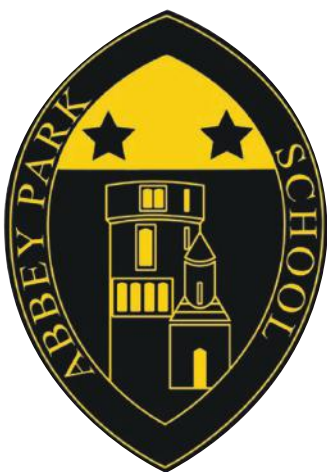


ABBHEY PARK SCHOOL

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Welcome to **Abbey Park School**

Abbey Park School is a popular, high performing Academy serving the community of North Swindon and the surrounding area. Having entered into an exciting new phase with The Park Academies Trust and Sixth Form, we became an Academy in October 2018.

We are a school with ambition; for our whole community and for every individual. Our Trust motto, "Potential into Performance", guides our efforts to provide a safe and happy environment within which every pupil can achieve personal, social and academic success. We believe that Abbey Park School can make a radical difference to the life chances of our pupils and that we can nurture confident, active and socially responsible citizens. We are an inclusive school and go to great lengths to ensure that each child is fully supported to do as well as they can.

At Abbey Park School we are fortunate to enjoy excellent facilities. We are even more fortunate to have a school community that values and respects each individual, believes in respectful relationships and places a high emphasis on working hard to achieve your goals. The three-way partnership between pupil, parent and teacher is central to our success and I look forward to working with you during your child's time at APS.

**Jon Young
Principal**



Here **to Learn**

At Abbey Park School, the value we place on curiosity and passion for learning is evident in the exciting and engaging opportunities open to pupils. A balance of traditional, vocational and sports related subjects, tailored to individual need, prepares pupils for 21st Century further education and the work place. The emphasis on our behaviour motto 'Abbey Park PROUD' – Presentation, Respect, Organisation, Understanding and Determination, encourages pupils to take responsibility for their own learning throughout their school career.

During Key Stage 3 we focus on developing the essential skills needed for lifelong learning. Literacy, numeracy and personal development are embedded across the curriculum, as well as being explicitly taught in individual subjects.

From Year 9 pupils can choose a range of subjects, from traditional subjects to vocational courses, relevant to the world of work. The guidance we offer ensures courses are suited to pupils' needs and aspirations. Throughout these vital years, pupils and parents are kept well informed of assessment milestones, and frequent feedback ensures that pupils understand the next steps needed to make progress.

Since being linked with The Park Academies Trust, The Park Academies Sixth Form offers a natural progression to Level 3 courses. During this phase of their education, pupils become subject specialists, developing advanced skills and in-depth knowledge that will shape their future academic and vocational pathways.





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An **Inclusive** School

Developing and supporting pupils to fulfil their potential and perform at their highest level is at the heart of Abbey Park School. This occurs through high quality, engaging teaching, delivered by a professional and experienced teaching team. A combination of innovative and well-established teaching methods and technology, are harnessed to personalise learning experiences. We balance our high expectations of all our pupils with the support of an experienced pastoral team.

We are proud of the excellent progress that our pupils make while in our care. Whether it is through our Gifted and Talented Academy and Sports Academy Programmes or our effective Curriculum Support Unit, we have high expectations of every child and support this ethos through rewards and celebrations. Achievements are not only academic - whether it be through rugby, dancing, acting, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme or the talent show, there is opportunity for everyone to fulfil their potential.

As an innovative and creative academy, we work in partnership with the global community. Our links with local organisations, businesses, further and higher education institutions, help raise the aspirations of our pupils and open their eyes to the wider world.



Achieving Success

The work that takes place in the classroom is the cornerstone of the school's success and our staff are well qualified, enthusiastic and consistent.

Our involvement in teacher training and professional development ensures that we remain current when it comes to providing outstanding learning opportunities. Our pupils are ambitious to succeed and maintain very high standards of behaviour and engagement in their studies.

They are encouraged to become progressively independent learners and are well supported by intervention programmes and individual mentoring. Combined with the support of parents and optimum attendance, our experience is that our pupils are sure to do well – whatever their starting point.





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A Great Place to Learn

Our facilities are excellent and we learn in a clean, modern and stimulating environment. Our sports facilities are second to none in the area, we have extensive ICT provision and our buildings and grounds are maintained to a high level.

This safe and stimulating environment enables young people to enjoy their school experience and make the most of their unique talents. At break times pupils can relax and socialise in our modern dining room or other recreational areas and the school environment is greatly enhanced by art work and displays of pupils' academic work and personal achievements.



Beyond the Classroom

There are many opportunities for pupils to take part in extra-curricular activities at Abbey Park School. A large number of clubs and activities take place after formal lessons during our Session 6 programme.

Staff are committed to providing different opportunities to enrich the lives of our pupils. Subject based clubs, such as those in Art, Drama, Music, Science, Sport and Technology enhance the curriculum and many trips and visits support classroom learning. We offer a number of residential trips to places like Ypres to explore the history of the WW1 battlefields and a skiing trip to Italy.

Pupils are encouraged to enter competitions and to contribute to the community in different ways. Our school council and house system help develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for pupils' views to be heard. Each year there are Music concerts, Drama productions, a Design and Technology Show and Duke of Edinburgh Award, which help pupils develop their performance skills and their self-confidence. The P.E. department run many school teams and the school has a formidable reputation for the success of our teams in local competitions.





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Sixth Form

Abbey Park School has a direct link with The Park Academies Trust Sixth Form, based at Lydiard Park Academy. The Trust offers free transport to those students from the North of Swindon who choose to attend. It is relatively new institution, but students' success rates are impressive.

The majority of LPA students choose to continue their education in the Sixth Form, where they are joined by a number of pupils from other schools. The pathway for a high proportion of Sixth Form pupils is then to progress to higher education, including entry to the very best universities. The Sixth Form offers a wide range of subjects at A-level and students are supported by dedicated tutors and a skilled leadership team.

Facilities are excellent; there is a common room with refreshment area, dedicated teaching rooms and two large study/ICT areas solely for sixth form use. Students have supervised sessions for independent study to ensure they make the most of their time in the sixth form. All students have the opportunity to get involved in community work and enrichment projects (such as the Extended Project Qualification and the Duke of Edinburgh Award) help prepare them for further study. There is an active student committee which organises regular social events. We are very proud of the many ways in which Sixth Formers contribute to the school community through the positive examples they set for younger pupils.





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