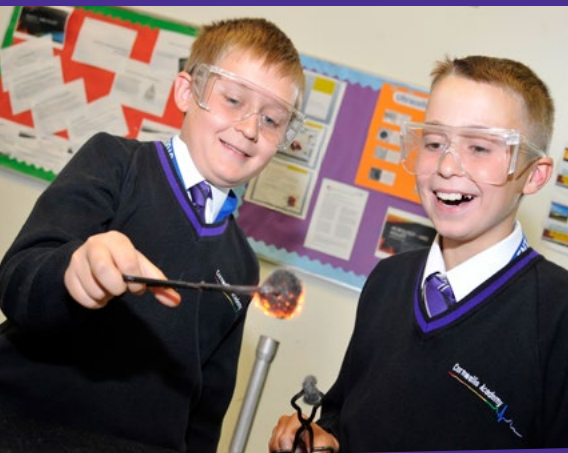


Modern Education - Traditional Values



WE ARE CONFIDENT



WE ARE CREATIVE



WE ARE COMPETITIVE



WE ARE CORNWALLIS

Cornwallis Academy

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PROSPECTUS FOR 2016 ENTRY



Welcome to Cornwallis Academy...

Welcome to Cornwallis Academy, an 11 to 18 non-selective Academy offering an environment where all students are supported fully in order to be successful, both academically and socially.

The academic outcomes of the Academy have been strong for many years, thanks to the exciting and engaging learning environments, curriculum and the determination of both staff and students.

“Teaching is consistently good in all subjects.” Ofsted, June 2013

Our learning community is driven by competition and an aspiration for success, while also building and developing the skills that make our students employable and ready for the next stage in their lives. Effort and commitment is continually celebrated which ultimately leads to long-term success. Your child will be part of a like-minded, aspirational learning community, cared for by a dedicated team of teachers, non-teaching specialists and teaching assistants.

Our Sixth Form is thriving and offers an exceptionally broad curriculum across two sites. Over 70% of the young people successfully attend university with an increasing proportion being accepted into Russell Group Universities. All of our students go into the world of employment, further education or apprenticeship positions making us one of the most successful academies in the country.

So, if you are interested in a school that places traditional values alongside a modern education; that is friendly and cares for students as individuals; that can demonstrate progress and achievement at every level; then please join us for our open day events this September.

I look forward to welcoming you personally to our Academy.

David Simons
Academy Principal



Year 7 Transition

It is our aim to make the transition between primary and secondary school as smooth and anxiety free as possible for both parents and students.

Prior to arrival in September, the Academy arranges a range of activities and events to support this transition including:

- Frequent communication from the school with all you need to know and do to get you ready for September
- Visits to all feeder primary schools by members of the Cornwallis Key Stage 3 team
- An evening event at the Academy for both parents and new students to meet all the staff involved with Year 7 and find out more about what Year 7 has in store
- A day at the Academy for all new students in July to meet their new classmates and tutor and to get to know the school



“I was really worried about leaving my primary school and going to Cornwallis Academy. It’s huge! But then I met my form tutor at the induction day in July and I knew I’d fit in. When I arrived in September, the staff and students made me feel welcome straight away, and now I love going to school.”

- Year 7, 2015

Academy Life

The Academy has been creatively designed to instil passion into a child's learning journey and prepare them for the world of work.

Inside our Academy you will find

- Vibrant, friendly and approachable teaching staff
- A unique approach to learning and an innovative, engaging curriculum praised by Ofsted
- Hi-tech, interactive learning plazas
- Performing Arts theatre
- Specialist dance, music, art, media and design technology studios
- More than 40 extra-curricular activities on site
- A purpose-built Sixth Form space offering a wide range of courses and hosting our own coffee shop
- A four-court sports hall, an all-weather multi-use games area and extensive sports fields
- Modern dining area offering cashless catering
- Dedicated spaces for each year group
- A 180-seat cinema / lecture theatre

“Behaviour is good throughout the school.”

- Ofsted, June 2013

Student Voice

Our Student Council acts as the voice of the students across the school. Members organise projects and events, such as the summer fayre, to raise money to benefit their education and other charities. They also listen to students' views and take them to the school's leadership team, which helps to improve learning across the curriculum.



You can read the latest news in our school magazine and even check out what's on the menu in the canteen.

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Modern Education Traditional Values

Learning

The curriculum is designed so that students spend their time between learning plazas, classrooms and specialist teaching spaces, which include futuristic science laboratories, a catering suite, art studios, music rooms, dance, drama and DT studios, and a sports hall.

