



Headteacher's Introduction

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

Our school is a successful all ability 11-18 comprehensive and we achieve consistently strong examination results. Every year for the past 10 years our GCSE results have been above the national average, with particularly high results in the sciences, languages, humanities and mathematics which are regarded by many as some of the most challenging GCSEs.

At Advanced Level the number of students achieving top grades and going onto Russell Group universities is consistently above the national average. This is due to the small class sizes, excellent teaching and one to one help and guidance our sixth formers receive.

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 pastoral system encourages every student to contribute to the school and local community, whilst receiving the care, guidance and support they require to succeed. Each child has a form tutor who personally oversees their academic progress and well-being, and a year leader who ensures the ethos in the year group is positive and supportive.

We have a great deal to offer your child over the next seven years. We expect much 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.

JMHS was inspected by OFSTED in November 2022 who confirmed our good grading and whose comments included:

- Pupils behave well. They are polite to their teachers and considerate of their peers.
- Parents rate teachers' high expectations because they push pupils to do more. Many say teachers go 'above and beyond' for their children.
- Pupils can do unusual stuff at this exciting school.
- School leaders have constructed a rich and engaging curriculum.

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 much useful information about the school which you will find helpful.

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