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Langtree School is one of the smallest secondary schools in Oxfordshire with an 11 - 16 role of just over 600 students. We firmly believe that our small size is one of our greatest strengths, creating a community in which our students are known and valued as individuals, and in which they can thrive with the close support of a dedicated team of subject specialist teachers. Many parents choose Langtree for this reason, and we remain heavily oversubscribed.

Our school is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty in the South Oxfordshire countryside, situated between Oxford and Reading. We converted to Academy status in 2012 (as a MAT of one), and haven't looked back since!

In recent years our successes have been numerous and significant:

- Langtree has been awarded several national awards in recent years for value added progress and attainment at KS4, and GCSE outcomes have risen steadily over the past seven years.
- Overall, 82% of students achieved the Basics Measure of English and Mathematics at level 4 or above, and 57% did so at level 5 or above. This measure alone exceeds the very best 'basics measure' the school has ever achieved.
- Furthermore, 81% of the cohort secured at least five GCSE passes at 9 – 4 including English and Maths, which again represents the best measure the school has achieved since the new GCSEs were introduced.
- Attainment 8 score, which at 54 is well above the previous high levels of 51, and the indicative Progress 8 score of +0.43 is again better than the previous best +0.33, which indicates that overall, on average students at Langtree achieved nearly half a grade higher than expected in their GCSE subjects.
- At the top end of the ability range, results were consistent with previous years of excellent outcomes. 27% of all grades were awarded at 9 – 7.
- In our most recent Ofsted inspection (May 2017) we were rated as 'good' – and verbally advised that we were 'on the cusp of outstanding' – with our students and staff receiving the praise and recognition that they so richly deserve:

"Pupils are a delight to meet and talk with, and they fully reflect the school's core values of courtesy, tolerance and respect. There is a welcoming, vibrant and creative atmosphere which permeates the school, characterised by very positive relationships between staff and pupils and among pupils themselves."

Our successes are the result of our committed students having a very positive attitude to learning, supported by a dedicated and hardworking team staff team. We enjoy extremely positive relationships with our students, as well as their families, and we all share in our mission of 'Putting Learning First'.

Although we are very proud of the results our students achieve in their public examinations, success at GCSE is not the only reason for the pride we all have for our school. There is a rich and diverse offering of extracurricular activities, trips and visits at Langtree, both within the UK and abroad. Furthermore, our Creativity Days and Activities Week provide opportunities for our staff to plan creative approaches to learning in what we call the 'outside classroom'. Langtree may be a small school, but it is a very dynamic and exciting place in which to learn and work. Indeed, an article in *The Tatler* (February 2018) included Langtree in a review of the best 10 state schools in 2018, under the headline '*The Best Education Money Can't Buy*'.

We are, we believe quite rightly, extremely proud of our school and our students' achievements, but are keen to be even better! Please have a look at our website to gain more of a flavour of Langtree - but if you have any further questions with which we can help you, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly at your convenience.

We hope to look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Jan Seal-Roberts
Chair of Governors, Langtree School

