

# Sixth Form PROSPECTUS



SIXTH FORM





## QUALITY OF TEACHING

Teaching is highly effective, which overtime, leads to students' significant progress.



## ACHIEVEMENT OF PUPILS

Pupils are very well prepared for the next stage in their learning, which is reflected in the high proportion going on to further education, training or employment.



## BEHAVIOUR & SAFETY OF PUPILS

The behaviour of sixth form students is exemplary. The school works hard to support pupils' personal development and welfare and has a strong culture of safeguarding.



## PROMOTION OF SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Leaders support pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development exceptionally well.



## LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Leaders have high aspiration for all their pupils including those who are disadvantaged.





# Principal's Welcome

**I am delighted that you are interested in joining our Sixth Form. This prospectus will give you an introduction to our Sixth Form and provide you with information about the wide range of courses that we offer.**

The highly skilled and dedicated teachers at Arrow Vale inspire and guide our students who, as a result, make outstanding academic progress

As a teaching school, we are at the fore front of research, innovation, and teacher development.

We will also enable you to broaden your development through our '5 star guarantee' of provision that most other schools do not offer, such as masterclasses in all subjects, and the development of skills such as leadership, budgeting and independence. Our ultimate aim is that you will thrive in whatever you choose to do once you have completed your studies in Sixth Form.

Staff pride themselves on knowing each and every student, and doing whatever it take to ensure that they achieve. In return, we expect our students to do their best, work hard and contribute fulling in all they do.

I very much hope that you decide to join us to begin a new and very exciting chapter in your studies with us at Arrow Vale.

**Ian Mellor, Executive Principal**



Leadership and the quality of teaching in the Sixth Form are excellent, with all students making sustained progress.

**OFSTED**

- ★ Be employable
- ★ Be a leader
- ★ Be connected
- ★ Be an expert
- ★ Be a lifelong learner

*Be the best you can be*



# 5 Star Guarantee

**We commit to providing  
all of our sixth form  
students with high  
quality opportunities.**

**SIXTH FORM  
5 STAR GUARANTEE**



## 1. Innovation in Teaching and Learning

Our Sixth Form students receive training during their time in the Sixth Form to help them understand how they learn best and the importance of life-long learning. They are able to learn about current research and work with experts in the field. In addition to normal lessons, students can learn through structured study periods, student led seminars, a database of research journals and 1-1 tutorials.

## 2. CIAEG: Helping Students find their future

All students have access to Unifrog. We subscribe to a website platform that brings all the available information into one single, impartial, user-friendly platform that helps students to make the best choices, and submit the strongest applications. The site also empowers teachers to manage the progression process effectively.

The platform includes apprenticeships and Further Education Universities and colleges in the UK, as well as US and Canadian universities, and degrees taught in English in Europe, Asia and Australasia. It has a full careers library, subject guidance and resources.

The site has been essential in helping the process from deciding on a subject area and writing application essays or teacher recommendations, to building an application and sending it.

## 3. Masterclasses

Our staff have committed to ensuring that our Sixth Form students experience at least one high quality Masterclass in every subject. Examples include catering students working with a chef that has appeared on Masterchef, our design students working with Ben Kelly (Royal Designer for Industry and Masterclasses at Universities).

## 4. Skills Development

We are determined that our students are ready for the world when they leave us, so we provide a range of opportunities to develop 'life skills'. Examples include time management and organisation, budgeting for University and beyond, interview skills, CV and personal statement writing and cooking at University.

## 5. Leadership Menu

All students are encouraged to experience some sort of leadership during their time in our Sixth Form. The menu of opportunities ranges from supporting a Year 9 students with reading through to give speeches and organising committees as Student Lead Ambassadors. Students can develop at their own level. 12 aspects of leadership have been identified and students are provided with feedback on their progress.





# Student Life

**Students in Sixth Form are able to Participate in a number of events / activities throughout the year; these include university tours, workshops, debates and cultural trips abroad.**



### **Senior Student Ambassadors**

These will be chosen from Students in Year 13. This prestigious position is the most senior position a student can hold. The successful candidates act as the link between the student body and staff.

