



Prospectus



# Headteacher's Welcome

Oakmoor School is a brand new, state of the art secondary school situated in a 22 acre tree lined site on the edge of the South Downs National Park.

We are a friendly, vibrant school with high standards and expectations. We pride ourselves on knowing every young person as an individual and challenging each of them to have the highest possible aspirations. The Oakmoor ethos is encapsulated by our motto: **Ambition, Courage, Excellence.**

Students at Oakmoor display excellent behaviour in lessons and around the school. Teachers plan highly engaging lessons tailored to the needs of our students allowing high levels of progress to be enjoyed. Students benefit from a wealth of extra-curricular activities, including trips and visits to enrich their experience at our school.

We benefit from cutting edge technology throughout the site and the latest specialist equipment for key areas such as science, technology and performing arts. Our main buildings surround a central court yard which includes covered areas for outside dining and seating areas outside of the learning resource centre for reading at break and lunch times.

There is an abundance of green spaces which include several sports pitches, an athletics track, a nurture garden and a forest school area for outside learning and activities. The whole site is bordered by mature trees providing a relaxing and inspirational backdrop to our inspirational learning environment.

We are a very successful school where high levels of respect and conduct prevail. Our success shows that when you couple high quality pastoral care with high standards and expectations, young people are able to flourish and to achieve their very best.

Visitors comment on our purposeful learning environment and our delightful students. To experience this for yourself, you are most welcome to arrange a tour of the school by contacting our office.

Mr P Hemmings, MA  
Headteacher

# 5 reasons why parents choose Oakmoor

- 1 Excellent student behaviour and polite, courteous students.
- 2 Highly talented and well qualified teachers in all subjects.
- 3 Happy students who enjoy high quality pastoral care.
- 4 High academic standards across the curriculum, with mathematics in the top 3% of the country.
- 5 Smaller than average class sizes, allowing excellent individual student support.

## OFSTED QUOTE

*“Leaders have established an ethos where pupils are well cared for and encouraged towards high achievement and aspiration.”*



# Inspirational Teaching

Learning is at the heart of all our work. Your children will have access to the highest quality learning experiences as part of a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum. We tailor the curriculum to make sure that students have opportunities to excel in their areas of interest whilst developing their skills and talents.

We have a clear focus on student outcomes and see this as essential alongside precise lesson planning, assessment and feedback which enables students to achieve their best.

Being part of the University of Chichester Academy Trust allows our teachers to have access to the latest education research and to work alongside other expert teaching and learning colleagues.

## OFSTED QUOTE

*"Parents, pupils and staff recognise good behaviour as a strength of the school."*



YEAR 7 STUDENT

*“Oakmoor is a brilliant school as all the students are well taught, are kind to each other and never give up.”*

## Excellent Behaviour

Students at Oakmoor display excellent behaviour in lessons and around the school. They work incredibly well together across all year groups.

Our vertical mentor groups include students from every year group, which means that from their very first day, your child will know several older students. This adds value to our community so that all students, regardless of age, enjoy working with each other every day.



#### OFSTED QUOTE

*“Most able pupils currently in the school are challenged well to achieve their potential and make strong progress.”*

## Class Sizes

As we enjoy smaller than average class sizes, our teachers will get to know your child very well, very quickly. Because we know all our students so well, we are able to tailor their learning activities so that their progress is accelerated swiftly. Our aim is to know your child as well as their current school does, and provide a personal learning experience for every student.

# Academic & Pastoral Support

Every student has an Academic & Pastoral Mentor who maintains an overview of student progress and provides advice and guidance for continuous improvement. Many other staff work alongside the Mentor to ensure each student is happy, safe, achieving their academic potential and making the most of all the opportunities the school provides.

Our Student Leadership system allows students in all years to take on additional roles to develop leadership skills, support their peers and make an important contribution to the life of the school.

## PARENT QUOTE

*“Oakmoor is a lovely school which understands the students’ needs and supports them in every step of their education.”*







## Our new £30 million school

As a brand new school, we benefit from state of the art facilities including:

- Cutting Edge Science and Technology laboratories
- State of the art technology across the site
- Performing Arts Centre
- Dance studio
- 320 seat theatre
- 4G pitch
- 6 court Sports Hall
- Multi Use Games Area
- Forest School Learning Area

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# Student Leadership

Our Student Leader system allows students in all years to have the opportunity to take on additional roles through which they can develop leadership skills, support their peers, raise money for the school charities and make an important contribution to the life of the school.

