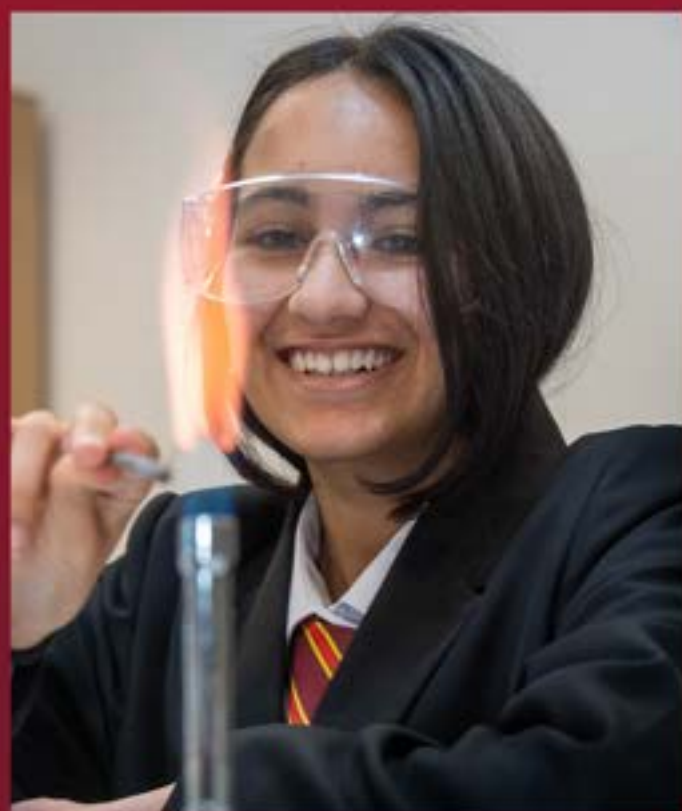




HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL





Welcome to **HIGHFIELDS**

We hope our prospectus gives you a flavour of the happy and harmonious community that exists at Highfields School.

At Highfields we are justly proud of the achievements of all our students and staff who work hard to meet our high expectations and aspirations.

We provide our students with a broad and fulfilling education. We want your child to be able to participate in a wide variety of academic and social experiences. These will enable them to become successful learners who can confidently take their place in society as caring, responsible, independent individuals with a strong sense of community.

We believe that the choice of Highfields School gives your child the opportunity to realise their full potential and enjoy their learning. We want this to happen in the safe, secure, positive and caring environment that has always characterised Highfields School.

This is important because only when a child feels safe and happy at school, can they achieve their best and enjoy their time with us. At Highfields we believe that parents, staff and students should always work together to see that this happens.

Our prospectus outlines all the key features of the School but there is no substitute for visiting us and seeing our staff and students in action. You need only to contact the School to make an appointment for a tour with myself or a member of my Senior Team.

I look forward to meeting you.