### **Student Leadership**

This is very important for us. We provide opportunities to get involved as a student leaders chairing various committees from charity to Learning Forum. Students take the lead on improving the school and improving us as a learning community.

### **Charity Fundraising**

Throughout the year the Charity Committee organises events to raise funds for various charities such as Children In Need and Comic/Sports Relief.

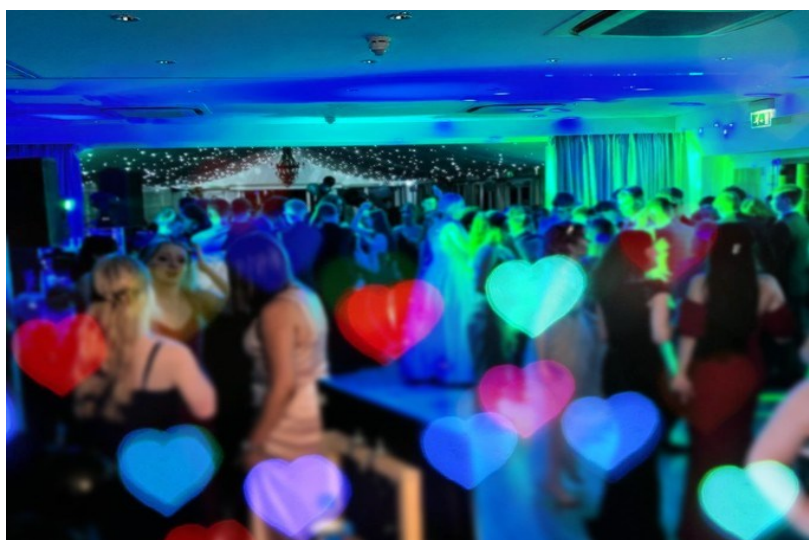
### **Extra Curricular Activities**

Sixth Form students are involved and often lead activities such as Young Enterprise as well as supporting in lower school lessons. In addition to this, the Sixth Form maintains the strong sporting enthusiasm generated in Years 9—11 and have gained successes in Football, Rugby, Hockey, Cross Country and Basketball. There is also a fitness gym available for students to use.



### **Events**

Throughout the year we organise Sixth Form socials and end the year with a Prom for Year 13 students to celebrate their time they have spent at Arrow Vale Sixth Form and their achievements during those years. A Prom Committee is set up to organise the event and make it a night to remember.





# Care and Support

**Prior to entering the Sixth Form our Year 11 students are given information relating to the Sixth Form at the Open Evening and a subsequent individual interview. A member of the leadership team will discuss course choices and confirm suitability.**



Once registered, our students are placed into mixed ability, level and gender tutor groups. Their tutor will be their first tier of support and will guide them through a comprehensive tutorial programme. This includes current affairs, Learning for Life, and a current issues quiz.

Students in Year 12 also support main school tutor groups one morning a week which is aimed at developing students' confidence and leadership skills.

There is an assembly once a week which is delivered by the Sixth Form Team with the aid of visiting speakers. These include universities, charitable groups, health education groups and the armed forces as well as representatives from the local community.

All students take part in a first month assessment period in each of their chosen subjects. If students are successful in the first 4 weeks they will be allowed to continue with their course choices. In some cases this assessment period highlights areas which may need addressing, or that a potential change of course may be required.

“ Students receive effective guidance and support regarding their next steps and future careers. **OFSTED** ”



# Our Facilities

**Arrow Vale has some of the best Sixth Form Facilities in Worcestershire.**



## Sixth Form Area

The Sixth Form has its own bespoke area known as the Forum. This is split into four areas all of which have wireless internet access. There is a bespoke IT suite with 20 networked PCs, and two common rooms that offer an office environment where students can work in small groups. We also have a dedicated Independent Study Area in which students are expected to work silently on coursework, revision and work set by the course teachers. All students are also provided with a locker to store their possessions.



