



# Codsall Community High School Prospectus

Ambition • Altruism • Achievement



*“Overall, I’m very impressed with the standard of teaching staff and the school as a whole. I like the input the children get to prepare for their GCSEs. I have no issues with this school and would recommend it to anyone”* Parents’ Evening

# Welcome

**Thank you for taking the time to view our prospectus. I hope that you will find the information useful when making one of the most important decisions in your child’s life to date.**



**Mr A Harding**  
BA (Hons) NPQH  
Executive Headteacher

Codsall Community High School is a thriving school and oversubscribed school with over 1,000 students. The school is situated in the attractive South Staffordshire village of Codsall on the outskirts of Wolverhampton.

The school aims are summarised as “Ambition, Altruism and Achievement.”

Ambition - because we believe that every child should have the ambition to be the very best they can be and set their sights high.

Altruism – because we believe that being kind to each other and putting others before yourself are essential elements of a well-rounded and positive member of society.

Achievement – because our goal must be to ensure every student in our care achieves what they are capable of.

We also have a sharp focus on discipline and endeavour. Our classroom rules are simple. Students must ensure that they give 100% effort in each and every lesson and that they do nothing to interrupt the learning of others. There is no success without hard work and we strive to create an environment and culture where hard work is rewarded and recognised on a regular basis.

I hope that you will join us and be part of our continuing success story.



# Welcome from the Chair of Governors

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On behalf of the Board of Governors at Codsall High Federation of Schools, I am delighted to be able to welcome you and your family to Codsall Community High School.

The Governing Board is committed to working in partnership with the Executive Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and all school staff to ensure that your child has the best possible experience while they are part of the Codsall High community. Our aim is that everyone, regardless of background or circumstance, is able to recognise what individual success looks like, to set ambitious goals for themselves, and to support others within our community to work hard to achieve their goals.

We regularly visit school making sure all students are given equal opportunities to thrive; not just academically, but socially and emotionally as individual learners.

We are delighted that you are considering our school and look forward to meeting you.

**Jessica Shulman**

Chair of Governors



## Aims of the school

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We aim to provide the very best education possible for every student. Our school vision can be summarised as Ambition, Altruism and Achievement.

### Ambition

- We believe that with the right attitude our students can achieve the most challenging and ambitious of goals.
- We expect 100% effort – there is no success without hard work.
- We expect our learners to demonstrate determination and resilience and not give up when things get difficult.

### Altruism

- We expect our young people to be selfless, kind and considerate.
- We expect our learners to look out for each other and take care of each other, regardless of friendship groups.
- We are proud of our school community and accept all, deriving happiness from the success of others.

### Achievement

- We aspire to educate the whole person, catering for our students' academic and social needs.
- We aim to develop well qualified and well-rounded young people who understand that their goals can be achieved through hard work.

### Our school motto is:

*"Per Ardua Ad Astra"*

*"Through adversity to the stars."*





# Codsall High in the Community

Our community is very important to us and we continually work to maintain links with local organisations, other schools in the area and local businesses.

The Sixth Form Community Project was set up in April 2008 to raise money for local charities and to run projects within our community. The Sixth Form Community Team organises annual tea parties for local senior citizens groups, takes part in the Balsalm Bash organised by the Friends of Bilbrook and wraps Christmas presents for local senior citizens who will be alone at Christmas.

The school is actively involved with local community groups the Friends of Bilbrook and Codsall Community Arts Festival Association as well as the Mid Counties Co-operative and RAF Cadets.

We are proud to have been Business Class partners with Jaguar Land Rover for over 5 years and value our partnership with Black Country Businesses in the Community.

As a Federation of Schools along with Bilbrook CE Middle and Perton Middle Schools we also maintain links with other local schools in the area through the Codsall Partnership of Schools and are proud of our strong working relationships with local first and middle schools in Bilbrook, Codsall, Pattingham and Perton villages.



- Fantastic sports facilities including a well-equipped fitness suite /gym
- Outdoor table tennis tables for use at lunch times
- Swimming pool
- Dance & drama studio
- High ratio of computers to students
- Refurbished Science classrooms
- Large Art Centre with central display area
- Dedicated 6th form area
- Community & Charity room
- Refurbished Library
- Refurbished dining area



# The Curriculum

**At Codsall High students have a wide range of courses to choose from in Years 9, 10 and 11. These include:**

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| • Art and Design     | • German                 |
| • Biology            | • Health and Social Care |
| • Business Studies   | • History                |
| • Chemistry          | • ICT                    |
| • Dance              | • Mathematics            |
| • Design Technology  | • Music                  |
| • Drama              | • Performing Arts        |
| • English Language   | • Physical Education     |
| • English Literature | • Physics                |
| • Food Technology    | • Science                |
| • French             | • Sport                  |
| • Geography          | • Statistics             |





# The Codsall Way



Codsall Community High School operates a House System where we engender a real sense of community, competition and achievement across the year groups. Each student wears a tie that shows their House colour. We have named our four Houses after four space shuttles: Challenger, Discovery, Endeavour and Enterprise. These names link to the Codsall motto of Per Ardua Ad Astra (Through adversity to the stars) and were chosen by a student in the Codsall Federation of Schools. The House names reflect the journey that our students take through school, applying 100% effort and resilience to their studies. If we work together in this way we are confident in the success of your child both academically and beyond.

