



Friern Barnet School

Enjoy & excel



Welcome to *Friern Barnet School*

In line with our school motto, 'Enjoy and Excel', we are hugely ambitious academically for all our students, ensuring that they secure the results to go on to excellent further and higher education institutions and then on to fulfilling careers. But we also want them to live lives which are personally and socially fulfilling, developing a love for art, music, dance, theatre, sport and culture which will enrich the whole of their lives. Our desire is that students leave us as mature, independent learners who are also engaged and responsible citizens.

To enable all students to flourish we are committed to an ethos of respecting each other, taking responsibility and forming good relationships. This means we:

- Facilitate high quality teaching and learning to ensure all students achieve their potential
- Embed a learning culture so that students are effective, enthusiastic, independent learners
- Provide a rich and relevant curriculum to promote a love of learning
- Provide innovative and high quality creative opportunities that enable students to thrive
- Nurture constructive relationships and ensure students can make a positive contribution to the school and wider communities

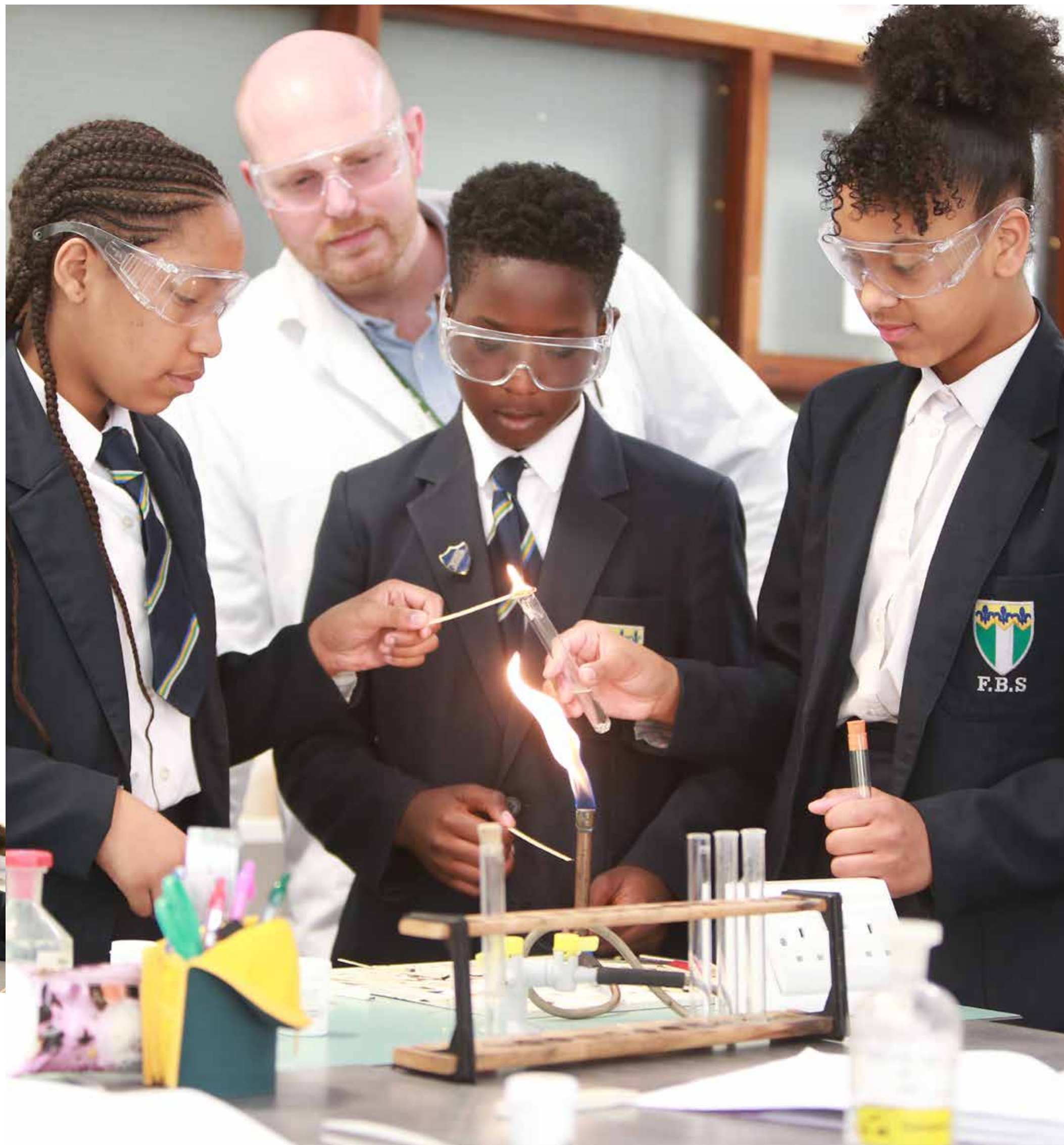
It is a pleasure to welcome you to our community school, a place where all children can excel.



