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I am delighted to introduce this prospectus and Orsett Heath Academy to you. We opened our doors to our first cohort in September 2020 and we are immensely proud of the positive and successful start we have had.

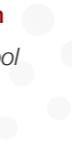
Our pupils and staff would love nothing more than to have an opportunity to show you our school on a normal working day but at these unprecedented times this is, unfortunately not possible. I hope that the prospectus alongside the accompanying video from students and my introduction to the school will give you a flavour of life at Orsett Heath Academy.

This year has been an important and special first year, where pupils, staff and parents have worked together to establish an exciting and ambitious ethos of high expectations and achievement together. We hope and believe this will continue with our subsequent year group, who will join our current Year 7s in playing a pivotal and historic role in establishing Orsett Heath as an excellent school for the community it serves.



Our pupils are currently learning in a brand-new interim building at Thurrock Rugby Football Club (TRFC). The academy will move to its main site and larger, purpose-built state of the art building in 2022. The current site will remain in joint use for educational and sports provision, creating a lasting legacy, enhancing education, sport and recreation as a 'Thurrock Institute of Sport'.

Partnership within the community will also continue to form a key part of our ethos and development and being able to locate our interim site at the home of TRFC emphasises this. We are looking forward to strengthening our relationship with TRFC

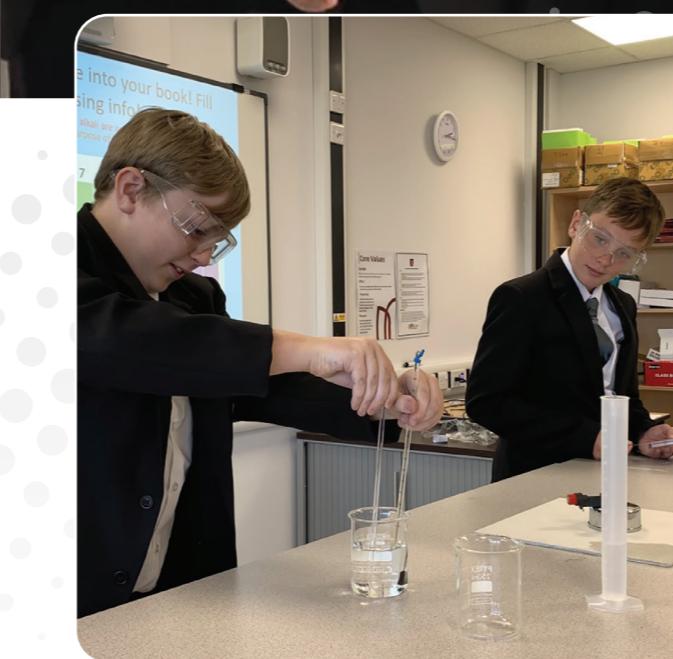


Sian Rawson
Head of School



further and ensuring the pupils and whole community benefit from this unique relationship and large green field site.

I sincerely hope that you choose Orsett Heath Academy for the next five years of your education and look forward to welcoming you next September



We are united by our core values, created in partnership with our students:



Courage

We aim to be brave, take risks and try to tackle our challenges in the best ways we can to achieve success



Effort

We aim to put high levels of effort in to all our work and wider school life to succeed to our full potential



Potential

We aim to reach our full potential by working hard, always trying our best and taking advantage of new opportunities



Respect

We aim to respect each other, staff, the school, and the wider community to make sure everyone feels welcomed

Our values and ethos

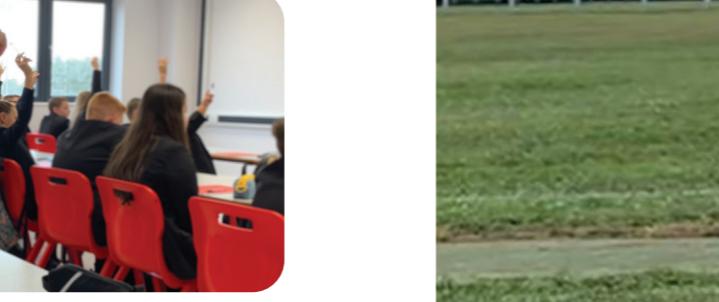
Orsett Heath Academy is characterised by its passionate and unrelenting drive to ensure that every one of its students makes extraordinary progress, achieves exceptional standards and realises his or her huge potential. This takes place within an academy where best practice is commonplace, which prides itself at being at the cutting edge of innovation and next practice. We have a strong culture of performance through sport and the arts that is enhanced by its unique proposed location.



