

# **Park House School & Sports College**

## **Announcing a Leading New Academy for the Whole Community**

### ***Raising Aspirations and Increasing Success for All***

***We are proud to announce the conversion of Park House School and Sports College to Academy status. This exciting development provides us with the control and flexibility to offer new opportunities to the students, staff and community which we serve.***

Our new Academy status reflects what we have already achieved as a good and outstanding school, but most excitingly offers a powerful and ambitious vision for the future. In this introductory summary – the first of what will be regular updates on our progress – we outline some of these new opportunities in terms of the School's Values – values which will shape all that we set out to achieve as a leading new Academy for the whole community.



## Academy Inspiration

Our new status and the curriculum freedoms it brings will enable us to even further develop what Ofsted described as an 'outstanding' and 'exemplary' curriculum in order to inspire students to achieve their very best. For example:

- We will explore the opportunity to offer the International Baccalaureate – highly regarded by top universities
- We will extend inspirational opportunities for students from all year groups to work in university settings
- We will expand our already successful business leadership and global learning programmes to provide the experience required for a career in professions such as medicine and law



Learning at Oriel College Oxford



Benefiting from IBM's Outreach programme



Learning together in South Africa

## Academy Excellence

We will have the freedom, as an Academy, to use additional resources to further promote the excellence of our students and staff:

- We will use the Sports College Young Ambassador model to identify and appoint outstanding student subject ambassadors in each curriculum area and year group
- We will make sure that our outstanding teachers work together with students as 'Learning Coaches' to promote fantastic practice in the classroom



Gifted and Talented students at Bath University



Young Ambassadors leadership development



Young Ambassadors at one of our partner schools

# Academy *Friendship and Respect*

Our students will have additional opportunities to develop their knowledge and leadership skills:

- Working with primary school partners and universities
- Linking, through international learning programmes, with schools and colleges in France, South Africa, India and Mongolia



Mongolian partnership



South African friends



Welcoming primary school students

# Academy *Courage and Determination*

Students will enjoy wider opportunities for personal and social development through individual challenge programmes. For example:

- We will further extend our wide range of extra-curricular programmes in culture, the arts and sport
- Students will have enhanced opportunities to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme from Year 9
- We will encourage students in community volunteering and primary school support
- We will extend the 'Being the Best You Can Be' programme working with Olympic and Paralympic role models to encourage all students to become role models themselves



Students earning their Duke of Edinburgh awards



Working with Paralympic role models



Extra-curricular adventures

# Academy Equality

We can now ensure that all students – and also families and members of our wider community will have:

- Access to healthy lifestyles activity through extended use of our state-of-the-art Wellness Centre – combining a fitness suite with food and nutrition education room
- Access to our new floodlit 3G astro-turf playing surfaces
- An extended range of inclusive and vocational qualifications reflecting individual skills, interests and aspirations



Practical learning



Our state-of-the-art Wellness Centre



Vocational learning

# Academy Freedom

In conclusion, Academy status means that Park House will have the freedom to choose the best and most cost-effective professional services available and that we will benefit from additional government funding to enhance facilities and resources for our students, staff and community. And, because freedom comes with responsibility, our aim is to improve our 'outstanding' and 'exemplary' standards by maintaining the School's Values.



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