

# Prospectus

## Hinchingbrooke School





# OUR SCHOOL

**Hinchingbrooke School is an extraordinary school set in extraordinary grounds.** The story of Hinchingbrooke House, the 16th century stately home in which our Sixth Form is based, is in many ways the story of our country, from the reformation and English civil war through to the restoration and beyond. We can't help but be inspired by that rich history as we look forward to the future.

This is a school with excellent, modern facilities and an aspirational curriculum. We provide a safe, welcoming environment in which children are challenged to be the best they possibly can.

Children here enjoy coming to school, try hard and are rewarded with good outcomes - their level of progress is well above the national average. We are an inclusive school with a strong record of providing support for children with a wide range of needs. We are equally ambitious for all our students and equally proud of all their successes.

Success is born from good habits – the things students do, day in and day out. Success comes from taking as little time off school as possible; concentrating and listening; working hard in lessons; doing homework carefully. Those are the habits that will prepare our young people for their future, so those are the habits that we will help them practice every day of every week of every term.

We are committed to providing the opportunities children need to discover new talents, nurture new passions and develop their character. We are dedicated to the arts and to sport, and we have a very wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities open to children of all ages and interests. We believe that the ability to keep going when others give up will make our students stand out from the crowd, whilst the ability to treat others with compassion will make them valued friends, colleagues and partners. We want to help them develop the ambition and belief to achieve more than they thought possible and do things they never dreamed of.

There are a lot of people here at Hinchingbrooke who will ensure that your children flourish, because we want them to be the best versions of themselves, they can be. The pastoral care offered by our large, dedicated team is superb. All our teachers, regardless of experience, receive continuing training and development. Together we will prove time and again that with hard work, high standards and kindness, there is nothing we can't achieve.



**Mr A Hunter**  
Principal



# THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The House system at Hinchingsbrooke aims to prepare our students to:

## Participate

All students have opportunities to take part in a range of varied and diverse activities to actively contribute to their House.

## Respect

Our students show empathy and understanding which helps to create a positive and respectful ethos within their house, school and wider community.

## Collaborate

There is equality of opportunity for all to participate in the House system. Through working together students at Hinchingsbrooke learn to demonstrate teamwork, commitment and fair play.

## Inspire

Students are inspired by the support offered through the House system and this helps create positive role models and leaders amongst the student body. We have five school Houses at Hinchingsbrooke: Cromwell, Montagu, Pepys, Vesey and Wylton and there is a real sense of House pride and competitiveness. Each House has a member of staff as House Leader and there are elections held for House Captains.

During the school year there are various Inter-House competitions such as the castle competition, cross country, HBK's Got Talent and debating. Students earn points for their House via our reward system and there is a healthy competitiveness to be the winning House at the end of the year.



# THE CURRICULUM

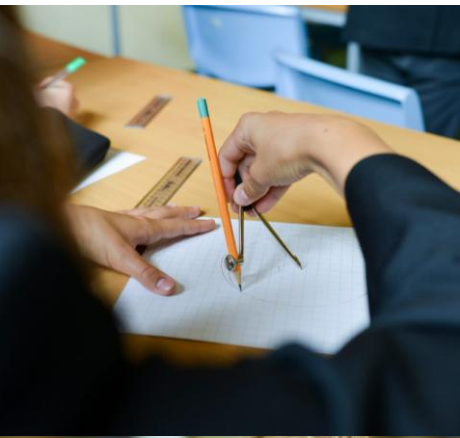
**“...A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum”  
Ofsted**



**The curriculum is diverse and exciting at Hinchingsbrooke. We have adapted our curriculum to ensure all of our learners are able to thrive and succeed.**

There is an extremely wide range of subjects to choose from in both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 from GCSE Astronomy to A Level Photography. There is also an impressive range of trips and visits to support our curriculum in addition to our Curriculum Collapsed days where students focus on the World of Work or Literacy. On these days we have a large number of visitors in school to further enrich our curriculum and allow our students to

develop into fully rounded individuals who are ready to take their place in society. As part of our curriculum, we teach students essential skills for life such as responsibility, empathy, organisation and kindness. We celebrate our diversity through our curriculum and encourage our students to think critically, questioning sources of information.



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Our basic pattern of daily lessons is enhanced by a whole range of exciting opportunities for students to extend their learning in other ways.

Hinchingbrooke has a huge range of activities to offer its students outside the timetabled school day. We have a long-standing tradition of providing a stimulating and varied timetable of extra-curricular clubs. This was recognised as outstanding by Ofsted.

Each week we have over 40 clubs on offer, covering topics as varied as gaming and modelling, rugby, football, pop choir and ESA (European Space Agency) projects. We know that extra-curricular participation is good for our students; it can improve their behaviour and academic performance as well as providing them with opportunities to develop interests and friendships.



