



## A Brief Overview of Pitsford School

Pitsford School is located in the village of Pitsford, just four miles north of the centre of Northampton. Set in 26 acres of beautiful parkland, we are one of the county's leading independent, co-educational day schools for pupils aged 4-18 years.

Pitsford School is an all through school, set within the grounds of Pitsford Hall, which was built in 1764. We have a strong academic reputation which is complemented with effective pastoral support and a wide range of extra-curricular activities. There are currently 300 pupils on the School's roll.

Our Junior School building, built in 2012, is located in a secluded corner of the grounds. It has well-designed facilities which enable Junior School pupils to benefit from modern facilities including dedicated music and art rooms.

In April 2016, we opened a new, purpose-built Sports Centre. This building contains a sports hall, a fully equipped fitness suite, and a café area.

The staff at Pitsford School are all well-qualified and extremely enthusiastic. They create a stimulating environment and are accustomed to caring for each individual and to working with pupils who wish to excel. Every member of our Staff truly believes in our ethos and that is what enables Pitsford School pupils to achieve so much.

## Geography Department

The Geography department occupies recently refurbished accommodation comprising two light and airy classrooms and a number of smaller study rooms for staff and students. The classrooms are equipped with data projectors. The department has run a weather station for the past 20 years that supplies regular weather forecasts for the county and is regularly featured on radio, TV and the local press. The weather station has its own office space in Pitsford Hall and automatic instruments on the main school roof.

A topic-based approach is taken to teaching geography in years 7 to 9 following themes of the themes of physical, human and environmental geography. At GCSE and A level the department follows the WJEC Eduqas specifications. Fieldwork is given particular emphasis with day trips to support the curriculum in all years. There



is a residential fieldtrip for A level students to Snowdonia. Last year, the department organised a cross-curricular trip to Iceland. Staff also help with the school's Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme.

## Sports and PE Department

At Pitsford School pupils participate in a wide variety of sporting activities from years 7- 13. All pupils from years 7 –13 have a compulsory curriculum lesson each week along with a games session and a compulsory extra-curricular session.

The PE department comprises of two full time members of staff who deliver all curricular, examination lessons and run teams: additional staff support during such sessions/run teams for fixtures. All pupils are provided with an opportunity to represent the school in inter-school fixtures, tournaments and ISA events. In the winter term games sports are rugby, football and netball and in the summer term, cricket, rounders and athletics.