

Ifield Sixth Form Vision Statement

The Ifield Sixth Form recognises that every individual is unique, aims to value, support and challenge its students so that they can achieve success.

It develops students academically, personally, socially and emotionally. It provides three flexible pathways offering a range of accreditation and adapted to meet each student's needs while increasing their independence at a suitable pace:

- a pathway to employment or another Further Education facility by the end of the sixth form;
- a pathway to further development, post-19, of employability and life skills;
- a sensory pathway post-19 to prepare for life within the wider community with appropriate support.

The curriculum is enriched by access to the Forest School, which promotes problem-solving and develops teamwork and independence. Students have access to facilities within and beyond the North Kent College for Physical Education and Art, and to facilities at Ifield School for the Performing Arts.

Each student is assigned a personal tutor and can access a range of services to remove barriers to learning and support progress. Students benefit from access to a Speech and Language therapist and a Learning Mentor. The Sixth Form has high-quality provision for Careers Education Support and Guidance, and offers work experience to its students.

The team of staff is led by a Head of Sixth Form, who is line-managed by the Head of School and works closely with the other senior Ifield School leaders and North Kent College staff. The Sixth Form team benefits from the opportunities for professional development offered by Ifield School, the Thames Teaching Alliance and Kent Learning Alliance of Special Schools.

The Ifield Sixth Form is based within the buildings of the North Kent College in The LINK Centre, which it shares with Gateway, supported learning provision for 19 – 25 year-olds. It provides a safe and stimulating environment for learning.

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