Head's Welcome

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to Arnold Lodge School, a leading co-educational school in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Arnold Lodge educates boys and girls aged 4-18 within an environment that places the happiness and confidence of children at the heart of our ethos; we know that this is central to our pupils' learning and achievement.



At Arnold Lodge, we believe that every pupil should be happy, valued for their strengths and confident in their abilities. Our experience is that only when a pupil is happy and self-assured are they able to make the most outstanding progress in all areas. Our focus on the happiness of children is not at the expense of academic achievement; in fact, it's the opposite – we stress the importance of wellbeing and happiness because it is the key to achievement. We add significant value to the pupils in school and we have a very strong history of academic success across both our Junior and Senior Schools.

Our core values of Honesty, Hard Work and Kindness are central to our school ethos. The school house system reflects these core values, placing them at the heart of day to day life at Arnold Lodge. Veritas House (with truth and honesty), Dedicas House (with hard work and dedication) and Amicus House (with friendship and kindness) provide pupils with the opportunity for friendly competition in school with a broad range of House events which span Sports, Music, Art and inter House Quizzes (to name but a few) whilst also reinforcing the values and attributes that we strive for at Arnold Lodge.

Our most recent ISI report (January 2016) found that pupils at Arnold Lodge receive 'excellent teaching', 'excellent pastoral care' and that the quality of our pupils' achievements and learning is also excellent. Outstanding teaching and examination results are not enough, though – we believe in being more than an 'examination factory' because learning to pass examinations is simply not enough. As such, all of our pupils are given outstanding spiritual, moral, social and cultural development and we continuously look to innovate in our pedagogy and curriculum to ensure that we give a broad and well-rounded educational experience. The breadth of opportunity at Arnold Lodge allows pupils to develop their skills in creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills that are crucial to success in the modern world. Your child deserves an exceptional education and that is what we strive for.

I would be pleased to show you around Arnold Lodge to introduce you to our school, pupils and teachers. I am tremendously proud of our pupils and it is they who best encapsulate the spirit of Arnold Lodge; I have no doubt they will tell you all about it when you come and visit.

David Preston
Headteacher

“The school is highly successful in achieving its aims to encourage pupils to be happy, safe and valued.”

– ISI Inspection

Ethos and Values

At Arnold Lodge, our school mission is:

To develop the happiness, confidence and skills of each pupil so they can be successful in their aspirations.

We believe that:

1. Every child in school should feel happy, safe and confident.

2. Every child should know their strengths (whatever they may be) and be valued for those strengths.

3. Every child should make the most academic and emotional progress they can in a supportive and positive environment.

4. Every child should have the opportunity to develop the skills they need to be successful in their aspirations.

Your child deserves an outstanding education. We believe that children are worth more than a limited entrance examination and it is for this reason we select on a child’s potential and the value we can add – not on tapered academic assessments. Every child who joins Arnold Lodge deserves the right to feel happy, safe and confident in school and to be able to make the most progress they can.

Some children will achieve the highest grades and they will do so in an environment where they are challenged, supported and valued for more than their hard work and academic achievement. For a different child, securing a pass in English might be a huge success and this achievement is valued just the same. Academic study at Arnold Lodge is not about percentages and statistics, it’s about the individual pupil and helping them to attain the very highest that they can.

School is about so much more than classroom teaching. Our approach continues in music and sport where pupils are encouraged to take part, gain experiences and to enjoy being active, creative and on the stage. Some of our pupils are outstanding artists or musicians and these skills are valued highly at Arnold Lodge. All of our pupils are encouraged to develop their leadership skills; from joining our Pupil Parliament, taking part in Duke of Edinburgh right the way to being selected as Head Pupil, there are opportunities throughout the school for children to grow in confidence and find new interests and passions.





Junior Phase: Reception to Year 2

Our vibrant Junior Phase classes, starting with Reception to Year 2, are very special, with a dedicated, experienced teaching team. During the first few years of Arnold Lodge, each child is given the right foundations for their future. These years mark the beginning of the children's journey through education and we make sure they start off in the right way.

Each child is unique and our Junior Phase offers a relaxed, safe and structured atmosphere, where children are provided with opportunity and experiences which allow them to hone their skills and begin to understand their individual passions.

From cooking and craft to playing and performing, our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 curriculum activities are varied and exciting. Pupils are taught French, Drama, Music and P.E by subject specialists and our pupils also have a weekly swimming lesson as part of their sports curriculum. While we are immensely proud of our small class sizes and school ethos, it is the breadth of our Key Stage 1 curriculum and the use of subject specialists that makes the learning experience extra special for our pupils.

Outcomes for pupils are carefully tracked and individual progress is monitored and shared. We record the milestones along the way and provide our children with the support that they need to make the most progress they can. In Key Stage 1, as much as anywhere else, our ethos shines through: happy children learn best.

"Within the EYFS, children's achievements and progress exceed age-related expectations and are excellent relative to their starting points."

- ISI Inspection



“Children grow and flourish in confidence.”

