

YOU, ME, US.



Thomas
Aveling
An Academy for Success

WELCOME TO THE Thomas Aveling School

We would like to start by thanking you for the interest you have shown in our school. The time a child spends at secondary school can be instrumental in shaping their future and is an opportunity for them to make friends and form lasting memories that will carry them through into adulthood.

At Thomas Aveling we are dedicated to making these precious years as happy and as nurturing as possible and we are extremely proud of both the standard of education and the array of opportunities afforded our students.

By continually striving to improve upon our already exemplary record, we hope to foster an environment in which young people can flourish. This devotion to exceeding expectations is thanks in no small part to the sense of community that we encourage not only in our students, but also our staff. Ofsted said of Thomas Aveling:

“This is a good school. Most striking is the sense of shared purpose”.

– Ofsted 2012

The popularity of Thomas Aveling has grown steadily since it first opened and, with high quality teaching, excellent facilities and impeccable standards, it is easy to see why the school is now consistently over-subscribed.

Our emphasis is always on maintaining a positive attitude as we believe that a happy atmosphere has a marked impact on achievement. All our students are encouraged to perform to the best of their ability, whether they are in line for A's or require additional support.

For us, a truly successful education means being the very best that you can be and we are proud to say that our students make excellent progress, regardless of their starting point.

“The school has a happy, lively atmosphere”

– Ofsted 2012

At Thomas Aveling we insist upon extremely high standards with regard to conduct, uniform, attendance and courtesy and strive to establish a sense of personal pride in all our students. We feel very strongly that it is our job as education professionals to mould the next generation into well rounded, happy individuals who can prosper and contribute to a fast changing society. We are especially proud of the increasing number of students in our Sixth Form who progress to university.

This prospectus can only offer you a flavour of life at Thomas Aveling, so we would like to invite you to visit us and experience first hand the warm and welcoming environment that we have created. We hope that you will like what you see and that your child will be able to join us at our 'academy for success'.



“You’re guaranteed a good education if you’re prepared to put in the effort”

– Key Stage 4 pupil





A VIBRANT COMMUNITY

At the Thomas Aveling School we believe that togetherness and a sense of community are integral to education. We have worked hard to ensure high morale and a sense of belonging within the school and we encourage supportive relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

Our students contribute to the life of the school in many ways; from being on the school council, acting as peer mediators and organising charity events - to taking part in over 50 extracurricular activities and mentoring students within our House System. Every student is unique and so we endeavour to ensure that there really is something for everyone.

Our exceptional Performing Arts Centre, Professional Recording Studio, Sixth Form Study Centre and well equipped Sports Hall provide focal points for creativity and sporting achievement within the school.

We adorn our walls with some of the amazing artwork created by our students and use the school House System to provide a background for competitions throughout the age range.

With performances and sporting events taking place on a regular basis, Thomas Aveling is a hive of activity throughout the school year and it is this proactive attitude towards both curricular and extracurricular activities that

“Morale is extremely high”
– Ofsted 2012

helps our students get more from their education than just an education!



“Relationships between all groups in the school are mutually supportive”
– Ofsted 2012

ACHIEVING SUCCESS, EXCEEDING POTENTIAL

At Thomas Aveling we understand that your child is an individual with their own interests, strengths and needs; that's why we tailor each child's learning plan accordingly in order to ensure optimum engagement with, and progress through the curriculum.

Our teaching staff are chosen for their skill, experience and a commitment to excellence, but what we look for most in our learning providers is compassion.

When teachers can empathise and engage with their students, it opens up a whole world of learning possibilities and the results are clear to see: Ofsted inspectors remarked that our students "bounced with eagerness to respond" in class.

Superior teaching, along with excellent resources, guarantees fast and effective progression for all our students throughout their five or seven years with us. Many go on to university and find amazing career opportunities as a result. We welcome a great many students from different primary schools, but one thing they all have in common is that they settle in well from the outset, both socially and academically. They are given every opportunity to express their individuality and to harness their talents, interests and strengths.

We offer a wide range of extracurricular activities in addition to our varied lesson plans because we feel that this encourages children to recognise their own potential and take control of their own future.

