



GREAT BADDOW
HIGH SCHOOL
SPECIALISING IN SCIENCE AND SPORT



Welcome to
Great Baddow
High School:
a happy, safe
and successful
11-18 school.

Our motto translates as 'always striving for higher things' and it encapsulates our aims for our students and staff.

We are committed to helping our students achieve their academic potential and developing the skills and attributes that will enable them to follow their chosen paths and make a valuable contribution to society.

"You have a committed group of leaders who work cohesively as a strong team and who work relentlessly with you to achieve your shared vision for the school."

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We believe that high expectations in a disciplined but friendly learning environment are essential and respect for oneself and others underpins this. Outstanding pastoral care ensures students feel happy and safe and are, therefore, best placed to succeed.

We are proud of our school: our broad curriculum, the facilities and resources, our specialisms in science, sport and our resource base for deaf students. Like our motto, we are never complacent and constantly strive to deliver an outstanding educational experience for all students.

Paul Farmer,
Headteacher





Achieving
academic
success

A photograph of two young male students in school uniforms (dark blazers, white shirts, and striped ties) standing in a library. They are both smiling and looking down at a large blue book that the student on the left is holding. The student on the right is wearing glasses. In the background, there are shelves filled with books.

Our students' academic success is important and we work hard to support and challenge each individual to achieve their potential.

We have high expectations of our students and encourage them to believe in themselves, to enjoy their achievements and to grasp the many opportunities available to them. Many stay on to join our Sixth Form and progress to higher education across the country, including the top universities.

“Choosing a school is not the easiest thing to do. However, we are delighted that we have certainly chosen the right school for our child. She is very happy and is doing well. We would highly recommend Great Baddow High School.”

Parent quoted by OFSTED

The science and sports specialisms link with other subject areas and enhance our teaching facilities and resources. Involvement in STEM Clubs (science, technology, engineering and maths) provides additional opportunities for our students to extend their learning through exciting projects and national competitions, this approach is replicated across the curriculum. Whilst sciences are popular at A Level, we offer over twenty other subjects at key stage five and students pursue the full range at university.



Enriching the
curriculum

We believe **learning** happens when lessons are **interesting** and **enjoyable**.

Teachers use a range of styles, activities and resources to engage, stretch and challenge our students.

“There is a buzz of purposeful learning in the school.”

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All subjects have specialist rooms, facilities and the curriculum is supported by first class ICT provision. Students achieve success because our teachers treat each child as an individual, monitoring their progress and responding as appropriate. We place importance on helping students to understand how they learn and to take responsibility for their own achievement. We build and develop the skills and attributes needed for academic success from Year 7 to the Sixth Form.

“Teachers gain the respect of the pupils they teach and relationships between teachers and pupils are positive.”

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Developing imagination and creativity

Our students have many opportunities to express themselves, let their imaginations soar and develop crucial interpersonal skills through working creatively with others.

The rich curriculum in art, music, drama, design technology and, of course, English provides a firm foundation throughout key stage three for students to develop their creativity and confidence and to excel in these areas. We remain committed to offering a broad range of creative subjects at GCSE and in the Sixth Form, supported by excellent resources and facilities. These include: well-equipped design and food technology, art and media rooms; a music suite with practice rooms and a recording studio; drama and dance studios.

Nurturing talent and providing opportunities

We aim to **nurture** existing talents and **unlock** new **potential** through lessons and **extra-curricular** opportunities.

Great Baddow High School staff 'go the extra mile' to provide a rich extra-curricular programme. There is a huge range of sporting opportunities, in addition, our students involve themselves in music, dance, drama productions, enrichment activities and extension workshops linked to the curriculum.

We enjoy success in competitions in maths, English, science, technology, sport, art, music, drama and more. Examples of enrichment visits include art galleries and theatres, university lectures, history and geography trips in England and abroad, modern language visits to Europe, concert band European tour, ski trip, basketball in the USA and many more. Older students can participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and World Challenge schemes.





Promoting
an active,
healthy
life-style

We want our students to enjoy being **active** now and throughout their lives. We **embrace competition** but emphasise fun, **enjoyment** and **leadership** development.

Our teams achieve success at local, county and national levels in many different sports. The house system further encourages enjoyment, participation and competition within school. Excellent facilities enable all students to experience a wide range of activities throughout the year. Expert teaching and mentoring also support gifted students' individual success at a national and international level.

Our long-standing specialism in sport is reflected in a commitment to partnership work with other secondary and primary schools. Many of our students act as leaders at Chelmsford Primary School Sports Partnership events. Our sports programme is extended beyond the normal school offer by guest coaches from our wide network. We have very close links with West Ham United, who support our students and our extra-curricular provision. Opportunities include football, netball, hockey, rugby, basketball, rounders, cricket, athletics, cross-country, swimming, water polo, badminton, tennis, gymnastics, trampoline, volley-ball, table tennis, dance, health-related fitness and outdoor education.

"The school's good reputation for sport is clearly evident through the quality of the facilities and the pupils' achievements."

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Creating
caring and
responsible
citizens

A photograph of three students in school uniforms. A young man with dark, curly hair stands in the center, looking slightly to his right. To his left is a young woman with long blonde hair, looking up at him. To his right is another young woman with long brown hair, looking towards the center. They are all wearing dark blue or black blazers with a gold crest on the left chest. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a school hallway or classroom.

