

Castle Newnham School

Traditional Values, Bright Futures, One Journey



Secondary Prospectus

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Castle Newnham from us all!

I'm very proud indeed to be the Headteacher of our secondary phase. If you visit us you'll see for yourself that we are a supportive and challenging learning environment, one where young people are encouraged to become thoughtful, capable, responsible citizens of the future. This is a superb school, right in the heart of Bedford, staffed with passionate, inspirational teachers; we pride ourselves on the fact that it is a special place for young people to learn and grow. Learning is at the very heart of everything we do.

Our CORE values of **community**, **opportunity**, **respect** and **excellence** underpin the work we do and help guide us in serving our families. We recognise the importance of helping all pupils develop the courage, confidence and communication skills they require to flourish and succeed and we firmly believe that partnership between school and home is the key to providing a happy and successful learning environment at this crucial stage of development.

Those who visit us invariably comment on the warmth of the atmosphere and the 'family feel' of our school and we are very proud of this. For our pupils to do their best they need to feel as happy and valued as possible and we believe strongly in caring for the individual alongside ensuring we work within a culture of high expectations for all.

We very much hope that this publication gives you an insight into our wonderful school. We always welcome visits in person, or encourage you to take a look at our school website to find out more.

We hope to see you soon.

Mrs Sara Levesley
Head of School - Secondary



THE CURRICULUM

Our secondary curriculum is built around the content of traditional academic subjects since we believe that **what** pupils learn is as important as **how** they are taught and the outcomes they obtain.

We are highly conscious that we are preparing future citizens who need to be well informed and confident of the part they have to play in contributing to their community and their wider world and our curriculum does just that. Our teachers routinely review it to ensure it is rooted in the 'best' knowledge and inspires a love of learning. Teaching is carefully planned to ensure that all pupils have access to exciting and interesting content and all can succeed in assessments and examinations to the best of their ability. We also value the effort that pupils themselves make and recognise this through a variety of awards and opportunities for praise.





Of equal importance are the many opportunities our pupils have around the curriculum. We have a thriving programme of activities in sports, the creative arts and STEM as well as our highly reputed award winning theatre productions and performing arts offer. Bedford Music Hub and Bedford Town Band are part of our school community, and our pupils enjoy multiple opportunities to experience playing a musical instrument and singing or performing.

Trips and visits near and far (including residential visits abroad) are a big part of our offer and there is something for everyone, from the local theatre and museum visits to bi-annual ski trips.

THE EXPERIENCE

"I've met so many wonderful and supportive friends over the years. They really cheer me up and make me feel happy."



"Teachers give me great advice and show me what I can improve."



"Excellence is expected in all subjects and this prepares you for the real world."



"I like the opportunities we have to join clubs as they give you a chance to express yourself and meet new people."



"Lessons are thought-provoking and challenge what we think we knew..."



WHY CASTLE NEWNHAM?



Castle Newnham School


**Community
Opportunity
Respect
Excellence**

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