



# PARK HOUSE SCHOOL

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PROSPECTUS





We are a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing their own distinctive character.

# WELCOME

I am delighted to welcome you to our prospectus, and to tell you a little about life at Park House School.

Park House School is an ambitious academy located in Newbury. We believe that all children have limitless potential, and are proud to offer a broad and varied education inside and outside of the classroom to all of our students. At Park House, we have created a safe learning environment based upon our strong core values - Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Responsibility.

Students are supported to achieve the very best academic qualifications and skills to ensure they are able to take the educational and career path of their choice. Park House is an excellent school and I look forward to working and learning with you.

**James King • Headteacher**





# THE FUTURE

We are looking forward to the future years, when we expect Park House School to be one of the top performing schools in West Berkshire, so your child will be joining Park House at a very exciting time. We believe that for young people to be successful they must not only excel in their academic studies, but grow as young adults as well.

We are committed to ensuring that students gain the very best GCSE outcomes. Alongside this, we will ensure we provide extensive additional opportunities for our students. These include an exceptional provision for outdoor education, sport, the arts, community events, student leadership and more. We believe that for young people to be successful they must grow holistically and excel in both their academic studies and their character development.



## OUR VALUES

Everything we do at Park House is underpinned by our three core values: Work Hard, Be Kind, Take Responsibility. We believe students who embody these values will not only be successful at school, but will go on to lead more fulfilled lives and make positive contributions to society.

These principles are reflected in our high standards. We ask a great deal of our students: to work incredibly hard in every minute of every lesson, to always be polite and considerate and to throw themselves into the school's extra-curricular life. In return, we offer challenging lessons which follow a world-class curriculum, a warm pastoral system which looks after every child, and a varied extra-curricular programme to provide opportunities for new experiences.





**HARD WORK** BEATS  
TALENT, WHEN  
**TALENT** DOESN'T  
WORK HARD.

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## WORK HARD

We demand the very best from students at Park House in order to achieve the best possible outcomes. Through hard work and dedication there is no limit to what students can achieve. As such, no time is wasted in school and every minute of every lesson, students are expected to work to their very best.

Our ambition for our students is reflected in our challenging curriculum: we read ambitious books every day; we teach complex knowledge concepts so that every student leaves able to compete with others who have been to the very best schools in the country.



# BE KIND

Students at Park House have the right to feel safe, secure and cared for within our school community. All of our community are expected to always be courteous and kind to one another and respectful of differences and feelings.

All students at Park House benefit from strong pastoral care from the pastoral team. Students are assigned a tutor who is their daily point of contact. Further to this, students have access to their Head of Year, a link member of the Senior Leadership Team and to the safeguarding team about any concerns they may have.



A **DREAM** DOES  
NOT BECOME  
**REALITY**  
THROUGH **MAGIC**;  
IT TAKES **SWEAT**,  
**DETERMINATION**,  
AND **HARD WORK**.

COLIN POWELL





# TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

We expect our students to take responsibility for themselves, by demonstrating impeccable behaviour at all times and accepting the consequences of their decisions. Our students' right to education is absolute, and we insist our classrooms are disruption-free at all times. We require students to attend school fully-equipped and properly dressed and to complete all homework on time, so that we can all focus on learning.

It is by holding students to these standards that we can ensure they have the best possible chance of success. This is a crucial aspect of what sets us apart from other schools; we will never settle for second best.



A SINGLE ACT  
OF **KINDNESS**  
THROWS OUT  
**ROOTS IN ALL**  
**DIRECTIONS,**  
AND THE ROOTS  
**SPRING UP** AND  
MAKE **NEW TREES.**

AMELIA EARHEART





"I CAN ACCEPT  
**FAILURE.**  
EVERYONE FAILS  
AT SOMETHING.  
BUT I CAN'T  
ACCEPT **NOT**  
**TRYING.**

MICHAEL JORDAN



# CHARACTER

Attending Park House School is not just about lessons. We place a very high value on the arts, culture and sports, and believe that taking part in these can help to develop character and more well rounded individuals.

To support this provision, we have excellent facilities. Within performing arts, we have a theatre, dance studio and a large number of music practice rooms, while our Sports Centre boasts a gym and a full size indoor basketball court.

We also have a number of grass pitches and hard courts outside for football, netball, rounders, cricket, athletics and rugby – with a number of former students going on to representative honours.





# SIXTH FORM

At Park House, our Sixth Form represents the pinnacle of the school. A number of students remain with us for a full seven years, and we welcome applications from students at other schools too.

Based in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre with its own social area, we offer a wide range of A Levels and vocational courses. We combine high expectations with excellent teaching, a focus on developing independent study skills, and a comprehensive programme of bespoke advice and guidance to ensure that all of our students progress on to university or an apprenticeship. For more detailed information, please see our website.







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