Graham Tate
Headteacher



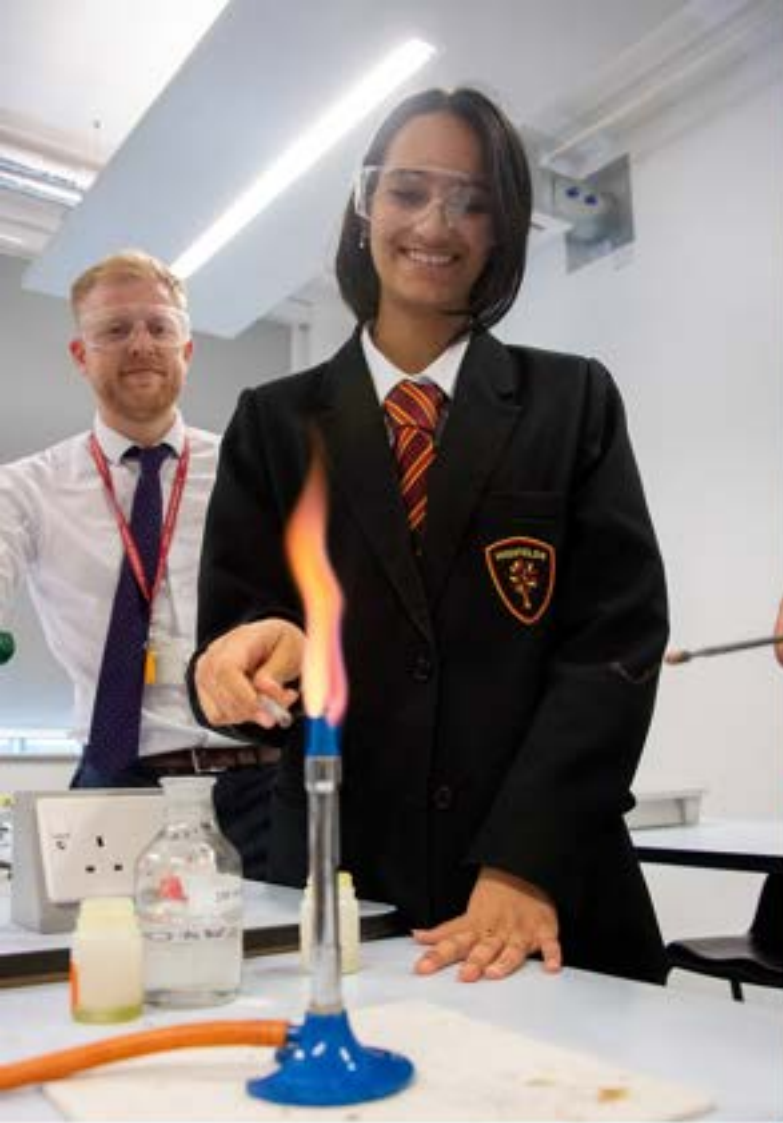
In Pursuit of *Excellence*

Our core principles are to provide your child with:

- A broad, balanced and engaging curriculum
- High quality Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Outstanding support, care and guidance
- A wide range of extracurricular activities and leadership programmes to enrich their learning experiences
- Excellent links and opportunities to work with their local community and businesses
- A supportive working partnership with home

““ Teachers have extremely high expectations of pupils and these are well understood.””

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Our Curriculum

We want our students to become successful learners who enjoy and value the opportunities provided for them at Highfields School.

We are proud of our curriculum; it is broad, balanced and relevant to the needs of all our students. It offers a range of progression routes and has enabled students to gain enormous examination success which has given them access to the full range of career and life opportunities.

At Key Stage 3, our curriculum is a combination of tradition and innovation. There is a strong emphasis on 'the basics', ensuring that students make at least their expected progress in English and Mathematics in order for them to be successful at GCSE and beyond. Additional support is timetabled for students who may require a boost in these essential subjects. Students follow courses in National Curriculum subjects.

At Key Stage 4, students specialise in their option subjects ready for their GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11, many then join our vibrant and thriving Sixth Form where we offer an extensive range of A Level, Applied and enrichment courses.

Our curriculum not only develops students' knowledge and understanding in a range of subjects, it enables them to develop the skills required to become independent, creative and innovative learners.

Curriculum subjects are organised within six Learning Schools. These are Mathematics, Science, Innovations, Communications, Humanities, PE and Performing Arts. Please see our website for further information about each Learning School, our curriculum offer and enrichment opportunities.

We believe that every child matters and that every child can be successful. National data, baseline assessments and internal assessment arrangements are used to set individual and aspirational targets for every student. Parents are kept well informed of their child's progress and we work in partnership to ensure that students are kept on track to achieve their full potential.

“ There is a clear sequence of learning, which helps pupils to build on what they have previously learned. ”



“ Highfields is a place where learning is made fun and coming to school isn't a chore. ”

Educating *the wh*

In order to provide a truly outstanding educational experience for students at Highfields, we offer a range of enrichment opportunities outside the curriculum. We firmly believe that these enrichment opportunities open students' minds to new experiences and skills that are highly valued by employers and universities.

Students are encouraged to be active participants in our enrichment programme which has four key areas:

Student Leadership Programmes

- Junior Leaders
- Digital Leaders
- Scholars programme
- Subject Ambassadors

Enrichment visits

- Overseas trips to Spain, the World War I battlefields, Berlin, Krakow and Auschwitz, New York and a biennial skiing trip.
- Curriculum based trips and visits, for example, to the theatre, cinema, art galleries and museums.



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wide range of enrichment opportunities to enhance and extend their learning beyond the taught experiences and enable them to develop their confidence, leadership skills and qualities which are

by strands.

