



John Masfield High School is an exciting place. Our students are friendly, positive and keen to learn. We are truly an all ability school, 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 they 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 staff of the highest quality and support them to teach excellent lessons and offer 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 no more than twenty students, with a tutor who acts as their academic mentor, supporter and guide. Our House System is also very successful in creating a sense of pride, belonging and healthy competition and students have the opportunity to take part in events as diverse as cooking, making scientific models, dance, singing, sport, chess, 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 2010, 85% of students achieved 5 or more A*-C grades and 64% achieved 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths.
- Our A Level students achieve on average 325 UCAS points (equivalent to grades ABB at A Level).
- Over 95% of students in Year 11 continued full time education or training into 2009-10.

Our OFSTED inspection of March 2011 stated that:

- John Masfield is a good school that is improving. Students enjoy their lessons and their attendance is now high and improving and academic progress is good.
- The school's excellent care, guidance and support help students to develop confidence and maturity.
- Leaders and managers are highly effective in securing the enthusiasm of the whole staff.

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

- Artsmark Gold
- Investors in People
- Healthy Schools Award
- Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) High Achieving Schools
- Sportsmark Award
- Eco Schools Green Flag Award
- Food for Life Award

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

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