



John Masefield High School is an exciting place. Our students are friendly, positive and keen to learn. We are truly an all ability comprehensive, with some extremely able students and some students with moderate learning difficulties. We aim to be inclusive by enabling every student, whatever their talents or abilities, to have the chance to succeed and to enjoy learning. We expect all our students to be 'conscientious, considerate and co-operative' and students respond by actively contributing to help make JMHS 'the best place to be and the best place to learn'.

Our key aim is to provide 'excellent and enjoyable learning for all and to enable every student to achieve his or her personal best. We place strong emphasis on this by developing a curriculum that enables all students to achieve well in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, whilst providing a wide range of academic, practical and vocational options so that every young person achieves success. We take great care to recruit teachers of the highest quality and our designation as a DCSF Training school enables us to provide superb training for our teachers so that they can teach excellent lessons and plan a coherent learning experience that builds motivation, confidence and understanding.

We are determined to help each student in the school to achieve his or her personal best. For this reason all students joining the school are placed in a house tutor group of 20, with a tutor who acts as their academic mentor, supporter and guide. Our House System has also been very successful in creating a sense of pride, belonging and healthy competition and students have had the opportunity to take part in events in fields as diverse as cooking, making scientific models, dance, singing, sport, growing vegetables, art, maths, poetry and film making. As a Performing Arts College we also regularly organise evening concerts, arts showcases and trips to the theatre for students.

Over the last three years, the school has made considerable progress in improving exam results so that:

- In 2008, 72% of students achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades and 55% achieved 5 or more A\*-C grades including English and Maths.
- We were recognised by the DCSF as one of the most improved schools in England and Wales
- Our A Level students achieve on average 325 UCAS points (equivalent to grades ABB at A Level).
- 91% of students in Year 11 continued full time education or training into 2007-8

Our OFSTED report of February 2008 recognised us as a 'good school with outstanding features' and our Sixth Form as outstanding. The report also rated us as outstanding in the following areas: leadership and management, students' spiritual, social, moral and cultural developments, extra-curricular opportunities and students contribution to their community.

The school's success has been recognised through the following awards:

- Artsmark Gold – Summer 2006
- Investors in People – Autumn 2006
- Healthy Schools Award – Spring 2007
- Specialist Schools and Academies Trust 'most improved schools' club' – Autumn 2007
- Sportsmark Award – Autumn 2007
- Eco Schools Green Flag Award – Spring 2008
- Food for Life Award – Spring 2008

If you would like to visit the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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