

All of us can go beyond our best ...



Durrington  
High School



*As a school we are well aware of the amount of paper generated when providing information. As a result, we try to make as much information as possible available on our school website or through links to other sources. However, we understand that not everybody has access to the internet and that some people prefer to read documents as hard copies. Should you prefer to have a paper copy of any of our website documents listed below, please contact the school.*

**durringtonhighschool.co.uk**

*The website includes:*

- a link to WSCC admissions policy
- Attendance data Information
- Details about our Company system
- Details about our Departments and courses
- A link to our most recent OFSTED report

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Going beyond our best ...

Academic year  
2020 > 2021





Students say:

*I am proud to be a DHS student and I value the opportunities provided because they help us develop as learners and people."*

At Durrington High School a real highlight of the school year is the opportunity to welcome prospective parents/carers and students to our school at our annual open evening and mornings. Our staff and students relish the opportunity to share our school; showcasing the fabulous facilities, plentiful enrichment activities and exceptional learning opportunities we offer.

Unfortunately, due to the current government guidelines and with the safety and well-being of our staff, students and the wider community in mind, we are unable to invite you physically onto the school site in 2020.

We will have a virtual open evening available in October which will allow you to navigate around our school. You will meet many of our staff and students, discover our exciting curriculum, understand our core values and get answers to practical questions. This tour will allow you to get a real sense of what it means to be a part of Team Durrington as well as a clear idea of the wonderful facilities offered in our fantastic building. In addition to this we will host several virtual events which will focus on specific areas and allow you to ask any questions.

We understand that choosing a secondary school is a huge milestone for children and their families. Please be assured that we will do all we can to allow you to experience life at Durrington High, despite the unusual circumstances. We are of course happy to answer any questions you may have. Please email [admin@durring.com](mailto:admin@durring.com) and a member of Team Durrington will get back to you promptly.

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## Why Team Durrington?

At Durrington High School 'team' is at the heart of everything we do. We know that it is only by working together that we can ensure our students, your children, are given the education they deserve. Our team is dedicated to ensuring our students leave us as happy and confident individuals, with the qualifications and skills that will enable them to flourish in a fast-moving, exciting, and at times challenging, society.

Our strength as a team is demonstrated superbly in the way in which we continue to adapt and put measures in place to mitigate the risks from COVID-19 to our community. We, along with the rest of the world, faced the 'test of a generation' when we were required to close to the majority of students. Our team had to react quickly and effectively to ensure students continued their education and remained connected to each other. We are immensely proud of the response from staff, students and parents/carers to this unprecedented situation. This has enabled us to have such a successful and smooth return to school for all students in September, supporting their well-being and addressing any gaps in their learning.

Our Team prides itself on the excellent outcomes we achieve for our students and we are relentless in our pursuit of excellence for all. As a true comprehensive, Durrington High School has consistently achieved above national and West Sussex results, and we continually aspire to improve further. Our school motto 'Going Beyond Your Best' is underpinned by the values of Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride (KAPP). You will see further information about what this means throughout this prospectus and our school, but these key values feed into everything we do and are instilled in all members of Team Durrington. The focus on these values translate into a successful, vibrant and happy school in which students excel in their learning whilst being cared for and celebrated as individuals.

Our superb site and facilities, including a brand new, world class, sports hall, ensure that the learning environment is bright, contemporary and well equipped for our outstanding staff to deliver 21st century education.

We know that choosing a secondary school is an important decision for your family. Rest assured, as a valued member of Team Durrington your child will be nurtured, challenged and passionately supported to 'go beyond their best'.

**Sue Marooney**

*Executive Headteacher / CEO Durrington Multi Academy Trust*

DURRINGTON MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



ASPIRATION | EXCELLENCE | TRANSFORMATION



Ofsted reports:

*The leadership team has been innovative and highly effective in training and developing teachers. The excellent quality of staff development is recognised locally and nationally. Governors know the school well and provide effective support and challenge.*





# Kindness Aspiration Perseverance Pride

## What are Team Durrington's values?



Ofsted reports:

*Pupils told us that they enjoy school. Pupils value and respect the well-maintained and stimulating school environment. Their experience at the school is enhanced by the wide range of clubs and activities provided by staff.*



As a skilled and committed team of staff we strongly believe in getting to know every single student, encouraging and supporting them to realise their full potential. Our seven company families are central to ensuring this happens, company staff work tirelessly to know and nurture the whole child, whatever their starting point.

