



## SUPPORTING OUR LEARNERS

Pastoral support runs through every aspect of school life and we foster the development of students as individuals with their own unique strengths and talents. Joining a large secondary school can be a daunting prospect but we ensure that the transition process runs as smoothly as possible.

This begins with a two-day induction programme for new starters, a 'Welcome Evening' for new parents and a 'Hurry to Heathside' programme for those who may need a little more time to settle in. Our partnership with parents is key and we do all we can to support families through the teenage years.

As students move up through the school, our Student Services staff continue to work as a cohesive team to ensure their progress, well-being and happiness. Our 'Learning Zone' provides a dedicated space for vulnerable students and the Learning Support staff provide both in-class and small group support where needed. Facilities

for students include our ICT suites, a Learning Resource Centre and banks of iPads, all of which create a stimulating environment in which to learn.

Upon joining the school, students are assigned to one of four Houses - Eagles, Falcons, Hawks or Kestrels. The House system promotes a sense of achievement and belonging as well as encouraging friendly competition. All students are valued for their contributions to the House system, be it through gaining achievement points, participating in a charity activity or entering one of the many House events.

'I was nervous at first, but all the teachers helped me settle in well and I have made loads of new friends.'  
Year 7 Student




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‘Despite Heathside being a large school, I feel that my son is treated as an individual and that the school genuinely works with our family to get the best out of him.’  
**Parent**

## WELCOME

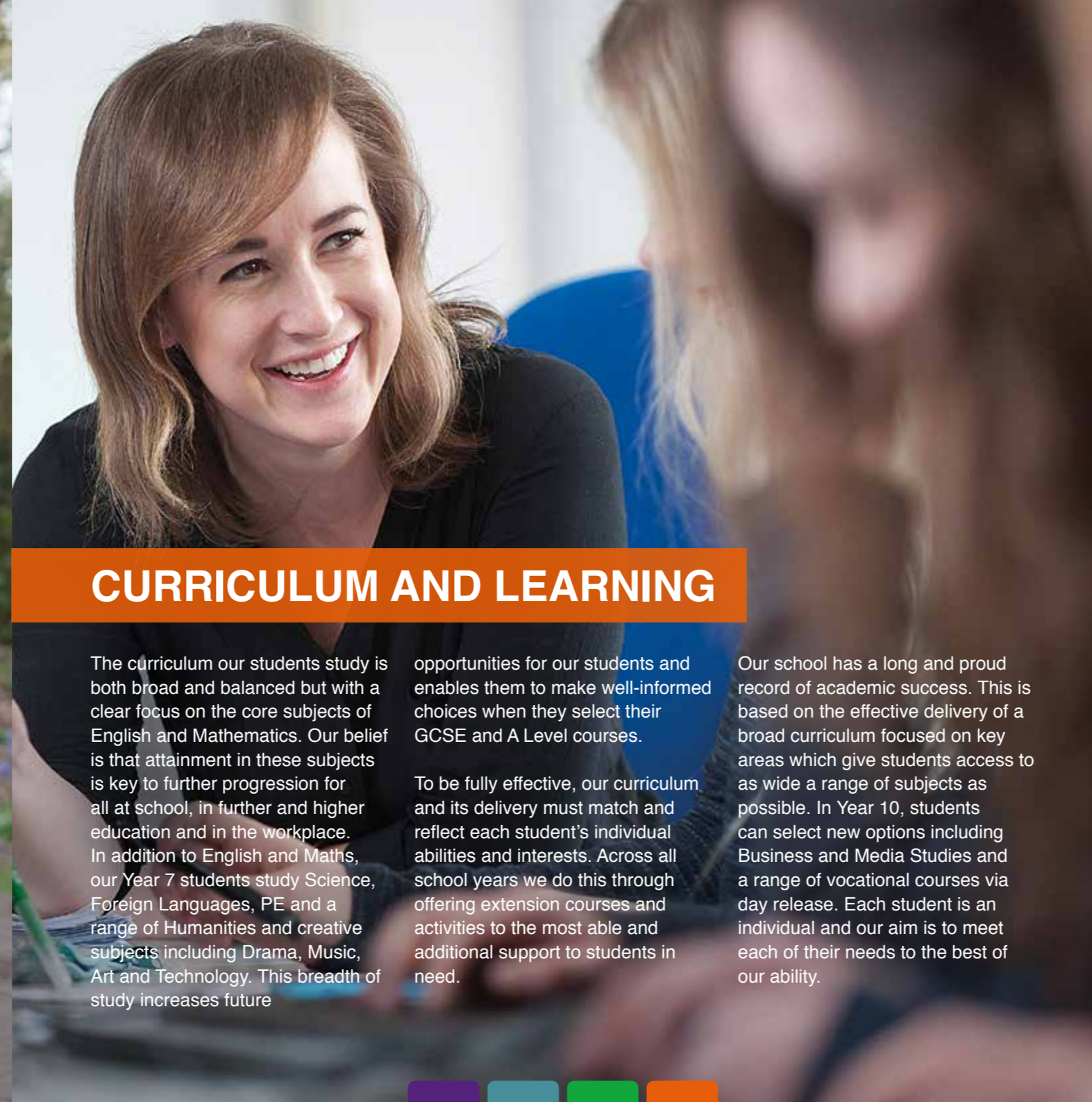
At Heathside we aim to support the highest aspirations of our students and enable all to achieve the best possible outcomes. As a school we expect everyone to uphold our core values of Endeavour, Respect and Trust which, in turn, generate a well-ordered, stimulating learning environment where students and staff thrive.