“The Plaza environments are used well as flexible teaching spaces.” Ofsted, June 2013

All learning spaces are designed to facilitate hands-on, project-based and active learning, where students participate and engage with not only the learning material, but also the process of education in an innovative and exciting way.

Our aim is to encourage learners to understand how and why they learn and how their skills can be transferred across subjects and into everyday life.

From the moment students arrive at Cornwallis, they are encouraged to work together with teaching staff, so their learning experience is fun, creative and highly interactive.

“Teachers try and make sure that our lessons are varied and suit our different ways of learning, either individually or in groups.”

- Year 8 student, 2015



“Teachers give me plenty of feedback on my work, and always encourage me to reflect on how I’ve performed so I know how to improve next time.”

- Year 7 Student, 2015

**We are
Innovative**



“There’s a really good range of interesting subjects, which makes coming to school exciting. I enjoy being able to learn different languages.”

- Year 7, 2015

Curriculum

Academic excellence

The Year 7 and 8 curriculum is designed to ensure students develop the knowledge, understanding and skills required to prepare them for examination study at the start of Year 9. Through our flexible and dynamic approach to learning, students develop academically and also gain social, emotional and entrepreneurial skills, which make them highly employable, confident and sought after individuals as they move into the world of work.

The Year 7 curriculum includes:

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Physical Education
- Computing
- Design Technology
- Art
- Music
- Performing Arts

“The school’s project based approach to learning is effective in helping students make progress, because they show a good degree of self-reliance.”

Ofsted, June 2013

Students will also be expected to engage with out of hours learning activities in all subjects through our online homework system.

We operate a three-year Key Stage 4 which allows students to follow pathways in core provision along with providing the flexibility to choose areas of study they excel in or have a particular interest. With the rise in participation age, seeing all young people engage in education until the age of 18, our post-16 provision caters for a wide range of student interest at a variety of different levels taking into account both academic and more technical and applied pathways.

“Students develop their learning well.”

Ofsted, June 2013

Cornwallis Academy prides itself on building a curriculum which is relevant, engaging and suited to students’ needs and aptitudes.



You can find out more about the subjects on offer and what you will learn in each, on our website - www.futureschoolstrust.com/Cornwallis/Departments

We are caring...

Last year the Academy as a whole raised in excess of £5,000 for charities with all fundraising events being driven and organised by the student body; from cake sales to dress up days; from splat the Sixth Form to quiz nights. Through a variety of events, students learn how important it is to take an interest in others and are helped to understand both local and national issues and needs.



Pastoral Life

The Academy is designed to work on a big school, small community philosophy with each year group having their own plaza and team of staff to look after both their academic and pastoral needs.

Through daily support and contact with their form tutors, all students develop pride, passion and confidence; whether that be through academic excellence, representing the school at sport, earning their form points by 'having a go' at something new on sports day, taking part in the school show, being part of our student council or taking on the role as a form captain; everyone has a crucial part to play in the success of the Academy!

Students are rewarded for their efforts and commitment through termly prize giving assemblies. They also earn achievement points from their subject teachers and year teams for going the extra mile.

We are Confident



We are Competitive

New for 2015...

We are delighted to have been invited by Sutton Valance Independent School to be part of their Combined Cadet Force contingent starting this September. The partnership will add another exciting opportunity for the school by providing students in Year 9 and above with a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities, leading to personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline.



“Cornwallis Academy has given me more opportunities than I expected and has made me believe in myself more. Before I came to Cornwallis I had never played rugby before, now I’m in the school team; it’s great.”

- Year 8 Student, 2015

Sport

The Academy has a thriving and highly successful PE department where students are encouraged to keep fit and healthy. The Academy is recognised nationally as a ‘Healthy School’.

The PE department runs a host of clubs to cater for all skill levels and experiences with the major focus on participation. Clubs are run seasonally and include rugby, cricket, football, basketball, hockey, dance, athletics, rounders and tennis to name a few. The school operates both a Rugby and Football Academy as part of its Post 16 provision.

Our students compete in a range of tournaments at local, regional and inter-county level with great success. They also benefit hugely from our partnership with Maidstone Rugby Club, which holds regular training sessions each term at the Academy.

MAIDSTONE RUGBY

We are Creative

With state-of-the-art facilities including two fully equipped media suites, a dark room, recording studio, performance theatre, dance studio and industry quality lighting, sound, video and technical equipment; the school curriculum and additional extra-curricular activities push students' creativity above and beyond the limits.

Courses in film and media studies, the performing arts, fashion and design, art and photography, along with a range of design technology avenues; provide students with a platform to express themselves both in front of and behind the camera.

