

Cornwallis Academy

Ambitions for All



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Welcome to Future Schools Trust

Relentless Ambition for Young People.

We aim to achieve our vision by bringing together our family of schools to create a cohesive and aspirational community which enables every child and member of staff to exceed their expectations.

Our values are **Integrity, Respect, Resilience, Strong Work Ethic, Collaboration and Equality.**

The best interests of young people guide every ambition and decision we take. We are passionate in our belief that schools are stronger when they work together whilst being proud and protective of the unique identity of each of our schools in the Trust. Maintaining a strong moral purpose and supportive but challenging culture is central to everything we aim to achieve.

We pledge to:

- Ensure all our students are happy and achieve their potential
- Continuously develop and promote excellent Teaching and Learning
- Provide opportunities which broaden students' horizon
- Continuously develop positive relationships with all members of our local community
- Nurture a safe and engaging environment in which we all thrive

As the Trust moves forward and goes from strength to strength, I look forward to working with all staff, parents, students and children within our Trust community.



Mrs Linney-Drouet
Chief Executive Officer

Welcome to Cornwallis Academy

We understand that choosing a secondary school for your child is such an important decision for your family. We present you with this opportunity, to see what we offer at our popular, supportive and high achieving school. Your child will be at the heart of everything we do.

Last year, we had our Ofsted inspection (January 2023), and it gives us great pleasure to share with you, that **Cornwallis continues to be a 'good' school with many strengths.** Our **feedback was incredible**, with so many highlights, some of which I have included below:

- ***The school has a strong and secure culture of safeguarding.***
- ***Pupils are happy and safe. They embrace the Cornwallis 'SMILE' ethos.***
- ***A strong sense of community permeates the whole school. The school is caring, and the community culture ensures that all members look after one another.***
- ***Leaders have extremely high expectations for pupils' behaviour. Pupils' conduct around the school and in classrooms is calm and orderly.***
- ***Low-level disruption is rare.***
- ***Pupils are confident, courteous and polite.***
- ***There is a strong work ethic. Pupils value their academic work, as well as the support for their personal development, welfare and well-being.***
- ***Teachers are kind and helpful. Teachers make sure there is a positive atmosphere in class.***
- ***The curriculum is well planned, carefully considered and precisely sequenced. The curriculum is ambitious.***
- ***The school offers an extensive range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities.***

Our ambition is to ensure that **all students achieve their full potential** within a **safe, healthy and nurturing environment**. We also aim for all our students to develop as confident, courteous and capable young people. **We are a truly inclusive community** and I am honoured to lead such a fantastic school.

Our school is a community which values **outstanding teaching and a highly engaging curriculum**. Our staff have an unwavering commitment to continued improvement in order to provide the best comprehensive education we possibly can. We are also proud of the pastoral care we provide for our students. **Our pastoral teams are highly skilled and adept at supporting students** to manage the transition from **childhood to adulthood**.

We look forward to welcoming your family to our school.



Mr Sutton
Head of School



Mrs McMahon
Executive Headteacher



Scholarship Programmes

At Cornwallis Academy we are really proud to offer a number of scholarships for students who demonstrate outstanding aptitude in Football, Dance and Art.

Football Scholarship

We offer a subsidised Football Scholarship, which includes weekly training sessions at Cornwallis Academy with Maidstone United UEFA Qualified Coaches; regular fixtures and a place at the PDC (Player Development Centre). This will provide students with a 5-year progression plan with the opportunity to graduate into the Post-16 Football Academy.



Dance Scholarship

We offer a tailored dance curriculum with additional dance lessons each week taught in collaboration with Maidstone Dance Studios. Students will have the opportunity to work with professionals and will be exposed to a variety of genres focusing on both choreographic and technical skills, to ensure all scholars reach their full potential. Scholars will complete a Dance leadership qualification and will be provided with a Dance Uniform.



