



Purbrook Park School

Prospectus





A Warm Welcome to Purbrook Park School

Purbrook Park School is an 11-16 school which is unique in Hampshire. Ours is an academic and creative school in which no child is left behind.

Purbrook Park School prides itself on its high quality teaching, its exceptional care and support to all of its pupils, a curriculum that is academic, innovative and personalised, and many exciting extra-curricular opportunities that develop our pupils' creativity, talents and passion for learning.

Pupils at Purbrook Park are highly aspirational and have positive attitudes to their learning and achievement. These qualities, in combination with the school's strong emphasis on creativity and academic progress, have led to impressive results at GCSE. At Purbrook Park, pupils also excel in the Performing and Visual Arts and Sports and develop as confident, well rounded young people.

We have been on a journey to become one of the highest performing schools in the local area. This is due to the relentless pursuit of outstanding teaching and learning, high quality professional development, and a focus on each and every child.

We are smaller than the average school and this allows us to know our pupils really well. Class sizes are also smaller with a high ratio of adults working with the pupils. This creates a tremendous support network and an engaging school community.

Your child's education is as important to us as it is to you. We recognise that making the transition between primary and secondary school can be an anxious time for pupils and their families. At Purbrook Park we really invest in this process and, as a result, build strong partnerships with families from the start.

Do please visit our wonderful school. It is always a pleasure to show visitors around and seeing us at work is the ideal way to decide upon Purbrook Park's suitability for your son or daughter.

We look forward to meeting you and showing you our fantastic school.

Paul Foxley
(Headteacher)



High Expectations, Inspirational Teaching and Motivated Pupils

Learning is our passion. At Purbrook Park School all pupils are challenged and supported to achieve their very best. Every lesson is structured with achievement in mind and pupils work with excellent focus on their learning. The school's highly encouraging and aspirational environment enables pupils to flourish and make outstanding progress.

Our climate of high expectations complements the nurturing and respectful ethos of the school. We believe that classrooms are the most important places in the school and it is there that we emphasise challenge, creativity and independent learning. We expect all pupils to treat our classrooms as calm and purposeful places of learning, in which study takes place without disruption.

Strong relationships between pupils and staff are valued features of Purbrook Park and we ask pupils to demonstrate genuine respect for themselves and others at school, at home and in their local community.



“Students are lively but respectful of others and they value their learning.” (Ofsted)



Understood, Nurtured, Safe and Happy

Our approach is personal so that all our pupils feel valued. Pupils tell us that they feel safe in school and that bullying is rare. Just as importantly, parents tell us that their children are happy at Purbrook Park. Within this environment pupils feel encouraged to reach their potential.

The school's pastoral systems provide excellent care, guidance and support so that when a pupil does encounter a problem they know that there is always someone to help. The tutor is the key person in a pupil's experience of school life. The tutor oversees both academic and personal development of their tutees and provides an invaluable link with parents.

Purbrook Park provides a safe and calm environment in which young people can learn, play and grow up together. We use every opportunity to foster a positive community ethos, with shared values. All of our pupils and staff are proud of the school community they have helped to create.



“Students are responsible and want to contribute to their school and their communities.” (Ofsted)

Taking Responsibility

Responsibility is valued in every aspect of school life including academic progress, care for each other and care for the environment. We inspire our pupils to aim high and take advantage of every opportunity. We also expect them to take responsibility for themselves and for their own actions. It is understood that they must work hard and show consideration for others in all their actions at all times.

Purbrook Park's culture has been created through the use of rules and high expectations. Supported through our highly effective House System, our pupils have extremely positive relationships across year groups. Every pupil has a part to play in creating and maintaining the vibrant life of the school. We see this in the extra-curricular programme where pupils have opportunities to shine and have fun outside the classroom.

Achievement at Purbrook Park is broad and whether through our extensive performing arts programmes, outdoor education and adventurous activities or sports, we expect all pupils to contribute to the wider life of the school. Our pupils are supportive of one another. They understand our rules and boundaries and respect our culture of self-responsibility and success. Behaviour is excellent and visitors always comment on the calm and purposeful atmosphere that permeates the school.



Focus and Motivation

At Purbrook Park School we wish to instil an enjoyment and love of learning and you will find a resolute commitment from all staff to nurture the highest ambitions for every pupil. The school has very high standards and we ask our pupils to be focused, motivated and attentive to their studies at all times. We encourage them to have clear goals and take pride in their achievements.

It is essential that parents are involved in this process and we expect commitment and support at every stage of school life. When it is necessary to do so we will provide support to achieve this.

“The extra help given to disadvantaged and vulnerable students is robust and is boosting their achievement.” (Ofsted)



Educating Future Citizens

Purbrook Park has a history of preparing our young people to be ready to step out into the world. Nurturing the development of the ‘whole child’ and future citizen is of key importance to us. We believe that the character, life skills and confidence to be gained from this approach are beyond measure in terms of their real-life application.

Our purposeful, creative and academic school climate supports the high levels of engagement common to lessons at Purbrook Park. This school builds spirit and determination through a unique combination of challenge and support.

Pupils are expected to take the lead in their learning, developing perseverance and resilience and the skills of independence, collaboration and team working.

Purbrook Park strives to incorporate the latest technology into our pupils’ learning experience. We actively seek to provide an education that enables our pupils to gain the skills needed to succeed in Post 16 education. Our ambition is for pupils to leave us well prepared for a globally changing future and ready to take their place in society.



“ The school ensures that students are kept safe and this includes helping them to understand the risks they face in their lives now and in the future.” (Ofsted)



Learning through the Performing Arts and Sports

Creativity and performance are at the core of Purbrook Park, and dance, music and drama are real strengths of the school’s curriculum. We are proud of our performing arts provision and our aim is to offer our pupils a quality of experience that will enrich their lives. Our school productions are exceptional and our Rock Challenge productions are always a huge success. Sports are another strength of the Purbrook Park curriculum. We offer a varied range of activities that ensure that all pupils find success and enjoyment. All major games are offered as well as some more individual and health-related activities.

Extra-curricular opportunities are excellent and all pupils are encouraged to participate.

Success for all

At Purbrook Park we wish to inspire an enjoyment of learning. Our school culture is one where the full range of success – creative, sporting, academic, practical support for others, and triumph over adversity is celebrated.

All pupils benefit from the best trained and qualified staff and major investment in new facilities and resources. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and a stimulating range of extra-curricular activities, trips and visits to support wider learning.

As pupils move through the school the formal curriculum is increasingly tailored to the needs of individual pupils. This contributes to the high level of engagement in lessons. Teachers plan to differentiate activities so that every pupil makes progress to their next level of learning.

We believe that excellence will be achieved by constantly challenging pupils, raising aspirations, and by insisting that excellent behaviour enables great learning.



Purbrook Park School 'Learner Identity'

Purbrook Park pupils know that school is more than just about learning. They are:

- Valued individuals who respect each other and all members of the wider community.
- Happy and emotionally intelligent young people who are inclusive and caring members of society.
- Confident communicators who can clearly express and share their ideas.
- Engaged learners who enjoy contributing to our exceptional learning environment.
- Diverse achievers who work hard and have a clear sense of possibility and group potential.
- Respectful individuals who value good manners and celebrate the values of our culturally and socially diverse community.
- Proud participators who represent both themselves and the values of the school in a positive way.



“The way in which school leaders check the progress, attendance and well-being of every student is now outstanding.” (Ofsted)



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