"Excellent resources ensure high levels of engagement and good results"
– Ofsted 2012



"The students bounced with eagerness to respond"
– Ofsted 2012





SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Every child is special and every child has the potential to succeed, but what makes Thomas Aveling such an exceptional school is that we understand that success is different for everyone.

Whether your child is working towards top grades at A level or is interested in alternative qualifications, we can help them realise their dreams.

From mathematicians to athletes, from historians to artists, we cater to every interest and employ an innovative two year Key Stage 3, which allows students to choose subjects at an earlier stage, thus affording them a deeper understanding of their chosen field.

To keep students on track we have a dedicated children's team, who are proactive in offering support and guidance whenever needed. In addition



"Teaching strengths include the ability to capture students' interest and build their confidence"

– Ofsted 2012

to this our students act as peer mentors and mediators when appropriate and our vertical tutoring system means that it is natural for students from Years 7 to 13 to mix together and support each other. With such a strong support system in place we can help our students overcome any academic or personal difficulties they may experience and give them the tools they need to build a bright, happy future.

We have the highest aspirations for our students because when we all work together to remove any barriers to learning, every one of them has the potential to reach for the stars.

"Leaders and managers at all levels vigorously communicate an ambitious vision"

– Ofsted 2012



ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

Those students who wish to stay in education beyond GCSE level can attend the Thomas Aveling School Sixth Form, which continues to uphold the excellent standards of our school, and also represents a unique and individual community in its own right.

As well as making a vital contribution to the entire school by taking part in our vertical tutoring system, our Sixth Formers have a modern, state-of-the-art study area complete with laptops and comfortable seating. Thanks to the support of our full time deputy director of Sixth Form, our year 12 and 13's get everything they need to help them get ready for the next stage in their lives. Students can take a selection of A Level and Vocational subjects, which are taught in small classes by teaching staff with all the requisite skills to help prepare them for the next step in their education `` or career.

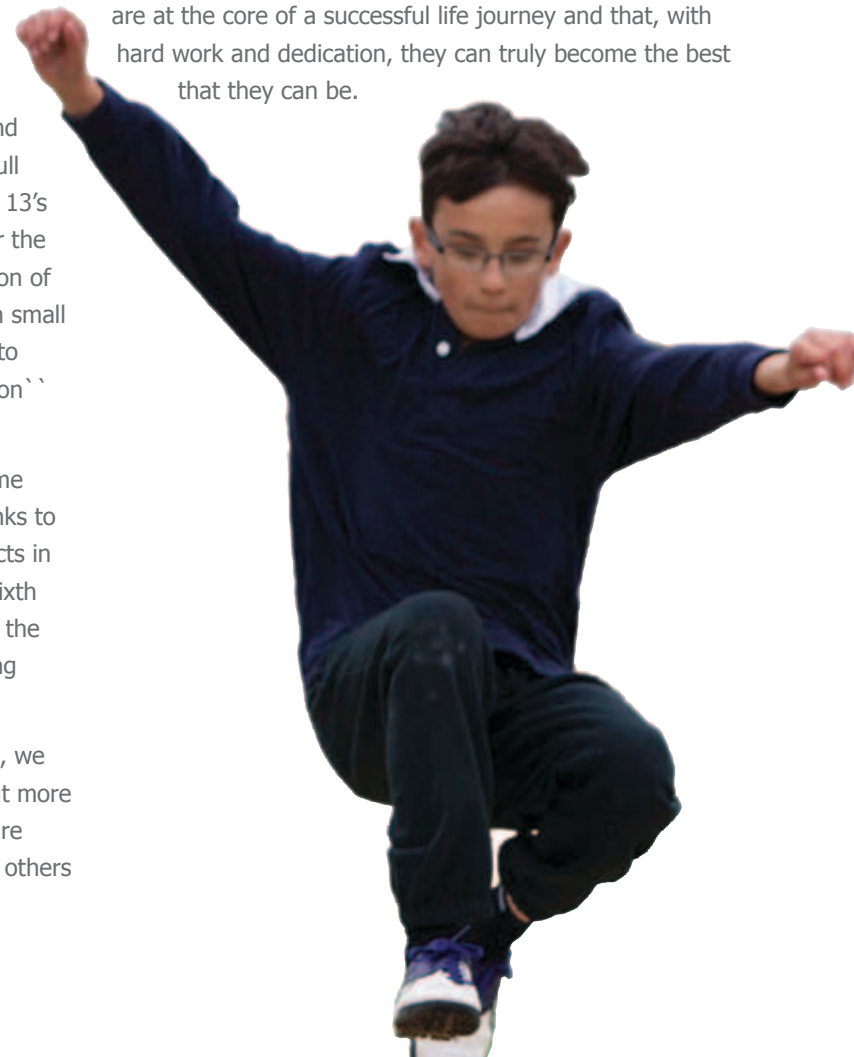
The Thomas Aveling School helps students to become well rounded and compassionate young adults, thanks to a dedicated programme of charity events and projects in which they are expected to become involved. Our Sixth Formers help, not just their younger peers, but also the wider community through the numerous volunteering opportunities we offer.

