

### A SCHOOL WHERE EVERY CHILD IS KNOWN

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#### Work hard. Enjoy learning. Achieve highly.

We support all our students to make fantastic progress and achieve highly by getting to know each one as an individual. It is this focus on knowing and developing each young person's talents and aspirations that forms our unique offer. Our students are happy and leave us as well-rounded citizens, having enjoyed a great education and all the opportunities The Cowplain School offers.

Current and prospective parents are welcome to visit us at any time to experience our vibrant school and see why we are so proud of our superb students.

We look forward to meeting you.

Mr I R Gates Principal

> Our daughter has thrived due to her balance of study, extracurricular activities and support from teachers and co-educators. We would recommend the school to anyone!

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### At The Cowplain School we value:



Academic success and progress



Resilience and perseverance



Impeccable behaviour and smart appearance



Independent thinking and creativity



Respect, manners and courtesy



Great teamwork and strong leadership



The ability to accept challenge



Understanding and acceptance of diversity



## ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO BE THEIR BEST





#### The Cowplain School encourages young people to focus on developing eight important life skills of optimism, kindness, grit, mindfulness, curiosity, self-assurance, gratitude and self-control.

We believe that developing these skills helps children to grow into hardworking and ambitious young people and provides a basis for excellent academic progress and achievement.

Therefore, school life provides a stimulating personal and intellectual challenge and students are encouraged to be their best and achieve highly.

We value excellent behaviour and are strict in terms of the high standards we expect of our students, whilst significantly investing in support staff and pastoral structures to enable us to monitor the progress and welfare of all our students so they feel known as individuals and their achievements and successes are celebrated at every opportunity. A clearly understood set of values underpin the work of the school. These values provide clear direction and encourage pupils to develop positive attitudes to their learning and form strong relationships with their teachers and peers. Consequently, morale among pupils and teachers is high.



This school has enabled me to thrive as an individual. I have clearly noticed a change from a shy boy to a confident young adult as I have progressed through the years. The shows, Sports Days and trips have provided me with many wonderful experiences that I shall never forget!

Joseph Mosley - Student

## AN OUTSTANDING CURRICULUM

## The range of curriculum opportunities we offer our young people ensures that everyone is able to aim for excellence.

Our curriculum is based on three basic principles, which underpin the work of each subject: understanding diversity; thinking hard; developing character.

In Years 7 and 8 all students undertake a broad range of subjects before having the opportunity to refine their choice in Year 9. The range of subjects students can choose from is diverse and extensive, ranging from Dance to Drama, Music to Modern Foreign Languages. Year 9 is constructed very much as a foundation year, during which students consolidate their learning from Years 7 and 8, whilst developing the skills for exam subjects, which they commence in Year 10.

Our English curriculum places a great emphasis on reading, and numeracy skills are developed through excellent maths teaching. Many other departments are highly successful, including Art, History, and Engineering, which regularly attain excellent progress measures, and Science, where students are taught in state-ofthe-art laboratories, completely redesigned in the last few years Our commitment to teaching Performing Arts has been recognised with an Artsmark Gold Award from the Arts Council and we support Music, for example, by offering additional peripatetic music lessons. PE lessons are taught on our new 3G all-weather pitch or our Multi Use Games Area and our teams are regularly successful in County competitions.



**G** The curriculum provides a high level of challenge for all pupils and ensures that they are well prepared for the next steps in their education.





# AN ENRICHING EXPERIENCE





## Exam results continue to show that students make good progress and are successful in a wide range of subjects.

In addition, the offer of enrichment masterclasses, trips and sporting activities mean that, whatever their interests, young people are encouraged to grasp the opportunities open to them and understand that there are no limits to what they can achieve.

Our extensive enrichment programme includes many sports, such as football, netball, and basketball. Other activities include STEM Club, Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Rock Challenge, Choir, and the school band, Jukebox.

We have also created an innovative '*Honours*' programme, which offers 6-week courses on areas as diverse as running a business or building a drone, and we offer a variety of trips to both local and Russell Group universities. Students are encouraged to take responsibility and participate in the decision-making process through participation in student voice focus groups, becoming a Student Ambassador or Peer Teacher, or promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM).

In recent years we have continued to run our highly successful camps, as well as visit places such as Paris and Seville and embarking on many visits to theatres and places of interest.



Students appreciate the wide range of clubs and other activities on offer. These include a large variety of opportunities for pupils to develop their musical, artistic and dramatic talents.

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#### We pride ourselves on the relationships we build with each family in order to ensure our students feel cared for, are happy, and make excellent progress.

We know young people achieve when they are inspired and challenged whilst feeling happy and secure. The transition into Year 7 can be both an exciting and unsettling time for students and their parents but, with new challenges to face and new friends to meet, our students are encouraged and supported to grow as a community and quickly flourish.

Our transition work starts in Year 5 when we work

closely with each partner primary school to ensure we provide curriculum enhancement opportunities for primary pupils to engage and challenge them. This support continues into Year 6. when we start seeing our new students in and out of school much more often culminating in transition days and events towards the end of Year 6 when our students and parents visit us prior to joining the following September.

GG Teachers, friends and parents all work together and are really supportive. There is an amazing interaction between them. Everyone pulls together to ensure success.

Pupils are polite and respectful towards each other, their teachers and visitors. They are proud of their school, wear their smart uniform well and take good care of the environment.

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## READY FOR THE NEXT CHALLENGE

We aim for all students to leave The Cowplain School with a superb set of qualifications to ensure they will be well placed to continue on the next stage of their journey. They will also have developed lifelong friendships and shared in each other's success. Students leave us with recognition of the importance of ambition, hard work and independence ready to accept the reward and challenge of any career path they have chosen. We believe that The Cowplain School is an environment in which children are known as individuals, where talents and achievements are recognised and nurtured, and where children make great progress and achieve success. Our aim is to prepare them for the next step in their journey and the fresh and exciting challenges ahead.





During my time at this school, I have grown in confidence and have found a great sense of community and acceptance among the teachers and students. The school has provided me with many extra-curricular activities which have helped me to prepare for my next educational step and have given me skills I can use in life after school.







Teachers are patient and encouraging. We can go to them if we need support as they are approachable and kind. They push us to be the best we can be, academically and as people, whilst still respecting our personal limits.

Korin Rogers - Student

Our learning is active and diverse, and we get to study all sorts of things! Each lesson is structured so we can learn in different ways and we always enjoy what we do! We have lots of modern equipment to support us. Our science labs are brilliant!

Elizabeth Pearson - Student

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