In Year 10, students are given the opportunity to apply for the role of House Captain and House Leader and in Year 11 students are invited to apply for the role of Senior House Leader, Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy & Girl posts.





# The University of Chichester Academy Trust

Oakmoor School is proud to be part of The University of Chichester Academy Trust. We have strong links to the University, which has trained teachers for over 150 years. This allows us to access the expertise of the University's Institute of Education and benefit from the latest research in teaching and learning for the benefit of our students.

The vision of the University of Chichester Academy Trust is for all young people to be inspired by an excellent education that raises their aspirations and enriches their lives.

The trust's mission is to create a vibrant, inclusive and aspirational family of schools, transforming life chances for pupils through excellent teaching and learning.

# Parental Engagement

Parents are overwhelmingly positive about our school and the excellent education they believe we provide. We are fortunate to have very supportive parents who work in close partnership with us to ensure the very best outcomes for their sons and daughters.

The views of parents and carers are central to our drive to continually develop our work. There are many opportunities for the voice of parents and carers to be heard including conversations with our approachable staff and our regular surveys.

## PARENT QUOTE

*“My child’s progress has far exceeded my expectations. He is doing so much better than I imagined he would. Well done to all the staff and teachers.”*





# Beyond the classroom

Enrichment at Oakmoor provides our students with a wealth of experiences. Below is a selection of activities and events at our school.

- Ardèche Water Sports Trip
- Badminton
- Barcelona Residential
- Band Practice
- Basketball
- Breakfast Club
- Breakfast All Sports
- Choir
- Cooking
- Creative Writing
- Cricket
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Drama Workshops
- Experience Days
- Dragon's Den
- Forensic Science Crime
- Scene Investigation
- Forming political parties
- Football
- Handwriting
- Homework Club (Daily)
- House Charity Events
- Iceland Residential
- Maths Challenge
- Madrid Residential Trip
- Oakmoor Bake Off
- Oakmoor has Got Talent
- National Citizenship Service
- Netball
- Open Art Room
- Science - Dissecting
- Science - Photography competition
- Selborne Village Architect Trip
- STEM Crest Awards
- Townwide Christmas Cantata
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Whitehill Town Council Awards



#### OFSTED QUOTE

*“An effective transition process from primary school ensures year 7 pupils settle quickly and feel confident. Older pupils help younger pupils with their learning as well as making them feel welcome and safe.”*



## Community and Transition

Our aim at Oakmoor is to provide excellent secondary education for every family in our community. Links with our local primary schools are very strong and we work well together to ensure a seamless transition between Year 6 and Year 7.

We know all the local primary, junior and infant school Headteachers very well and teachers from all schools work together on areas such as collaborative training and curriculum development.

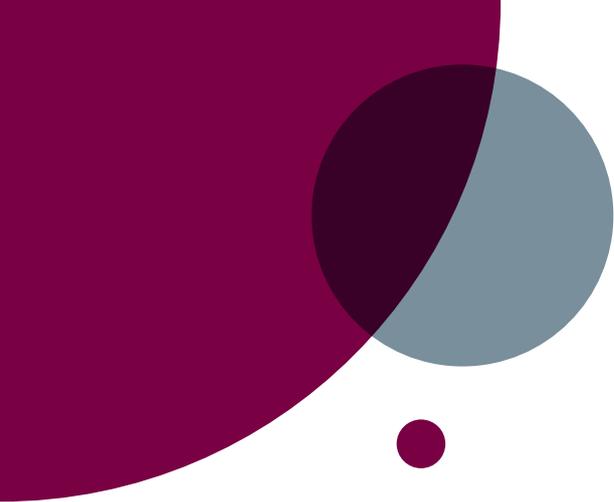


YEAR 8 STUDENT

*“This school is a major part of our lives and allows us to grow as individuals in the most effective manner possible. Therefore, I would always recommend this school to others and will cherish my time here.”*

## Post-16 & Careers Education

We are surrounded by a number of high quality colleges providing excellent post-16 education for our students. Students progress to Alton College, Havant and South Downs College, Farnborough College of Technology, Farnham Sixth Form College, Guildford College and Godalming College amongst others. We have strong links with all local colleges allowing us to give students a clear insight into life beyond Oakmoor. We have excellent University links and, in particular, with the University of Chichester to give students an insight into Higher Education.

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