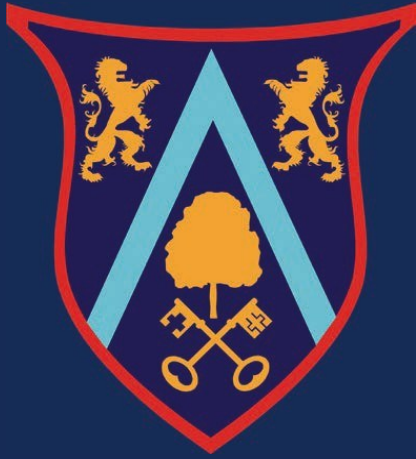




ASH MANOR SCHOOL



Aspire and Achieve



"My child has progressed and thrived incredibly throughout his time at Ash Manor. Thank you for building his confidence, resilience and for motivating and inspiring him to do his absolute best."

Year 11 Parent

WELCOME TO ASH MANOR SCHOOL

I am proud to be the Headteacher of Ash Manor School. Ours is a community with excellence and aspiration at its heart. It has been an immense pleasure to see the school grow into the local community's school of choice and we are rightly proud to be a popular and expanding school. In our school, staff, students and parents work together to achieve exceptional outcomes, developing friendships, skills and interests that will propel our students to successful futures.

Our core values of community, excellence, resilience, respect and integrity underpin everything that we do. Our broad curriculum works alongside a supportive pastoral system and a wide and varied extra-curricular programme. Every student has the opportunity to find an area in which to excel, and to be recognised for their unique contribution to our community. We are a community in which every member is valued.

Every lesson, every day, our staff and students are striving to secure excellent outcomes for every child. Our expectations are exceptionally high and it is this consistent focus on excellence that is building the determination and drive that will bring future success. Ensuring our students graduate from Ash Manor School as resourceful, independent, ambitious young people, well-equipped to realise a wide range of ambitions, is what drives us.

We recognise how vitally important education is in creating the platform upon which future success can be built. It is a responsibility that motivates us to be the best that we can be. It is my great privilege to work with you and your child to secure an exceptional future.

*Ms A Bailey
Headteacher*

"The three words I would use to describe Ash Manor are: caring, welcoming and fair."

Student







"Pupils flourish in this school because they are very well cared for by staff."

Ofsted Report

COMMUNITY

Everyone matters at AMS

Every member of our community makes a unique contribution to the life of our school. We work hard to ensure that all children recognise their own individual strengths and talents.

All students are members of a tutor group. Led by their tutor, the group meets for a daily registration period. The tutor provides academic guidance and pastoral support and the tutor group forms part of an essential network of friends during your child's time at school. Tutor groups are organised into houses, each led by a Head of House and an Assistant Head of House. Students' excellence, achievement or demonstration of community spirit earns praise points for themselves and their house, with all students striving to help their house win the House Cup. Through a wide range of inter-house activities and competitions, students have regular opportunities to represent their house, building confidence and experiencing the opportunity to have their areas of strength and excellence celebrated.

Your child's experience of school extends beyond the classroom and as a community, we value highly the benefits of a varied range of extra-curricular opportunities. This includes through summer school, music, drama, CCF, many different sports, public speaking, STEM challenges and many more.

Creativity is nurtured in Ash Manor School. Students develop their creative talents through regular participation in art, music, dance and drama clubs. Large numbers of students take the opportunity to challenge themselves with the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme which is now a well-established feature of school life. We are also very proud to be one of a very small number of state schools with its own Combined Cadet Force.



"The students, staff and parents are a real community. I am incredibly excited about our future; I feel lucky to be a part of it."

Teacher





"I love being an AMS student because we get so many different opportunities."

Student

RESILIENCE

Building resilience for successful futures

Right from their first day, we set ambitious targets for our students. From the moment we speak to their Year 6 teachers, we are working towards their successful futures. A carefully designed curriculum, combining rich academic, creative and practical experiences is underpinned by our strong pastoral support system.

Our comprehensive transition programme is designed to ensure students feel comfortable and excited about the next step in their education. We ensure staff visit our feeder primary schools and offer students the opportunity to enjoy a lesson at Ash Manor School soon after they are offered a place. Later in the year, students are able to experience secondary school life first-hand with two transition days and a four day summer school. Throughout these events, our Student Senior Leadership Team support our new students, laying the foundations for them to develop the resilience and confidence they need to flourish from their first day in September.

The relationship that we have with families is critical in ensuring that students develop both academically and emotionally, and our pastoral teams are a key point of contact to discuss students' progress and well being. We share information about how your child is progressing at key points throughout the year and welcome parents to our many performances and celebration events.

"Pupils believe in themselves because staff help them to see their potential."

Ofsted Report







"Our school is going from strength to strength – there is a real energy and drive to ensure our students realise their full potential."

Teacher

EXCELLENCE

Aiming for excellence in all that we do

We are clear in our vision that every child should leave Ash Manor School equipped with results that enable them to realise the full range of their ambitions and goals. The journey to realising this begins from the very start of their time with us.

Students are taught by specialists in well-equipped classrooms and specialist teaching rooms. Teaching staff are committed to their ongoing professional development and work hard to ensure lessons make use of new educational research, as well as building on successful strategies for learning and teaching. Teaching staff work collaboratively to explore new approaches to delivering an engaging and inspiring curriculum. Teaching staff are well supported by Progress Coaches who provide guidance for students with specific learning needs and help to ensure that all students have the opportunities and support they need in order to excel.

In Years 7 and 8, students study a wide and varied range of subjects in order to develop a solid foundation of skills. In Year 9, our students begin to personalise their learning by making their first set of subject choices. This Foundation Year enables students to begin to explore a smaller number of subjects in greater depth in readiness for making final GCSE Option choices for Year 10. All students and families are supported in making these choices through a programme of tutor time activities and our Options Evening. We are passionate about ensuring that every child has the opportunity to study a GCSE curriculum that builds on their learning in Years 7, 8 and 9, giving them the opportunity to realise their potential for excellence in Years 10 and 11.



"I love being an Ash Manor student because the teachers are brilliant!"

Student





"I love being an Ash Manor student because our teachers are so kind and helpful."

Student

RESPECT AND INTEGRITY

An active, independent, respectful community

Helping our students become successful, independent and engaged members of the community is a vital responsibility. Visitors to our school regularly comment on the courteous, positive and mature behaviour of our students and we are incredibly proud of the excellent conduct of our students.

In order to instil a sense of respect and responsibility and to develop their leadership skills, we have an active and valued Student Senior Leadership Team. Our SSLT meet regularly, chairing Student Council meetings and feeding their ideas and opinions to the school's Senior Leaders, as well as organising and running events that benefit the school as a whole. They are supported by a team of House Representatives from across the school who share the views and opinions of the wider school body with staff.

We also have regular opportunities for students to contribute to the wider community, whether by representing the school at events such as Armistice Commemorations or fundraising for local charities or members of the local community.

It matters to us that our students contribute and recognise the importance of consistently doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. We instil this value into our students, safe in the knowledge that this integrity will support their growth into respectful adults, building a foundation for success well into the future.



"Thank you for making a difference."

Year 11 Parent





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