



Shipston High School

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Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to Shipston High School, where we pride ourselves on having high expectations and a student centred ethos. We focus on the essentials that create success: a high quality curriculum; high quality teaching and learning; pastoral care for all; strong relationships with parents, families and the wider community to support students in their learning.

I am committed to ensuring that Shipston High School provides the very best start in life for its students. I am privileged to lead a school that provides a safe, supportive and nurturing environment that enables every student to grow personally and academically. Our staff are dedicated to preparing students for their future lives whilst striving for the highest possible academic standards.

Our students are at the centre of our work, and are excellent ambassadors for the school. Their confidence, resilience and high levels of motivation impressed Ofsted when they visited in 2018, observing that students are "a credit to you" who "speak positively about how much they enjoy school".

We are extremely proud of the school and the achievements of our students. Shipston enjoys a really special atmosphere, where our tangible sense of community allows us to know every student as an individual, and truly deliver the opportunity for everyone to succeed. If you would like to find out more, or wish to arrange a visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school and book an appointment. You will be very welcome.

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Headteacher



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The mission of Shipston High School is to prepare young people to play an active part in society by providing them with the exceptional skills, qualifications and attitudes that will benefit themselves and others, locally, nationally and internationally.

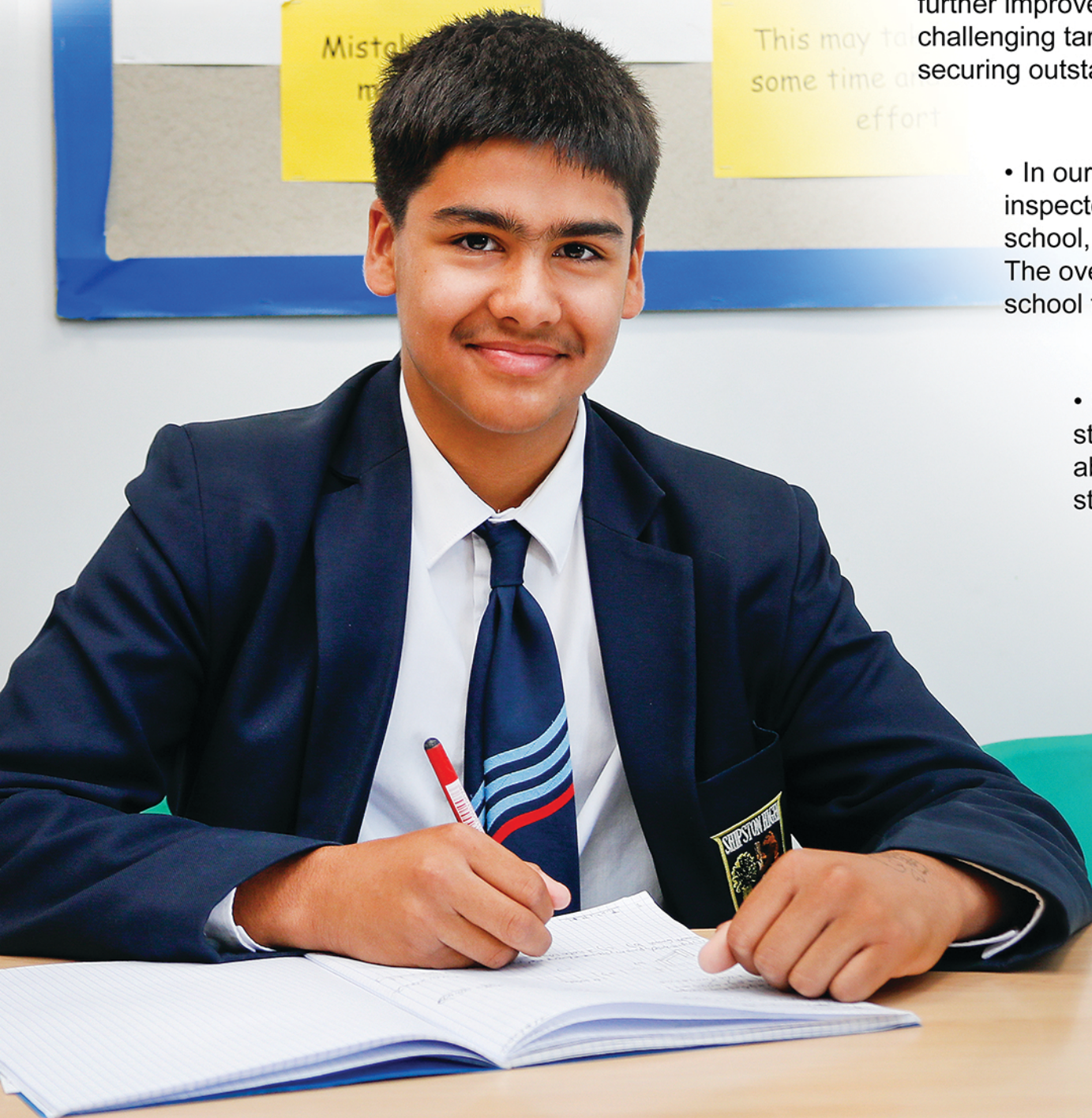
Shipston High School is a high achieving and student centred academy. We are a non-selective 11-16 mixed High School with a very special ethos and character. Our students are high achieving; attainment and levels of progress are impressive. Ofsted rated the school “Good” in 2018, noting that “Parents feel that pupils are safe, happy, taught well and make good progress”. They also praised the success of our classroom based work; we are learning focused.

