

# Shipston High School

High Achieving - Student Centred



## ***Headteacher's Welcome: from Mr G. Saunders***

A very warm welcome to Shipston High School.

I realise you are about to make one of the most important decisions any family can make – choosing your child's secondary school. The question you will be asking is simple:

*Is this the right school for my child?*

I am extremely proud to be Headteacher of this wonderful school, and trust that the information in this section of the school website will give you a flavour of the positive learning environment enjoyed by our students.

We pride ourselves on having high expectations and a student centred ethos. Our focus is clear; *the students and their learning.*

The whole school community is motivated by our **Mission** at Shipston High:

*The mission of Shipston High School is to prepare young people to play an active part in society by providing them with the exceptional skills, qualifications and attitudes that will benefit themselves and others, locally, nationally and internationally.*

*Our mission: High Achieving – Student Centred*

Our focus is education of the whole person. The phrase 'skills, qualifications and attitudes' is a good summary. Academic progress for students is crucial, but so is a sense responsibility, perseverance and confidence.

We focus on the essentials that create success: high quality teaching and learning; pastoral care for all; strong relationships with parents, families and the wider community to support students in their learning. *A core focus on learning and the young people in our care.*

Our students are at the centre of our work, and are excellent ambassadors for the school. Their confidence, resilience and highly motivated approach impressed Ofsted when they visited in 2018, describing our students' conduct as 'commendable' and 'unfailingly polite' They display 'excellent attitudes to learning'. That says much about them as people, and much about the expectations and ethos of the school that encourages excellence.

Ofsted's view is worth considering. Their job is to inspect schools and make sober objective judgements, so this is a genuine insight into the students in the school.

Learning

Respect

Ambition

Achievement

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The school is academically successful. Shipston High has consistently exceeded national averages over recent years, with outstanding results in all areas.

Students at Shipston High School do very well. They make excellent progress.

We know it is a competitive world, and there is no escaping that exam results matter, we all want our children to be well qualified, because that gives them choice over their futures. But exam results are not the whole story. Academic success is important, but it comes hand in hand with our young people growing into confident, independent and aspirational citizens, proud of themselves and respectful of others.

As a school we believe strongly in character as a quality that can be taught and nurtured, the ability to develop self-worth, mutual respect, and to take pride in doing the right thing. Everything we do at the school is built on strong and central values:

*Learning*

*Respect*

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Every member of the school commits to those values and we can do this because we are a community. Schools are about people, and our student centred ethos is at the core of what we offer.

We know our young people, we are a caring school.

Ofsted: *'Students are a credit to you. They speak positively about how much they enjoy school, make friends and feel safe'*.

An important thought for you. The school has limited places, and is regularly oversubscribed. Warwickshire arrange the admissions process, but one simple piece of advice; if you want to come to Shipston, put us as your first choice. I recommend you name schools in all the available slots, but if you want Shipston High, put us as number 1.

Please enjoy the film and prospectus information about the school. We will keep our 'Frequently Asked Questions' section current. You are welcome to submit any questions to assist you in making your decision about secondary education and we will answer these through the FAQ section or in person as appropriate.

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Shipston High School provides the very best start in life for its students. I am privileged to lead such a successful school, one that provides a safe, supportive and nurturing environment that enables every student to grow personally and academically. I am proud of our staff's dedication to preparing students for their future lives whilst striving for the highest possible academic standards.

Thank you for your interest in Shipston High School.