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THE ORIGINAL PRE-UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE



It is a **sixth form education** that looks beyond school to help ensure young people are ready for the challenges and opportunities of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. We want our students to get outstanding grades and **go on to top universities** but we want more than that. We want to help them develop the skills and attributes they will need in a world where many jobs will be automated and distinctly 'human' qualities - **creativity, collaboration, resilience** – will be prized above all else.

/ What is The Nexus Concept?



/ Why choose

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Hastings was founded in 1971 and we have a long track record of helping young people thrive, both personally and academically, in order to leave school ready to take on the world with confidence.

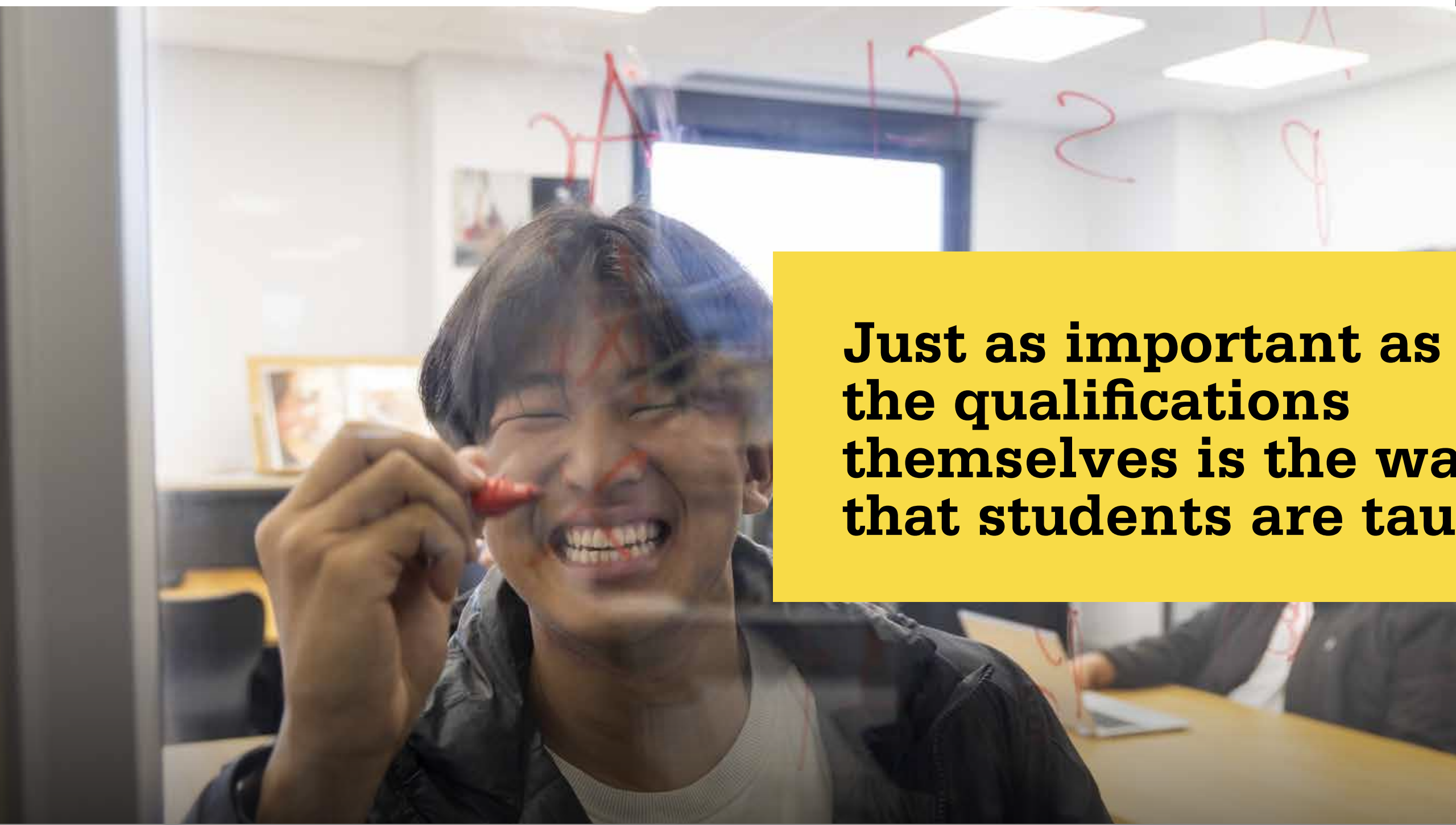
Find out what makes us unique:

- Academic
- Universities and Careers
- Personal focus and support
- Our Enrichment Programme
- National and International trips

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● Academic

We offer two routes for university entry qualifications: **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)** and **A levels** (supplemented where necessary with Spanish qualifications.) Both are internationally recognised and respected by leading universities around the world but they are very different. **By offering the two systems, students can choose which route suits them best.**



Just as important as the qualifications themselves is the way that students are taught

Working with **Professor Guy Claxton**, neuroscientist at King's College London, we are developing a philosophy of teaching and learning that helps students achieve excellence and develop skills such as problem solving, curiosity, creativity and independence. **Our students will be prepared with the tools they will need at university and beyond, not simply spoon-fed for exams.**

The IBDP

is a holistic curriculum

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certain subjects, such as Mathematics, are compulsory.

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$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \textcircled{1} & + & \textcircled{1} & + & \textcircled{1} & = & \textcircled{3} \\ \text{Theory of Knowledge} & & \text{Creativity, activity and service} & & \text{Extended Essay} & & \text{"Core" courses in total} \end{array}$$

Students receive a broad education under the IB programme which develops their character alongside their academic ability.



A levels

are narrower and more flexible

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A levels

Most students at Hastings also take Spanish as a fourth.

There is no requirement to take any particular subject. Maths is not compulsory.

Additional A levels, students may choose to take:

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The Extended Project Qualification
(similar to the "Extended Essay" element of the IB)

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IELTS
(International English Language Testing System)

2

PCEs
(Spanish curriculum subjects that can be needed for Spanish universities)*
*See page 6 for more detail.

PCEs and Spanish Public Universities ●●●

PCE stands for *Pruebas de Competencias Específicas* - Spanish subjects taught in Spanish. Currently students taking **A levels** will need to take two PCEs in order to be able to obtain the maximum 14 points for Spanish public university entry.

Currently, IB students do not need to take these additional courses as the IB Programme on its own allows students to be awarded up to the maximum points for Spanish university entry.





● Universities and Careers

We have a full-time Universities Counsellor and a *Director Técnico*, who provide outstanding support for university applications.

Every Wednesday at 7pm, universities from around the world connect live for our students to find out more and ask questions.

Students from Hastings leave to university in the UK, Spain, Netherlands, US, Ireland and many other countries. We want our students to be ambitious and, last year, students obtained places at Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL, Imperial, Trinity College, IE, Navarra, Autónoma, Politécnica, Amsterdam, Delft, Eindhoven and Leiden universities.

Students receive regular careers advice and can also connect to our alumni community for advice and support.

