



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

Working Together - Shaping Tomorrow

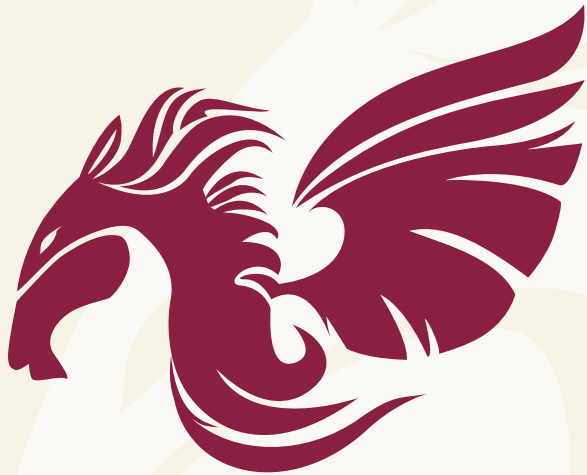
11 - 19 Academy



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



Welcome to



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SCHOOL**





The Arnewood School is a successful comprehensive school for students from 11-18 years old. Our students are a pleasure to work with; intellectually curious, empathetic, and fun, they continually challenge themselves and strive for great personal success. This is coupled with a body of dedicated and passionate staff who are driven to deliver the best possible provision to our students, to help them all overcome their personal challenges, to ensure all doors remain open to them, and to empower them to achieve their dreams. Our expectations are high and, as a result of a stimulating and enriching curriculum and our celebration of personal success and individual talents, students acquire skills of leadership and teamwork, become confident and enthusiastic learners, develop varied sporting, creative and academic talents, and are thoughtful and valuable citizens.

We seek to maintain a calm, happy and purposeful school environment based on an inclusive culture of mutual respect. Central to this is our partnership with parents which we know is crucial in helping students achieve their full potential. We are proud of the members of our community, our facilities, and believe that every student should and can excel whilst in our care.

This website aims to provide you with an insight into the values, character, and ethos of the school, but to fully appreciate what Arnewood has to offer, we warmly encourage you to come and see us at work. You are welcome to visit us at any time during the year.

Jamie Anderson,
Headteacher



School aims

We at The Arnewood School are committed to excellence in all we do. We encourage innovative teaching and learning, and place an emphasis on making sure each child achieves their potential. We believe all students should have an understanding and an awareness of the world around them.

Our aims are to achieve and sustain excellence by:

- Providing a range of exciting and inspirational lessons in a warm and welcoming environment.
- Celebrating and supporting all those who respect the values of The Arnewood School.
- Encouraging a sense of belonging to The Arnewood School and the local community.

Every member of our school community is important to US

The Arnewood School is committed to excellence. The school stresses the importance of academic excellence and actively encourages students to have high aspirations for their future. All students are encouraged to develop their full potential and to make the most of the opportunities the school offers.

Key Stage 3 Y7 – Y8 (Aged 11 – 13)

The curriculum and timetable are arranged so that during Key Stage 3 children study a full range of courses, including English, history, geography, religious studies, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, French, design and technology, information communication technology, art, drama, music, and physical education. We offer a second language for our more able linguists and both German and French are popular.



The school has been excellent in all stages of transition. At every point of contact, the various staff could not have been more helpful, efficient and accommodating.

An Arnewood Parent.





Key Stage 4 Y9 – Y11 (Aged 13 – 16)

At Key Stage 4, all pupils take GCSE subjects, with a wide variety of option choices. In addition to those subjects offered at Key Stage 3, courses such as media studies and childcare offer the chance to specialise in preparation for post 16 study in the Sixth Form. We continue to offer high academic outcomes and have a strong track record of success across many subjects at Key Stage 4 and post 16. Vocational courses can be accessed alongside established subjects after Key Stage 3. These include courses such as construction and hairdressing.



Post 16 Y12 – Y13 (Aged 16 – 18)

The Arnewood School is able to offer continuity of education from Key Stage 4 with its own Sixth Form which includes purpose built accommodation as well as specialist resources in the school's library.

A broad range of courses are provided at AS and A Level with a variety of vocational options for the growing number of students who wish to remain in education Post 16. We are proud of all students' achievements, some of whom will choose to complete a one year course prior to employment or training, while others progress from The Arnewood School's comprehensive intake to university, including top universities.

As well as specialist support with university entrance, sixth formers enjoy support from an experienced tutor team able to meet the needs of older students. A varied citizenship programme, community action and commitment to charity fundraising provide many opportunities for student leadership.



Pupils' behaviour is exemplary both in the classroom and around the school. They are kind, supportive and inclusive.



Every child matters



The school has exceeded our already high expectations. The staff are dedicated, the school is well run, the students are committed and enthused, and most importantly, they are happy and so are we.

An Arnewood Parent.