The school is located in attractive surroundings on the edge of Shipston on Stour, with spectacular views across the northern Cotswolds. Our buildings are spacious and offer a wealth of specialist accommodation. Significant development of the site saw a first phase of new classrooms open in 2015, with a further teaching and reception block opening in the summer of 2018.

Visitors frequently remark on the distinctive ethos of Shipston High School. In particular, they praise the obvious energy and enthusiasm of staff and students, the excellent relations, and the happy and mutually respectful atmosphere. They also express admiration for the impressive confidence and maturity of our students and the way they embrace student leadership across the school. Shipston High School prepares young people to be independent and successful, and each day students actively reflect our values of learning, respect, ambition and achievement.



Some Recent Highlights



- As our statistics show, the school is relentless in its drive to further improve examination results. Each year we set students challenging targets that embody the school's commitment to securing outstanding progress.

- In our most recent Ofsted inspection (Spring 2018) inspectors observed the exceptional qualities of the school, noting "Parents think highly of the school. The overwhelming majority.... would recommend the school to others".

- Shipston High School has achieved consistently strong examination results that are significantly above national averages along with a record of strong progress 8 scores.

- Owing to its continuing success the school has become increasingly popular and is now regularly oversubscribed. Shipston High is a popular "first choice" school.

- The school enjoys Academy status and embraces that independence for the benefit of its students

Teaching and Learning

We put learning at the heart of everything we do. Staff have high expectations of all students to fully develop their abilities and talents and we expect students to make the most of the many opportunities the school provides.

We are committed to realising the potential of every student. Teaching is tailored to the needs of our learners. We encourage and foster a culture of enquiry and curiosity, where students are enthusiastically engaged in learning.

Teaching promotes the joy of learning, helping our students to become successful self-motivated learners. All staff are actively involved in professional development of pedagogy and subject knowledge to ensure that teaching is current, relevant and effective.



Resources for Learning

All departments host lessons in specialist classrooms and facilities. Significant investment in the school ensures that all subjects are delivered in a professional and contemporary environment. The school has worked closely with professional architects to design our modern and welcoming new buildings.

Shipston High School enjoys extensive playing fields and floodlit court facilities for a wide range of sports. Our welcoming library and break out areas around the school provide calm spaces for independent study.

Teachers in all areas are supported by current technology and a dedicated team of support staff, enabling full focus on the core business of teaching and learning.