Curriculum and Teaching

At Key Stage 3, our aim is to build on students' achievements in Year 6 to develop the breadth and depth of their knowledge, understanding and skills. Students will be introduced to a wide range of subjects, developing skills they will need for lifelong learning, and enabling them to become more independent and self-aware.

In particular, the curriculum will primarily focus on ensuring that students have essential learning skills, are given opportunities to be creative and resourceful and are encouraged to have enquiring minds and think for themselves to process information, reason, question and evaluate. This will provide the foundation for Key Stage 4 and beyond.



The below grid outlines the subjects taught over a fortnightly timetable:

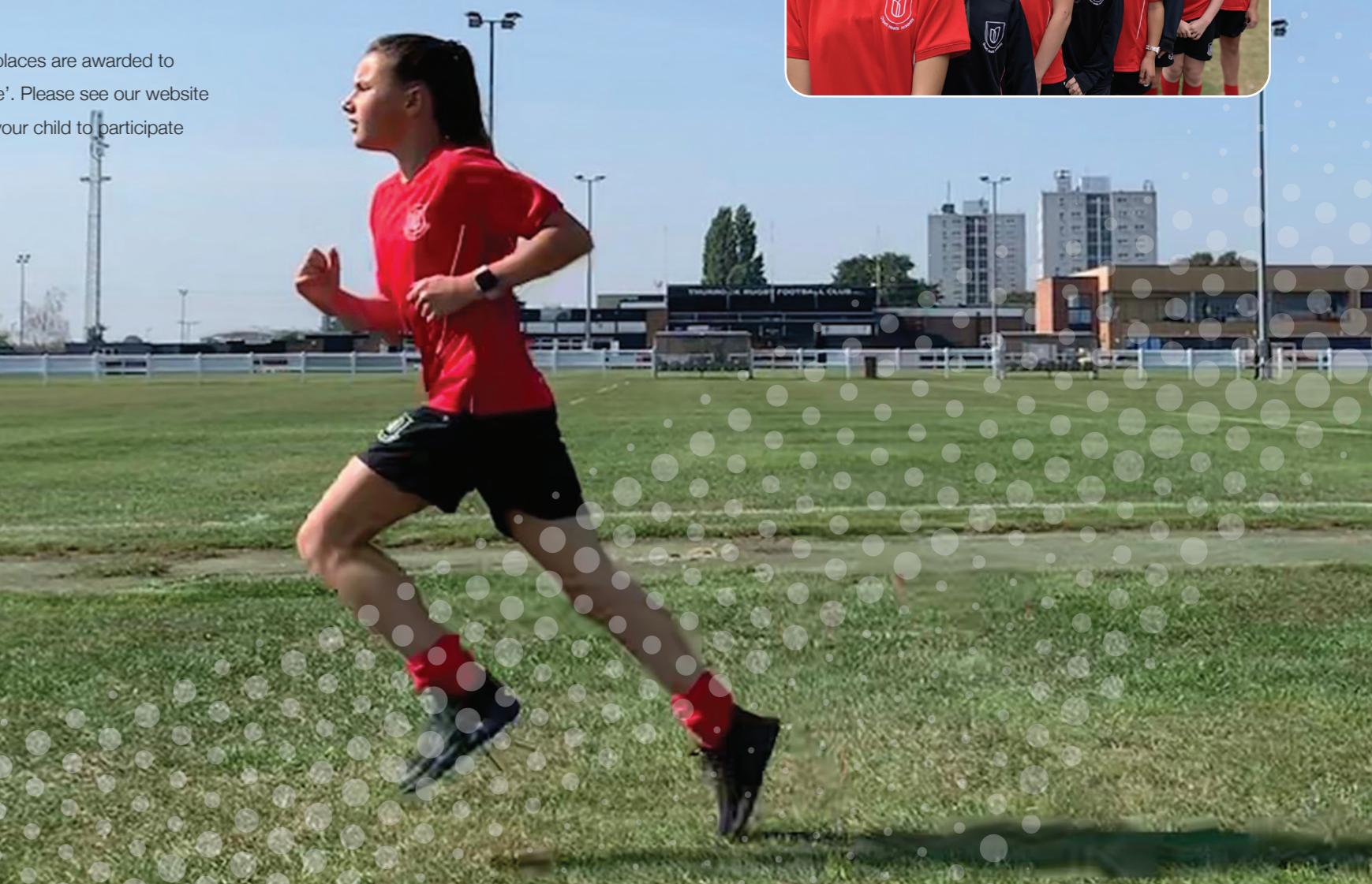
YEAR 7	
Ar	Accelerated Reader
Cc	Creative Curriculum
En	English
Ad	Art and Design
Dr	Drama
Mfl	French
Hi	History
Gg	Geography

