



**KNOLE  
ACADEMY**



A co-educational school for students of all abilities

**CREATIVITY IN LEARNING • CONFIDENCE TO ACHIEVE**

A forward-thinking and creative  
learning environment



# Welcome from the Principal

A very warm welcome to Knole Academy. An exciting future lies ahead of us as a forward-thinking and creative learning environment, which challenges and supports our young people and the local community.

Realising the vision of our sponsors – Gordon Phillips, Sevenoaks School and Kent County Council – we foster an engaging learning ethos, using state-of-the-art technologies to develop new skills and create high aspirations.

We are committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning – achieved through a combination of challenge, support, encouragement and praise – to ensure that all students fulfil their potential. We use our specialisms of Expressive Arts and Languages to develop the individuality and confidence of our students right across the curriculum.



Knole students develop skills for lifelong learning – whether at university or college, in employment or at home. Achievement is at the heart of our philosophy; we support this through nurturing students' creativity, encouraging them to take calculated risks and providing a structured setting.

On joining Knole Academy, students find a welcoming and purposeful environment, with relationships built on mutual respect. They discover supportive pastoral systems that help them to achieve beyond their expectations. They also develop a strong sense of responsibility to themselves, their peers and the wider world.

We hope that this prospectus will inspire you to visit Knole Academy, with a view to making an application to enrol your child.

Mary Boyle, **Principal**



# Learning through Challenge & Achievement

At Knole Academy, we are dedicated to developing enquiring minds and promoting enjoyment of learning. We do this through a stimulating and tailored curriculum that is designed to challenge and support students of all abilities.



## Dedicated to developing enquiring minds



Challenge takes many forms, of course, and we give students careful guidance to ensure that their education provides diversity and appropriate pathways, not only at school but beyond into adult life. Personalised learning programmes enable students to learn at the right pace for them, with continuous assessment of progress and mentoring techniques employed to maximise attainment.

With a focus on independent work, students and staff cooperate in a quest for excellence in learning, teaching and resources. We encourage students to set high expectations for themselves and the academy supports this with a positive, 'Go For It' culture. Our young people discover

the value of persistence and determination and display confidence and enthusiasm in their learning. We celebrate the fact that some students are able to benefit from an early exam entry scheme, enabling progression to higher level courses or enrichment programmes.

Knole Academy has introduced the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme at Key Stage 3. Taught through traditional subjects, this provides a framework of academic challenge and creative cross-curricular approaches to learning, which combine to develop critical and reflective thinkers.

# Encouraging Creativity & Global Awareness

Knole Academy's specialisms are Expressive Arts and Languages, with a strong focus on communication, literacy and global awareness. These specialisms add an exciting dimension to our learning, allowing us to be innovative in our study programmes and to strengthen the confidence and success of students throughout the curriculum.

We use our specialisms to spark interest and passion in our young people, helping them to find their feet in this fast-changing world. Creativity is the key to independent learning so we allow it to flourish in the academy. It improves students' self-esteem, motivation and achievement. We challenge them to think and behave imaginatively, to engage in purposeful activity and to generate original ideas.

Professional artists, musicians, dancers, performers and designers regularly visit the academy to work with students. We also provide numerous opportunities to participate in

professional standard performances and students, justifiably, take pride in these events. In addition to the drama, dance, music and media studies courses within the curriculum, there is a huge range of extra-curricular creative activities, as well as visits to galleries, museums, theatres and opera houses.

Working together with our co-sponsor, Sevenoaks School – which has particular strength in languages – we are continuing to enhance our languages offer. This specialism allows us to develop the communication skills and international perspective of our young people. We aim to instil a sense of global citizenship, with students understanding that they are privileged and encouraged to be proactive in helping those less fortunate. To this end, the academy seeks to create a variety of charity fundraising and voluntary service opportunities for students

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# Creating Opportunities & Developing Skills



## Providing diverse and exciting experiences



We are committed to providing diverse and exciting experiences for our young people. New opportunities enhance their intellectual, emotional, creative, cultural, physical and social wellbeing. In pursuing this aim, we are fortunate that our experienced, committed and well-qualified staff give freely of their time and expertise.

Through both the curriculum and the enrichment programme, students at Knole Academy acquire all kinds of talents. The wide range of extra-curricular sports, team-based activities and arts opportunities on offer improves the social interaction of students and helps develop lifelong skills.

In addition to the traditional sports, students are able to participate in more unusual pursuits – such as mountain biking, roller blading and yoga – and there are many opportunities to compete and perform with other schools. The academy is also committed to arranging numerous and varied school visits, both in the UK and abroad, including exchange tours and field trips.

As we place a high priority on securing admission to universities and all aspects of further and higher education, students are encouraged to continue their learning with us after their exams in year 11. The sixth form is a great opportunity for young people to extend their education through vocational and academic courses, enterprise activities and work experience. This allows them to gain the necessary skills, qualifications and careers advice to progress their education or to seek employment.

# Embracing Technology & Communication



In this digital age of fast-paced change, it is imperative that students understand new technologies and show confidence in all aspects of their application.

