

Principal's Welcome

On behalf of the pupils and staff at Crayford Academy, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school.

We are delighted when families from the local community we serve choose to send their children to us, to receive a Haberdashers' education.

Many pupils who will join us in year 7 will have already experienced life in our trust, having attended one of our primary schools. Many more from local primary schools choose to join us with a firm belief in our ethos at secondary. Expectations of our pupils are high from the start. We are a larger than average school and we take pride in getting to know pupils and parents, working in partnership to get the best possible academic results for children and providing an education for character that is synonymous with the Haberdashers' schools.

Year 7 students are supported in their transition into Crayford Academy by members of our team of Pastoral staff. Our Pastoral & Wellbeing Mentors are on hand to help year 7 settle in and offer strategies for dealing with anxiety if they are worried about the transition. They are each allocated to a school hub and they will become an approachable, familiar face for your child.

Belonging to a Trust of schools affords our pupils the 'Haberdashers' Advantage'. We work closely with members of the Haberdashers' Company. Some of whom are able to mentor our students, equipping them with knowledge and experience for their next pathway, and some students have been offered Apprenticeships through the Company. Our own staff expertise gives all students the opportunity to complete in sporting and extra-curricular activities. There is a focus at Crayford Academy on the importance of academic studies particularly in essential literacy and numeracy skills which we believe provide greater access to the breadth of secondary subjects offered.

We are very proud of the environment in which we work and our students feel the same. Facilities for learning and recreation are first class, purpose built, safe and allow us to cater for a wide range of abilities. We have a thriving Sixth Form, and when you meet these students, you will notice that standards of behaviour and uniform, codes of conduct and good manners are consistent.

Haberdashers' Crayford Academy is very popular with parents and children, bringing stability and self-esteem to all involved. We serve over 1000 pupils. As the Executive Principal, I am determined that this school, our staff and pupils continue to make a positive difference to the local community. We are proud to be Haberdashers' Crayford Academy and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Steve Wheatley
Executive Principal

