



Headteacher's Introduction

I feel very proud to be the Headteacher of John Masfield High School, and I am pleased to commend to you John Masfield as a school that offers a stimulating, caring and supportive environment for your son or daughter.

Our school is a very successful all ability 11-18 comprehensive and we achieve consistently strong examination results. In 2017 Year 13 students at John Masfield High School received another year of impressively strong A Level results including two-fifths of all grades (40%) at the top A* and A grades and 61% of all grades at A* to B. In addition 82%, our highest ever proportion, achieved A*- C grades. For GCSE's approximately 80% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher in each of English and Maths. 71% of Year 11 students achieved at least 5 good grades including both English and Maths, the highest proportion so far achieved at the school. Across the school 76% of examination entries resulted in the equivalent of grade C or higher compared to a national average of around 66%.

Our aim as a school is to create excellent and enjoyable learning for all members of our school so that each individual is encouraged to use their talents and to achieve his or her personal best. We expect all members of our school to be conscientious, considerate and co-operative. As a result they take a pride in their work, respect others and enjoy working as part of a team. The happiness and well-being of our students is important to us and we support and encourage them in every way we can. Our strong and inclusive House system encourages every student to contribute to the school and local community, whilst receiving the care, guidance and support they require to succeed. In addition, each child has a mentor who personally oversees their academic progress and well-being.

We have a great deal to offer your child over the next seven years and I believe a strong and supportive partnership with parents is crucial to students' happiness and success. We expect a lot from our students and staff and ask parents and the wider community to join us in having the highest expectations for what we, as a school, can achieve.

Our latest Ofsted inspection (September 2017) concluded that all areas assessed were good or better with some outstanding practice. We believe that we have made significant improvements since then. Having a strong and mutually supportive partnership with parents is extremely important to us. Our partnership starts now and the aim of this booklet is to give you all the information you will need before your child joins us next September. If, however, you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01531 631012 or email us at admin@jmhs.hereford.sch.uk . May I also draw your attention to our website www.jmhs@hereford.sch.uk . This contains lots of useful information about the school which you will find helpful.

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