

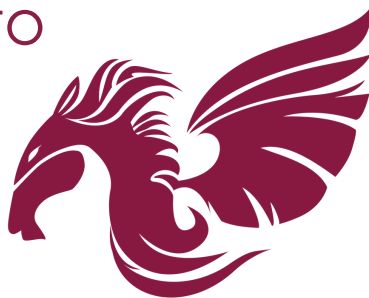


THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL
& ARNEWOOD SIXTH

PROSPECTUS



Welcome to



THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

AMBITION | SUCCESS | TOGETHER



Strong relationships are at the heart of all that we do and, as a result, I believe that The Arnewood School is a wonderful place to grow and learn. We take great pride in fostering a calm, supportive, and inclusive environment where strong, positive relationships among students, staff, and parents are nurtured and valued.

At Arnewood your child will be seen and celebrated and not just a face in the crowd. The teaching and learning experience in the classroom is built on a real understanding of who your child is, and what they need to succeed. We are forward thinking and progressive in relation to educational approaches; giving our caring, passionate staff the tools they need to deliver high quality learning experiences every lesson, every day.

Our core values are Ambition, Success, Together. In this prospectus you will see exactly what each of these pillars means to us. Ultimately, we are dedicated to offering the best possible education. We strive to set all members of our community on their path to happy and successful futures.

We are very proud of our school, our students and the community that we serve. It is an exciting time for Arnewood and I would welcome you to become part of it.

Jamie Anderson
Headteacher



AMBITION

Arnewood has played a central role in our local community for over 50 years. My ambition is to provide that central role for generations to come. Our close partnership with Eaglewood School enables us to offer a truly inclusive education to all young people in our catchment area. I am extremely proud that Arnewood students are currently pursuing their dreams across the UK and the world, as well as here in the New Forest.

Our alumni have graced the corridors at the most prestigious universities, worked in high level positions in government, become professional referees, embarked on ground breaking gene therapy research, trodden the boards in London's West End, worked for charities, started their own businesses locally and much more. It remains at the heart of The Arnewood Way to guide, celebrate and support ambition in any direction that contributes positively to society.

Careers provision

To help your child explore their interests and discover their true passions in life, we offer a rich careers programme for your child to follow starting in Year 7 and running through to Year 13. For example, we organise a popular annual careers fayre, we offer work shadowing days and opportunities for work experience (in Year 10 and 12). For more information please see our website.





Curriculum

At Arnewood, the curriculum is carefully planned to provide clear progression and development of core skills and knowledge across all subjects areas through Key Stages 3, 4 and 5.

A strong emphasis is placed on our values of Ambition, Success, Together which are underpinned by positive relationships in the classroom. This allows students to progress rapidly and effectively throughout their school career, and leave Arnewood as successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

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, German, design and technology, information communication technology, art, drama, music, and physical education.



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.





The Arnewood Sixth

I am incredibly proud of our Sixth Formers; they are an ambitious, aspirational, caring and highly-motivated group of young people who contribute fully to the life of the school. It is a privilege to work with our students from the moment they join us in Year 7 right the way through to Year 13.

SUCCESS

Students at Arnewood have an amazing array of enrichment opportunities, which allows them to develop a wide range of skills for use throughout their lives. A full and varied calendar of enrichment trips is organised including annual residential visits to sites around the UK, a biannual trip to New York and many others.

Our Performing Arts department is a strength of the school and an area of which the students and staff are extremely proud. We stage our own production each year and encourage all year groups to be involved. A testament to this is our recent successful bid to become the Southeast representatives to perform the West End version of 'Frozen'. In addition to this, the year is peppered with theatre trips and visiting artists sharing their expertise.

Our small, nurturing sixth form is the perfect environment for many of our students to flourish in; offering:

- Small class sizes
- A comprehensive careers programme
- First rate support for university applications, including abroad
- An experience of apprenticeships options
- Support with interview preparation
- Genuine leadership opportunities within school





Student Leadership

We believe that developing social, communication and leadership skills builds self-confidence, independence and prepares young people for their future. As a result, we encourage students in all years to take leadership roles within our school community. This may be as part of a Year Council, the School Council or as a prefect. Working closely with the Sixth Form leadership team, this ensures that the student body has a deliberate and significant influence on our school.

Facilities

We are very fortunate to have a spacious and well-equipped campus, which serves as an ideal environment for both academic and extracurricular activities.

In addition, we have daily access to the New Milton leisure centre, which enhances our physical education program with access to many of their facilities including the gym, the sports' hall and swimming lessons that promote vital water safety and fitness skills.

Beyond sports, our dedicated curriculum facilities, particularly the Arts Hub, play a crucial role in fostering creativity and self-expression. The specialised drama spaces supports students to explore the performing arts, while the recording studio and practice rooms cater to aspiring musicians and artists, providing them with the tools they need to flourish.

This expansive setting and range of resources creates the perfect environment for ambitions to develop and grow. The extensive playing fields and the astro turf pitch offer ample opportunities for physical education and sports, allowing students to engage in a wide range of activities.





TOGETHER

The relationship between teachers and support staff, students, parents and carers is at the heart of everything we do. As an inclusive school, we strive to nurture a togetherness within our community. It is in this environment, celebrating difference and diversity, that both ambition and success can thrive.

We have high expectations for students during their time at Arnewood, but this is met with high levels of support where needed. Every child needs to feel welcomed, valued and appropriately challenged and, as a relational school, every member of our staff is committed to forging and developing lasting relationships with both students and their parents.

Pastoral Care

Transition to secondary school can be daunting, so we work extremely closely with our primary feeder schools to make this a time that cultivates excitement rather than fear and worry.

Every child needs a champion and joining Team Arnewood gives every child that right. The role of their tutor is critical in nurturing ambition, success and togetherness. The tutor is the adult our students see daily, the adult that will set them on their way each and every day, supporting them through the challenges of secondary school. Together with their tutor group, your child will learn the power of community, of cooperating with others.

Our comprehensive programme of PSHE and assemblies promote students' health and wellbeing and helps them find their passion and place in the world.



They will learn about future careers, healthy lifestyles, relationship and sex education, and keeping safe online and in the community. British values such as individual liberty and mutual respect underpin this approach to enable every child to empathise with others and celebrate diversity.

Together they will aspire to the highest standards of attendance and behaviour, reflect on their progress and celebrate their successes.



Reading is a core part of our tutor time curriculum as we recognise how central literacy skills are to success at school and in life. By the time your child leaves Arnewood they will have read at least 15 books as part of our reading canon, which will extend their vocabulary, improve communication skills and foster a love of reading that will serve them well in the future.

Parental partnership

We believe that a strong relationship between school and home offers the best chance of success to students at Arnewood. A digital overview of attendance, progress and reward points can be accessed by parents / carers daily through our website or a dedicated mobile app.

Regular reports will detail children's progress in different subject areas and form the basis of conversations with tutors and teachers. Whilst these communications are very useful, we believe that conversations and face-to-face meetings are an important part of developing lasting relationships with parents and carers, and so we encourage families to contact the school if they have any concerns.

We have maintained face-to-face parents' evenings to enable you to meet your child's tutor and teachers as we believe this is a vital part of a productive relationship.





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