Extended learning opportunities

- A range of clubs in all Learning Schools, for example Film, Food, Art, Music, Spanish, Computing, STEM, Carnegie and History book club.
- University master classes

Outdoor Education

- Llandrinio outdoor pursuits centre for Years 7 and 8
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme – bronze, silver and gold.

“The curriculum for Personal Development is outstanding across all key stages.”

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Performing Arts

Highfields offers an exciting range of activities involving Drama, Dance, and Music in our fantastic, state of the art facilities





PE & Sport

Highfields offers students a variety of activities assessed through our Head, Heart, Hand curriculum. We also offer an extensive extra-curricular sports programme



Support, Care and Guidance

“ Outstanding.”

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Education provided at Highfields School goes beyond acquiring subject knowledge; it focuses on the development of the whole child. Healthy life choices and physical activity are promoted in the school curriculum. Students' emotional health and well-being is supported by the school Inclusion Team. Year Managers, the Student Welfare Service and the Student Support Centre work with students to help overcome barriers to learning that otherwise could prevent them reaching their potential.





Standards

We are extremely proud of the high standards of behaviour of Highfields' students. We expect all of our students to take responsibility for their own actions, meet the high standards of the school and to be polite and respectful to everyone.

Every student has the right to enjoy his/her learning in an environment free from bullying. We do not tolerate any behaviour which causes distress to any member of our school. As part of our close partnership with parents, we ask them to support the school in ensuring that their child behaves in a manner that allows them and others to learn effectively.

Attendance is monitored daily and arrangements are in place to contact parents when students are unexpectedly absent. Parents should not take their children on holiday during term time and should try to avoid medical or dental appointments in school time. Punctuality is equally important, parents are asked to ensure that their child arrives on time for school.

“ Behaviour is exemplary. ”

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Realising the potential of every child

At Highfields we are committed to ensuring **opportunity** and **success** for all.

Provision for our more able students

We recognise the fact that able students have particular needs, whether academic, musical, artistic, creative or sporting, which must be met to achieve their full potential.

We ensure that staff incorporate extension and enhancement activities into the curriculum to stretch, challenge and intrigue our more able students. Enrichment activities include master classes, working with an author, visits to Russell Group Universities, mentoring and leadership work in school, extra-curricular sport, performance workshops, links with business and travel opportunities abroad.

Support for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

We have excellent support for students who have a Special Educational Need or a Disability. To support students in lessons, we have a team of Teaching Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants who work closely with teaching staff to ensure teaching is adaptive to support and challenge students.

Students may also have personalised timetables which incorporate small group work or one to one support where our expert teaching staff plan individualised learning plans for students; these are reviewed on a regular basis in conjunction with parents.

Monitoring progress and keeping you informed

We consider your child's education to be a partnership between school and home. We take great care to keep you informed of your child's progress on a regular basis. This is through progress reviews (sent home), marking and assessment in your child's books, good news postcards, email, text and telephone conversations. In addition, parents can access our online platform to help their child with their learning outside of the classroom.

“ Leaders create a positive climate where all pupils irrespective of race, gender or religion can flourish. ”

Celebrating Success



A thriving *Sixth Form*

Highfields offers a thriving and vibrant Sixth Form of over 350 students. We are incredibly proud of our outstanding and ambitious curriculum offer which enables all our students to reach their full potential and progress onto a diverse range of future career pathways.

We want students to follow programmes of study that they are passionate about, engaged by, and will give them the best possible chance of success. To enable this, all students who join our Sixth Form receive an individually negotiated programme of study, they have the choice of over twenty Advanced Level courses as well as several Applied Level 3 courses and the Extended Project Qualification. Our courses are planned and taught by expert teachers who have excellent subject knowledge and inspire students to learn.

Over the years, our experienced Sixth Form Leadership Team have established extensive links with Higher Education providers and have developed close partnerships with a range of universities and employers. As a result, the majority of our students progress onto their first choice of university which include Oxford and Cambridge, Russell Group Universities and increasingly degree level apprenticeships.

Throughout their time in the Sixth Form, students are provided with a wide range of enrichment, leadership and work experience opportunities, these support the development of the wider skills and qualities required to be successful on whatever pathway they choose.

To read more about Highfields Sixth Form, please visit the Sixth Form page of the school website.

“ Sixth Form students act as good role models. ”

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Outstanding Teachers



Learning and Learning



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