

achieving **Success** for all



Governors' Pack





WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Governor of our school. I thought it would be useful if I gave you a personal perspective of our school to help you to decide if this is an opportunity for you. A role where you will make valuable contributions to our community and our students.

The school never stands still. We are always seeking to improve and refine our offer to

the students and staff here. Each year we continue to make progress, and this is down to the skills and attitudes of our colleagues, in addition to the impact of strong leadership at all levels. Our impressive progress scores help illustrate how well we do for our students. But will also acknowledge as a school that it is about the students of now and the educational provision and care we put in place. As a result of this relentless approach to school improvement we are seeking to welcome a dynamic and inspirational leader to help take our school to the next stage.

Regardless of the position of responsibility we hold at Churchdown, every member of our community is responsible for inspiring and encouraging those we work with; first and foremost, the students. Our goal is based not on focussing on what's standing in our way; it is about taking steps that will be positive and that will have a lasting effect on everyone around us. Collective actions from all of us are carried out with excellence every day for our students. As a result, we provide a school that allows every student to achieve far beyond what they even dreamt was possible

Our students deserve the best and proudly I can say as headteacher that we aspire to give the best for our students because in our school are people who will care for them; want the best for them; will not allow them to fail; will make them feel part of something by calling them by their name and asking if they are ok today; help them succeed; provide a place where they can do their best and allow them to see a life they didn't know existed. As a governor, could you help build this world-class education for all our students?

I hope this is an insight which inspires you to become a member of our community. For further information, please do come and visit us so you can see first-hand if Churchdown is the place for you to be involved with. At Churchdown, every day is open day, so simply contact my PA, Jacqui Tilley, who will be happy to help arrange your visit.

Thank you for your interest in our school.

David Potter
Headteacher



Our School Mission and Purpose

Our mission is to be a school where student development and learning are at the centre of everything we do. Students are expected to strive for personal excellence and demonstrate a commitment to learning as they fulfil their potential. Our community is a nurturing and caring one where students are encouraged to show compassion, friendship and support towards one another. We aim to provide an education which is fully inclusive, where every child is valued for who they are and who they can become.

At Churchdown School the education we provide is guided by values of *integrity, resilience, respect, ambition* and *friendship*. These values are particularly important to us as we develop the students into lifelong learners and prepare them for a life beyond school.

Being part of Churchdown

Our School Curriculum

We believe in every student's right to a broad and balanced curriculum which allows them to be culturally rich, curious and accomplished individuals, with the ambition and opportunities to shine in adult life.

We take every opportunity to ensure that all students, regardless of ability, make the best progress possible and achieve the highest possible standards in subjects and qualifications. We strive to narrow the gaps in achievement and enable those not achieving age-related expectations to catch up with their peers.

School Governor

Being a School Governor is a hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment.

Mr Potter and the Governors are looking to work with a range of professional visionaries, from a range of industries, to ensure every student achieves their true potential in life. Potential goes beyond just the classroom, but well into the 'real world' where our students are inspired by futures that could be theirs. As a result of this vision you don't need to be an educational expert to become part of the governing body. We are looking to have a wide range of professions make up the board. A varied and knowledgeable team working together for the good of the students.

The Governing Body plays an instrumental role in a school's success and the success of its students. They are a key part for providing clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction and they make sure public money is well spent. We meet as a board three times over the year, but around these formal meetings are lots of opportunity to visit the school, meet and discuss strategy with the Senior Leadership Team and work with the students themselves.

If you would like more information about what's involved please contact Mrs Ann Evans, Clerk to Governors, or e-mail ace@churchdownschool.com The Governing Body of Churchdown is committed to safeguarding.