Underpinning this approach are the four key school values of Kindness, Aspiration, Perseverance and Pride (KAPP). These thread through all that we do as Team Durrington, day in day out across academic studies, enrichment opportunities and community events.

As well as being firmly focused on academic excellence for all, our staff really do go the extra mile and offer students an extensive range of exciting clubs and community activities both inside and outside of the classroom. From computing clubs to mud runs, school musicals to Christmas hampers for the homeless, trips to far flung places to charity swims, and food donations to singing in care homes; we really do go beyond our best in all that we do both within school and our local community.

We'd love you to come and see for yourselves just how brilliant Team Durrington is!

*Being caring, supportive and helpful to others*

*Having personal goals and dreams to achieve success in future life*

*Recognising and overcoming barriers to success, digging deep and never giving up*

*Being the very best person you can be, celebrating your own successes and achievements, and those of others*





## What does it mean for your child to attend a Research School?

As one of only 32 Research Schools across the country, we are at the forefront of evidence-based teaching, well-being (pastoral care) and behaviour. Research Schools are selected because of their strong track record of using the best available research evidence to embed excellent teaching. It's for this reason that we lead training and support for other schools across the south-east of England.

From the perspective of our students, being a Research School means that they are taught by highly trained and expert teachers. This matters to us, because we strongly believe that a child's education is too important to be left to chance. So, rather than teaching our students in a way that we think might work, we use robust research evidence from academics around the world to tell us what is most likely to support learning in the classroom. This research evidence is then used to inform and shape not only how we teach, but every other aspect of our work as a school. We are committed to this because we believe that our students deserve no less than a world-class education, that will help them to become confident, intelligent and successful learners.



Ofsted reports:

*There is a strong culture of care for every pupil at your school.  
Pupils feel safe in school and feel that staff are approachable.*



*Students say:*

*At Durrington we are encouraged to respond to feedback allowing us to develop our learning and to go beyond our best."*

**K**indness  
**A**spiration  
**P**erseverance  
**P**ride

*Empathy / Understanding / Caring / Consideration / Helping / Giving your time*

*Goal / Ambition / Objective / Aim high / Dream / Future / Success*

*Commitment / Working hard / Digging deep / Keeping going / Overcoming*

*Achievement / Personal best / Fulfilment / Success / Winning out*



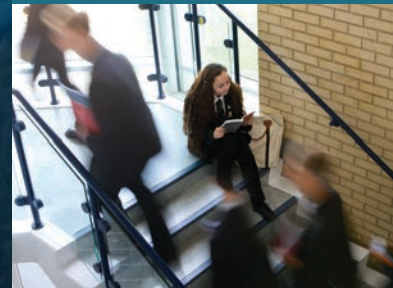
*Students say:*

*Durrington has taught me that no matter what difficulties you face, you can always overcome them with determination and perseverance."*





My daughter always has **positive stories** of her day and about her teachers. Thank you to all the staff for making her feel **so welcome**.



My son has found the **whole experience** positive. I think the rewards system is brilliant (badges and connect points) and it also means I feel **very well informed**.



What do our parents/carers say?

My son has **settled in seamlessly**, I often say you can't tell that he's started a new school. He's happy, really positive about the school and his 'results' from parent's evening demonstrate how well he is doing. **Thank you DHS.**

There is **good support** and **great teachers**.

I had concerns that my daughter would struggle with the transition to high school as she can lack confidence. I am very impressed that **every child is 'noticed'** and their interests developed, regardless of ability.

Lovely to see teachers awarding children with good news slips, as that **enforces positive behaviour** for children and helps parents understand that they are doing well.

When a friendship issue occurred, we contacted the form tutor and received **prompt communication** and it was dealt with in a **transparent and speedy** way.