**"Leaders are ambitious for pupils' personal development as well as for their academic achievement" Ofsted**



# SPORTS

Competitive sport is an essential element of the school year. Every week our teams take part in fixtures against other schools in the area. Some teams even have residential trips where they have specialist coaching and take part in tournaments against other schools from various regions in England.



As well as the fantastic sporting facilities and opportunities for our students, Hinchingsbrooke organises and promotes sports through the community.

Our high quality astro-turf, extensive outdoor and indoor facilities and swimming pool ensures that sport is enjoyed by everyone from pre-school to adult.

The state-of-the-art £2.4m sports hall (opened in 2016) secures this excellent legacy for future generations.





Our fully equipped professional standard Performing Arts Centre and Dance Studio hosts top class performances across the whole range of artistic areas



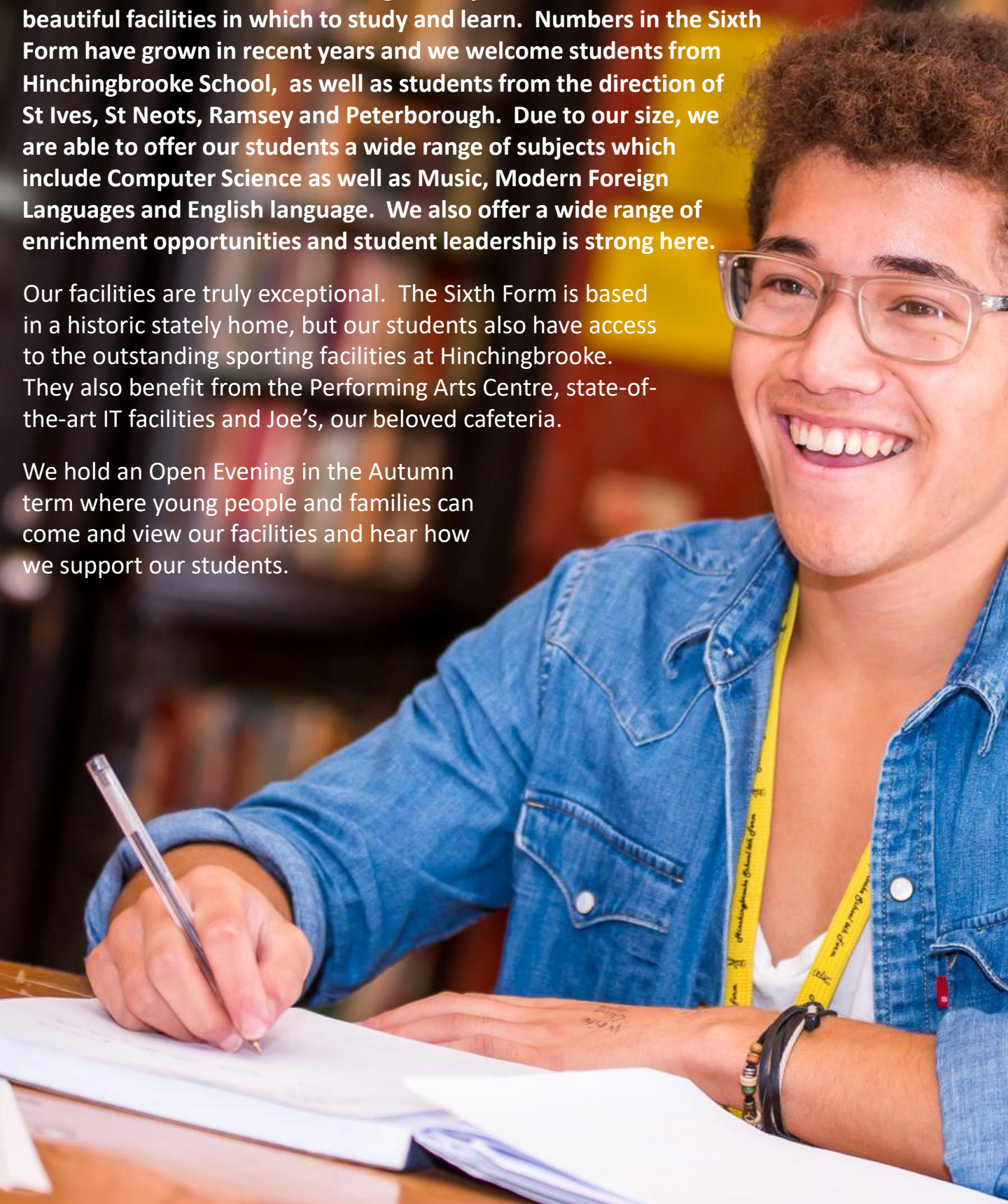
# THE SIXTH FORM

‘...a unique and spectacular learning environment’ **Ofsted**

We are very proud of our Sixth Form at Hinchingsbrooke School. Housed in the former home of the Montagu family, our students have access to beautiful facilities in which to study and learn. Numbers in the Sixth Form have grown in recent years and we welcome students from Hinchingsbrooke School, as well as students from the direction of St Ives, St Neots, Ramsey and Peterborough. Due to our size, we are able to offer our students a wide range of subjects which include Computer Science as well as Music, Modern Foreign Languages and English language. We also offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities and student leadership is strong here.