Students gain valuable hands on experiences through regular performance events including our annual school musical, fashion shows, art and design exhibitions, battle of the bands, and open events. They also have the opportunity to work alongside our Communications team to produce our in house school magazine, 'Current'.



Arts Award

At Cornwallis Academy we are proud to offer an after school curriculum for our Gifted and Talented students. The Arts Award has been successfully running at the Academy for the past three years. Through the Arts Award, children and young people can explore many art forms including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia. The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

"I love dancing, and at Cornwallis I've had the opportunity to perform in shows. This year, I appeared in Mama Mia, and I'm still buzzing about it 6 months later!"

Year 7 student, 2015



We are Creative

Technology

We are one of only 6 schools in the UK to be given the accolade of Microsoft Showcase School, selected for our innovative and effective use of technology.

Technology is at the heart of our academy with every student being taught computing and all students engaging with a range of qualifications in this field.

“Students develop their learning skills well, using ICT with interest and independence.” Ofsted, June 2013

We believe that digital literacy is a vital skill for all young people and as such we support the development of a range of digital skills. In Year 7 this begins with learning the basic principles of computing devices and how to use a variety of computer networks so students can effectively find, capture and evaluate information for their everyday work.

With social media and engagement playing such a huge role in our students' lives it is important to us that all students have the ability to engage in online communities and social networks safely and effectively whilst operating and adhering to behavioural protocols. As a result students take part regular in internet and online awareness / safety programmes.

The Academy operates a Computer for Students scheme, where students are able to own a learning device for a small monthly payment. Alternatively, they can take advantage of our bring your own device arrangements.

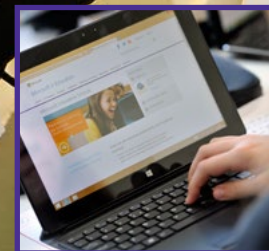
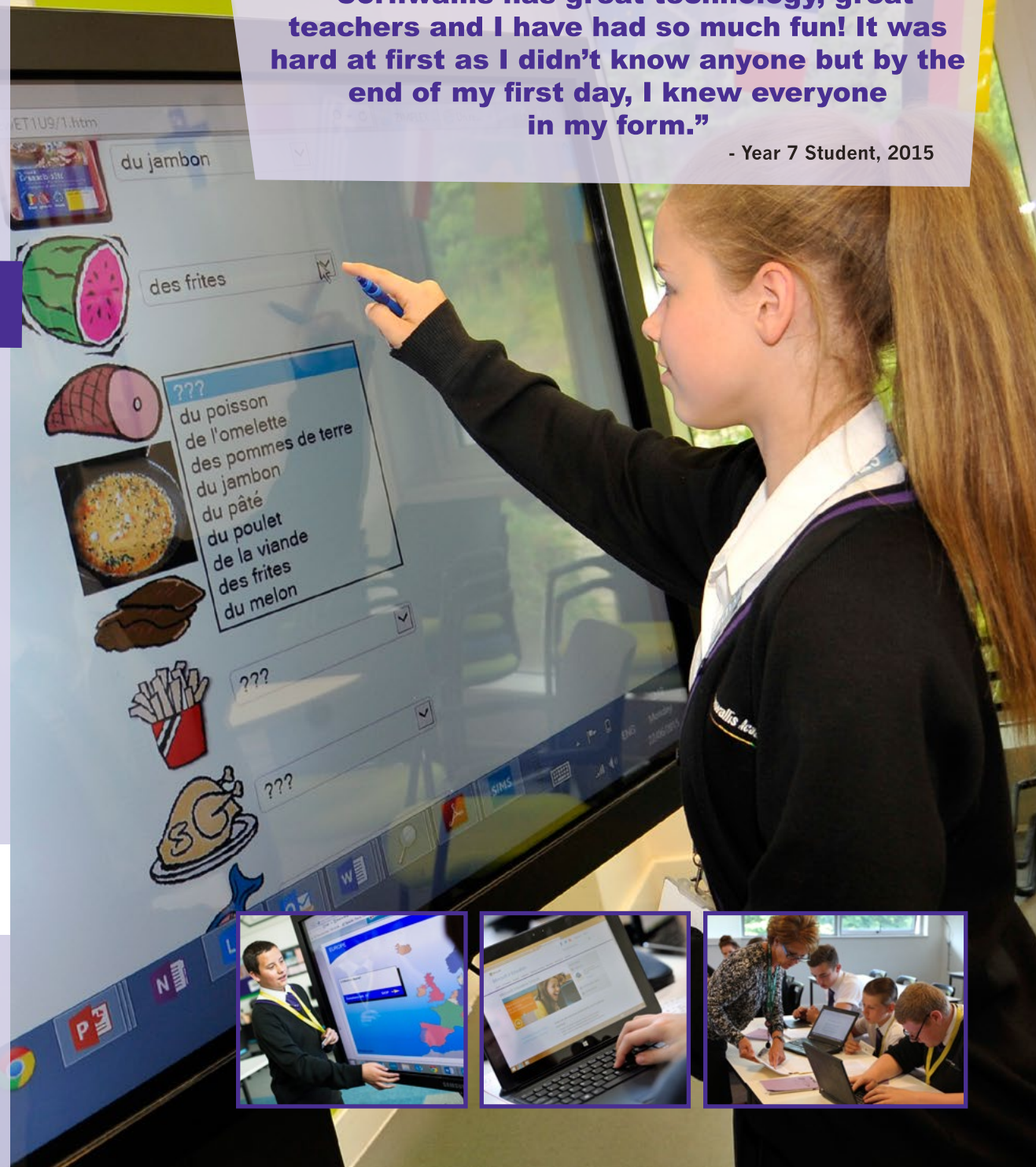
Our online learning gateway means that parents and students can also remotely access secure, useful and important information, including attendance, assessment data and homework.



