



OUR COLLEGE

Exmouth
Community
College
Academy Trust





Welcome

At the heart of our College are the fantastic students who make Exmouth Community College a very special place in which to learn and work. We are a College where everybody matters and everybody's talents and successes are encouraged and celebrated. Our staff are absolutely committed to providing the best possible education for every child and work tirelessly to ensure that no child gets left behind. This commitment results in excellent relationships between staff and students which subsequently produces learners who achieve highly and are well prepared for life after they leave our College.

Our philosophy is centred on three core principles that underpin our work:

- 1 Consistently excellent teaching everyday which challenges, inspires and engages students in deep learning which is built upon an imaginative, relevant and differentiated curriculum. These experiences are complemented by an extensive extra-curriculum programme which allows all students the opportunity to develop wider skills, such as teamwork, empathy and leadership, that will increase their employability and expand their horizons.
- 2 Outstanding pastoral care which recognises every student as an individual and is able to provide effective support as and when it is needed while treating students with humanity and respect.
- 3 Ensuring our College is at the heart of our community and maximises every student's potential for lifelong learning; securing them fulfilling employment which results in a high quality of life, where they can contribute positively to the community within which they live.

The College has high expectations of everyone and places a great emphasis on students working hard to be the best they can be in everything they do. We do place a great importance on the academic achievement of every individual student, however, we also recognise that students learn better when they are happy and enjoy attending school which is where our very broad and personalised curriculum, alongside a huge extra-curricular offer, can really inspire students.

Our simple aim is to provide a well-disciplined working environment with excellent teaching complemented by sensitive and compassionate pastoral care. Our innovative curriculum allows students to follow personalised pathways matched to their individual needs and, when placed alongside the many other opportunities to provide students with memorable learning experiences that will last a lifetime, make a great educational experience which prepares students exceptionally well for later life.

We believe this results in a College which *"inspires every student to be better than they ever thought possible"*

We look forward to welcoming you to our College.

Andrew Davis,
Principal

Inspiring individuals to

achieve more

Our community of learners is based upon mutual respect, tolerance, empathy and good old fashioned hard work. Through inspiring teaching, a great curriculum and superb pastoral support we aim to build the confidence of each individual student and give them the best chance possible to achieve highly and develop as a well rounded person ready to successfully make their way in the world.

than they
ever thought
possible





Providing
opportunities for
students to experience

• *the* *JOY*

Students learn better when they feel happy, safe and engaged. We work hard to ensure that teaching is matched to the needs of individuals and is consistently outstanding across the College with regular feedback from marking which encourages students to make good progress. Lessons are designed to inspire, challenge and encourage students to think about the world in a deep way. Teaching is supported by a zero tolerance approach to poor behaviour; we are committed to ensuring learning is at the heart of our College.

of learning





Enabling students to
have

the *courage*

Our College offers young people an exceptionally wide range of artistic, sporting and cultural experiences which will engage and inspire them to face new challenges. Students may hike across Dartmoor; face challenges to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award; perform in concerts and shows or perhaps present a talk to an unfamiliar audience. These and other challenges develop skills which enable students to achieve things they might never have thought possible.

to face new
challenges





Emphasising to
students the
importance

of integrity

Through the educational experiences we can provide both within and beyond the classroom we will do everything possible to ensure that our students become responsible citizens, treating others with respect and are aware of the contribution that they can make to building a safe, caring and respectful society. By expanding their horizons we will endeavour to help students build their emotional intelligence as well as developing an awareness of the world around them so they are ready to play their part in a global community.

in everything
they do





Teaching young people how to appreciate

the. *wisdom*

We take the personal development of students very seriously and recognise that knowledge is sometimes knowing what to say but wisdom is knowing whether to say it or not. We aim to develop individuals who are able to question the world around them and develop their own beliefs and values whilst at the same time respecting the views of others.

within
themselves
and others





Developing

the grit

Successful people have grit, determination and resilience. We aim to develop these traits through lessons and a wide range of extra curricular activities which encourage students to take challenges and see them through to the end. Staff will always be on hand when students need support whether it is in the form of extra exam classes or being there for training or rehearsals.

to succeed in
the face of
difficulty



Moving from Primary to Secondary – a new challenge but with many opportunities

Transition

Moving from primary to secondary can appear to be quite daunting, however, at the College we have an excellent transition programme which is built upon the excellent working relationships that we enjoy with our partner primary schools. This means that we can work closely with primary colleagues, as well as parents and carers, to get a good understanding of your child, sometimes before we even meet them, to ensure they maintain positive friendship groups and are in a tutor group where they will be happy and secure. Most students will have visited the College many times for various events, such as author visits or extra maths classes, so will become increasingly familiar with the College during Years 5 and 6. If you feel your child may require more visits for whatever reason then we are more than happy to arrange additional visits. In July at the culmination of this transition work we hold a Year 6 Welcome Evening which provides an opportunity for students to become acquainted with the campus as well as

experiencing a variety of lessons and meeting their tutor. In addition on this evening there is an opportunity to meet the Principal and senior staff who will be able to answer any questions you might have. All of this work means that students take this transition in their stride and come to school in September really looking forward to all the new subjects and opportunities that our College can offer.



Curriculum

The curriculum offer of any school really matters and we are delighted that because of our size we can still offer a very broad curriculum with a wide range of subjects at various levels designed to meet the needs of the individual.