At Codsall Community High School we make the right choices. The Codsall Way aims:

- To create a school of which all can be proud; a feeling of belonging and pride where students feel safe and are able to fulfill their potential because they are taught to take responsibility for their own actions and make the right choices.
- To create a community which celebrates success. Where individuals support and encourage one another, modelling the behaviour they expect to see in others.
- To create a culture of ambition, altruism, achievement and learning everywhere in the school, where expectations are clear and interventions are purposeful leading to increased student motivation, improved academic achievement and wellbeing.

Codsall Community High School has a Student Council which is made up of representatives from all year groups and each House. We believe in educating the whole child. At CCHS School we take great pride in the degree of effort, responsibility and pride our students show in supporting all aspects of school life. Together with the Sixth Form Ambassadors and our Diversity and Inclusion Panel, our School Council acts as the voice of the student population and ensures they play an important part in continuing to improve our school.



# Uniform

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Students' neat and tidy appearance reflects positively on both themselves and the school and therefore we want to ensure that all students wear the correct school uniform and that hair colour and style are not extreme. High standards of dress help students to focus on high standards in other areas of school.

We ask that you support your child in the work that they do and support the school in ensuring that your child has full uniform, does not have piercings other than in their ears, has hair colouring within the normal range of hair colour and that hair is kept smart. Neither hoodies nor tracksuits should be worn. Students are given full details of the school's policy when they join the school.

Please refer to our school website for detailed guidance.



*"The teachers are fantastic. I'm so glad I chose Codsall High School!" Student*

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# Safeguarding and Promoting British Values

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. Parents can feel confident that robust procedures are in place to ensure that staff and volunteers are suitable to work with children.

We hope parents and students will feel free to talk about any concerns or worries which may affect their educational progress and they will see the school as a safe place. Students will be taken seriously if they seek help from a member of staff.

Parents will normally be consulted and their consent obtained before any referral is made to an agency outside the school under local “children in need” procedures. However, staff cannot guarantee to consult parents first, or to keep students’ concerns confidential, if a

referral must be made to the appropriate agencies in order to safeguard the student’s welfare.

At Codsall Community High School we promote fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs as part of our whole school ethos. They are reinforced and developed through the teaching of Citizenship and Religious Education within Humanities, the teaching of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education through all subjects across the curriculum, the assembly programme and a positive behaviour policy. Promoting British Values enables children to understand, participate and contribute positively to life in modern Britain.

## Healthy Eating

The school encourages healthy eating; there are healthy food options provided at break and lunchtime.

Students may bring their own packed lunches and are encouraged to make this nutritional and healthy. Water may be drunk throughout the day which includes lessons (apart from science).

Students are also encouraged to sip water during exams. We have a newly refurbished dining area and additional food outlets around the school site from which students can purchase food. We operate a cashless system. Parents can add money to their child’s account via ParentPay.



# How do we work with parents?

**School cannot work in isolation. We need to work in partnership with parents.**

We value partnerships with all our parents and we do our best to keep every parent fully informed and as involved as possible through:

- Social Media
- Progress Review Days
- Regular Reports
- EduLink app
- Letters, texts and emails
- Newsletters
- Curriculum Evenings
- Open Evenings
- School Events
- Representation on the Governing Body
- Regular Parent Forum Meetings
- Helping Your Child Events







# Facts about Codsall High

Nominated link school for Jaguar Land Rover

National Careers Quality Award

The school has full dyslexia friendly status

Outstanding exam results year on year

School Games Silver Award

Our Football Academy admits students at year 12

In the top 20% of schools in the country

An Academies Trust Award Winning School

We have the International Schools Award

Awarded Wellbeing Award for Schools

*“Pupils state they feel safe in school. They are clear about who to go to if they have any concerns and say that any incidents of bullying are rare.” Ofsted*





Parents wishing to find out more about Codsall Community High School are invited to contact the School Reception on 01902 907560,

email [office@cc-hs.com](mailto:office@cc-hs.com) or visit the school website [www.cc-hs.com](http://www.cc-hs.com).

The Executive Headteacher will be pleased to arrange an appointment to discuss any aspect of your child's future education and show you around the school.

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*Special Thanks: To all of the students who willingly modelled for this prospectus.*