Teaching *and learning*

Learning is at the heart of our school; we are constantly seeking to make this experience engaging, enjoyable and enriching. High expectations, stimulating lessons and a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities ensure all students are challenged to discover and develop their talents. We provide a broad and balanced curriculum that fosters the love of learning and enables all students to achieve their highest academic potential, meeting the needs of individual students and providing a choice of pathways as students progress through the school. We want all students to develop:

- a sense of enquiry, the ability to question, solve problems and argue rationally
- creativity and critical thinking faculties
- moral, social, cultural and spiritual values, including tolerance of others, so as to value each other, learning to live together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect





Creative *arts*

The arts enrich the quality of our experiences, providing rewarding activities that inspire, inform, stimulate, challenge and entertain. Arts activities help develop the capacity to formulate and communicate ideas and feelings; they enhance perceptual skills through responding, developing and evaluating, and physical skills through control and use of movement. Involvement in the arts helps to foster a positive attitude among students by developing a wide range of qualities such as cooperation, enthusiasm, passion, inspiration, tenacity and ambition. Our creative arts provision is inclusive, helping students acquire an important sense of belonging as well as building the self-confidence they need to do well and make their first steps towards higher education and employment.

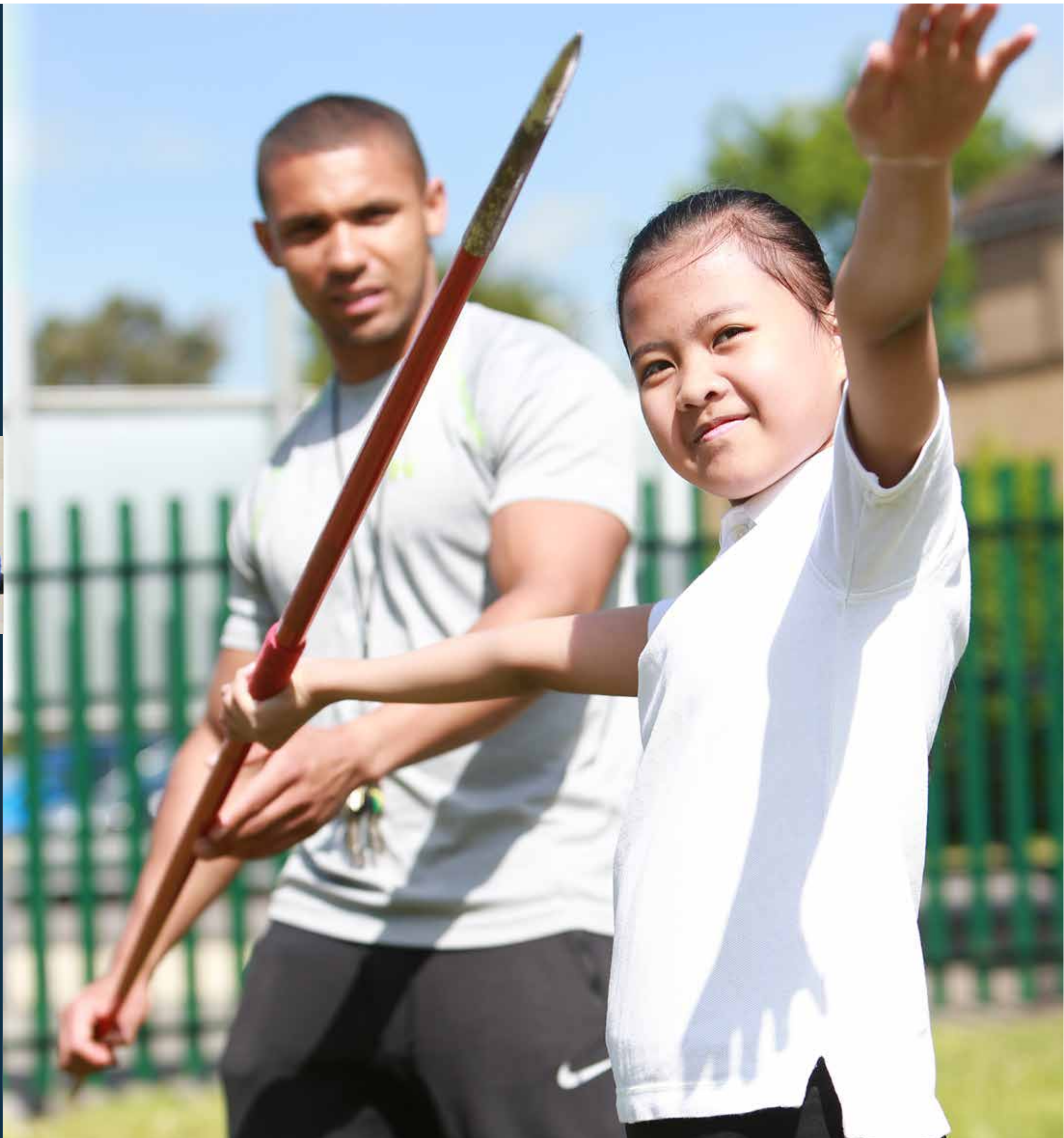
Pastoral *care*

Students will become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens when they feel supported, happy and secure. Pastoral care is a real strength of the school and this ensures students are supported emotionally and academically. Our high expectations for behaviour ensure an excellent learning environment. Our inclusive family ethos underpins everything we do as a school. Every student is a valued member of the school community and achievement is celebrated at every opportunity.



Opportunities *outside the classroom*

Students are given a wide range of opportunities to excel in activities beyond the classroom. We want our students to rise to the challenges and new experiences of enrichment activities and trips. These include the arts, sport, technology, languages and fund raising for charities. Whether it is a sporting fixture, a dance or drama festival, a robotics competition, a theatre or gallery visit in London, a trip abroad skiing or on a residential language course in France or Spain we believe that these activities contribute enormously to our students' academic and social development.