Check this out... More information about our device scheme can be found on the website- www.futureschoolstrust.com/Cornwallis

“Cornwallis has great technology, great teachers and I have had so much fun! It was hard at first as I didn't know anyone but by the end of my first day, I knew everyone in my form.”

- Year 7 Student, 2015



Extra-curricular

Clubs

Cornwallis has a strong tradition in extra-curricular activities and encourages all students to participate in wider experiences beyond the curriculum. There are currently more than 40 extra-curricular clubs at Cornwallis for students to join; these take place before school, after school and at lunchtime. Clubs on offer include maths, English, sport, music, drama, performing arts, art and design, creative writing, science, technology and the Duke of Edinburgh award, to name but a few. Clubs and activities are designed not only to develop students' skills sets but also to instil a passion for learning, teamwork and a sense of school community while also having fun.

Trips

Departments provide enriching off site experiences to bring the school curriculum to life, such as history in action in Berlin and Ypres, the wonders of science at the Big Bang Exhibition and the chance to geographically explore the south coast. A variety of trips are available to students from every year group which focus on not only academic development but also personal and social development.

Our Global Footprint

It is important to us that students know about and see as much of the world around them and become true global citizens.

As students progress through the school there are further opportunities to visit countries such as China, France, Germany, Italy and Belgium. The Academy also offers youngsters the opportunity of taking part in visits to the USA centred around the school's space programme and our NASA link with science.

Our bi-annual World Challenge Programme has seen our youngsters travel to the far flung regions of Brazil and Kyrgyzstan in a truly life changing adventure which encapsulates fundraising and hands on support for local community projects. This summer a group of Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Borneo with Camps International to work in a local village to support the building of a new school.



“Teachers encourage us to try new things and get involved; there’s just so much to do.”

- Year 7 student, 2015

Equipping students with **Skills for Life...**

The aim is for our all students to leave school able to take on the challenges of the outside world. They will need to be independent, to take risks, be open to change, think outside the box and be skilled for the world of work and continuous learning.

Our Skills for Life programme runs in every year group with students being encouraged to explore their skills early in Year 7 through an entrepreneurial team challenge where they are asked to design, produce, make and market a 'Christmas Cracker'. This day long activity explores students' aptitudes, team working abilities, plus a host of other skills needed to be successful in an ever changing 21st century world.

Our dedicated Skills for Life team offer students information, advice and guidance to support them in making careers and further education choices. They also arrange a careers fair, series of workshops and speakers, as well as visits to universities and places of work for students to explore their options.

Cornwallis is also part of the **Kent and Medway Progression Federation** working closely with local universities to raise aspirations and encourage students to consider university as an option.



Part of the **Future Schools Trust Family**



Cornwallis Academy is a non-selective secondary school first opened in 1952 by Lord Cornwallis. The school is now part of Future Schools Trust, which also runs Little Learners Nursery, Tiger Primary School, New Line Learning Academy and a large Sixth Form, in Maidstone.

The Trust's vision is to ensure that all our young people have high expectations, outstanding achievement and reach their full potential, as well as being prepared for both work and life.



Sir Nick Williams
Chief Executive Officer - Future Schools Trust
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Find out more...

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