## The Olympus Café (OC)

Should students wish to grab a drink throughout the day, they have exclusive access to the OC. The OC has a plasma screen to allow students to keep up to date with the news, and wireless internet is available so that this can also be used as a comfortable working environment, when not in lessons or study periods.



## Sixth Form Art Room

Art and Design students have a designated art room to support them in their work and enable them to practice in their independent study periods.



## Sports Facilities

We have excellent sports facilities including a Gym, fitness suite, sports hall, studio, and a 4G Astro turf. We also have football and rugby pitches.



# Central Region Schools Trust

**Central Regions Schools Trust is a group of inclusive schools working together so that all aim high and achieve their very best. Discovery and innovation are at the heart of all we do.**

Central Regions Schools Trust was founded by the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (Royal Society of Arts or RSA).

The Trust is now an DfE approved academy sponsor, recognising the collective strength of our trust and schools.

The Trust ensures social justice through exceptional schools. A founding principal was that our schools, 'know' and serve their local community, whilst also recognising that shared knowledge and expertise across our schools makes us all strong in delivering the vision.

The family of schools now stand at a total of 12 schools and is continually growing and developing. The schools within the Trust are:

- Abbeywood First School
- Arrow Vale High School
- Arrow Valley First School
- Church Hill Middle School
- Gospel Oak School

- Holyhead School
- Ipsley CE Middle School
- Lickhill Primary School
- Oldbury Park Primary School
- St Stephens CE First School
- Sutton Park Primary Schools
- Waseley Hills High School

“ All staff are highly committed and passionate about their work in school and students praised the staff as being one of the strongest aspects of the school. ”

**IQM**



*Supporting Social Justice through Exceptional Schools*

**Mission**

To promote opportunity and social justice for every child through exceptional schools.

**Vision**

What CRST hopes to achieve:

As a trust founded by The Royal Society of Arts, our exceptional schools work together to create learning that is inspirational for all: igniting imagination and enabling creativity and curiosity which results in the highest achievement. People are valued and happy, developing their knowledge, attributes, skills and networks for success and fulfilment. In our empowered communities, everything is possible and aspirations are high.

Outcomes are highly impressive.

**Values**

The ethics and drivers of CRST

**Integrity**

Integrity in everything we do, in our leadership and practice, in our approach and in the ways we build the character of our children.

**Excellence**

Excellence in leadership, teaching and learning, resulting in excellent outcomes for every child.

**Creativity**

Creativity is fostered to encourage powerful thinking into practical action.

**Community**

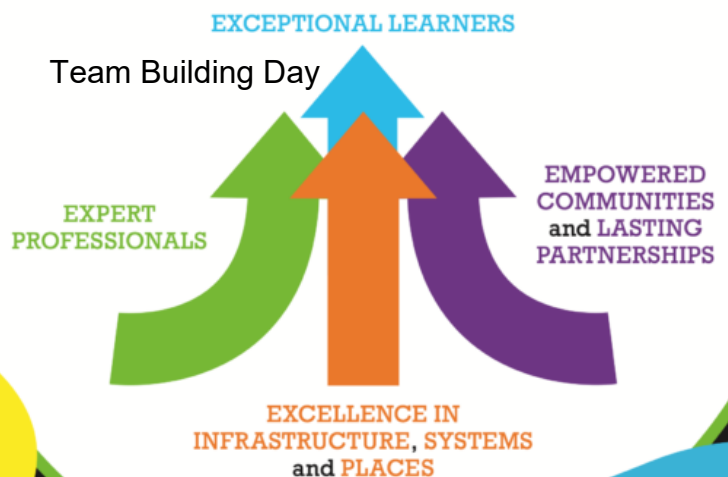
Building empowered communities and networks where everything is possible and aspirations are high.

**Respect**

Respect for others is intrinsic in all our behaviours and ensures we embrace all strands of inclusion.

**Strategic Objectives for 2021 – 2024**

What we are aiming to achieve for our pupils, staff and communities





Central Region  
Schools Trust

*Founded by the RSA*



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