



## **Wootton Academy Trust**

Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby) are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus. WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 students across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Its GCSE English and GCSE Science results in 2017 and 2018 were well-above the national average. In Mathematics, results are above the national average and improving.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 500 students. It is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. For the last two years the College has been in the Sunday Times list of the top 20 Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2018 Kimberley College was ranked in the top 25 Sixth Form College in the UK.

## **The Drama Department**

Wootton Upper School focuses its teaching on pupils in Year 9-11; virtually all of the Trusts' Sixth Form teaching takes place at Kimberley College. However, in Drama, Dance, Art, and Textiles virtually all sixth form teaching remains at Wootton Upper School.

Kimberley College 16-19 STEM College opened in September 2013. The College was inspected in January 2017 and judged good in most areas and outstanding in personal development and well-being. Drama is popular at A Level with a group in both Year 12 and Year 13

Wootton Upper School was inspected in November 2017 and received a very positive report. The school was judged to be good in all areas. In Year 9 Drama is an optional subject and is popular with pupils. Rather than learning an array of different arts and technology and other subjects [e.g. second modern foreign language] for a few hours during Year 9 the school asks pupils to choose three subjects which they study for four hours per fortnight. **All pupils have to study at least one of Art, Dance, Drama or Music.**

Our arts facilities include a Theatre Hall and a Drama Studio; there is also a Dance Studio and two Music Rooms within the arts accommodation and the art studios are located nearby. Our team of arts teachers are all specialists and all work hard for our pupils.

In Years 10 and 11 pupils may choose Drama as one of their GCSE subjects. There are normally three or four classes of Drama. Over the two-years of the GCSE course pupils have on average

four and a half hours per two-week cycle. In the sixth form, each 'A'-level block is allocated nine hours per two-week timetable cycle along with a further double study period.

If you would like any further information on our Drama department please send an email to Jade Robinson: [jrobinson@wootton.beds.sch.uk](mailto:jrobinson@wootton.beds.sch.uk)