





*Welcome to Ratton*

At Ratton School, we are determined that all our students have the best possible opportunities to succeed and achieve beyond expectations. We know the time that our students spend with us is incredibly important, so we want to provide them with the skills to make the step into high quality further education and then into the right career.

Our forward thinking academic curriculum delivers a wide range of learning opportunities beyond the traditional school day, using a combination of new technologies and extra-curricular activities. We know that every student at Ratton has abilities and talents that we strive to nurture and with them create a life-long love of learning.

We provide a calm, safe and well-disciplined learning environment where students are able to develop confidence, thrive and enjoy their learning. As a virtue-led school, we promote the importance of contributing to the wider community and our students becoming global citizens.



# *School Virtues*

The school community takes pride in promoting the highest standards of achievement, behaviour and personal ambition. These elements are reflected in the school motto of 'Achieving Together' and are underpinned by six core virtues of;

*Compassion*

*Respect*

*Creativity*

*Teamwork*

*Effort*

*Responsibility*



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achieving together

Our virtues are an integral part of school life and are fundamental for developing happiness and good character in all our students.



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*“Everyone shares your vision that all pupils achieve academically and develop into well-rounded citizens. Parents and pupils speak highly of the school”* Ofsted 2017



# *Enjoying Learning & Achieving*

We are able to offer an exciting and innovative curriculum that aims to prepare our students for academic success, as well as enabling them to develop as confident and well-informed young people.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced, offering a wide range of opportunities both within and beyond the curriculum. For example, students have the opportunity to study three modern foreign languages - French, German and Spanish as well as Latin and Mandarin for some students. We offer almost 30 different subjects ranging from Dance to Physics, which provides our students with a wide ranging educational experience. It also provides access to an exciting range of courses when they leave at 16 to go onto further and higher education.





## *Achieving excellence through our communities*

Students are encouraged to take pride in the school and have a sense of identity. Our five learning communities are a vibrant part of the school, designed to make a big school seem smaller - with small tutor groups, high levels of support, opportunities for leadership and competition between communities.



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All our students belong to a tutor group within a learning community as well as being part of the wider Ratton School community.

Our tutor system and whole school focus on ethics enable students to develop an understanding of how to make positive choices, appreciate different views and cultures, and develop skills for life in school and beyond.



# Developing the whole young person

Our extra-curricular offer is very extensive and has something to suit everyone. Ratton has a strong and long-standing reputation in performing arts and sports and, in addition, there are a wide range of clubs and groups to suit all ages and abilities ranging from chess and astronomy through to IT and gardening.

There are a large number of enrichment activities and trips for students in all years and we have strong national and international links, recognised by the prestigious 'International Schools Award'.

Careers information, advice and guidance begins from year 7 with creative and innovative ways of encouraging students to consider and plan for their future. This comprehensive careers advice and guidance continues through all year groups and supports all students with making informed decisions for post-16 courses.



*“School leaders have established a wide-ranging programme of extra lessons, clubs, activities and trips. Pupils value these extra activities that support their academic and personal development.”* Ofsted 2017



*“The caring and stimulating culture you have created enables pupils to do their best. As a result, pupils make good progress and achieve well at your inclusive school.” Ofsted 2017*





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