

WORTH SCHOOL ●●

Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, Crawley RH10 4SD

*Website worthschool.org.uk Head Stuart McPherson, MA, since 2015; previously housemaster and teacher at Eton **Pupils** 600. Day: 150 boys, 90 girls; boarding: 230 boys, 100 girls **Faith RC Ages** 11–18 **Term Fees** Day: £7,910; boarding: £11,230 **Oxbridge** 4%*

Registration Two years prior to entry; £100 fee **Admission** Pre-test, CE or schools' own exam and interview **Alumni** Robert Bathurst, England rugby player Tom Mitchell

There are many things that stick in your mind when you visit Worth, but first and foremost is the

beautiful setting and incredible 500 acres of grounds. At certain vantage points, you can look out across fields and trees and not see another building, despite being so close to Gatwick Airport. This Roman Catholic school has the 'heart and soul' of its pupils as its focus. The recently introduced beginner's Arabic club is taught by a staff member aided by two Syrian refugees. Worth is actively involved in reaching out to the refugee population at the nearby Gatwick detention centre, with pupils teaching IT and English language skills there. Academic attainment is steady, and IB is very popular, especially among the strong European cohort, who benefit from the school's proximity to the airport. Director of Sport David Bruton tells us that Worth's 'strength lies in the opportunities provided and attitude with which we play'. There's a talented-athlete support programme for high achievers – it's no wonder the U15 rugby team is all-conquering. Music is an integral part of life at Worth with 40 per cent of pupils either playing an instrument or taking singing lessons. There are biennial choir trips to Rome and Vatican City, where they sing with the Sistine Chapel Choir at Papal Mass in front of 80,000 people.