



SHIRE OAK ACADEMY

TURNING POTENTIAL INTO EXCELLENCE

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KEY STAGE 3 PROSPECTUS



MISSION STATEMENT

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At Shire Oak we provide a safe, secure, caring and supportive environment in which all students may take advantage of the opportunities we provide to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to prepare them for taking up an adult place in 21st Century society as responsible, responsive and enterprising citizens who become effective lifelong learners and make a positive contribution to society.

Our work at Shire Oak Academy is underpinned by a set of core values. These values support the development of the whole child as a reflective learner within a calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere. Our shared set of values will promote a positive environment in which students can make progress academically, socially and emotionally. We want to encourage students to consider these values, and thereby to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to develop as reflective learners and grow to be stable, educated and civil adults.



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It gives us great pleasure to introduce ourselves: Annabel Stoddart the Executive Headteacher and Neal Critchley the Associate Headteacher.

Together we are the driving force behind our Academy's mission: "Turning Potential into Excellence." Shire Oak Academy has always been a wonderful place to learn and work. We are determined that Shire Oak Academy builds on its legacy and continues to flourish and maintain its position at the heart of our community.

Shire Oak Academy is an exciting and vibrant learning community where students enjoy success in and outside of the classroom. We aim to provide an outstanding, positive learning environment and value the high quality of relationships that enable this to be true of all aspects of academy life. Our Academy mission, 'Turning Potential into Excellence' is important to us as we prepare our students for successful adult lives in an increasingly competitive world. We support and encourage our students to try their best to achieve success in all areas and help prepare them for their future choices, not only in their academic learning but also within other areas such as music, sport, art and drama.

We have a strong focus on academic achievement throughout the academy and develop our young people to be independent and resilient learners. We are proud of our inclusive ethos and of the positive relationships that we build with parents and the local community. We believe that all students can achieve.

The predominant focus of the academy is on working with students to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge which combine to create successful and independent learners. Our ASPIRE values guide us throughout our work in this area.



VALUES

At Shire Oak we believe that traditional education is only one element of learning and that today's children are entering a rapidly changing world with new technologies and an evolving economic landscape which will affect them both professionally and in their roles as informed citizens, partners, parents, and members of their communities.

Every child has the potential to succeed and we encourage them to dream big and to be fully involved in Academy life. We promote qualities of selflessness, courage, honesty and respect, whilst developing confidence in all areas of school life. This will help each child fulfil their true potential for excellence and success.

By setting meaningful goals, promoting our ASPIRE values and ASPIRE character programmes we are creating an environment for every child to 'Turn Potential Into Excellence'.

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ASPIRATIONAL

Our aim is to work with individuals to allow them to realise their potential and to help find for them avenues to personal success and esteem, turning the individual's potential into personal excellence.

EXPLORE POTENTIAL

We are committed to the needs of all learners, from the most academically gifted to those who need additional help and support. Our belief is that every single child has talent and is unique. Our aim is to work with individuals to allow them to realise their potential and to help find them avenues to personal success and esteem, turning the individual's potential into personal excellence.



'The school provides good independent careers advice. At the end of key stage 4 and the sixth form, very few pupils do not go on to appropriate education or training.'



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SUCCESS

Students learn from failure, challenge expectations and drive for success.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

At Shire Oak Academy we believe in the concept of lifelong learning and the notion that learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone. Through our teaching and learning activities we equip our students with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary for them to achieve their hopes and aspirations for their future and make informed choices about the important things in their life.



'Pupils follow a broad curriculum. Pupils learn well. Pupils know how to improve their work. Those with SEND learn well'



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PARTICIPATION

At Shire Oak Academy we believe in the all round education of our students and therefore we offer many academy activities and visit opportunities. We encourage all our students to be fully involved in academy life, to take an active part in lessons and take full advantage of the extra curricular opportunities provided.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

The Academy has an excellent reputation for sporting achievement and there is a regular fixture list for academy teams throughout the year. Outdoor education activities are also programmed. The academy also organises several visits both home and abroad.



'Pupils benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activity, for example in staging 'Shrek the musical'.'



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INTEGRITY

We believe in promoting the qualities of selflessness, courage, honesty, respect, commitment and doing the right thing.

THINK DIFFERENT

Our pastoral care system exists to ensure that every student realises his or her full potential. The system is organised so that each student is seen as an individual, in order that his or her needs are realised in academic, personal, moral and spiritual development.



'Bullying is uncommon. Pupils are happy to come to school and feel safe. They enjoy a good standard of pastoral care. Warm relationships between teachers and pupils mean that pupils behave well. Sometimes their behaviour is exceptional.'



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RESPONSIBILITY

We want to enable each student to develop confidence, self esteem and responsibility in all areas of school life.

OPEN YOUR MIND

We believe that it is vitally important to work with students to get them to explore their responsibilities both inside and outside of the academy. We want students to see that, if they are willing, there is always more to learn about the world around them. Our role is to encourage students to accept new ideas and experiences, to challenge themselves, whilst supporting the students to participate.



'Pupils have opportunities to adopt leadership roles. Sixth form students have contributed well to the promotion of equality and diversity.'



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EXCELLENCE

We challenge our staff and students to strive for excellence and high achievement in everything they do.

INSPIRED TO CREATE

Excellence is what we strive for in everything we do, but what does excellence look like? For every student and member of staff the answer to this will be different. For some it may come academically, for others it may be in the arts or for some in sport. What does not change though is the need for commitment and desire. At Shire Oak Academy we are committed to giving all students the opportunities and resources they need to find their path to excellence.