YEAR 7	
Re	Religious Education
It	Information Technology
Ma	Mathematics
Pe	Physical Education
Ps	PSHE
Sc	Science
Mu	Music
Dt	Design & Technology

Sport

Sport is fundamental to Orsett Heath Academy and we value its importance highly. We have a thriving extra-curricular programme across a range of sports such as netball, football, rugby, and athletics.

Annually up to 10% of available places are awarded to Year 7 based on 'Sports Aptitude'. Please see our website for guidance on how to register your child to participate in this process.



SEND

The purpose of Orsett Heath Academy's approach to Special Educational Needs (SEN) is to raise the aspirations and expectations for all pupils with SEN and / or disability so that all pupils can enjoy school and achieve their full potential.

SEND provision is not simply providing hours of support in lessons, but a much wider approach that encompasses personalised information and guidance, access arrangements, emotional and social skills support, an understanding for young people of any diagnoses they may have, personalised resources, programmes of study and pathways as appropriate, and close monitoring and supervision.



Behaviour & Wellbeing Support

We are committed to ensuring that all students are achieving to the best of their ability and are safe and well cared for. We have the highest ambitions and expectations for our students in all aspects of school life and we work hard to develop these qualities in every student.

There are 4 core methods by which students in school can report an issue, concern or worry to a member of staff:

Pupils as Listeners

These are peers trained in supporting others. They can be identified by their badges and can be found on the PALS table every break time.



Tutors

Tutors are the first point of call for all students, seeing them twice a day. They have regular opportunities to support students with any concerns they have.



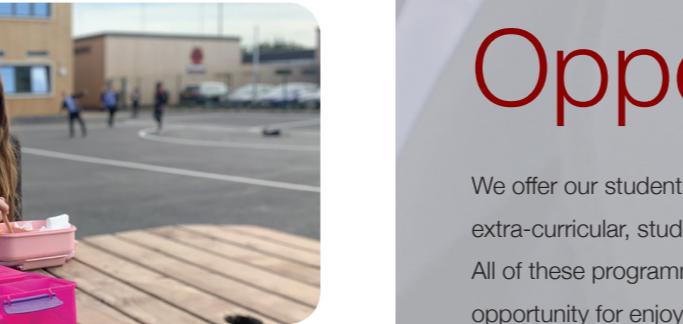
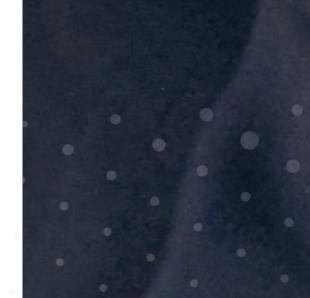
TooToot

If students do not want to speak to someone face to face, they can send their concern into TooToot, an app or online platform where concerns go directly to the safeguarding team.



Safeguarding Team

Students can go directly to the Safeguarding Team if they wish to. Posters are around school with faces of the members of staff involved and key supportive websites students can access.



Opportunities

We offer our students a wide range of opportunities through extra-curricular, student leadership and our elective curriculum. All of these programmes are designed to give students the opportunity for enjoyment while also building on their skills and interests. They also help to allow students to take on additional responsibilities which develop self-confidence, leadership and presentation skills.

A large photograph showing two students in school uniforms smiling and interacting. One student is laughing, and the other is looking down at something. In the background, there is a dark silhouette of another student and a red graphic element with the text "Strong Partnerships".

Strong Partnerships

At Orsett Heath Academy, we place strong importance on the involvement of parents/carers in their child's education and in the life of the school. In our mind cooperation between home and school is key to academic success.



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