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outstanding personal
development, set within a
foundation of care and support.”*

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Lessons are calm and orderly. The expectations for behaviour are consistent across the school. Relationships in lessons are often supportive, friendly and helpful.

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A fantastic range of subjects and opportunities

Our curriculum offers something for everyone. At The Kimberley School we aim to give all our students the chance to shine.

We believe people do their best when they are enjoying their learning, which is why we are keen to ensure lessons are exciting and that students have the opportunity to pursue their strengths. Whatever their talent, we'll find it.

At Key Stage 3, naturally, our courses comply with the National Curriculum. There is the opportunity to explore a wide range of subjects and experiences, developing new interests and skills along the way.

Although there are some subjects all students are obliged to take through our options system at Key Stage 4, we try hard to enable students to follow their interests without the constraints of choosing from restrictive blocks. There is a broad range of subjects designed to cater for the needs of all.

High quality guidance is always available to ensure our students make winning choices. All of these Key Stage 4 courses lay solid foundations for continued post-16 study. We offer a great selection of courses in our Sixth Form and pride ourselves on the support we give to our students to ensure they achieve their full potential.

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The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good

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State of the art facilities at The Kimberley School

The school is an interesting blend of older, character buildings and contemporary, state of the art facilities.

Located in our modern well equipped Paul Smith building are the Design and Technology Faculty and Learning Resources Centre which is stocked with an impressive range of reading materials, supported by computer facilities and is an ever popular place for students both in and out of lesson time.

The Arts Building boasts further computer suites, spacious art studios and a drama studio complete with stage lighting and sound equipment.

The school enjoys a joint use arrangement with the adjoining Leisure Centre, giving us access to a swimming pool and large sports hall in addition to our gym and training facilities. Outside, the school benefits from several synthetic pitches, hard court areas and an extensive sports playing field.

Great experiences you'll remember forever!

We aim to make The Kimberley School classroom an exciting place to be, but there are times when it is simply more fun and easier to learn elsewhere.

As a school we have industrial partners keen to support our students' learning. Sometimes they come to us, running competitions with a work related flavour, and sometimes there is no substitute for going out to industry to see how things are really done.

No school would be complete without the opportunity to be involved in large scale drama and musical productions.

If you're learning a language you can't beat a trip abroad, which is why we offer the opportunity to go to France, Germany and Spain.

We also believe in the power of linking with very different cultures from far-away places to share ideas and broaden our own horizons.



“ Leaders have a good understanding of strengths and areas for development within subjects.

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Helping you make the most of your potential

At The Kimberley School we believe that happy learners are effective learners. We believe that our students are individuals and their needs differ.

We make every effort to respond to individual needs quickly and do our best to offer the level of support appropriate for each student. We also believe that no one student has the right to hold up the learning of others.

If you are what you eat, then our wide range of healthy food served daily in the dining room must make a significant contribution to effective learning.

Naturally, what happens in the classroom each day inevitably plays a huge part in the success of our students. We are not complacent about lesson quality. We are striving to deliver high quality lessons as a matter of routine and we keep a close eye on this through our rigorous Quality Assurance processes.

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The school provides pupils with a secure understanding of spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues.

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A wealth of opportunity at The Kimberley School

To help our students develop into rounded adults ready to play a fulfilling role in life beyond school, we offer lots of opportunities to take responsibility and learn independence.

Responsible Year 11s are rewarded by becoming Senior Students. Apart from being really good role models, our Senior Students are trained in mentoring skills so they can make a difference to the lives of their younger peers. Those in all years interested in representing the views of others and making their voice heard can be elected to the School Council.

We also offer the opportunity for our students to achieve Duke of Edinburgh Awards during their time with us.

For older students with a social conscience there is the Sixth Form Charities Committee. The school is proud of its record in raising funds for a wide range of causes.

A good school provides far more than high quality, relevant qualifications. To help our students develop into rounded adults ready to play a fulfilling role in life beyond school, we offer lots of opportunities to take responsibility and learn independence.

There are plenty of chances to develop sporting skills and for some, the honor to represent the school in any one of a wide range of sports.

Whether it's rock or classical, we offer the opportunity to learn to play a wide range of musical instruments and the chance to demonstrate those new skills in one of the shows organised during the year.

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Teachers have a good knowledge of the subjects they teach.

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A place where everyone is a winner!

Reward trips take place to recognise the achievement of our students throughout the year.

- At Key Stage 3 & 4, in addition to all the subject awards, we celebrate the Top 100 which is based on efforts, targets, behaviour and attendance.
- Model citizens in Year 11 are awarded the additional honour of becoming Senior Students and two Sixth Form Students become our Head Boy and Head Girl representing the school on formal occasions.
- We hold an annual Awards Evening which is an opportunity to showcase the tremendous talent of our students and share our immense pride in their achievements.
- Half-termly awards assemblies give us the chance to reward students throughout the school for their achievements in every subject.
- Teachers take great delight in passing on outstanding work so it can be displayed in the school foyer on the Head Teacher's board of excellence.

Our Learning Team specialises in targeted support for individual students who find it more difficult to access the whole curriculum, while additional support is also available to help those who are challenged by the classroom environment.

We are committed to a high quality of support for those students who have Special Educational Needs and for this reason the school maintains an experienced and highly qualified SEN team.

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Pupils say they have no concerns about bullying.

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Pupils have a good understanding of the importance of tolerance, respect and fairness.

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Disadvantaged pupils are increasingly making good progress across the school.
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A Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you for taking your time to find out about Kimberley School. I am tremendously proud to be the Head Teacher of our exciting and high attaining school.

At Kimberley we get the balance right between outstanding exam results and wider personal development. Our superb performance in exam league tables is balanced with a vast range of exciting opportunities that aim to develop the whole child. This is what makes Kimberley unique.

We continually strive for outstanding behaviour at Kimberley. Our behaviour management policy is very clear on our expectations of all students and sets out what will happen when these are not met. All pupils are entitled to know that their work and learning will not be disrupted. We also recognise and celebrate hard work and good attitudes through a comprehensive reward system, achievement assemblies and awards evenings.

We work closely with all of our Primary Partner schools to enable us to build on the achievements of everybody at Key Stage 2. A successful partnership with parents and carers is crucial to our work and a fundamental part of the success of Kimberley.

Our academy maintains a comprehensive programme of enrichment opportunities for all students including in sport, music, drama, leadership and the arts. This is enhanced by the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme and a Musician in Residence who ensures that talented and budding musicians have the opportunity to learn an instrument and perform to a variety of audiences. There are also several opportunities throughout the year for students to take part in trips and international residential.

I hope this is just the start of your relationship with us and that you will trust us to ensure the next step in your child's learning is exciting, motivating, challenging and successful. The aim of this prospectus is to give you a real sense of how we work at the Kimberley School and the many opportunities on offer. The best way is always to see for yourself so please do visit our school website where we advertise opportunities for you to do so in September each year.

Andrew George

Head Teacher