situated on the boundaries of the town of Haywards Heath and the village of Lindfield.

Students, parents, staff and governors have agreed a statement of purpose and a set of shared values for the college:

“Oathall is committed to promoting respect, aspiration, achievement and enjoyment in a supportive environment.”

Our Values:

Self-respect

Respect for others

Aspiring to excellence

Personal challenge and achievement

Enjoyment of learning

Being safe and healthy

Contributing to our community

The Learning Environment

The college has a full spectrum of specialist accommodation, including an art and design building incorporating a multi-use art studio; a music centre and dance studio; large assembly hall; dining room and kitchen; Virtual Learning Centre; a drama studio and a 5-acre farm.

We have excellent sports facilities with the recent completion of a magnificent 3G Artificial Turf Pitch which incorporates a full size football and hockey pitch enhanced by state of the art floodlighting. All this is complemented by a large sports hall; extensive multi-use outdoor areas including grass pitches and a running track.

In addition we have a set of well-equipped classrooms including recently refurbished English classrooms, which include the latest touchscreen technologies. The college has extensive ICT facilities including interactive whiteboards, 3D projection, video conferencing facilities

and wireless networking. Mac's, PC's, laptops and other portable devices are available in many of the different departments for students use in accessing the curriculum.

We have a rolling programme of building development and refurbishment to reach all parts of the school over the coming years. Our Virtual Learning Classroom incorporates numerous "green" building techniques and state-of-the-art IT facilities. This was the first building of its kind in West Sussex and provides a unique learning experience for our students. Our dance studio opened last year which provides excellent facilities for the students.

We are nationally and locally renowned for our outstanding school farm. We are delighted to have such a valuable and unusual educational facility which features regularly in the national press, radio and television. Our extensive fields, animal enclosures, barn and farming equipment enable us to keep a wide variety of livestock: pigs, cattle, sheep and poultry. The farm enhances student learning in unique and creative ways and the contribution this makes to the curriculum and to students' personal development is nationally recognised as outstanding. The farm also provides an exceptional range of extra-curricular activities including competitive showing of animals and opportunities for working in the community.

The Science Faculty

The Science Faculty is made up of 5 full-time and 4 part-time specialist teachers, a teaching assistant and 3 technicians. All of the teachers have a lab within the science area, thus allowing for a supportive, collaborative working environment. All classrooms have an interactive whiteboard. The faculty has access to laptops and an ICT suite, and is well resourced. Staff work closely together in the main prep room and there is also a Head of Faculty office.

In Key Stage 3 (Years 7-9) students have 6 hours per fortnight of timetabled Science lessons and this extends to 10 hours in Key Stage 4. We currently follow the OCR Science for the 21st Century specification at KS4. Students are set on KS2 Maths ability from Year 7.

The Science staff form a friendly, cohesive team, who will offer their full support to the successful candidate in moving the department forward.

Measure	2012	2013	2014
5 A*-C inc E/M	60%	65%	66%
GCSE Science (core) A*-C	73%	59%	61%
GCSE Science (additional) A*-C	75%	64%	60%
Biology A*A	57%	46%	58%
Biology A*-C	100%	100%	100%
Chemistry A*A	50%	56%	38%
Chemistry A*-C	100%	98%	100%
Physics A*A	40%	53%	59%
Physics A*-C	100%	98%	100