- Parent

Junior Phase: Year 3 to Year 6

The second part of our Junior Phase, Years 3 to 6, lays the foundations for our pupils to stride ahead through their Junior years before moving up to the challenges of the Senior Phase.

We offer a balanced curriculum with a clear focus on challenge, attainment and intellectual growth for every pupil. The core subjects: English, Mathematics and Science, coupled with immersive learning experiences, ensure our pupils develop the skills they need to be successful learners. Subject specialists in Music, Drama, Art, PE and French ensure that the students receive instruction at the highest level for their age group. Extension and Enrichment (known as ExEn) offers a multitude of opportunities that underpins these crucial years.

We look to build on the children’s natural enthusiasm, excitement and spirit of enquiry to continue their love of learning and ensure they achieve their full potential. Our pupils experience the joy of aiming high and the satisfaction of achievement.

Friendly competition is introduced at Year 3 as pupils join a school house. The system fosters team-work, creativity and a community spirit. Children are encouraged to use their creativity, thinking skills and learning to achieve as many house points as they can!

As an all-through school, we know our children well and support their transition into Year 3 and then into Year 7. Our caring, family atmosphere gives the support, security and self-confidence needed for children to flourish personally, socially and academically at each stage.



“You just cannot beat the small class sizes; you get outstanding teachers who know the children and support them to get the best grades.”

– Parent



Senior Phase: Year 7 to Year 11

In the Senior School, pupils focus on achieving their full potential in both their academic learning and more widely too. With examinations increasingly a part of school life, the academic environment becomes evermore important; first rate teaching, small mentor groups and excellent interventions allow pupils to make huge progress.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum remains broad giving pupils access to a wide range of subjects. English, Mathematics and Science form the core curriculum with excellent teaching, support and encouragement necessary to ensure pupils further their core learning. Our pupils study a broad creative curriculum: French, History, Geography, Computer Science, Music, Art, Food Technology, Sport and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Studies.

School is about so much more than classroom learning and Arnold Lodge pupils delve into our ExEn sessions (Extension and Enrichment) which offer a phenomenal range of opportunities to our pupils. This might be taking the Duke of Edinburgh award, coding, literacy support, advanced mathematics, Engineering or Ultimate Frisbee - there’s an ExEn session for everyone!

Whether it’s a love of learning, a passion for sport or a burgeoning interest in one of our ExEn sessions, we know these school years are crucial and we seek to develop the interests and talents of every pupil.


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“Both of my children’s GCSE results have been phenomenal. My daughter achieved results she would only have dreamed of when she joined in Year 7.”

– Parent

Senior Phase: Year 7 to Year 11

The GCSE years are all about creating a bespoke learning experience for our pupils. Our core subjects, English, Mathematics and Science, provide a variety of pathways for your child to pursue and we can also offer a range of different qualifications to find the right combination for your child.

Arnold Lodge offers a wide range of elective subjects for pupils to pick from and we support them in their selections as they begin to think of careers for the future. Some pupils will take 10 GCSEs while others might take 7 and have additional support where they need it; we tailor our curriculum around what is right for the child so they have the best outcomes in their examinations.

During these GCSE years, pupils focus on their examinations and staff work closely with them to ensure the highest levels of teaching. Exceptional pastoral care ensures pupils are supported during the crucial GCSE years while pupils continue to enjoy Games and ExEn sessions to support their wider development.
One of Arnold Lodge’s greatest strengths is the value that we add to children’s education in examinations.

On average we have added over 5 grades to each pupil beyond their targets. Our school ethos, coupled with excellent teaching and pastoral care, allows pupils at Arnold Lodge to achieve beyond their target grades and attain academic success at a level higher than they might have elsewhere.

2017/2018 GCSE Results:

- Every pupil gained at least 5 A* - C grades
- 100% 9 - 4 in Mathematics
- 100% Pass Rate

	2016/2017		2015/2016		2014/2015		2013/2014	
	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
A* - A	23%	**28%**	5%	**15%**	7%	**29%**	0%	**29%**
5+ C grades	77%	**88%**	40%	**80%**	73%	**83%**	69%	**81.25%**




THE MOST IMPORTANT
thing is to never stop
QUESTIONING
Albert Einstein

Sixth Form

Arnold Lodge Sixth Form has an outstanding breadth of courses on offer with A Level and the EPQ available providing pupils with access to a truly bespoke education. Our Sixth Form balances the need to develop independence and responsibility with the vital support and care that young people need during these crucial years to fulfil their potential.

Sixth Form is an important time for pupils as they look to their future and work towards achieving long held dreams and ambitions. Sixth Form life is an exciting change from the highly structured day that pupils are familiar with, to one where they are encouraged to develop independent study skills and are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. Our Sixth Form environment mimics University life in many ways with a Sixth Form kitchen, a common room, silent study area and seminar style teaching.

Alongside their studies, Sixth Form pupils follow a programme of Enrichment that helps them prepare for life after school. Support for UCAS applications, careers sessions, University visits and life skills (such as personal finances and cooking) sit alongside this development that includes cultural trips to museums, residential trips abroad and personal skills (such as first aid qualifications).

“Studying at Arnold Lodge Sixth Form furthered my passion for English Literature and helped me to get the grades I needed to get into my first-choice university.”