Preparing for *the future*

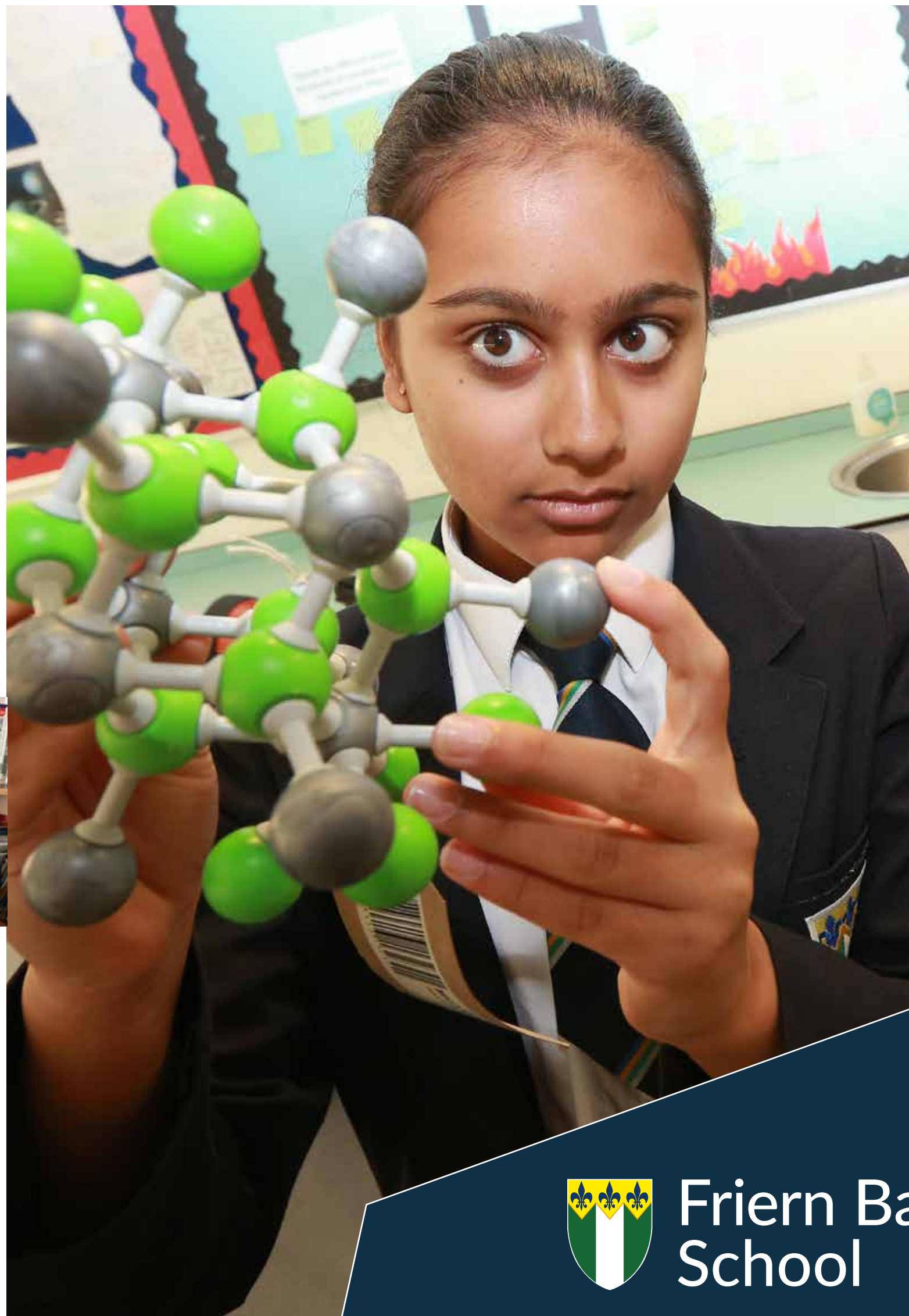
All our students are given individual guidance and support as part of an extensive careers and employability programme. We have good links with local schools and colleges; we run college and university fairs to stimulate students' interest in what is possible; we provide work experience to help students prepare for the challenges of an ever changing world. Whether going on to colleges, apprenticeships or employment we aim for all students to:

- raise their aspirations
- take control of what they have to do to move ahead with their careers
- challenge stereotypes so they know they can succeed in their chosen career



School *facilities*

Students are equipped to become active and lifelong learners using a wide range of teaching and learning methods and facilities, all supported by extensive use of IT. The learning resource centre has a well-stocked library to stimulate students' interests in books. We have two sports halls, a fitness suite, theatre and dance studios, several IT rooms, modern science laboratories and a fully-equipped food technology room. Our main hall provides a great venue for school performances with excellent sound and lighting, allowing performers to shine on stage.



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