The high expectations shared by students, parents and staff combine with outstanding governance to ensure excellent outcomes. As part of The ElmWey Learning Trust, we continuously seek to improve the provision for all of our students, ensuring that their time here at Heathside gives them the skills and thirst for knowledge to make them life-long learners.

Please do visit our website to learn more, or come and view Heathside for yourselves on one of our organised tours.



**Mrs A L Cullum**  
Executive Principal



## CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

The curriculum our students study is both broad and balanced but with a clear focus on the core subjects of English and Mathematics. Our belief is that attainment in these subjects is key to further progression for all at school, in further and higher education and in the workplace. In addition to English and Maths, our Year 7 students study Science, Foreign Languages, PE and a range of Humanities and creative subjects including Drama, Music, Art and Technology. This breadth of study increases future

opportunities for our students and enables them to make well-informed choices when they select their GCSE and A Level courses.

To be fully effective, our curriculum and its delivery must match and reflect each student’s individual abilities and interests. Across all school years we do this through offering extension courses and activities to the most able and additional support to students in need.

Our school has a long and proud record of academic success. This is based on the effective delivery of a broad curriculum focused on key areas which give students access to as wide a range of subjects as possible. In Year 10, students can select new options including Business and Media Studies and a range of vocational courses via day release. Each student is an individual and our aim is to meet each of their needs to the best of our ability.



## EMBRACING CHALLENGE

Heathside provides an inspiring, welcoming place for young people to develop the skills they need for both academic and personal success.

We provide a wide range of extracurricular activities to suit all interests and talents, be they scientific, musical, artistic or sporting. Our sports teams celebrate success at both county and national levels in a wide range of events including football, rugby, netball and athletics. Cheerleading, badminton and basketball are also popular options.

The curriculum is enriched through many trips and visits within this country and abroad. Recent visits include skiing in Austria, Humanities trips to Kraków and Naples, a French home-stay in Montpellier and a Science study visit to South Africa. Very large numbers of students also take part in our highly successful Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which builds confidence, leadership skills and teamwork.

Our outstanding Sixth Form offers a stimulating and supportive learning environment where students mature into confident, articulate and well-rounded young adults. Our individualised programme of support for university applications ensures that Sixth Formers have the expert guidance they need to embark on the next stage of their education.

‘Behaviour and safety in lessons and around the school are outstanding. Students are courteous, polite and respectful towards each other and adults.’  
**Ofsted**

