I am very pleased that you are interested in joining Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre. This is a happy school where pupils are made to feel really welcome. We offer an exciting and varied curriculum and we challenge and support our students in their studies so that they can achieve their very best in everything they do. The range of activities available to pupils is very diverse so everyone can find ways of developing new skills and having fun at the same time.

We are a wide-ability school, which means we cater for all students, whatever their previous achievements may have been. We select students by ability for our selective stream and these students follow a challenging curriculum equivalent to that at a grammar school. Other students follow pathways which will be appropriately challenging for them, including the innovative I College and everyone can achieve great qualifications which will set them up for their future.

Homewood School and Sixth Form Centre is based on “Learning, Respect and Belonging.” We treat everyone as an individual and value personal strengths and qualities. Community links are important to us and we work closely with local primary schools and the wider community. We are part of the Tenterden Schools Trust.

There is always plenty going on at Homewood – come and visit us to find out more about the exciting opportunities which await you here. I look forward to meeting you.

S J Lees
PRINCIPAL
Homewood has a strong track record of academic success at GCSE and Sixth Form. The outcomes for all students and all groups are on an upward trend, recently achieving above national averages for every point of entry showing that we add value to every child’s potential regardless of prior attainment and ability. The Sixth Form celebrated a 100% pass rate in 2017 with 96% of students who applied for University securing a place. Whilst we are delighted with our exam successes we never lose sight of the fact that we are here to educate the whole child, and are proud to be a Whole Education Partner School, gaining their ‘School of the Year’ award.

The teaching team is a highly trained group of subject specialists with a national reputation for innovative practice. The school also prides itself on interventions and support that are provided to ensure that all students are able to succeed. Students are guided in their learning by an academic mentor, providing a personalised level of support.
Homewood provides a secure and caring learning environment in which all students can flourish and succeed. This starts well before the new Year 7 intake arrives with Year 6 students receiving a one to one interview, being visited at their Primary school and attending the Year 6 induction week. This rigorous foundation ensures that any concerns are quickly addressed so any barriers to learning can be removed.

Students in Year 7 and 8 are part of the Discovery College and will have a dedicated form tutor and a highly experienced and well qualified pastoral team to look after pupils’ welfare and to ensure their academic progress.

Consideration and respect for each other is central to our work and we are justly proud of our students’ achievements.
“STUDENTS ARE WELL BEHAVED AND COURTEOUS AROUND THE SCHOOL, AND ARE ATTENTIVE IN LESSONS. STUDENTS FEEL SECURE AND SAFE”

OFSTED REPORT
"THE SCHOOL HAS EXCELLENT LINKS WITH ITS COMMUNITY PARTNERS. COMMUNITY WAS DEMONSTRATED IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD"

QUALITY IN EXTENDED SCHOOLS ADJUDICATORS
CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY
Homewood has exceptional facilities for all its students, providing a platform for their learning in all subjects. These range from our Vocational Balcony Restaurant, where students learn how to cook and serve food for the paying public, to the fully working Farm. Alternatively they may choose to specialise in Sciences in one of are large fully equipped laboratories or take up one of the many aspects of Performing Arts working in the Sinden Theatre.

There are a tremendous array of additional opportunities for students to become involved with. There are over 50 school clubs available and in addition the school runs in excess of 100 educational visits each year to local and international destinations.

Homewood has developed active links with over two hundred partners to improve opportunities for students. The school is part of a unique Multi-Academy Trust involving local schools. The Tenterden Schools Trust enables our schools to work closely together to ensure the best possible education and achievement for all the young people in our community, from nursery school through to the Sixth Form.
During the most recent Ofsted inspection our curriculum was described as the jewel in the crown of the school. There is an exceptionally broad range of courses available at GCSE and in the Sixth Form. Individual guidance at transition points is provided to ensure most appropriate selection of courses for individuals, whether academic or vocational or a combination of both.

The exciting range of courses at all levels exists in the highly successful Sixth Form which attracts the vast majority of Homewood students to stay on and others to join us from other schools. In Sixth Form a thorough support programme guides students in their next steps beyond Homewood, whether these be Further Education, an apprenticeship, employment or Higher Education.
“THE CURRICULUM IS BROAD, FLEXIBLE AND MEETS THE INTEREST AND NEED OF STUDENTS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL”

OFSTED REPORT