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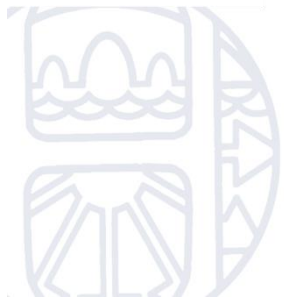
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Tonight's speakers

Andrew Marsh
Headteacher

Alison Ruston
Head of Year 7





Thank you...

For your cooperation in a post Covid world.

We have tried hard to manage risk effectively balancing rising numbers of cases in our area against the unprecedented number of people showing interest in our school.





Our Core Purpose

To be an inclusive, happy community that values every individual and inspires them to achieve their full potential

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Celebration of achievement

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Inclusion does NOT mean lowering the bar so everyone clears it. It means providing support so that everyone clears the highest bar they can.



“You believe that all pupils can – and should – achieve highly. You communicate this belief very clearly to all who learn and work at the school.”

“Pupils know and understand the school motto, ‘Be the best you can’, and they want to succeed.”

“Pupils enjoy coming to school... extra-curricular opportunities are extensive and varied, particularly in music, dance and drama.”



Highfields School

Highfields is a Good School

OFSTED May 2017





Offering the WIDER curriculum that students need to live fulfilling lives





Sport at Highfields



In July 2021 Highfields was re-awarded the coveted Association for Physical Education Quality Mark which we have held since 2017. The citation from Sue Wilkinson MBE celebrated our **“commitment to improvement in physical education, school sport and physical activity”**.



Inclusive but competitive, we train students in football, rugby, netball, hockey, athletics, basketball, badminton, self-defence, handball, table tennis, fencing and wrestling.



Highfields Sporting Alumni

Highfields ex-students who have been successful in sport include:

Stephanie Jackson-Horner:

- Represents GB in the triathlon
- National Aquathlon Champion runner up 2015
- Qualified for European and World championships.



Ellie Watton:

- First England appearance against South Africa in the Investec Challenge Cup in 2013
- Continues her success in the GB hockey team.



Sam Mak:

- Holds several World, European and National titles in Wushu (Chinese Martial Arts)
- Starred in film, TV, commercials, music videos
- Cast as an actor and stunt performer working alongside Simon Pegg in 'The World's End'





Investment in students...





The importance of the teacher

- ...we visit most classrooms on most days to check that students are meeting teachers' expectations and to sample the learning of our students.

The importance of the student

- "A great student will learn from anyone, even a poor teacher. A poor student will learn from no one, not even a great teacher." Anon





The importance of kind and considerate behaviour

- Traditional (clear and firm) but progressive (restorative approaches)
- We protect the emotional and educational welfare of our students
- Pastoral care is a strength





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A local school with a global outlook...





Supporting you into year 7

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| September 2021 | School prospectus/website and admission form available |
| 31 October 2021 | DCC deadline for admissions |
| 1 March 2022 | School places confirmed |
| July 2022 | Wednesday 6 July - Year 6 to Highfields Thursday 7 July - Year 6 parents evening |
| July 2022 | Head of year visits all primary schools |
| September 2022 | Induction programme for new year 7 |



2021-25: Exciting times

- Huge surge in Y7 applications 2021
- Massive development of sporting facilities
- Joining high achieving EMET Trust for extra capacity re curriculum support, training and investment. (There will be no change to uniform, teaching, behaviour, ethos, leadership, curriculum or any other significant area as a result of Highfields joining EMET)





Parting message:

"It makes no difference to me whether your child is an academic high-flier destined for Oxbridge or a less confident soul whose real potential is yet to be discovered: I relish the opportunity of working with them and with you at Highfields School."

Andrew Marsh, September 2021





In addition to our sports we excel in
performing arts...

...so here's a little music for you.





What's next?

- **We need your help...**
- Please stick with the guides whose routes and timings have been designed to avoid overcrowding in line with feedback from community members
- You have one hour to look around and then please make way for others
- Covid even for the double jabbed is unpleasant- please do all you can to reduce traffic on site tonight

**Thank you for your time and for
your interest in Highfields**



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