

# How we care for our students



Everyone is different ... and can still be united.”  
Habiba and Sadikka – Year 9 students

At Eltham Hill we pride ourselves on the pastoral care we provide for our students. We work in partnership with young people and their families to remove barriers to learning and ensuring equality.

## Year 6 – 7

We have developed an effective transition programme for those students moving from primary to secondary education. Prior to joining the college every student is visited at their primary school by either the Year Leader or Learning Mentor. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and talk through any concerns and find it helpful to see a familiar face in September. Year 10 students are trained as peer mentors and provide invaluable peer support to the Year 7 students throughout their first year at the college.



## Years 7- 11

Every student will experience the excellent pastoral care that is provided by our Year Teams. Each year group has a Year Leader who oversees student progress and well being and leads a team of Form Tutors who provide day to day care and guidance. A Learning Mentor supports each year group in offering further opportunities for students to discuss their progress and to look at strategies and interventions to support their learning.

## Integration and Diversity

Eltham Hill is a diverse community that prides itself on ensuring every student matters. The Integration and Diversity Department offers support to students who have English as an additional language ensuring access to the curriculum. Students are also encouraged to study towards GCSE and AS examinations in their heritage language.

Students who join the college throughout the academic year take part in an induction programme run by our Integration and Diversity Department and this has proved successful in ensuring a smooth integration into the college community.



## Health Centre

The college has a health centre on site which provides health care, counselling and youth service support to students and families. An important role of the centre is ensuring families have swift and easy access to services provided outside of the college and it works in close partnership with health and social services.

## Learning Support

Our Learning Support Department works with students who are experiencing difficulties in accessing the curriculum due to identified learning difficulties, health problems or physical disabilities. The team offers a range of intervention strategies from in class support, one to one and small support group work, working with colleagues to differentiate classroom resources and seeking relevant expert advice and guidance from other professionals.

Our Gifted and Talented programme identifies, nurtures and challenges students in those areas of the curriculum they excel at. We encourage students to celebrate and share those gifts and talents within the college community in the way of showcasing work through displays, performances and accreditation.