My son talks **very positively** about all his teachers.

My daughter has settled in so well and is **very happy**.

Love the **school app** as I can **see her homework** and what she buys from the canteen.

**Connect** allows us to monitor homework and rewards/sanctions. **Communication** from school is excellent.

Thank you to all the teachers and staff at Durrington High. **You are all amazing.**





## How do we support transition?

We fully understand that taking the step up to high school can be an anxious time for children and parents/carers alike. That's why at Durrington we go over and above to make the process as simple and straightforward as possible, for each and every one of you. From the moment you join our team, we commit to answering all questions (no matter how small) and also sharing with you the many things there are to look forward to. Creating this sense of excitement and opportunity goes a long way towards making transition smooth and successful.

Our specialist transition team, supported by company leaders, pastoral managers and the SEN(D) team make it their priority to get to know each and every student. Dividing the school into seven companies (each with around 235 students) ensures your child has a clear sense of identity and also security in knowing key members of staff know who they are, their likes and dislikes, goals and dreams.

We actively encourage parents/carers to be involved every step of the way, knowing from experience, that the closer we work with you the easier the transition will be.

Daily life at Durrington begins at 8.45am with period one; a 30-minute tutor time with their form group within which the children undertake a variety of different activities including tutor-led discussions on current affairs and issues, community challenges and much more. As well as learning this gives time to build strong relationships between your child, their tutor and peers. It ensures a really positive start to the day.

The rest of the day is spent in 5 subject lessons and 2 break times (during which there are plentiful opportunities to attend clubs, eat and socialise). Year 7 students have a canteen, social area and a set of toilets dedicated for their use only; facilities which they can use as much or as little as they like.



Ofsted reports:

*Pupils' behaviour is excellent and they wear their uniform with pride.  
They are kind and respectful towards each other and their teachers.*



Students say:

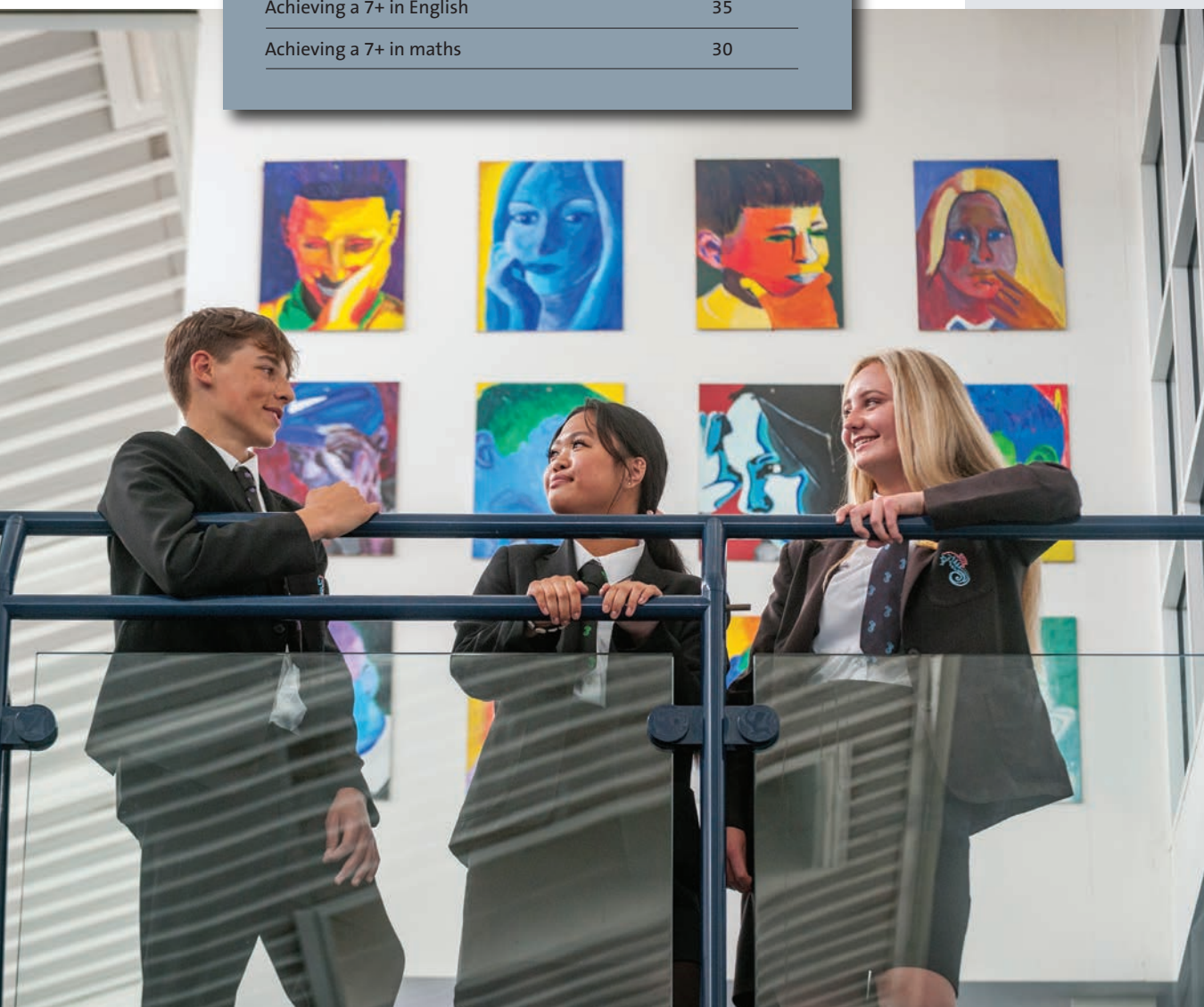
*Being a part of Durrington High School has made me want to achieve more than I believed was possible. It has made me believe that I can achieve excellence."*