Our facilities are truly exceptional. The Sixth Form is based in a historic stately home, but our students also have access to the outstanding sporting facilities at Hinchingsbrooke. They also benefit from the Performing Arts Centre, state-of-the-art IT facilities and Joe’s, our beloved cafeteria.

We hold an Open Evening in the Autumn term where young people and families can come and view our facilities and hear how we support our students.



The large and popular Sixth Form provides a good education for students and helps them with their next steps into higher education.” **Ofsted**

Care, guidance and support in the Sixth Form at Hinchbrooke is something of which we are very proud. Even though we are a very large Sixth Form, each of our students is treated as an individual.

All students have a Tutor, a Head of Year and Student Support Officer to help them with their wellbeing, progress and decisions about their future.

There is a range of financial support available to students, such as the 16-19 Bursary Fund as well as the Huntingdon Freeman's Bursary.

We offer a comprehensive programme of support to help students plan their futures. In January of Year 12 we host a careers fair where we welcome a large number of universities and apprenticeship providers to meet our students.

All students undertake work experience and Year 13 are provided with bespoke careers guidance. When students leave Sixth Form a high proportion progress to university.

Many of these students attend Russell Group universities including Oxford and Cambridge. We have a growing number of students taking up apprenticeships and we have forged lasting links with local industries.

Our website contains a separate section for the Sixth Form, including details of our entry requirements. If you have any questions about our provision, we would be delighted to help. Please contact us at [sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk)





## SUPPORT & INCLUSION

*Over 97% of parents and carers state that their child is happy at school and making good progress*

**All students will need support and help from time to time during their attendance at school. To prioritise and identify where the support is most needed we have drawn a simple model where:**

**Wave 1** support is for all eg differentiated work and high-quality teaching in every classroom with teaching assistants deployed based on individual need

**Wave 2** support is for the many eg mentoring programmes for targeted students, intervention groups and utilising external providers as well as our own teachers, teaching assistants and student ambassadors

**Wave 3** is for a few eg physiotherapy, 1 to 1 literacy support, counselling

Wave 3 ➔ FEW

Wave 2 ➔ MANY

Wave 1 ➔ ALL

# THE GATEWAY SCHOOL

The Gateway School exists to provide an alternative educational environment for the small number of students who find mainstream too daunting. It is for those with medical or emotional and behavioural difficulties who require an individual bespoke timetable.

This could include full-time attendance at the Gateway School where all lessons and social times are delivered;

part-time attendance, where students may attend mainstream lessons and social times such as break and lunchtime and a select number of lessons in the Gateway; or, students may attend part-time in the Gateway and spend the rest of their time out of school at college, work experience or at a training placement.

A few students spend all their time at these provisions and do not attend school but are regularly visited by the Gateway staff. All students who attend either have an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) or Early Help Assessment (EHA) or a Pastoral Support Plan (PSP). Access to the Gateway School is based on internal referral which develops a bespoke package of support based on the individual needs of the student.



Gateway School  
College  
Work Experience

Early Help Assessments  
Child & Adolescent  
Mental Health Services  
Young Carers  
Children in Care

Education Health  
and Care Plans  
SEN Support  
Medical Needs



“The schools’ onsite ‘Gateway’ provision provides a high-quality individualised provision for students with a wide range of frequently complex needs, and who often face significant challenges. Students and their parents and carers are exceptionally positive about the impact of this support.” **Ofsted**

# FACILITIES FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

The Performing Arts Centre (PAC) is the base for our extensive Creative and Performing Arts and Music departments, where we host concerts, productions and events as well as being used for student assemblies.

The PAC is also an exciting venue for Conferences, Product Launches, Exhibitions, AGMs, Concerts and Theatrical Productions.

Our sporting facilities are first class. We have a 3G all-weather pitch, extensive rugby and football pitches, a physiology laboratory and state-of-the-art indoor sports halls.

*HBK Leisure* is a school-based business who manage the community facilities and who promote community participation by running out-of-hour sporting activities available for all.

The state-of-the-art £2.4m sports hall (opened in 2016) enhances the already comprehensive facilities for the school and the wider community.



# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## KEY CONTACTS

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## The School Day

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| 8.35am  | Warning bell      |
| 8.40am  | Tutorial/Assembly |
| 9.00am  | Period 1          |
| 10.00am | Period 2          |
| 11.00am | Break             |
| 11.20am | Period 3          |
| 12.20pm | Period 4          |
| 1.20pm  | Lunch             |
| 2.00pm  | Registration      |
| 2.15pm  | Period 5          |
| 3.15pm  | End of School Day |



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**Hard Work**

**High Standards**

**Kindness**