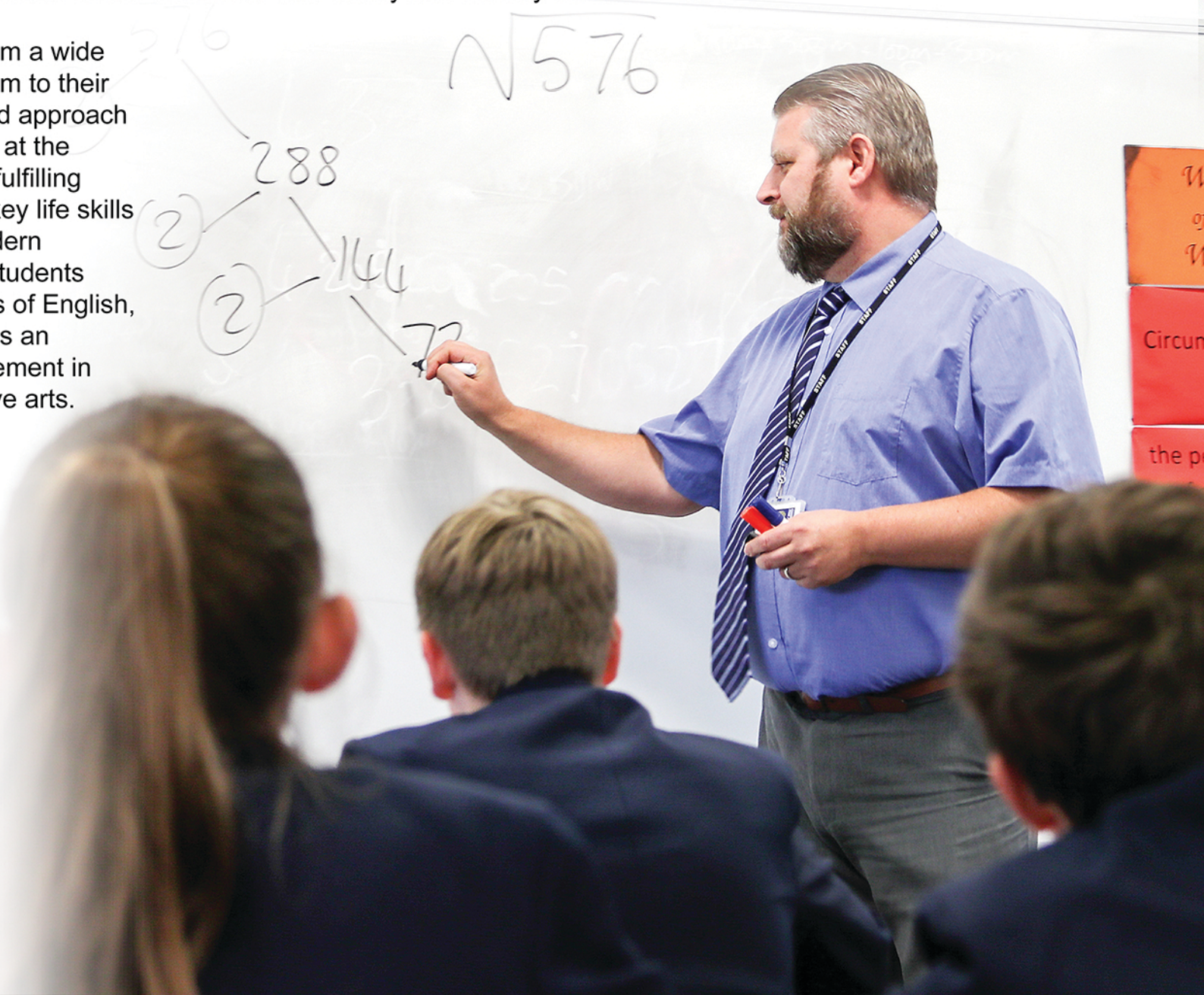


The School Curriculum

Shipston High School offers a vibrant and varied range of courses, providing students with a broad and balanced education. Guided by the national curriculum, the school continually reviews and refreshes our offer to ensure that students enjoy study that provides them with the skills and knowledge to thrive in modern further education and twenty first century careers.

At Key Stage 4 students can select from a wide range of options, tailoring the curriculum to their needs and interests. This personalised approach enables all students to make progress at the school, creating a sure foundation for fulfilling their ambitions. All students develop key life skills through subjects such as PE, RE, Modern Languages and Computer Science. Students enjoy success in the essential subjects of English, Maths and Science, and the school has an enviable reputation for student achievement in humanities, technology and the creative arts.

The school enjoys excellent links with sixth form providers and universities, ensuring that our curriculum promotes and meets the high standards that allow students to continue their studies after GCSE. At Shipston High School we strive to offer an exciting and involving curriculum that is challenging, enjoyable and relevant to every individual.