## How do our students perform?

We are immensely proud of all our year 11 students who showed such resilience and worked so hard to achieve a great set of GCSE results in the summer. As a school our results are consistently strong and we strive year on year to improve these further. This year more students than ever before achieved grade 5s or higher in both English and Maths GCSE and an incredible 257 grade 9s were awarded.

	Percentage
Achieving Basics (at 4+) in English and maths	78
Achieving Basics (at 5+) in English and maths	60
Achieving a 7+ in English	35
Achieving a 7+ in maths	30



## 2020 Subject results

### GCSE (graded 9-1). Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs)

	Entries	% achieving grade 9-4	% achieving grade 9-5	% achieving grade 9-7
English	303	85	74	35
English Language	303	80	67	29
English Literature	302	75	66	30
Maths	305	84	65	30
Science	210	77	60	28
Biology	93	96	83	55
Chemistry	91	93	88	63
Physics	91	97	85	58
Art	52	100	100	48
Business Studies	77	81	58	19
Citizenship	49	73	59	22
Computer Science	38	84	74	50
Dance	17	88	71	29
Design Technology	65	94	71	32
Drama	64	97	81	36
French	46	80	65	26
Further Maths	48	100	100	85
Geography	177	75	64	37
Graphics	17	100	100	47
History	138	70	59	30
Media	29	83	66	14
Music	29	76	66	28
PE	102	82	66	32
Spanish	74	69	50	26
Textiles	39	97	97	49

### GCSE (graded A\*-G). Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs)

	Entries	% achieving grade A*-C	% achieving grade A*-A
Financial Education	28	100	21

### BTEC L1L2. Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs)

	Entries	% achieving 2D*-2P	% achieving 2D*-2D
Digital Information Technology	36	75	22



*The leadership team monitors effectively the quality of teaching, pupils' progress in each subject and the progress of different groups of pupils. As a result, leaders and governors have an accurate view of the many strengths of the school and the areas which can be improved.*



# Kindness Aspiration Perseverance Pride



*Students say:*

*Durrington High School has made me become more confident in myself by encouraging me to just go for it!"*



*Students say:*

*Durrington High School believes in me."*

Local Authority

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Durrington High School is an Academy and is part of the Durrington Multi-Academy Trust (DMAT).

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