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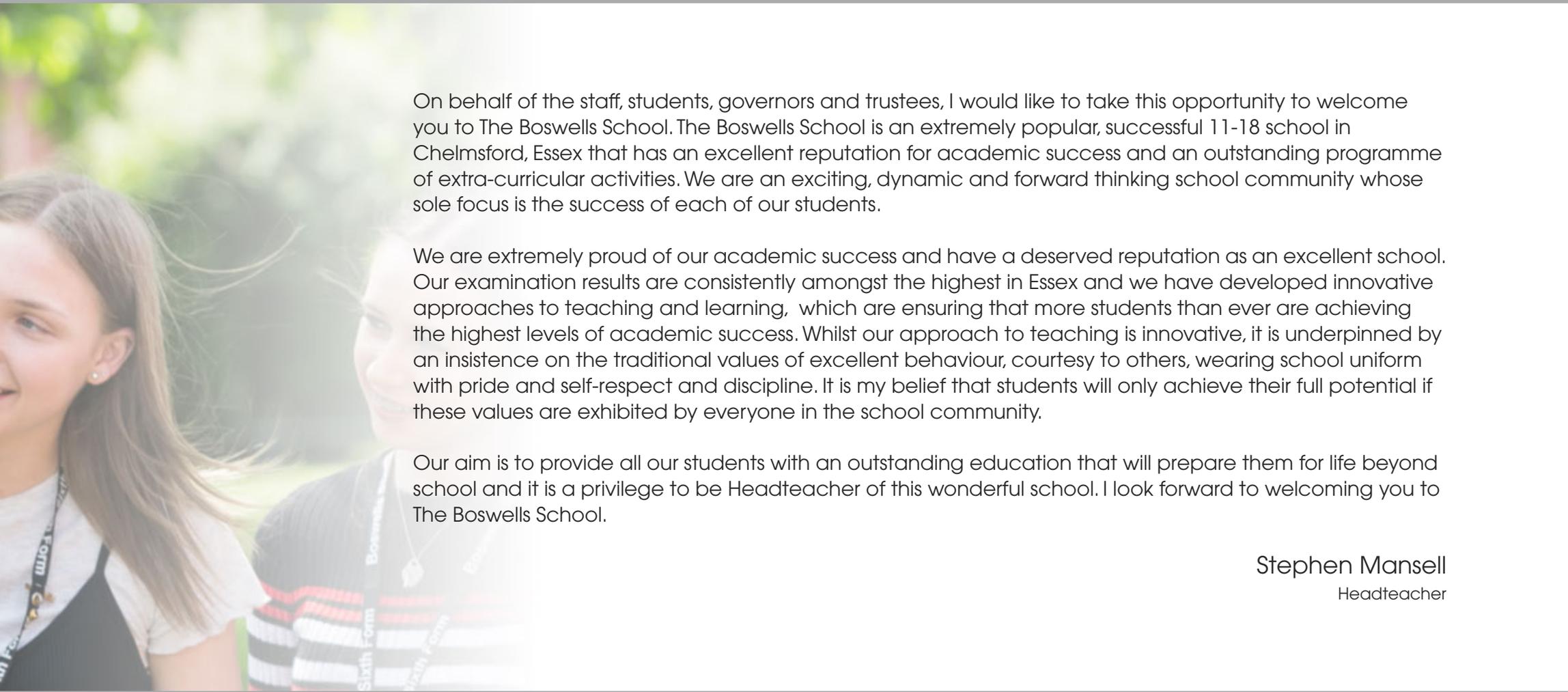
A community of lifelong learners where everyone can thrive



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# A warm welcome to The Boswells School



On behalf of the staff, students, governors and trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to The Boswells School. The Boswells School is an extremely popular, successful 11-18 school in Chelmsford, Essex that has an excellent reputation for academic success and an outstanding programme of extra-curricular activities. We are an exciting, dynamic and forward thinking school community whose sole focus is the success of each of our students.

We are extremely proud of our academic success and have a deserved reputation as an excellent school. Our examination results are consistently amongst the highest in Essex and we have developed innovative approaches to teaching and learning, which are ensuring that more students than ever are achieving the highest levels of academic success. Whilst our approach to teaching is innovative, it is underpinned by an insistence on the traditional values of excellent behaviour, courtesy to others, wearing school uniform with pride and self-respect and discipline. It is my belief that students will only achieve their full potential if these values are exhibited by everyone in the school community.

Our aim is to provide all our students with an outstanding education that will prepare them for life beyond school and it is a privilege to be Headteacher of this wonderful school. I look forward to welcoming you to The Boswells School.

Stephen Mansell  
Headteacher

“Your school is truly inclusive. Every pupil is valued and encouraged to fulfil their potential.”

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# Our Values

At The Boswells School, our aim is 'to provide a truly outstanding education for all our students'. To achieve this, every member of our school community adheres to those values that are fundamental to the success of The Boswells School:

**High quality teaching and learning:** We believe that great teaching and learning should take place in every lesson.

**Exemplary Behaviour:** We have the highest expectations of our students and we reward hard work and effort. Our students take pride in being part of our community and are polite, courteous and dedicated.

**High Achievement:** We believe students, regardless of their ability, should make excellent progress. Our rigorous and detailed tracking systems allow us to ensure that all students fulfil their full potential.