MAIDSTONE DANCE STUDIOS

Art Scholarship

In the Cornwallis Art Department, we are ambitious for students who excel visually to have opportunities to be nurtured and supported. Students will work with specialist Art Teachers who will encourage them to try new things and stretch their abilities. The focussed workshops will provide students with the confidence and ability to express their ideas and prepare them for exceptional outcomes in GCSE, A Level and Higher Education.

For more information and how to apply, please refer to our scholarships booklet enclosed within this pack.

Wellbeing and Support

The wellbeing of our students is paramount at Cornwallis Academy.

Each year group has its own year zone and students meet their form tutor on a daily basis to receive support and guidance.

We also have a dedicated team of staff who look after the students' academic and pastoral needs. Furthermore, students are encouraged to adopt a healthy lifestyle through a range of physical and social activities, and this positive outlook is promoted throughout the school. Our key aim is to promote positive working relationships and personal responsibility, as well as leadership opportunities.

We are delighted to have a house system, which has provided students with unique opportunities to develop their leadership skills, as well as encouraging students to make positive contributions within their community groups.

“THE SCHOOL'S PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVISION ACTIVELY SUPPORTS PUPILS' WELFARE AND WELL-BEING.”

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House System

The school has a vertical house system which sits in tandem with the year group system. The houses develop the Cornwallis SMILE as well as leadership, community involvement and a competitive spirit within the students. It is an important part of the school council and student voice. Staff and students contribute to house activities, competitions and fundraising through-out the academic year; building their house ethos, culminating in an annual house winner.

Each house is led by a Head of House and a range of formal student leadership roles with every member of the school body being part of one of the six houses: Hanson, Heath, Hubbards, Linton, Loose & Salts.



HANSON



HEATH



HUBBARDS



LINTON



LOOSE



SALTS

Our Ethos

We expect our students to:



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We are dedicated to ensuring all of our students are **S**uccessful, **M**otivated, **I**nspired, **L**earning, **E**xcited and **E**ngaged. Whilst traditional principles are at the heart of the school, helping us to provide a caring and welcoming environment where young people can thrive, we are also fully committed to having ambitions for all.

We provide an exceptional learning environment where ambitions are achieved within a safe and ethical approach. As a learning community, we all actively engage in providing the best education, as well as creating a sense of belonging and pride.

**“THERE’S ALWAYS A MEMBER OF STAFF TO TALK TO IF I’M WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING.
THE TEACHERS CARE AND LISTEN TO WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY.”**

A YEAR 7 STUDENT





Transition

Starting Secondary School

To help make the transition from primary to secondary school as smooth as possible, we offer a broad programme of events to ensure students feel confident and prepared ahead of starting Year 7.

Our events include a unique transition day full of engaging activities, two traditional induction days for students, as well as an information evening for parents. New parents and students are also invited to attend one-to-one meetings with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss their needs and interests.

In the summer months, we run a successful Year 5 outreach programme that provides primary school children the opportunity to become familiar with the school and our staff, while enjoying taster sessions for a variety of subjects.

Our priority is to ensure that new students settle into the school as quickly as possible and that their academic attainment is recognised and extended into Year 7 and beyond.

“OUR SON HAD A FANTASTIC TIME AT THE SCIENCE SESSION. HE LOVED IT. THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF FOR PROVIDING SUCH A FUN AND INFORMATIVE LESSON. HE’S A MAD SCIENTIST SO THIS WAS PERFECT!”

YEAR 5 PARENT





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Curriculum

Our curriculum ensures that students are provided with as many options as possible for further study and employment. We believe in a personalised Key Stage 4 curriculum aimed at meeting their learning and academic needs and interests.

We offer a rich and diverse curriculum to harness the talents of every young person. Core subjects, such as English, Maths and Science remain at the forefront of our curriculum and are supported by a wide variety of other subjects, including Physical Education, Art, Geography, History, Religious Education and Performing Arts, as well as Languages.

Our curriculum is tailored to meet the requirements of each year group, which develops as the students progress through their education, providing them with flexibility and choice.

More information is available on our website.



