

BASSINGBOURN
VILLAGE COLLEGE



Bassingbourn Village College

We are very proud of our school and the educational opportunities that it provides for our wonderful students. This prospectus tries to convey something of the many and varied opportunities available, the sense of enjoyment and endeavour, and the aspirations and achievements of our students.

As a relatively small college we pride ourselves on knowing all our students as individuals and being able to provide a wide variety of opportunities and experiences for them through a personalised curriculum and support, putting them at the centre of their own learning. We value every member of our community and we are passionate about the importance of encouraging our students to have high aspirations and a love of learning. We nurture our young people to become responsible, respectful, resilient, healthy and independent members of society. Each student has a voice here – it is their college and their education. Within the college we foster a kind, caring and close community environment, helping our students to make the most of their talents, and to develop their confidence in an increasingly complex and demanding world.

We have an exciting future ahead of us, one which we hope you and your child will want to be part of.

Vickey Poulter
Principal



"Pupils' conduct is exemplary. They are kind, respectful and welcoming of each other and staff."

Empower & Enthuse

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Academic

Life Education is so much more than examination results. We encourage a life long love of learning, extending horizons and inspiring a sense of enquiry and an appreciation of the differences in the world around us.

Students develop confidence in their own abilities, learning to question analytically, evaluate and think independently. We empower our students to have ambition, curiosity and the ability to define their own goals and to fulfil their potential.



“Students are curious about the world around them, and the broad and balanced curriculum provides many opportunities for them to develop their skills and understanding.”

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Aspiration & Challenge



The Curriculum

In the first two years we engage our students in a rich and exciting curriculum, exploring new ideas and new ways of learning. We stimulate debate and independent thought, laying down a strong foundation of good work habits. This provides an effective springboard for choice at GCSE in a range of national qualifications.

The curriculum is co-constructed with an extensive range of clubs, trips and visits and gives our students the skills and enthusiasm to become active and critical thinkers.

The inter-college competition is superb. Students collaborate to organise, produce, create, perform and lead a wide range of activities, whether on the sports field, in the drama studio, on the stage or in one of the many other events across the year. Students of all year groups work with each other, binding our community together through the shared demands of leadership and teamwork.



"The school is very inclusive of all pupils, regardless of their background and ability."

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Independence & Curiosity



Pastoral Care

We provide caring and responsive pastoral support which puts the needs of our learners at its centre. We work closely with home to help all students develop positive relationships and learn to cope with the issues they face. Students benefit from a nurturing vertical mentoring system and a comprehensive programme of personal, social and health education. Our aim is to encourage respect for others as well as for oneself and to develop positive behaviour based on informed decision making.



“Pupils have a broad range of extra-curricular activities to enrich their understanding of the world that they live in.”

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Communication & Respect



Sport

We encourage everyone, whatever their level, to engage in sport and to be ambitious in reaching their goals. We emphasise the development of lifelong skills and an understanding of what it means to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

Our sporting success is outstanding. Students regularly achieve representative honours and awards across a wide variety of sporting disciplines. We participate in a full range of competitive sports and focus upon the development of leadership.



“There are so many clubs and teams, it’s really hard to choose which to go to.”

Year 8 Student

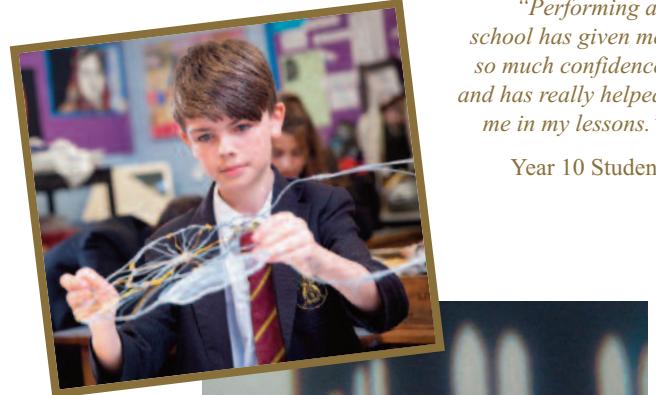


Enjoyment & Achievement



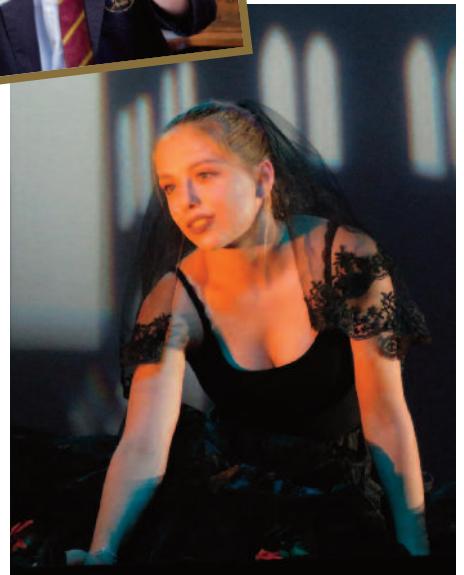
The Creative Arts

We encourage our students to explore their ideas and individuality and to develop their own strategies, while appreciating other genres and approaches. Our students grow in confidence and expertise which can be seen at a variety of performances which showcase their achievements. Many students become accomplished musicians, artists and actors, demonstrating their passion and dedication for learning.



“Performing at school has given me so much confidence and has really helped me in my lessons.”

Year 10 Student



Exploration & Expression



Trips and Visits

From the local to the global, whether exploring a city or exploring countries, our students are offered a wealth of trips, visits and expeditions, extending their appreciation and understanding of the world around them and creating life long memories.

A few examples of our destinations in recent years... skiing in Austria, Normandy language trip, Paris, Sicily, New York, Berlin, European battlefields, London theatres, Oxford & Cambridge Universities and Norfolk - in addition to Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and World Challenge trips to Tanzania, Thailand and India.



"We've got some amazing memories, met some amazing people and been taught by some amazing teachers."

Year 11 Student

Spirit & Adventure

If this prospectus has stimulated your interest or caught your imagination, then please come and see the College for yourself.

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