**Aspiration:** We believe that all students should be given the opportunity to follow a career pathway that is relevant to them after The Boswells School. We expect all our students to aspire for excellent academic achievement, regardless of ability.

**Personalised Curriculum:** We believe in the importance of helping our students achieve their future ambitions through a curriculum pathway that suits their individual beliefs.

**Developing Character:** We believe in the importance of helping our students develop into independent, confident young people who will go on to make an outstanding contribution to society. We offer a range of school trips, sporting clubs and teams, extra curricular clubs and enrichment activities to help support and complement the learning that goes on in the classroom.

“I can't speak highly enough about the staff and the care given to the students by the school. Thank you all for your dedication”

Year 7 Parent



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# Aspiring for excellence

**“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit”**

Aristotle

One of the key aspects of our school is the belief that our students should aspire for excellence in everything they do. Regardless of ability, we expect our students to be the very best they can be and as a school community we do everything to ensure we support and encourage this. Our focus on the individual child ensures that our students are happy, enjoy school and are proud to be part of our school community.

Our student rewards system ensures recognition for all students when they have worked hard and have contributed to the school community. This is vitally important to us as we believe that students who enjoy coming to school will achieve their full potential and this achievement will lead to success.

We believe that our high expectations regarding student behaviour and our encouragement of our students plays a significant role in their success at school.

**“Pupils are proud of their school, appreciate the efforts made by their teachers and work hard in lessons.”**

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# Achieving academic success



We are incredibly proud of our levels of academic attainment and students of all abilities make very good progress. The vast majority of our students move on to study at either our superb Sixth Form or local colleges after Year 11 and we are proud of the way in which we prepare our students for life beyond our school. We take time to ensure that our students are fully prepared for their examinations and this has resulted in our high levels of attainment which are amongst the highest in Essex and significantly above the national averages.

We are extremely proud of our approach to teaching and learning at The Boswells School. Our approach uses the latest technologies to support our teachers to deliver outstanding learning. Our curriculum is designed to ensure that all students, regardless of academic ability, are able to make exceptional progress.

**“The students move around the school purposefully, wear their uniform with pride and arrive at their lessons on time and well equipped to get on with their learning.”**

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**“Boswells is an excellent school that puts the children at the centre of everything”**

Year 7 Parent



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# Ensuring a smooth transition

We understand that children get one opportunity at secondary school and our comprehensive transition programme ensures that our new Year 7 students have the best possible start to secondary education. We invest heavily in the transition programme because we understand how important it is to get it right for every child.

By spending the time we do before your child joins us, the vast majority of our students start Year 7 without any concerns. Whilst we are a large school our transition programme is built upon the principle of 'making a big school small' and our dedicated pastoral team ensure a successful start to life at secondary school. This is important to us as we believe that a good start to year 7 is the foundation upon which future success is built.

**“My child has had a great start to secondary school life. All 4 of my children have attended Boswells and feel strongly that it has helped turn them into the people they are today. Boswells is a great school. Thank you”**

Year 7 Parent

**“The Boswells school is an excellent learning environment with dedicated, professional staff who are committed to providing an inspirational school.”**

Year 8 Parent



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# Enrichment beyond the classroom

At The Boswells School we believe in the importance of expanding our students' horizons through a wide and extensive range of enrichment activities and extra-curricular clubs. Our extra curricular programme is recognised as one of the most successful and wide ranging in Essex. Our sports clubs are extensive and our teams compete in local, county and national competitions in a diverse range of sporting activities. Our Performing Arts clubs perform in a variety of productions and concerts every year as well as performing in a variety of high profile events.

Our varied trips and visits programme ensures that all our students have the opportunity to experience learning outside of the classroom, whether this be locally or abroad. All students have the opportunity to travel to Europe and those students studying languages at GCSE have the opportunity to spend an extended period of time in France, Spain or Germany.

“Boswells is a fantastic school with great teachers in all subjects. My child thoroughly enjoys spending each day here. The extra curricular clubs are a huge asset too.”

Year 8 Parent



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“ Pupils really appreciate the enthusiasm teachers demonstrate for their subjects. They told us this enthusiasm motivates them to want to do their very best. ”

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# An Outstanding Sixth Form

The Boswells School has an extremely popular and highly successful Sixth Form that offers our students an outstanding post-16 A Level provision. Students in the Sixth Form have access to over 25 A Levels to study as well as first class facilities for extended and supervised study. We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form and the outstanding levels of achievement made by our students and many students go on to study in top universities in the UK and abroad. Whilst we recognise the importance of academic success, our students also benefit from a wide range of opportunities and experiences that enable them to play a full role in the school and wider community. We believe these opportunities, coupled with our outstanding levels of academic achievement, prepare our students fully for life beyond school.

## Visit us

No amount of text or publicity can replicate the experience of visiting the school to see first-hand the outstanding work that goes on in the school every day. We regularly show prospective parents around the campus and we look forward to welcoming you to the school. Please contact the school on **01245 264451** or at **admin@boswells-school.com** to arrange a time to visit us.

## Keep up to date with news and events at The Boswells School

You can keep up to speed with everything that is happening at the school by following us on Twitter **@BoswellsSchool** and through our Facebook page - **The Boswells School Official**. You can also sign up to receive our press and media releases direct to your email address. This service is free of charge and can be accessed by emailing **boswellsnews@gmail.com** and asking to be added to the distribution list. Finally, you can find a huge amount of information via our website: **www.boswells-school.com**



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