



Shirley High School

Performing Arts College



Our Vision: To develop aspirational learners who strive for excellence academically, creatively and culturally, benefitting from a wide range of opportunities led by inspirational educators.

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Dear Prospective SHS families,

Thank you for considering us for the next stage of your child's educational journey. Moving to secondary school is a significant landmark in your child's education, so it is important you make the right choice. I hope this evening will demonstrate to you that joining Shirley High School IS the right choice for you.

I am honoured to be the Principal of Shirley High School and extremely proud of the journey that we are on. On our journey we have moved from a school that Ofsted graded as "Requires Improvement" to a school which is now graded "**GOOD**" in all categories. We have improved academically and have invested over £1.5 million in improving our facilities resources, staffing and investing in our Performing Arts status. We are proud that we have a history of pupils leaving us to attend Russell group universities and that now we have our first student that has left to attend an Oxbridge university. Our greatest pride is that 100% of students that want a university place achieve one and many are the first in their families to do so. We want every child at our school to recognise that, regardless of their dreams and ambitions, it can be achieved here at Shirley High School.

We are proud to be a multicultural school at the heart of a vibrant and diverse community, with an established reputation of integrity and excellence. We have transformed many aspects of our school including new facilities and technology, redesigning our curriculum and overhauling teaching and learning to represent a modern and transforming world. We make no apologies for the high expectations we have for everyone within our school community and strongly believe that, through our values, pupils can aspire to be the best in the world at whatever they decide to pursue. Our school strives for excellence in all aspects, both inside and outside the classroom. We passionately believe that true success comes from strong relationships within the school and a trusting partnership between families and the local community. We take our responsibility to create the next generation of leaders extremely seriously and view academic achievement vital for a successful future.

We are determined to build on our recent achievements and create an exceptional school in every measure for the diverse and talented community that we serve. Our excellent staff are dedicated to developing our pupils through our broad curriculum, extracurricular, enrichment and cultural capital opportunities so that they can build the academic, personal and pastoral skills required for a life of success and continued learning.

I hope you enjoy your visit and recognise and embrace what we are trying to achieve. We would love for you to join us on this journey. Shirley High School will provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment so please explore all departments, speak to our pupils and view for yourself the qualities that define our school.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Myton
Principal

"Striving for Excellence"

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