



# The Appleton School



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The Appleton School was graded 'Good' by Ofsted in 2019.

# Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to the Appleton School. At our school, we value its inclusive history, which stretches back to the establishment of the first comprehensive schools in Britain in the 1960s. This still provides an inspiration for us and sits alongside our absolute commitment to provide the very best for our community in the 21st century.

I am very proud to be the Headteacher of this Good school as recognised by Ofsted following their recent inspection. The Appleton School offers a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to learn and develop. We see ourselves as a community that nurtures individual excellence. We are a mixed fully comprehensive school for students aged 11-18 and are committed to providing the best possible foundations for adult life.

Through our high expectations and high quality teaching by excellent, professional staff, each student has the opportunity to enjoy their learning and achieve their personal best. All students have the chance to demonstrate responsibility and develop leadership skills during their time at The Appleton School. They receive excellent careers support and guidance for their next steps and embrace modern British values. All this is delivered through our knowledge based, well sequenced, ambitious, inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum, enhanced by extra-curricular activities and a rich learning experience.

All members of the school community are expected to achieve their full potential and derive pride from their achievements. In return, we are dedicated to developing each of them into successful, compassionate future leaders. With your support, we will give your child the confidence and skills to be successful.

I hope this prospectus gives you an insight into our school and I warmly invite you to visit us to find out more.

## Sarah Cox

Headteacher BA (Hons)

***" Through citizenship, personal, social and health education, pupils learn about important aspects of life in modern Britain, such as democracy, justice, freedom of speech and rights and responsibilities."***  
Ofsted 2019



# A School of Opportunity

We offer an amazingly wide choice of courses that ensures we cater for every learner. Every student is offered guidance and advice on which courses best suit them. In addition to a strong core curriculum of English, Mathematics and Science, students can choose from a range of different courses. These lead to academic, business and vocational qualifications.

All students are provided with the opportunity to gain the EBACC qualification. Most Year 10 and 11 students take at least one business-related course. All subjects make full use of our impressive ICT facilities. Students are set in ability groups for every subject from Year 7 onwards. We believe every student has individual learning needs. We share targets and progress with students and parents to ensure every student achieves their own personal best.

## Ignite a Passion for Lifelong Learning

We give students of all abilities the confidence to succeed. Our exam results are well above the national average but we are also committed to developing the whole child. We offer a fantastic range of academic and extra-curricular opportunities. These include:

- *A wide range of academic and vocational courses*
- *Excellent examination results in English, Maths and Science*
- *Numerous Business and ICT courses for all students*
- *A vibrant and award winning programme of P.E. and BTEC Sport*
- *Extensive opportunities in Music and Performing Arts*
- *An Arts and Technology experience which includes Fine Art, Food & Nutrition and 3D Design*
- *Over 100 extra-curricular clubs and activities every week*

*"Teachers set  
challenging  
work and help  
pupils to deepen  
their understanding  
over time."  
Ofsted 2019*



# Support to Succeed

We give our students all the support they need to succeed in whatever path they choose. Our school is a welcoming, safe and happy place where students thrive. Each student has a tutor who monitors their progress and well-being. We also have a range of other support services, which include onsite counsellors, community mentors and education welfare officers. Older students are involved in supporting the younger ones through leader and peer mentoring groups.

Our Leadership Academy gives older students the chance to help out in school and run activities for younger students. The School Council, made up of students, teachers and members of the community, ensures students are involved in the running of the school. Our staff are a dedicated team. They always give willingly of their time to support students and they monitor progress closely. They work in partnership with parents to ensure consistency.

***"Pupils are confident." "Pupils feel safe." "Pupils' well-being is promoted well." Ofsted 2019***

# Tomorrow's Leaders

We prepare our students for a successful working life by helping them to explore possibilities, create opportunities, and manage their future careers. In order to do this, all students in Years 7 to 13 are given extensive careers guidance and we work in partnership with national and local employers to further enrich our teaching and link curriculum learning to future pathways. All year groups have the opportunity to take part in various enterprise challenges such as the Peter Jones Tycoon Competition, the National Enterprise Challenge and the Young Enterprise Company Programme, and Year 10 students take part in Mock Interview Day. We offer a range of vocational courses throughout all years and many students have the opportunity to get 'real world' experience through work experience and contact with employers. These experiences enable all students to develop the key employability skills that are needed for the modern, rapidly changing 21st century world.

Our students are expected to take a professional approach to their learning, which is based on a sense of responsibility and participation. The Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Programme at The Appleton School is designed to support students in developing the skills, knowledge and experience that enable them to make informed decisions about their future career options. Our students learn about the different educational routes available, the range of occupations and sectors that make up the labour market and consider how they will choose a job and do well in the future.

***"The careers advice and guidance pupils receive are a strength of the school."***  
**Ofsted 2019**



# Enriching Lives Beyond the Classroom

Our students enjoy a rich programme of activities, events, sports, and clubs that will give them skills and interests for the rest of their lives. Over 100 clubs and activities from computer and Science clubs, to charity fund raising and sports training, take place every week. Our Learning Resource Centre with access to our multi-media computer suites is open before and after school. Our art rooms are open – and always busy – every lunch time.

We have a proud tradition of Performing Arts. Students can learn any instrument they want or join our wind band, orchestra, jazz band and choir or one of our pop groups and ensembles. We have a well-equipped drama studio and stage a major production every year. Sport flourishes at our school for students of all abilities. We run a lively programme of educational visits both in the UK and abroad to enrich the curriculum.

- *Football • Athletics • Science • Speak Out • Rock Bands • Orchestral • Dramatics • Fine Art • Choir*
- *Gymnastics • Dance • Fund Raising • Duke of Edinburgh • Trips & Visits . . . and much more!*

## Nurturing Ambition

Our vision is *“achieving excellence”*. This means we want every child to achieve all that they are capable of in our school both academically and socially. We nurture their ambitions and celebrate their successes at every opportunity. Most of our students go on to further study. All leave us proud and confident of their abilities, enthusiastic about their future and motivated to do well.

We have achieved national success in sports, enterprise and public speaking. We are very proud of all our students. Each of them has unique talents and abilities. We believe they are all capable of realising their dreams.



*“Pupils are well prepared for their next steps.” Ofsted 2019*





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