Student Voice

Cornwallis Academy believes that enabling students to have a voice creates a community where students and teachers work together in partnership towards shared goals. Our Student Council provides students from all year groups with the opportunity to discuss views, concerns and ideas raised by students. The council provides an excellent basis for important life skills, such as team work, problem solving and communication.

At Cornwallis Academy, we are exceptionally proud of our students' involvement both in the local and wider community. The importance of generosity, compassion and kindness is promoted throughout the school, with every student being encouraged to demonstrate these traits at every opportunity. Each year, our School Council selects three charities to benefit from a variety of fundraising events, including non-uniform days, which are always well-supported by students and staff. We also work very closely with an increasing number of local primary schools, who benefit from using our fantastic facilities and from our excellent outreach programme.

Parent Council

The Parent Council is an integral part of Cornwallis Academy which is in place to strengthen our existing strong partnership between home and school. The Parent council has an important role to play in school improvement by ensuring that the parents perspective is represented and taken into account with whole school decision making. Regular meetings take place across the academic year to gain feedback on all whole school related issues, from events to the experiences students are receiving, and how we can always strive to develop this even further.

If you would like to support the school by joining our Parent Council, simply contact us by emailing: parentcouncil@cornwallisacademy.com. We would love to hear from you.

“EVEN THOUGH I HAVE BEEN ON NUMEROUS PTAS, I HAVE NEVER FELT MORE VALUED AND PART OF A TEAM AS I DO WITH BEING INVOLVED WITH THE PARENT COUNCIL.”

PARENT COUNCIL MEMBER



Extra-Curricular

Students are encouraged to fully participate in the life of the school; we have a club to suit everyone's interests and aspirations. We boast over 40 extra-curricular clubs, including Maths, English, Sport, Performing Arts and Science to name a few.

All students are encouraged to participate in our wide offering of activities, which are designed to further develop their skills but also to develop a passion for learning, teamwork and a sense of belonging.

We have a number of successful sports teams, such as Rugby, Football, Athletics, Netball and Cricket. Our Sixth Form students also have the opportunity to work in partnership with Maidstone United Football Club. Another part of our enrichment programme is educational trips.

We aim to provide students with a variety of memorable experiences and opportunities to further enhance their learning. Previous visits include New York, Italy, Iceland, Belgium, China and France, as well as expeditions to Borneo and Ecuador. These trips allow our students to be independent and develop both academically and socially.





“THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HEADTEACHER IS PARTICULARLY STRONG AND, WITH THE SUPPORT OF HER CAPABLE SENIOR LEADERS, SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL’S STRONG COMMUNITY ETHOS.”

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Post-16

The Trust Sixth Form at Cornwallis Academy is an exciting and vibrant community where students can achieve the very best outcomes and leave as well rounded individuals. We offer a rich and diverse range of post-16 courses to suit everyone, including a range of academic and vocational subjects. We also offer our students the opportunity to gain qualifications with reputable sporting academies and clubs.

Students who enrol in our Sixth Form have the benefit of accessing a wide variety of subjects and qualifications in familiar surroundings, with staff who know their strengths and needs.

To help them prepare for their next step into university or future employment, students are treated as young, responsible professionals and are expected to act in such a manner. With the support and guidance of a dedicated Sixth Form



“STAYING ON AT SIXTH FORM GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY A RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN A COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT. THE TEACHERS ALREADY KNEW MY STRENGTHS AND COULD THEREFORE HELP ME TO GO THAT EXTRA MILE.”

YEAR 12 STUDENT

Partnership with Maidstone United

Cornwallis Academy has a unique partnership with Maidstone United Football Club. Sixth Form learners have the opportunity to compete in the Kent Schools' League and benefit from the training provided three times a week by senior MUFC coaches and first team players at the Gallagher Stadium.

The most able footballers will even have the chance to represent Maidstone United in the FA youth cup.



“THE SIXTH-FORM CURRICULUM IS WELL MATCHED TO STUDENTS’ ASPIRATIONS AND AMBITIONS. STUDENTS APPRECIATE THE VARIETY AND BREADTH OF THE SUBJECTS ON OFFER.”

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