A close-up, over-the-shoulder view of a student with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue school uniform. The student is sitting at a wooden desk, writing in a notebook with a red pen. The notebook has a purple cover and a white page. The background is slightly blurred, showing a classroom setting with a whiteboard and other students in the distance.

Special Educational Needs

The school has a strong record of success in helping students with a range of needs to achieve excellent outcomes. Every student is an individual, and we work with students in the classroom to overcome barriers to learning and release the potential of every learner. Shipston High School has developed an experienced and well qualified team of specialist staff who deploy their expertise to support students within our mainstream setting.

Pastoral Care and Guidance

At Shipston High School we are proud of our nurturing and supportive culture which enables our young people to flourish. The school pastoral system ensures our students are supported through their development as young adults so that they can be confident, content and ready to learn.

We place a strong emphasis on establishing a caring and respectful community that encourages growth, confidence and good character. All students are members of one of our four Houses, ably led by a dedicated Head of House and teams of Form Tutors. Positive relationships between these staff and students ensure that we are alert to the needs of our young people on their journey through school, and provide the support that enables focus on successful learning.

Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles throughout the school. Upper school students take on significant responsibilities, including the opportunity to join our enthusiastic team of prefects.



Celebrating Achievement

Our school is founded on the belief that all students have talents and can achieve. We make it our mission to bring out the talents of our individual students and to celebrate their endeavours and successes at all levels. The school takes a proactive stance with regard to rewarding students for good behaviour, achievement, motivation and service to the school and wider community. Our system of rewards is designed to encourage positive attitudes above and beyond normal working expectations.



Some examples of the many ways that we reward achievement include:

- Individual praise
- The award of merit points
- Letters, postcards and certificates sent home
- Celebration in House and whole school assemblies
- Inclusion on our "Success Board"
- Special, end of term "Celebration Assemblies"
- Letters of commendation from the Headteacher
- The "Shipston Award" scheme for students in Years 7, 8 and 9
- An award at our annual Awards Evening when students receive public recognition for their efforts and achievements

Extra Curricular Activities

The school offers an extensive range of extra curricular opportunities. These activities are hugely enjoyable, and also provide environments where students develop their wider skills and qualities.

Sport is very popular with all students, whether in one of our highly competitive and successful teams, or one of the many activities run for pure enjoyment. Creative arts activities in drama, music and art and design are regular and popular features of school life. The school is successful, with sports teams competing at a national level, students reaching the national finals of the Rotary Youth Speaks contest and Shipston students being selected to perform with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Participation is high, and involvement purposeful. All students are expected to participate in our inter-house public speaking competition and all have the opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



Links with our Community

The school is exceptional in the close relationship we enjoy with the local community. Community groups actively support the school with significant dedication. We value the support we receive in the form of funding for key projects and services for school activities such as public speaking competitions, enterprise days and career development activities.

The school is proud to participate in community activities. Celebrations, commemorations and charity events link our students to their community and play an important part in their wider personal and social education.

Communication with Parents

We encourage parents to work with us here at the school in helping their children to learn. Regular consultations take place, and information on student progress is regularly shared. The school is well supported by parents and attendance at consultation evenings is exceptionally high.

Parents are encouraged to communicate with the school, and the positive dialogue the school enjoys with families ensures that students are well supported and focussed on their learning.





Post 16 Destinations

On completion of their GCSEs our students leave school to follow a wide range of A level and other post 16 courses at local grammar schools, colleges and sixth form centres or high quality apprenticeships, for instance at Aston Martin. In recent years every student has gone on to quality education or training provision.

Many then go on to university and higher education in order to enter a wide range of professions and careers. We are always delighted that so many of our students keep us updated with their progress after they leave us.

Further Information

For further information about the school please see our website (www.shipstonhigh.co.uk) which is regularly updated or contact the school by telephone (01608 661833) or e-mail (info@shipstonhigh.co.uk). The school welcomes visits from prospective students and their parents at a mutually convenient time. Please contact the school in advance if you would like to arrange a visit.

Admissions

Full details of the school's admission procedures are on the school website or may be obtained by directly contacting the school. Our admissions process is managed by the Warwickshire County Council Admissions Service.

Telephone: 01926 414143

Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions

In the first instance all enquiries about admissions should be directed to the Admissions Service.





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