Special Educational Needs

Students with special educational needs are identified and supported with additional resources. Students have individual learning programmes. The Head of Learning Support (SENCo) is responsible for the organisation of the school programme and recommendations about individual needs.

The school has very good provision for students, including specialist staff and accommodation. Students with literacy needs are supported with a dedicated literacy programme. There is also a club after school, most days, to support students with their homework.



Pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities receive support appropriate to their needs and make good progress.

Extra Curricular

Many members of staff give their time freely in the organisation of extra-curricular activities. These are too numerous to list in full but include competitive sports, drama and arts workshops, and clubs developing languages, ICT, and science skills.

The range of instrumental music is a special feature of The Arnewood School. We offer our students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in the areas of strings, piano, brass, electronic keyboard, woodwind, guitar, percussion and voice.

Numerous school trips, exchanges and visits enrich the school curriculum. These include geography field trips to Purbeck and Hengistbury Head, German and French trips, a drama trip to New York, and art trips to local and London galleries. Pastoral visits strengthen and develop friendships. Trips abroad as well as to Osmington Bay and Little Canada adventure centres are popular features of the school calendar.



Pupils study a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. As a result, pupils are reflective, empathic and tolerant citizens of 21st century Britain

Ofsted 2018

Caring partnerships

Parents and Community

We believe that good communication between school and home is essential to help fulfil the potential of children. Members of staff have voicemail facilities if they are not available immediately – we aim to contact any parent within 24 hours of an initial enquiry. Firefly, the school's online learning environment, allows parents/carers to see their child's homework and curriculum content.

Many parents and carers comment on the way in which the school seeks to encourage adults of all generations to contribute to school life. In addition to school concerts, fundraising events, Grandparents' Parties, and Parent Consultation Evenings, our Presentation Evenings are welcome occasions when we can all share in students' success.

We have strong links with members of the business community in New Milton who generously support us in work study placements for Year 10 students. The local clergy, of all denominations, are welcome speakers at school assemblies.



High aspirations
for all



School Uniform

The Arnewood School has a distinctive uniform which has been agreed in consultation with the governing body, students and the parent body. Students wear a maroon blazer, black trousers or school skirt, and white shirt or white fitted blouse. A school tie is compulsory for Years 7 – 11. In the Sixth Form, students are permitted to wear business attire which must include smart trousers or skirt and appropriate jacket, together with a shirt or blouse.

The school uniform is compulsory for all students. Parents wishing to make application for uniform and/or free meals grants may contact the school in confidence. More details can be found on our website

Accommodation and Resources

The Arnewood School is the largest school in this area of Hampshire and possesses excellent resources. These include a swimming pool, sports hall, squash courts, weights room, gymnasium, an extensive hard area for tennis and netball and an astroturf pitch. The school's excellent facilities include specialist science rooms, design & technology rooms and facilities for expressive arts. All classes are taught in permanent accommodation.

The school offers an affordable iPad purchase scheme for students who wish to benefit from the use of their own device during the school day and beyond.





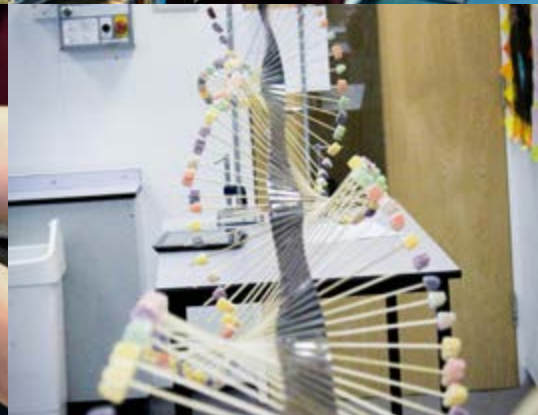
Rewards and Discipline

The Arnewood School celebrates our young people's successes. Many commendations are given each term for effort, attainment and services to the community.

Homework

We recognise that homework is an important feature of effective learning by reinforcing classroom practice and preparing for future study. We operate a homework timetable in Years 7 – 11 with students accessing homework via our online learning environment. A supervised study support area is available at 3.30pm for students wishing to complete homework before travelling home. The Library opens at 8.00am and closes at 4.30pm.





TERM DATES 2023 - 2024

AUTUMN TERM

TERM STARTS	Monday 4th September
HALF TERM	Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October
INSET DAYS	4th & 5th September and 8th November
TERM ENDS	Tuesday 19th December
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	20th December - 3rd January

SPRING TERM

TERM STARTS	Thursday 4th January
HALF TERM	Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
INSET DAY	Thursday 28th March
TERM ENDS	Thursday 28th March
EASTER HOLIDAYS	29th March - 15th April

SUMMER TERM

TERM STARTS	Monday 15th April
HALF TERM	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
INSET DAY	Friday 3rd May
TERM ENDS	Tuesday 23rd July

All information is correct at the time of publication but is subject to change. We are unable to accept any liability for changes in published dates. Dates will also be published on our website.

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