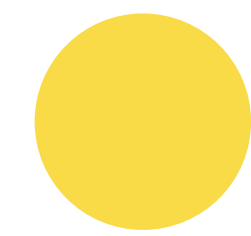




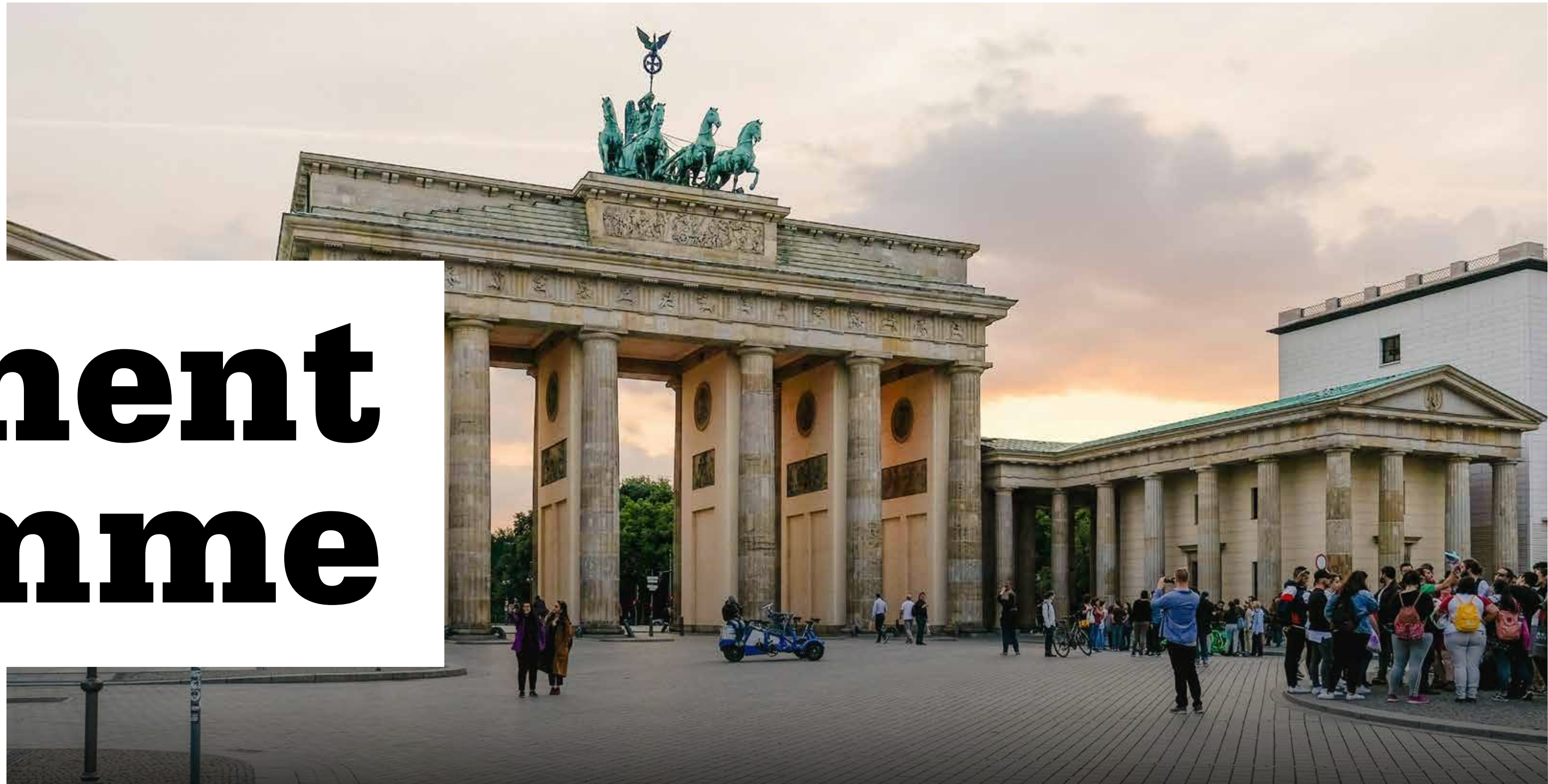
● Personal focus and support

We aim to make sure all students are valued and given strong individual support:

- Personal tutor with regular 1:1 guidance
- Small class sizes average under 10
- Strong sixth form team
- Specialist university and careers guidance
- Full-time psychologist



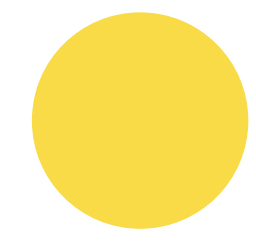
Our Enrichment Programme



There are a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom (vital for personal development).

These include:

- The European Youth Parliament
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Model United Nations
- Artificial Intelligence club
- Eco Committee
- Amnesty International
- Maths club, and many more.



National & International Trips



At Hastings School, we believe in providing holistic education that goes beyond the classroom. We carefully plan trips that are designed to complement the curriculum, fostering experiential learning and creating lasting memories for our students.

Norway, Iceland, Italy, Malawi, Azores or Berlin are just some of the destinations we offer throughout the year. These trips are not only educational but also serve as a platform for personal growth, building friendships, and fostering a sense of community within our school.



Outstanding staff

The key to our success is our superb team of caring and experienced teachers. Most are from the UK and all have experience in supporting young people in obtaining excellent academic outcomes and developing the skills they will need for university. Results are very important but it is also vital that learning is an enjoyable experience!



/ What makes us distinctive?

Having read this brochure, we hope you understand that **at Hastings** we don't just say we prepare young people for university and the future world of work, but **we actually make this a reality.**

We offer the most progressive, forward looking and ambitious sixth form in Madrid.

Preparing students for success at school, university and in life beyond.



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