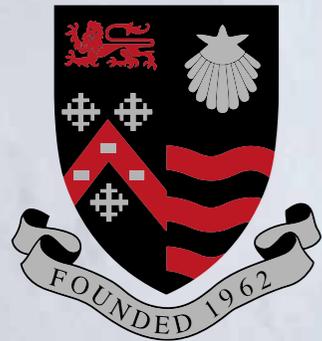




*Winchcombe School  
Achieving Success Together*

*"A good school with outstanding teaching  
leadership and pupil behaviour"* OFSTED 2015



At Winchcombe School we believe a good education is so much more than just exam results, it is about inspiring children to grow into responsible young adults who are ambitious and keen to make a positive impact on society.

By creating a caring and supportive environment where each individual is valued, we strongly challenge our pupils to work to the best of their academic ability. Working together with teachers, parents, governors, the local community and businesses, our students thrive and receive an all-round positive education experience.

We've a reputation for academic excellence and our examination results are consistently above the national average, but more importantly we have a reputation for producing well-rounded young adults who leave Winchcombe School well prepared for life in modern Britain.

Our school is nestled in 21 acres of land within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Cotswolds, providing the perfect backdrop to our pupils' education. When combined with our ever-improving facilities we are well positioned to support every child to develop personally, physically, socially and spiritually.

We are a small school of fewer than 500 pupils, which means we can focus on the individual to build a bespoke programme of study and support. We have some of the lowest pupil to teacher ratios for a secondary school in Gloucestershire, allowing us to deliver a personal touch to inspire pupils to be the best they can be and continually strive to improve.

Our approach has resulted in many of our alumni securing places at highly academic and selective further education institutions locally including Balcarras, Pate's School, The Cotswold School and Hartpury College. Some of our pupils have gone on to join some of the finest higher education institutions in the UK, including Oxbridge Universities.

We're proud to be a small, friendly school with a big reputation for academic excellence and even more so we're proud of our pupils, who go on to achieve great things.

I hope your son or daughter will join us and become one of them.

**Neil Hall, Headmaster**

## *Our school aims*

- | To be a school of **excellence**
- | To provide every **opportunity** for pupils of all abilities to achieve their full academic **potential**
- | To support every child towards **developing** fully – personally, physically, socially and spiritually
- | To ensure that every pupil feels safe, **supported**, confident and happy
- | To build a learning **partnership** between pupils, parents, staff and governors
- | To make a positive, constructive, compassionate and valuable contribution to the local and global **community**

# Achieving



We have a reputation for academic excellence and we have continued to improve our academic results which are now amongst the best in the area.

Examination results are regularly above the national average and we are continually striving to improve upon our high standards. Our English department consistently achieves some of the best results in Gloucestershire.

We aim to personalise learning to offer suitable courses for each individual. We have invested heavily in recent years in order to provide a large set of GCSE option combinations. We focus primarily on traditional GCSEs rather than more vocational qualifications, but still provide a very broad curriculum including GCSEs in Performing Arts, Music, Spanish, Product Design, Business Studies and Sport to name a few.

Our pupils are offered a full and varied programme of opportunities and challenges and we hold high academic expectations for every child, but we are also small enough to care and support each child as an individual.

We recognise each pupil has different strengths, talents and aspirations. That's why our Gifted and Talented students are offered AS level courses in selected subjects and we have developed an innovative approach to vocational based qualifications to offer a less academic route.



## *Ofsted 2015 said*

"There are opportunities for students to study subjects that are well matched to their talents and aspirations."

"The leadership of teaching is exceptionally strong"

"The numbers securing places at highly selective sixth forms is increasing"



# Success

*"Students are extremely polite and courteous. They are ambitious for their futures and want to achieve well"* Ofsted

Pastoral care is the key to effective learning and the sense of belonging is enhanced by the activities organised by our four houses: Cleeve, Langley, Prescott and Sudeley.

A school house point system rewards individual effort and achievement as well as success in regular inter-house competitions.

Participation, involvement and team spirit are essential ingredients for our success.

