



Higham Lane School

A Business and Enterprise College



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Dear Parent/Carer

Choosing your child's secondary school is probably one of the most important decisions that you have to make as a parent. I hope that our prospectus will be helpful in giving you an insight into our approach as a school and offering you important information. We were so delighted when OFSTED noted: "Students are proud to attend and speak of their school with pride. There is a real desire to achieve here".

As Headteacher, I feel enormous pride in telling you that our school offers: the highest quality in teaching and learning, within a diverse curriculum that allows every child to work at an appropriate pace; sensitive pastoral care that ensures your child feels happy and safe, especially if difficulties arise; careful tracking of your son/daughter's progress, against the challenging targets we set; excellent communication between parents and your child's Progress Leader, Form Tutor and teachers; excellent relationships between staff and students; Behaviour for Learning that encourages students to make the right choices, receiving rewards when they are deserved and facing fair consequences on those very rare occasions when they choose to disrupt the learning of others.



The students, staff and I look forward to welcoming you to the School when you visit and answering any questions you may have about life at Higham Lane.

Best wishes
Phil Kelly
Headteacher

School Aims

At Higham Lane School, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

feel safe, happy, and healthy

enjoy high-quality learning opportunities, in a school at the leading edge of innovation

feel challenged and inspired to achieve excellence in every aspect of their lives

become confident, enterprising, creative learners, fully-equipped for life and work

become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the school, local, national and global community



Inspired In The Pursuit Of Excellence

At Higham Lane School, we aim to provide a personalised learning experience for every child. All students benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities for students to 'fast track' in certain subjects or receive additional support with their learning, depending upon their individual needs.

In Years 10 & 11, this personalised learning experience becomes even more prominent with students able to select from a range of pathways based around GCSEs, vocational qualifications and courses run at the local college.



Through the subjects we offer, we aim to challenge and inspire every learner, to allow them to achieve excellence in everything they do.

Our students enjoy a rich programme of extra-curricular activities, events, sports and clubs, that will give them skills and interests for the rest of their lives. We have an excellent reputation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, offering the bronze award in Year 10 and silver in Year 11.

Over 40 clubs and activities from computer and imagineering clubs, to student-run businesses and sports training, take place every week.

We have a proud tradition of Performing Arts. Students can learn any instrument they want or join our orchestra, choirs or other musical groups. We're strong on Art and Drama too, with productions and Art-based projects every year.

Sporting opportunities are available to students of all abilities. In addition to sports such as rugby, netball and cricket, our students also learn judo, golf, dance and a range of other sports.



“The curriculum is good and a range of vocational courses is offered, as well as fast track courses for more-able students.” OFSTED





Outstanding Learning For All

Learning is at the centre of everything we do at Higham Lane School. Ensuring that all students, irrespective of gender, background or ability receive the best-possible learning experiences, to enable them to achieve their potential, is something we continually strive for. A forward-thinking curriculum, designed to meet the needs of all learners, delivered by subject specialists, who embrace the latest educational methods and share a desire for continual improvement, is key to our work as a school. At Higham Lane, students are supported to develop a love of learning to help them become learners for life.

Innovation is the byword for all that is delivered across our entire curriculum. Within ICT, students devise and edit their own stop motion films, using state-of-the-art media facilities, whilst students studying Art apply their artistic flair and technique using 21st Century, cutting edge IT equipment and software. Our Design and Technology Department has the latest CAD/CAM software and equipment to help develop students' skills to an industry standard.



“Through working with Higham Lane School, we at Avalco Ltd are continually investigating the fresh ideas put forth by the students.”
Brian Ross, Managing Director, Avalco Ltd

“The high-quality pastoral care students receive is a key factor in securing their outstanding personal development and well-being.” OFSTED



Safe In The Knowledge

The well-being of our students is very important to us. Students' needs are identified in consultation with them, their parents and other agencies. Additional support is offered within lessons and at break and lunchtime to help students overcome any barriers to learning and develop positive relationships with staff and other students. Review meetings are held to ensure that all students are able to fulfil their learning and personal potential.

Students are provided with opportunities to develop their social skills and to participate fully in all that Higham Lane has to offer and we aim to celebrate the many achievements of our young people, both in and outside of school. In lessons and assemblies, students have the opportunity to learn about different communities, cultures and viewpoints. At Higham Lane, we are committed to community cohesion and ensuring our students make a positive contribution to not only the school community, but also the local, national and global community.

Students develop their citizenship and decision-making skills through membership of the Student Voice and Junior Leadership Teams.

Outside of school, our students fully engage with the community through a range of activities, including sports coaching for local primary children and organising Christmas parties for the elderly.



“Leaders have an outstanding vision for Higham Lane School, which is being realised through a school-wide commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for all learners.”
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Paving The Way

Higham Lane School is an outward-facing centre of Business & Enterprise excellence, with a commitment to continuously raising standards and achievement and improving outcomes for all learners.