– Pupil

Now studying
English at Warwick
University



Performing Arts

While we know that the core academic curriculum is important and we pride ourselves on our excellent examination results, we also place performing arts as having the same level of importance. For us, a school curriculum should champion the performing arts as a means of enriching the school experience of all children. From Drama classes through to Music, Music Technology and Dance, we place a great deal of emphasis on ensuring all pupils engage with creative subjects as this provides pupils with confidence, self-awareness, a sense of achievement and, above all else, enjoyment.

Alongside our performing arts curriculum, pupils have the chance to engage in a broad range of extra-curricular clubs (including Music Technology & Composition in the iMac Suite, Choir and various Dance classes) as well as working through their music examination grades with our visiting music teachers or signing up for the lead role in one of our Drama performances. Your child can learn to play the violin, the piano, guitar, drums, flute – to name just a few while they embrace their creativity, confidence and unearth their passion for performance.



“The individualisation of lessons is a significant strength of the school.”

– ISI Inspection

“The quality of the pupils’ achievements and learning is excellent.”

– ISI Inspection

Sport for All

Sport is a crucial part of life at Arnold Lodge as we believe that a breadth of experience and activities are vital to a rounded education. The main emphasis in the sporting life of Arnold Lodge is of participation and passion for sport; we strongly encourage inclusion and enjoyment of sport for all our pupils, whatever their ability.

Opportunities for sport at Arnold Lodge are abundant. We offer a wide range of sports from Reception through to Year 13 who are coached by a highly trained team with a specialist physical education department. Whether pupils enjoy traditional team sports such as netball, hockey and football or individual pursuits such as swimming, golf, squash or gymnastics, our sports curriculum offers a chance for all pupils to participate and represent their school community. Using world class facilities at the University of Warwick for swimming, athletics and hockey to developing links with local teams including the Old Leamingtonians rugby club, Leamington Tennis and Squash and Leamington Cricket Club, our pupils are encouraged to improve their skills and develop a life-long passion for sport.

We have competitive fixtures throughout the school and very high levels of participation see the majority of pupils given the opportunity to compete regularly. Through our sports curriculum and competitive sport, pupils develop their core skills of communication, creativity, critical thinking and collaboration reinforced with resilience, perseverance and hard work also develop as important parts of sport.

Learning does not stop outside of the classroom!







Extension & Enrichment: The ExEn Programme

Arnold Lodge has an extensive Extension and Enrichment Programme known as “ExEn”. Learning does not stop outside of the classroom and the ExEn programme sets out to give Arnold Lodge pupils access to experiences that are vital as part of a broad and rounded school experience.

Extension supports the school curriculum and sessions such as Problem Solving, Coding, Project Art and Junior/Senior Chef give the opportunity for pupils to stretch their learning. Extension sessions also give support and a boost for pupils who might need it with numeracy, literacy, EAL (English as an additional Language) and science booster sessions taking place across the whole school.

Enrichment broadens the scope of learning and offers a rich array of sessions for pupils to find their new passion. Furthermore, with sessions covering everything from chess, karate, horticulture, sign language, music production through to fencing, street dance, horse riding and ultimate frisbee, there’s sure to be an ExEn session to interest everyone.

The ExEn programme works in tandem with other opportunities such as Duke of Edinburgh or joining the Arnold Lodge Journalists as part of the BBC School Report, our ExEn sessions take place over lunch breaks and after school to provide a truly outstanding experience for our pupils.

“The school ethos was crucial to us as a family in selecting Arnold Lodge.”

- Parent





Explore Our School

We believe that it's only when children are happy and confident that they can fulfil their potential and flourish. As such, we know that choosing the right school for your child is a major decision whether they're starting school for the first time or looking for a new School.

After reading our prospectus, if you would like to find out more you can browse our school website which includes the latest school news, our school calendar, staff details, school bus routes and the latest information on Open Days (www.arnoldlodge.com). We also have social media feeds which show life at Arnold Lodge – take a look at Twitter (@ArnoldLodgeNews) or look us up on Facebook (Arnold Lodge School).

The best way to get a sense of Arnold Lodge and the opportunities that our school could offer your child is by coming to visit us. We would be delighted to invite you in for a tour of the school during an Open Day or on a day and time that is most convenient for you. Our Admissions team will support you all the way from booking in the tour, visiting at an Open Day right the way through to preparing for your child's first day at Arnold Lodge. Call 01926 778050 or email admissions@arnoldlodge.com.

Arnold Lodge is a selective independent school (from Year 3) and admissions are considered on the basis of an interview, school report, set of assessments which look for the look for the potential of your child to meet the high standards here at Arnold Lodge School. The assessments are not intimidating and they are completed in a friendly environment; our focus is on the value we can add to your child's education – not just their academic attainment to date. We accept pupils into all year groups but our main points of entry are Reception, Year 3, Year 7 and Year 12.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Arnold Lodge School.



"Throughout the school, high quality pastoral care and guidance fully supports the school's aim to understand and build personal relationships with each pupil to really bring out the best in them."

– ISI Inspection