Our students are encouraged to involve themselves in school, local, national and international communities through our extensive leadership programme.

Students become prefects, peer supporters, librarians, sports leaders and more. They raise money for charities and also support the work of our local primary schools in a range of activities. They contribute to the interview process for teachers; student voice is a vital element in all aspects of school improvement and the evaluation of teaching and learning.

“Older pupils work productively with younger pupils e.g. helping them with their reading. They spoke with great pride about the impact they are having.”

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Developing
independent
learners



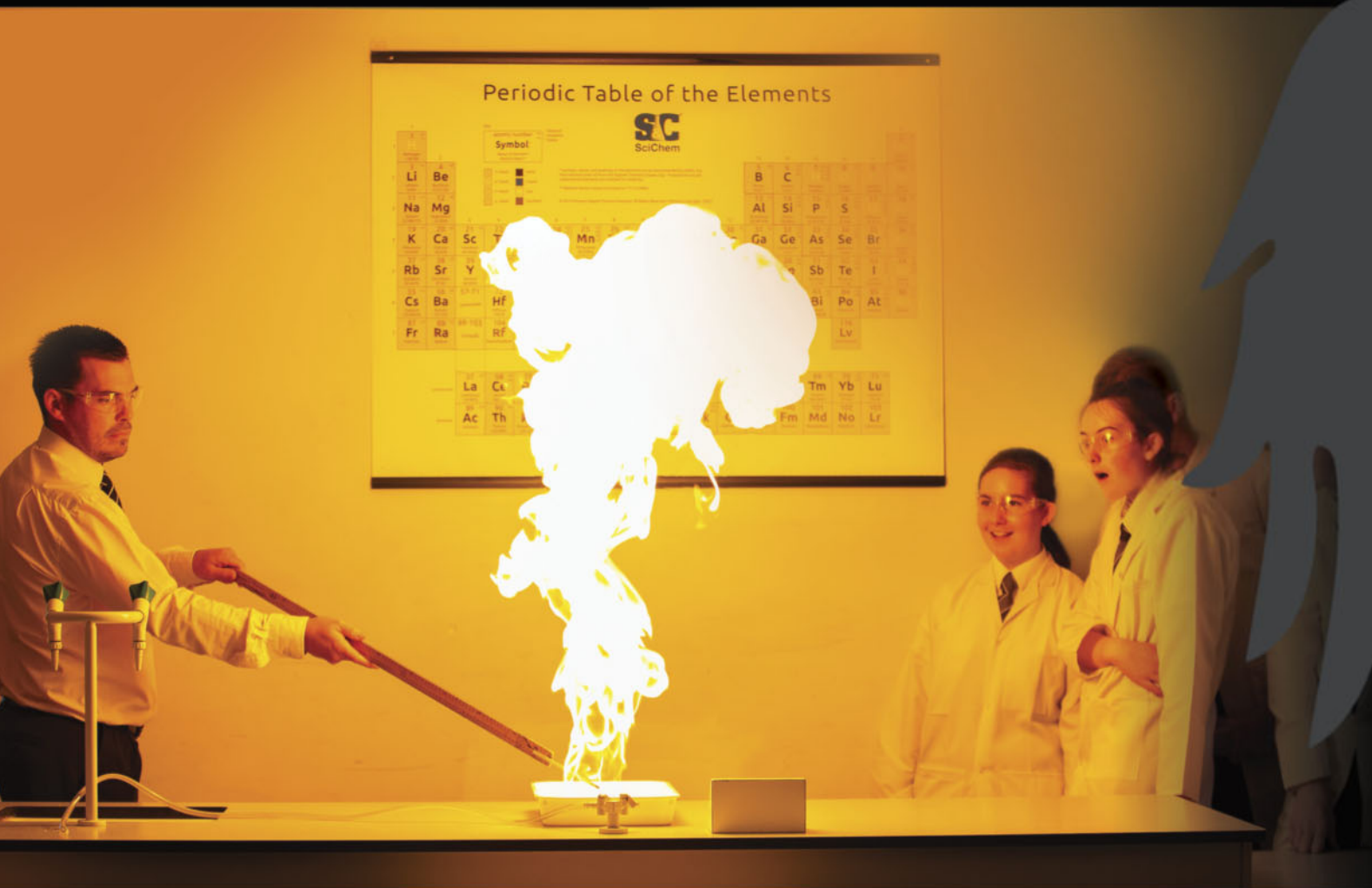
A high proportion of GBHS students choose our Sixth Form for an excellent range of courses.

Sixth Form students enjoy their own common room and study areas. Their academic independence is enhanced by supervised study periods and study skills lessons. We retain an emphasis on developing rounded individuals by timetabling enrichment activities so they can maintain or develop creative, practical and leadership skills. Sixth Form students make a valuable contribution to wider school life, as Ambassadors, by supporting younger students academically or socially and by continuing to participate in sport and STEM teams, productions and music. The majority progress to higher education including 'Russell Group' universities, or choose degree or higher apprenticeships. Ensuring that students are well equipped for the next stage of their personal development, is a fundamental aim of our Sixth Form.

“Sixth Form students are happy individuals who express great pride in what the school has done for them. Many apply to, and are successful in gaining places at some of the more prestigious universities.”

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