Leadership is a vital element that we promote to all pupils, and we encourage pupils to take on positions of responsibility such as Head Boy/Girl, House Captain or Peer Counsellor.

Preparation for life is achieved by a full education for all, so we set great store by traditional values such as hard work, good behaviour, careful presentation, celebrating achievement and service to the community.

We believe school doesn't finish at 3.10pm so offer plenty of opportunities for our pupils to excel outside of the classroom. After school we offer an array of activities including drama, music, engineering and cookery club.

We also offer a wide selection of sports clubs and are proud to punch above our weight at local, district and county level in team and individual sports.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme is well established and every year we also offer students the opportunity to take part in overseas tours, including skiing trips or expeditions to the Belgian and French battlefields.



## Ofsted 2015 said

*"The impressive range of extra-curricular activities enables students to continue learning beyond the classroom"*

*"The behaviour of students is outstanding. Students are very polite and courteous"*

*"Students are prepared well for life in modern Britain"*

# Together

Winchcombe is a school that is genuinely unique. We are located in the most beautiful and peaceful of rural surroundings with easy transport links to Cheltenham and other local towns and villages. We are a small, friendly, family school, with a big reputation for academic excellence and an unrivaled provision of care and support. We are proud to be able to provide an environment in which every child can excel.

At Winchcombe School our priority is to give every pupil opportunities to develop personal skills and expertise through a wide range of experiences based upon a balanced curriculum. We believe in a caring environment that rewards commitment and high achievement to develop responsible and understanding citizens.

We work closely with local sixth forms, colleges, employers and GlosFirst (the local Education Business Partnership) to ensure that pupils have the skills and information they need to make the right future choices for them as individuals.

Our charity work is a real source of pride and every year our pupils lead and participate in raising money for local and national charities, chosen by our school parliament.

Our £1.2 million all weather sports facility and performing arts block was opened in 2011 providing fantastic sporting, dance and drama opportunities for our students and the wider community as a whole. Our site has also become a sporting hub for the local area with a number of sports groups and clubs using our first class facilities, including Cheltenham Town Football Club.

## Ofsted 2015 said

“Very strong promotion of student’s spiritual, moral, social and cultural development ensures that students are very welcoming of difference”

“Relationships between teachers and students are very strong”

“Pastoral leadership is a strength”



*“There are strong links between the school and the local community”* Ofsted

# What people say about us

*“The curriculum is largely academic and this underpins the school’s high aspirations for all students...and this is promoting very high attainment for these students.”* Ofsted

**Our parents** A parent of a pupil at the school in 2015 said, “My son has had an amazing first year at the school. He has done well academically, has been getting involved in musical events and has made lots of friends. I would like to thank all the staff who have helped him settle and enjoy school life.”

**Our pupils** Russel Ellicott, Head of Pate’s School, Cheltenham, said, “We are delighted to work closely with Winchcombe School to explore Sixth Form options for their more-able students. The pupils who come to us are bright, articulate and integrate quickly into a different environment. They achieve outstanding results and, without exception, move onto the best Universities in the country. I am keen to ensure that this relationship flourishes in the future.”

**Our school** Peter Sharrer former Deputy Head Boy from Winchcombe School who gained a place to study Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge said, “I feel that Winchcombe School gave me an excellent start to my education and enabled me to achieve some outstanding grades at GSCE before moving to Pate’s Sixth Form.”

**Our community** Liz Stranks, Chair of Winchcombe Women in Business and Manager at Coventry Building Society Agency in Winchcombe said, “When giving mock interviews to pupils alongside other local businesses I have always been struck at how friendly and ambitious students are. The school’s excellent academic results speak for themselves, but when you sit across the interview table from a Winchcombe School pupil their confidence and professionalism shine through.”

**Our facilities** Cheltenham Town Football Club manager Gary Johnson said, “The facilities at Winchcombe School are outstanding and absolutely perfect for what we have needed during pre-season training matches. The backdrop is beautiful and it’s just a great place for us to train.”





We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

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