'Leaders have organised the curriculum effectively. Teachers put the curriculum into practice effectively. Pupils know how to improve their work'



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CHARACTER EDUCATION

At Shire Oak Academy, we aim to provide our young people with a wealth of opportunities, both inside and beyond the classroom. Our ultimate goal is to enable all of our students to develop a strong moral code so that they are able to participate in society as active citizens, contributing positively to their communities and the wider world around them.

We aim to ensure that our students develop into confident and compassionate young adults, who are effective contributors to society, successful learners, and responsible citizens. We encourage our students to develop a commitment to serving others, to participate in a wide range of activities (both in and outside academy), to develop the ability to lead others and of course, the skills to effectively learn.

Our ASPIRE character programme builds on our key ASPIRE values and supports our students to develop key behaviours that will help all turn their potential into excellence.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

At Shire Oak Academy we believe that participation in extra-curricular activities on a regular basis is the best way to help our students to develop their individual personality and enhance social or academic skills. We have a broad range of activities and clubs, including: art, drama, history, football, badminton, orchestra, reading, science, photography, basketball, garden design, canoeing, rugby, climbing, netball, rounders, athletics, horse riding, skiing, fitness, Duke of Edinburgh, choir, textiles, TV and news.

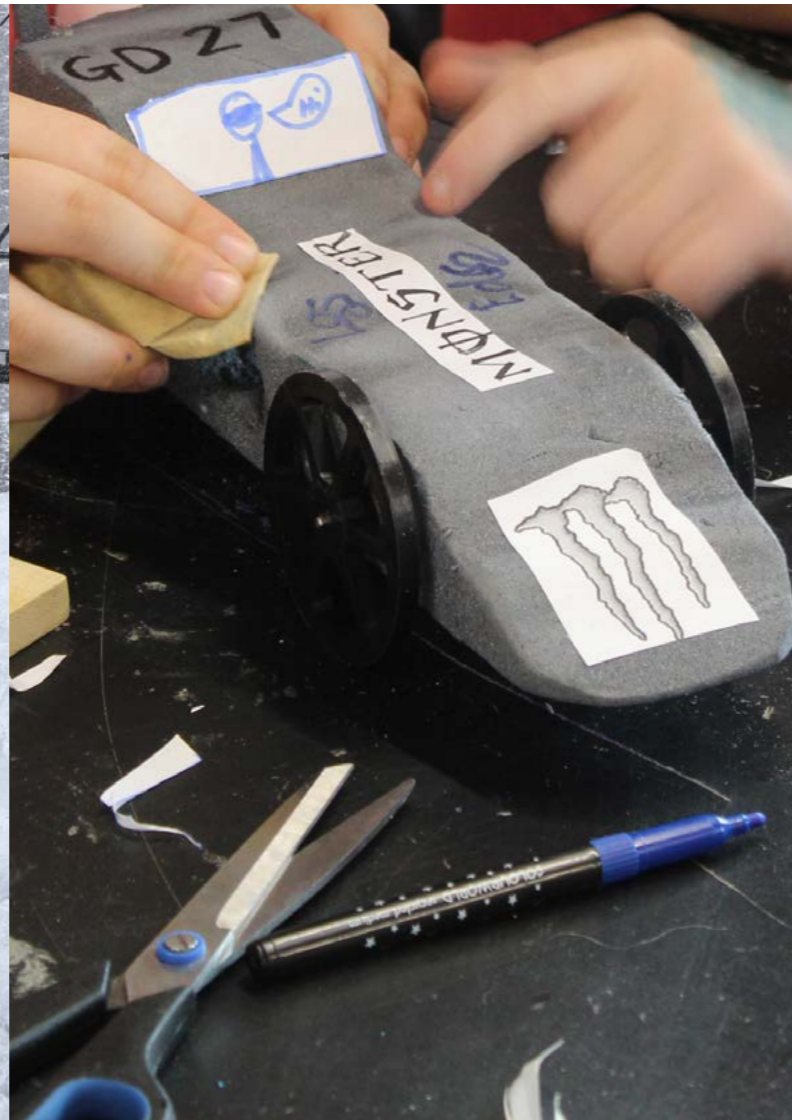


50 THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU'RE 18^{3/4}

As part of our ASPIRE character programme we encourage all students to take part in as many activities both inside and beyond the Academy, developing a 50 things to do before you are 18^{3/4}.

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SHIRE OAK SKI CLUB **EXPLORE YOUR FULL POTENTIAL**

School trips have a wealth of benefits including better cultural awareness, improved confidence and independence as well as forging stronger relationships and lifelong memories.

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DESIGN IS INTELLIGENCE **MADE VISIBLE**

Shire Oak Academy students are challenged to tackle problems and puzzles, think of solutions and be innovative with their work.

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THE GREATER THE OBSTACLE THE MORE GLORY OVERCOMING IT

Shire Oak Academy students learn how to tackle obstacles both inside and outside the classroom, learning from setbacks and striving to be the best they can.

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NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS **CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.**

Shire Oak Academy students learn about and engage with the world around them and enjoy opportunities to experience it first-hand.

ACADEMY GUIDE



- ① Newly refurbished gym, rock climbing wall and revolutionary rotating walls
- ② Modern functional gym
- ③ Modern 28 station fitness suite
- ④ 10 well equipped science labs

- ⑤ ASPIRE Centre
- ⑥ 6 Tennis courts and Astro Turf
- ⑦ New external servery and dining space
- ⑧ The Loakal cafe

- ⑨ Large sixth form common room
- ⑩ Recently refurbished sports hall
- ⑪ Library with over 10,000 books
- ⑫ Music & Performing Arts block with individual practice rooms

- ⑬ Outdoor gym area with robust and versatile equipment
- ⑭ Modern teaching facilities with interactive technology
- ⑮ School main hall
- ⑯ Large playing field with football, rugby, cricket, rounders and athletics facilities