Our Key Stage 3 work builds on the skills developed by our partner primary schools and entails staff from our primary schools meeting with our staff to look at marking and standards across the phase to stop students regressing once they join the College. We offer a very broad curriculum across Years 7, 8 and 9 which seeks to develop their literacy and communication skills as well as embedding the skills required to be successful in their GCSE exams. We also offer Latin as an extension opportunity to our most able and a Discovery stream which is tailored to students who want to develop their literacy further. We have a very experienced Learning Support Department who provide additional support for students both in and out of class. We also use 'Accelerated Reader' with students to develop their reading habits, opening the library after school for students to complete homework. All Key Stage 3 students have the opportunity to take part in Activities Week and our extended school programme which both offer a wide range of other opportunities from visiting Harry Potter World to skiing.



Curriculum

In Key Stage 4 we offer three pathways through the curriculum depending on your child's abilities and aspirations: The English Baccalaureate, The Exmouth Baccalaureate and The Discovery Baccalaureate. Due to the size of our College we are able to offer a huge range of curriculum choices which include Business Studies, Textiles, Health and Social Care and Dance. In addition we offer differentiated pathways within specific subjects. For instance, we offer both BTEC PE and GCSE PE which can again be matched to your child's individual strengths.

We ensure that our Key Stage 4 curriculum also combines seamlessly with our Post-16 offer which can be found later in the prospectus. Therefore many of the courses offered at Key Stage 4 flow into Post-16 with minimal disruption although there are also additional new courses offered at Post-16 such as Psychology, Criminology and Sociology.

Our curriculum ensures that students are aware of social, moral, spiritual and cultural issues in addition to a good understanding of British values.

We also offer separate Sciences at GCSE and have an extensive Gifted and Talented programme which includes visits to top universities.

We provide independent careers advice. All students in Key Stage 4 receive a careers interview alongside a meeting with senior staff regarding future options.





The Arts

The Arts are highly valued at the College and we believe the provision, opportunities and standard of work produced by students is amongst the best of any school.

Students are given the opportunity to study Dance, Drama, Art, Music and, in Post-16, Photography. In terms of music the College has its own jazz orchestra, senior and junior band, folk group, 'Shout' transition choir, Sing choir and Showstoppers Musical Theatre group. In addition, there are various house bands and guitar groups that students can also take part in. We hold several concerts every year at a range of venues including in school, at both the Blackmoor Theatre and the Exmouth Pavilion, where we present a stunning Summertime Showcase. Dance is thriving at the school and the standard of their work is exceptionally high as seen in The Blend dance productions which showcases both GCSE and A Level Dance pieces which are often choreographed by the students themselves.

Drama is massively popular at the College with large numbers of students choosing it as an option after having a great experience in Key Stage 3. Again, the department prides itself on excellence and holds a range of shows each year from large scale musicals through to more bespoke

technical pieces to really challenge our most gifted performers. Finally, Art and Photography continue to thrive at the College and enjoy huge popularity within the student body. Exhibitions of the incredible work students produce are held in various locations and come together to form our Summer Art, Textiles and Photography Exhibition which is a highlight of the year and a great showcase for the talent of our students across a wide range of media.





As with everything we do in the College we are really proud of our sporting prowess – from helping to develop elite athletes through to encouraging all students to enjoy a healthy lifestyle.

Sport

Sport plays a huge part in the life of our college. Not only do we have amazing facilities which includes two floodlit Astros, fitness suite, sports hall, tennis courts and gyms we have a great team of staff who are absolutely committed to making sure that every student has access to sporting experiences which match their abilities. We provide a huge range of opportunities which includes all the traditional team sports such as football, hockey and rugby in addition to our focus on other sports such as badminton, cricket, athletics and trampolining. We are very proud of our record in these events with teams regularly reaching finals and winning championships. We also have a large number of top athletes within the school who compete in a wide range of sports from boxing to BMX to Kite Surfing. All of our sporting

successes are celebrated at the end of the year in our Sports Awards Evening where prizes are awarded by inspirational sporting figures such as Don Armand (Exeter Chiefs) and Steve Perryman (Exeter City and Tottenham Hotspur).





Our Post-16 is a really thriving, successful and important element of the educational opportunities we provide at the College.

Post 16

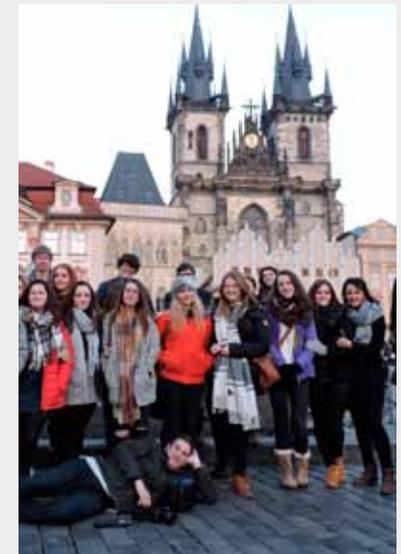


Our Post-16 provision is continually rated on their results as one of the highest performing Post-16 providers across our region. This success is based on the fact that while Post-16 is big enough to provide a very wide range of courses including Photography, Dance, Sociology, Criminology and Psychology it is also small enough to mean that students really get to know each other, and their teachers really well. This makes for a fantastic ethos within our Post-16 centre, which is separate from the main school, as well as allowing us to pick up any problems as they arise so that we can put appropriate pastoral support or academic intervention in place.

In Post-16 students are very much treated as individuals and given far more responsibility for their own learning but within a very supportive environment. The College offers courses at both level 2 and level 3 including a range of A levels, BTECs

and more vocational courses. We also offer work experience alongside some courses as well as the Extended Project Qualification.

Our students are exceptionally successful with many going to top establishments such as Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities. Students also go on to study Foundation Degrees and Apprenticeships at other educational destinations.





College Guide

Our College Guide is the complete guide for parents, carers and students.

Further detailed, and statutory, information is available from our website: www.exmouthcollege.devon.sch.uk

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