



# THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL

*Working Together - Shaping Tomorrow*  
11 - 19 Academy



## THE ARNEWOOD SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



# Welcome







Welcome to The Arnewood School, an exceptional academy that has both a local and national reputation for excellence.

We place our children's needs first so that they are at the core of good decision making as to what is best for our school community. Our academic record over a long period of time shows us to be a consistently high performing school, with impressive examination results at all key stages, including in our vibrant sixth form.

We continue to raise standards in all subject areas, encouraging diversity and scholarship in teaching and learning across all subjects. We place great emphasis on a healthy balance between academic work and the all-round development of children.

Ours is an academy with a strong commitment to the very best pastoral care and a wide variety of extra curricular opportunities both cultural and sporting. The school is in part characterised by the wide range of trips and visits that create memorable learning experiences for students. We aim to meet individual needs and help every child fulfil their potential.

We recognise that words, pictures and statistics will only give you a hint of the warmth, ambition and commitment of our innovative learning community and we invite you to see us in action. I am very confident that a visit to The Arnewood School will justify your interest in the school as we continue to develop as a centre of excellence in the New Forest and beyond.

**Nigel Pressnell,**  
Headteacher





# School aims

The Arnewood School is committed to excellence in all we do. We encourage innovative teaching and learning, and place an emphasis on making sure each child achieves their potential. We believe all students should have an understanding and an awareness of the world of work.

Our aims are to achieve and sustain excellence by:

- Providing a diversity of teaching and learning styles in a positive environment.
- Celebrating and supporting all those who respect the values of The Arnewood School.
- Encouraging a sense of belonging to The Arnewood School and contributing to that identity in the local community.



# School curriculum

The Arnewood School is committed to excellence in all we do. The Arnewood School recognises that children are not all of the same ability but that they are all of equal worth. The school stresses the importance of academic excellence and actively encourages students to have high aspirations for their future. All students are encouraged to develop their full potential and to make the most of the opportunities the school offers.

## Key Stage 3 Y7 – Y8 (Aged 11 – 13)

The curriculum and timetable are arranged so that during Key Stage 3 children study a full range of courses, including English, history, geography, religious studies, mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, French, design and technology, information communication technology, art, drama, music, and physical education. We offer a second language for more able linguists and both German and French are popular.



**The school has been excellent in all stages of transition. At every point of contact, the various staff could not have been more helpful, efficient and accommodating.**

*An Arnewood Parent.*







## Key Stage 4 Y9 – Y11 (Aged 13 – 16)

At Key Stage 4, all pupils take GCSE subjects, with a wide variety of option choices. In addition to those subjects offered at Key Stage 3, courses such as media studies and childcare offer the chance to specialise in preparation for post 16 study in the Sixth Form. We continue to offer high academic outcomes and have a strong track record of success across many subjects at Key Stage 4 and post 16. We are committed to a diversity of approaches, with scope for optional vocational courses, alongside established subjects after Key Stage 3. These include courses such as construction and hairdressing.





## Post 16 Y12 – Y13 (Aged 16 – 18)

The Arnewood School is able to offer continuity of education from Key Stage 4 with its own Sixth Form which includes purpose built accommodation as well as specialist resources in the school's library.

Over 30 different courses are provided at AS and A Level with a variety of vocational options, broadening the opportunities for the growing number of students who wish to remain in education Post 16. We are proud of all students' achievements, some of whom will choose to complete a one year course prior to employment or training, while others progress each year from The Arnewood School's comprehensive intake to university, including those in the Russell Group.

As well as specialist support with university entrance, sixth formers enjoy support from an experienced tutor team able to meet the needs of older students. A varied citizenship programme, community action and commitment to charity fundraising provide many opportunities for student leadership.



**Pupils' behaviour is exemplary both in the classroom and around the school. They are kind, supportive and inclusive.**

*Ofsted 2018*





# Every child matters



The school has exceeded our already high expectations. The staff are dedicated, the school is well run, the students are committed and enthused, and most importantly, they are happy and so are we.

*An Arnewood Parent.*



## Gifted & Talented

A full annual programme for gifted and talented students, organised by our Gifted and Talented Coordinator, includes extra curricular visits and school based activities which challenge and extend the most able at an appropriate level.

Our Gifted & Talented students also work with external organisations such as the Brilliant Club and the Institute of Physics.

## Special Educational Needs

Students with special educational needs are identified and supported with additional resources. Students have individual educational programmes, a copy of which is available to parents. The Head of Learning Support (SENCo) is responsible for the organisation of the school programme and recommendations about individual needs.