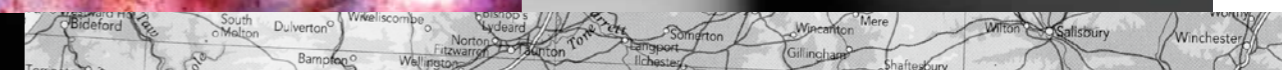
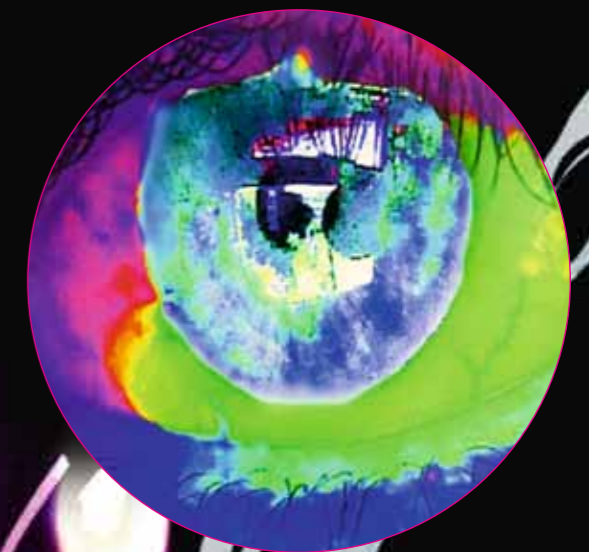
Learning at Knole Academy makes extensive use of ICT in all areas of study. With a firm emphasis on Internet safety, our students are able to develop their computing skills by connecting with local, regional and global communities.

In addition, the strong community dimension to Knole Academy means that parents and members of the wider community who wish to improve their computing skills can benefit from a range of courses that are offered to adults.

The academy has invested in state-of-the-art ICT facilities, with industry-standard hardware and software. All subject areas have their own laptops, with ICT used for research, coursework and teaching.



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# Providing Care & Support

Recognising that each young person is unique, our focus is on enabling students to fulfil their potential. We want to equip them with the confidence, education and skills they need for a contented and secure future. The ethos of Knole Academy plays a key role in achieving this objective.

The academy is committed to maintaining a safe environment, where enjoyment is seen as essential for attainment. We work hard to instil a determination to succeed in each student, encouraging positive attitudes to learning. Our students are expected to take a responsible and active part in their own education and there is a strong reward culture in place to support this. High attendance, hard work and good behaviour lead to achievement and are all rewarded with praise and prizes.

Knole Academy is a community where the traditional values of courtesy and respect, pride in personal appearance

and in the school, and a sense of fun are all developed within a disciplined environment. We also promote healthy lifestyle choices for students through a positive approach to sensible eating and exercise.

We recognise that your children are both our finest resource and our greatest responsibility. We appreciate the trust that parents place in us and work hard to support and encourage our students. Our effective pastoral system provides the blend of support and challenge required to develop happy and trustworthy young people with a strong sense of their own worth.



## Enabling students to fulfil their potential



# Working in Partnership



At Knole Academy, we work together with parents to maximise the achievements of our students. We understand that nobody knows a child as well as his or her parents and firmly believe that parental interest and involvement helps pupils to succeed.

Homework is an important part of the curriculum, enabling our young people to develop independent study and research skills, while giving parents a means to help their children achieve.

Clear and frequent communication with parents and carers is essential. We want families to be well informed about the demands of education and how they can support their children. The academy ensures that there are many opportunities throughout the year for parents to monitor their child's progress, talk to teaching staff and be involved in school events.

Knole Academy is an organisation that puts people at its core; listening to students and parents is at the heart of our culture of mutual respect. Students play a major role in the recruitment of new staff and students' views are raised by the elected Student Council. Some of our young people participate in the Student Leadership Team – which includes the Head Students, their Deputies and the House Captains – while others take responsibility as Subject or Year Prefects and Peer Mentors.

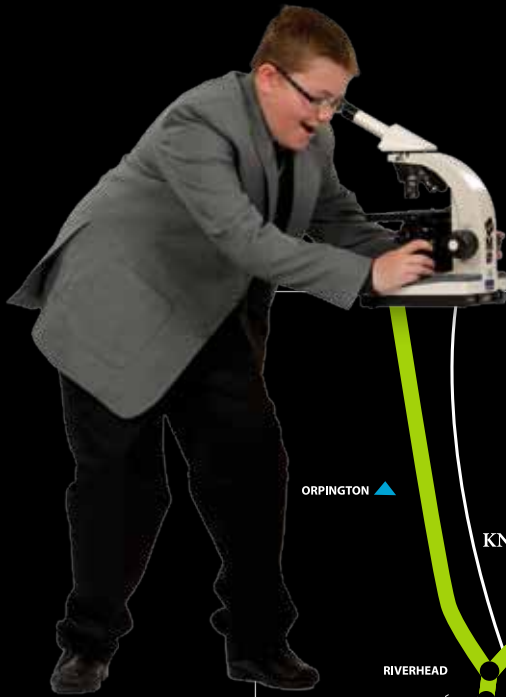
## Listening to students and parents



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