Whilst we do boast an outstanding academic record, we at Thomas Aveling firmly believe that school is about more than just good grades. The students at our school are taught that a sense of community and a respect for others

“The range of academic and vocational options meets all interests and abilities”

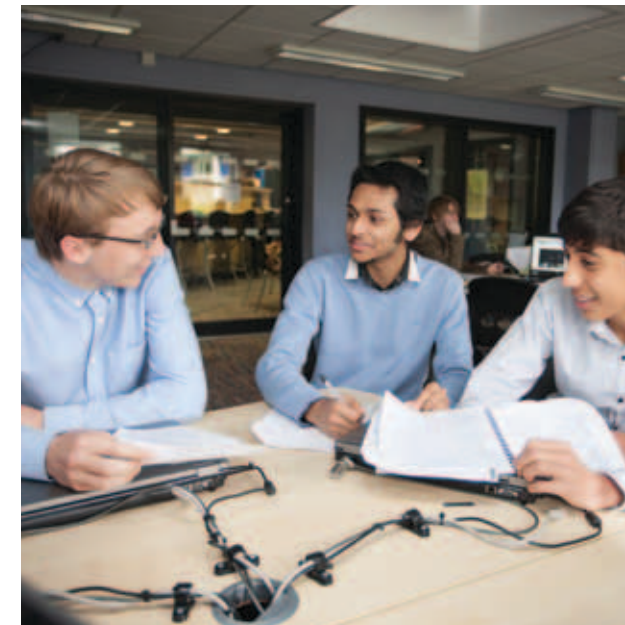
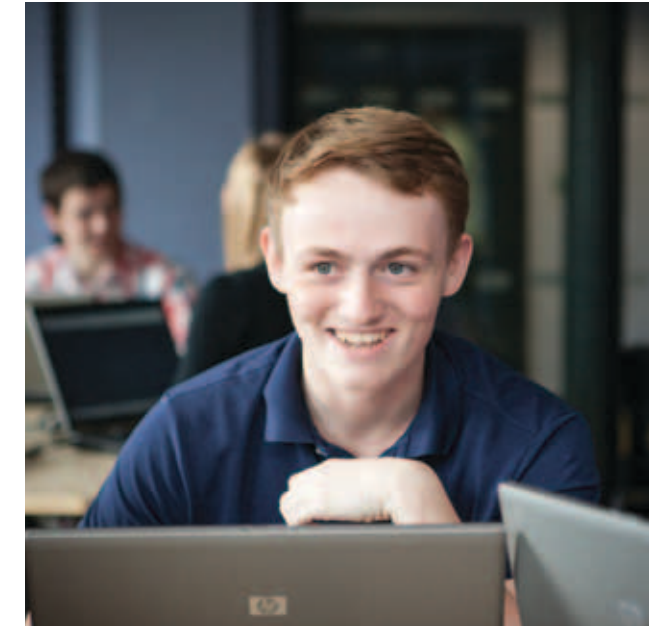
– Ofsted 2012

are at the core of a successful life journey and that, with hard work and dedication, they can truly become the best that they can be.



“Year 13 students hold offers for competitive courses in leading universities”

– Ofsted 2012



"Thomas Aveling inspires children to see their potential and see for themselves they have much to offer."

- Ofsted 2012



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