

Welcome from the Headteacher



Blenheim High School is a co-educational academy in Surrey with state of the art facilities.

Blenheim's ethos revolves around a growth mind-set where students are actively encouraged to develop the characteristics of working hard, being resilient, wanting to improve and being open to new ideas. These characteristics are crucial for many reasons, but not least because the new National Curriculum, new GCSE and new A level examinations are more challenging than ever. Growth mind-set also significantly informs the ten Blenheim behaviours which are equally accessible to all students irrespective of background, circumstance or ability. They are behaviours that will give Blenheim students the 'edge' when they move into the workplace or higher education.

I have been in post since April 2017 and we have achieved much in that time. Despite the school being judged to Require Improvement in January 2017, our projected student intake into Year 7 and Year 12 in September 2018 are due to be 15% greater than in September 2017. This is a testament to the staff at Blenheim who have supported new practices that have quickly been embedded across the curriculum and the wider school.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure that students of all abilities realise their potential and achieve the best public examination outcomes possible. This is achieved through high levels of consistency in terms of teaching practices, the setting of homework and the challenge of regular assessments. Through these practices students clearly understand where they are in their learning and crucially what their 'next steps' are. 'Next steps' advice for each student coupled with adequate reflection time ensures smooth and sustained progress over time. Where students find topics difficult or have misunderstood, the school's extended day provides support so students can 'catch up' quickly.

As we prepare our students to take up their place in society we actively encourage them to become independent learners. Part of this process has involved the integration of iPads across



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the curriculum so that every student either owns or has access to one. Technological evolution is insatiable and we believe this approach is key to ensuring that our students develop attributes that will allow them to adapt in a rapidly changing world. The iPad complements daily teaching and allows students to easily access a multitude of interactive and innovative resources.

Outside the curriculum we promote competition and co-operation through the House system as well as running a range of extra - curricular activities in the Arts, Sports, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and department based clubs. We set high standards in terms of uniform with several 'non-negotiables' and have strict expectations regarding behaviour both in and out of the classroom. Visitors often comment on the calm, purposeful atmosphere around the school.

I very much hope that you will see that this role at Blenheim High School as a significant career opportunity and that this will encourage you to apply.

School tours can be arranged at any time. We would strongly suggest that these are within the school day so that you can see the school in action. Please contact my PA, Mrs. M Hart, on 01372 745 333, or email headteacher@blenheim.surrey.sch.uk to arrange a visit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr A A Bodell', written in a cursive style.

Mr A A Bodell
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