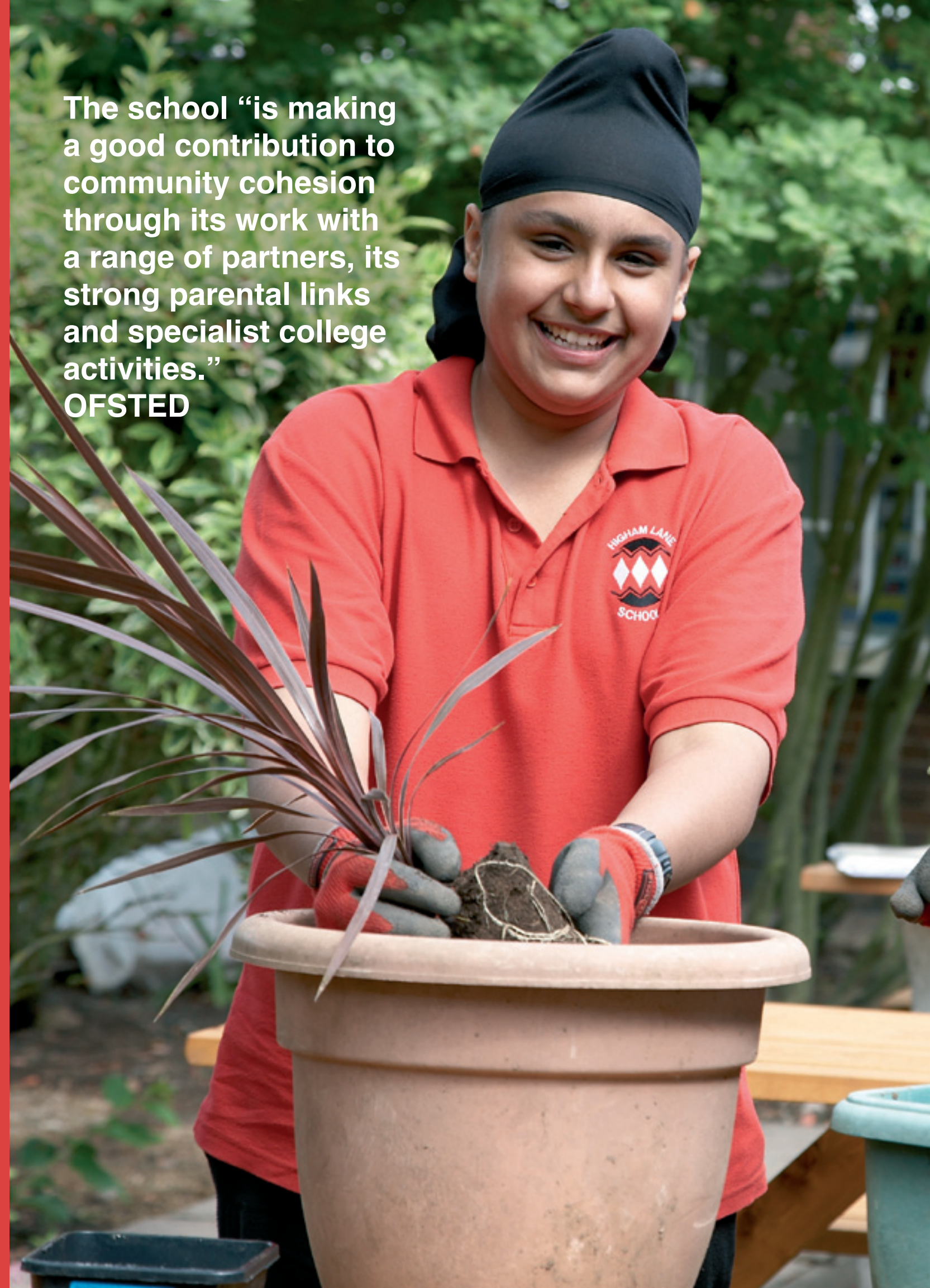
Business and Enterprise is at the heart of learning within Higham Lane. Students are creative, risk-taking team players, who develop Business and Enterprise capabilities within all curriculum areas, through dedicated Business and Enterprise challenge days and by working closely with our community partners. Our partnerships with national and local firms enrich our learning, with strong links supporting our staff, to ensure our curriculum grows.

As a Business and Enterprise College, students are expected to take a professional approach to their learning, which is based upon a sense of responsibility and participation.

We offer a range of vocational courses. Many of these give students the opportunity to get ‘real world’ experience through contact with employers. Standards across all specialism-related subjects are very high, helping to provide students with the highest-quality education, in readiness for the competitive business world.



The school “is making a good contribution to community cohesion through its work with a range of partners, its strong parental links and specialist college activities.”
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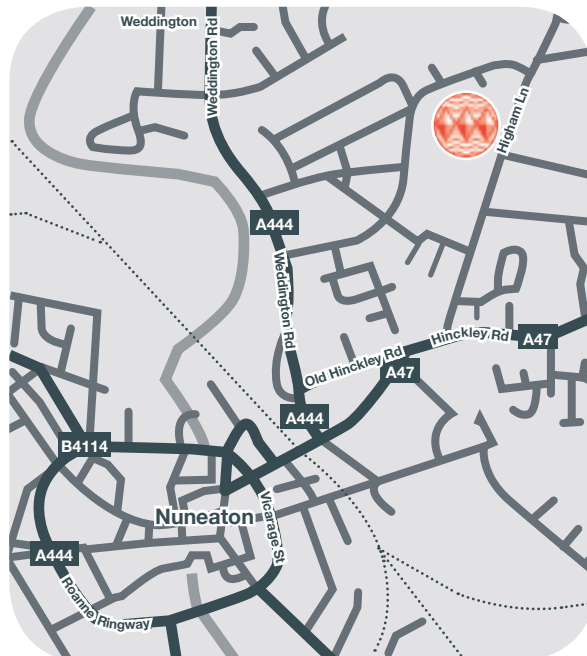
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