

# AYLESBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL

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Founded in 1598

### **The School**

Aylesbury Grammar School is a highly successful, selective, state funded 11-18 boys' school with c.180 boys in each of the seven year groups. Pupils qualify and transfer under the 11+ system, and we take approximately the top 30% of the academic ability range. Our pupils are exceptionally well-behaved and genuinely want to learn. OFSTED have commented that "the pupils' positive attitude to learning is a major strength". In addition to raw results which put us in the top schools in the county and the country, we have highly positive value-added at iGCSE, GCSE and A levels.

### **Staff**

We have been an Investors in People school for many years, and our assessor always admired the camaraderie among the staff. We are a core partner and leader in the Buckinghamshire Teaching Schools' Partnership, and give many opportunities for the professional development of staff, at all levels. Our performance management system is designed to be supportive and developmental. We have a stable workforce, with a healthy mixture of youth and experience. The relationships between staff, staff and pupils and with parents and others, are extremely positive and caring.

### **Achievements**

Aylesbury Grammar School was one of the country's first designated high-performing technology colleges back in 1997. Then followed four successive phases as a high performing specialist school with a main specialism in science, and second specialisms in modern foreign languages and maths & computing. We also hold Artsmark, Sportsmark and the National Healthy Schools accreditation. All of our OFSTED inspections (1996, 2000 and 2006) have been highly complimentary and our most recent full inspection in February 2009 judged the school to be 'Outstanding'.

In 2012, an Ofsted inspection focused on modern foreign languages at AGS deemed every single aspect of the departments and school, in this regard, as outstanding. The School is included in the Good Schools Guide and has won awards in various academic categories.

### **Pastoral**

The school has a particularly strong House system, which permeates the academic and extra-curricular life of the school, and as part of this we have an extensive programme of inter-house sporting and cultural competition. The pastoral system is strong, and supports teachers by ensuring that pupils' standards of work and behaviour are high. Although our expectations of the pupils are high, so are our levels of support, as evidenced by our commitment to special educational needs provision.

### **Extra-curricular**

AGS is a busy school, with a lively and stimulating environment. There are a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom. These include many sports, music, drama, public speaking and debating, Young Enterprise and Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We enter successful teams in many competitions, as diverse as science, maths, computing, enterprise, mock trials, debating and engineering and design.

There are many local, national and international trips, activities and visits, including sports team tours, ski trips, music tours, exchanges with France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Malawi, adventurous overseas expeditions, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, study tours in history, classics, languages, geography, and geology, theatre visits, science and technology visits, a team-building residential and general interest European visits.