The school has very good provision for students, including specialist staff and accommodation. Students with literacy needs are supported with a dedicated literacy programme. There is also a homework club after school, most days.

**Pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities receive support appropriate to their needs and make good progress.**

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## Extra Curricular

Many members of staff give their time freely in the organisation of extra-curricular activities which take place before school, during the mid-day break and at the end of the school day. These are too numerous to list in full but include competitive sports, drama and arts workshops, and clubs developing languages, ICT, and science skills.

The range of instrumental music is a special feature of The Arnewood School. Arnewood offers its students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in the areas of strings, piano, brass, electronic keyboard, woodwind, guitar, percussion and voice.

Numerous school trips, exchanges and visits enrich the school curriculum. These include geography field trips to Purbeck and Hengistbury Head, German and French trips, an annual Ardeche activities break, history trips to WW1 battlefields, Auschwitz and Berlin, and art trips to local and London galleries. Pastoral visits strengthen and develop friendships. Trips abroad as well as to Osmington Bay and Little Canada adventure centres are popular features of the school calendar.



**Pupils study a broad, balanced and creative curriculum. As a result, pupils are reflective, empathic and tolerant citizens of 21st century Britain**

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# Caring partnerships

## Parents and Community

We believe that good communication between school and home is essential to help fulfil the potential of children. Members of staff have voicemail facilities if they are not available immediately – we aim to contact any parent within 24 hours of an initial enquiry. Firefly, the school's online learning environment, allows parents/carers to see their child's homework and curriculum content.

Many parents and carers comment on the way in which the school seeks to encourage adults of all generations to contribute to school life. In addition to school concerts, fundraising events, Grandparents' Parties, and Parent Consultation Evenings, our Presentation Evenings are welcome occasions when we can all share in students' success.

We have strong links with members of the business community in New Milton who generously support us in work study placements for Year 10 students. The local clergy, of all denominations, are welcome speakers at school assemblies.





High quality  
learning





## School Uniform

The Arnewood School has a distinctive uniform which has been agreed, in consultation with the governing body, students and the parent body. Students wear a maroon blazer, black trousers or black skirt, and white shirt or white fitted blouse. A school tie is compulsory for Years 7 – 11. In the Sixth Form students are permitted to wear business attire which must include smart trousers or skirt and appropriate jacket together with a shirt or blouse.

The school uniform is compulsory for all students. Parents wishing to make application for uniform and/or free meals grants may contact the school's Welfare Assistant in confidence. From Year 11, students are permitted to wear discreet make-up, however extremes of hair fashion and attention seeking styles are not permitted.

## Accommodation and Resources

The Arnewood School is the largest school in this area of Hampshire and possesses excellent resources. These include a swimming pool, sports hall, squash courts, weights room, gymnasium, an extensive hard area for tennis and netball and an astroturf pitch. The school's excellent facilities include newly refurbished science rooms, specialist design & technology rooms and facilities for expressive arts. All classes are taught in permanent accommodation. Breakfast is available from 8.00 – 8.20 a.m.

The school offers an affordable iPad purchase scheme for students who wish to benefit from the use of their own device during the school day and beyond.







## Rewards and Discipline

The Arnewood School promotes a clear rewards and sanctions policy, which seeks to praise far more than rebuke. Many commendations are given each term for effort, attainment and services to the community.

## Homework

We recognise that homework is an important feature of effective learning by reinforcing classroom practice and preparing for future study. We operate a homework timetable in Years 7 – 11 with students accessing homework via our online learning environment (Firefly). A supervised study support area is available at 3.30pm for students wishing to complete homework before travelling home. The Library opens at 8.00am and closes at 4.30pm.









# TERM DATES 2022-2023

## AUTUMN TERM

TERM STARTS	Monday 5th September
HALF TERM	Monday 24th - Friday 28th October
INSET DAYS	1st & 2nd September and 25th November
TERM ENDS	Friday 16th December
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	19th December - 3rd January

## SPRING TERM

TERM STARTS	Wednesday 4th January
HALF TERM	Monday 13th - Friday 17th February
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3rd January
TERM ENDS	Friday 31st March
EASTER HOLIDAYS	3rd - 16 April

## SUMMER TERM

TERM STARTS	Monday 17th April
HALF TERM	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
INSET DAY	Monday 26th June
TERM ENDS	Friday 21st July

All information is correct at the time of publication but is subject to change. We are unable to accept any liability for changes in published dates. Dates will also be published on our website.

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