The Friary School ([www.friaryschooL.com](http://www.friaryschooL.com)) is a popular and respected Lichfield secondary school which caters for well over a thousand local students and is the most over-subscribed school in South Staffordshire.

The school was judged ‘good’ by OFSTED (November 2017) and performs strongly in the national Performance Tables. Indeed, the OFSTED Report was glowing in terms of celebrating extensive changes to school practice and flagged up “a culture of high aspiration” alongside “abundant energy and enthusiasm”, and celebrated that we were a “rapidly improving school” which has an “unwavering commitment to helping all pupils achieve highly”.

Even so, the school is far from settled on ‘good’ and has put an action plan in place designed to propel the school to the ’outstanding’ benchmark and keep it there. The new Headteacher, Mr Matt Allman, commented: “The school is a great place to work but the real attraction to me is the potential. The school has the capacity not only to shine locally, but nationally.”

A visit to the school will see a well-ordered and enthusiastic community and the facilities are undergoing extensive refurbishment. The sports facilities are superb and there remains a thriving performing arts ethos tied to our old specialism.

Elsewhere, there are extensive extra-curricular activities, a busy Saturday School programme, large-scale community work, a buzzing PTA and a genuine commitment to staff development.

The Friary is a school we are proud of and one that we are committed to making better and better and better.