

## ***A BRIEFING FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF NON-TEACHING STAFF***

Claverham Community College is situated in most attractive wood and park land within which are 40 acres of playing fields. The College grounds incorporate land which belonged formerly to the Battle Abbey Estate and are immediately adjacent to the site of the Battle of Hastings. As might be expected, the geographical position is an elevated one within sight of the sea.

The Community College was established in 1973 and was developed from the former Battle County Secondary School built in 1955. In school terms the College became fully comprehensive in 1976 and now serves the educational needs of all children between the ages of 11 and 16 in Battle and the neighbouring villages of Ashburnham, Catsfield, Crowhurst, Mountfield, Netherfield, Ninfield, Penhurst, Sedlescombe, Whatlington and Westfield. The College is oversubscribed in all year groups. Children come from as far afield as Rye to the East and Eastbourne to the West, as well as the more immediate areas of Bexhill and Hastings. In addition to its purely 'school' function the College provides a wide range of cultural, educational and social amenities for the local population of the area as a whole. There is a thriving Adult Education Centre, an active Youth Club, an excellent Sports Centre, and a large number of local organisations and sports clubs are affiliated to the College.

We opened a Day Nursery at the College in May 1993. The aim of the Nursery is to provide day care of the highest quality for babies and toddlers. The Nursery has a capacity of 40 places, up to 5 of which can be for children under the age of 2 years. A number of our staff make use of the Nursery for their own children. The Nursery is staffed with a Manager, Deputy Manager, and Nursery Officers.

The traditional catchment area of the College is almost entirely rural. The chief local occupations are various types of agriculture, forestry, horticulture, gypsum mining and retail services. Many professional and business people who live in the area either commute to London, a relatively fast 60 mile journey, or work in Bexhill, Hastings or Eastbourne, which are 8, 7 and 12 miles distant.

In addition to being ideally placed from the point of view of communication, Battle is very well provided for culturally. The town itself has a strong sense of community and supports a wide range of cultural and social activities. Bexhill, Hastings and particularly Eastbourne, offer good shopping facilities, excellent sporting opportunities, outstanding provision for the Arts and a wide range of social organisations.