



THE
GARIBALDI
SCHOOL



PRIDE RESPECT ACHIEVE

Welcome

I feel extremely proud and privileged to be the Head of School at The Garibaldi School.

Students achieve well and the results in the summer of 2019 mean that student progress is 'above average'. Our P8 figure of +0.47 places us as the best school in Mansfield and in the top 10 secondary schools in Nottinghamshire.

This is down to the high aspirations, standards and the constant pursuit of excellence we have of our staff, students and local community.

Teaching is great and lessons enthuse and engage the students in their learning. A range of approaches are used in class to support and challenge students to be the best they can be. We aim to instil belief in our students that "anything is possible" and that "everyone can achieve".

Student welfare is paramount. Every student is allocated a mentor who will provide support, guidance

and pastoral care of the highest quality to ensure that students leave as well-rounded citizens who are ready and able to function effectively in life post-Garibaldi.

Strong, supporting and trusting relationships are a real strength of the school. This support structure includes regular contact with parents and carers, we try to make sure that we actively engage and listen to parents and carers. The words 'pride', 'respect' and 'achieve' summarise our school vision.

We encourage our students to take pride in themselves, the school and their community. We believe that all members of the school should behave well and have respect for each other. Therefore, by the time our students leave, they will have achieved well and developed the skills and qualities that they will need to lead a successful adult life.

James Aldred
Head of School



Ethos

The well-being and success of our students is at the centre of The Garibaldi School vision. The school is a safe environment where students can feel comfortable, well supported and confident.

We believe that it is our duty to develop the aspirations of our students and we encourage students to set high standards for themselves. As a result, targets are high and we expect high quality teaching and a personalised approach to learning to support our students to achieve.

Our students take pride in themselves and in being a part of The Garibaldi School. We help students develop independent learning, teamwork and leadership skills. Most importantly our students learn how to respect themselves and others. We are clear in the way that we expect our students to conduct themselves with all members of our community. Therefore, by the time our students leave, they have gained the skills, qualities, qualifications and personal attributes needed for a successful future.

This caring ethos sits within a structure that provides support for students and ensures regular contact with parents and carers. We actively engage and listen to parents, making sure their views shape school policies. We work with them as partners in their child's learning, personal development and well-being.



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The Garibaldi School is a very effective school which serves its local community well by providing a first rate education to all its students. We work in close partnership with other schools to ensure education across the local area is as good as it can be.

We make sure that we are transparent and explain carefully to all stakeholders the purpose of what we are trying to do. Students that leave The Garibaldi School are successful, thoughtful and independent.

They have been encouraged to aim high and are well equipped to meet the future challenges that they will face.

Garibaldi is recognised as a leading edge school-there are only a handful across the country recognised for their high standards, quality of education and exceptional outcomes.

In 2020, the school achieved three exceptional outcomes awards in recognition of the success of the students.

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral team knows each student as an individual and treats them as such throughout their time at the school and beyond. From the day they start in Year 7, each student's path through the school is guided by a caring team of professionals with unrivalled experience in pastoral care.

Your child is provided with the support, guidance and care they need whilst nurturing friendships and developing a strong sense of community.

Mentors play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well-supported and fully engaged in school life. Mentors also serve as the first point of contact between school and home.

As your child develops through The Garibaldi School, their progress and well-being is be closely monitored, ensuring that students are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

The Garibaldi School is a very caring community and the health, happiness and well-being of students underpins our overall ethos and philosophy.



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Curriculum

The emphasis in all year groups is to provide a broad and balanced school curriculum which ensures equality of entitlement and opportunity to all our students.

Key Stage 3

Year 7, 8 and 9 students are taught a broad curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, Spanish, Music, Physical Education, Performing Arts, Art, Design Technology, Food Technology, Geography, History, PSCE/Citizenship and Equality, Diversity and Religion. Students are placed in sets for English, Maths and Science according to KS2 SATs results — this is reviewed regularly with standard assessments within core departments, overseen by Achievement Leads.

In Year 8, more subjects introduce sets based on standard assessments and prior learning from Year 7, which they continue into Year 9.

Support for students with additional needs are largely provided by teaching assistants within mainstream lessons or as a targeted group based in the Student Support Department.

On some occasions, there is also a small amount of short term withdrawal targeted towards those individual students or small groups who most need it, delivered by a teaching assistant based in Student Support.

Key Stage 4

Level 2 qualifications

All students receive a core provision and study GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, Maths and Trilogy Science (double award). There is a core provision of PSCE and PE. Students then choose four options which begin in Year 10 to study over two years.

Subjects and qualifications on offer this year are:

GCSE History
GCSE Geography
GCSE Computing
GCSE Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
GCSE Design Technology
GCSE Spanish
Cambridge National Creative iMedia
Cambridge National Sport
Cambridge National Enterprise
Cambridge National Child Development
BTEC Art
BTEC Performing Arts
WJEC Hospitality and Catering

Key Stage 5

16–19 Level 3 qualifications on offer:

A-Level Business
A-Level Computer Science
A-Level English Literature
A-Level Geography
A-Level History
A-Level Mathematics
A-Level Psychology
LIBf Diploma in Financial Studies
BTEC Level 3 Art and Design
BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts
Cambridge National Level 3 Sport and Physical Activity

We also have access to A-Level Sociology, Chemistry and Physics at our partner school.



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Achievement

At The Garibaldi School, we believe that examination success allows our students to make the very most of their lives and student achievement is at the very heart of everything we do. We have developed a curriculum designed to challenge and engage students, offering them the very best preparation for examination success and the skills and confidence required to make full use of those qualifications.

We are aspirational in setting targets which will challenge students to be the best that they can be.

A commitment to high quality lessons which are engaging and inspiring is central to our curriculum and we aim to ensure the best experience and outcomes for our students.

We recognise that strength of character is as important as ability in ensuring students achieve. Through our

Attitudes to Learning system we look to develop students' willingness to learn, resilience, self-motivation, determination and skills of reflection, to ensure this strength of character. Students also have lessons in personal development and character development.

We believe in giving students every opportunity to explore and develop their full potential and therefore offer a broad range of academic, sporting and artistic courses along with extracurricular opportunities to develop the skills and understanding needed for achievement in the fullest sense of the word.

The Garibaldi School has a sustained track record of exam success and we are committed to continuous improvement in the support and opportunities we provide to students to ensure outstanding achievement for all.



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Enrichment

The Garibaldi School offers a wide range of enrichment opportunities that complement the classroom learning experiences and further supports the development of students as well-rounded individuals.

Most opportunities are department-based. PE and Sports offer a multitude of sporting opportunities including traditional sports such as football, netball and rugby. The department also offers more unusual opportunities such as table tennis, roller skating and parkour. The facilities include a brand new, floodlit, all-weather facility which is also available and used by the community.

The Creative Arts department hold an annual event to showcase work produced in class from Music, Drama and Art but also incorporates students who have taken their interests further and attended lessons with peripatetic music staff or have attended additional theatre workshops.

There are regular visits arranged by other departments to various parts of the United Kingdom to enhance what

students learn in class or to open their eyes to other opportunities. Examples of this include field work trips to the coast for Geography; a residential in London with the Science department visiting research facilities, science museums and hospitals; visits to the National Holocaust Centre for History and our annual visit to the Sheffield Institute of Sport, where we transport all students for Sports Day to experience what sport is like in a professional training environment, to name a few.

Our enrichment programme is constantly reviewed and opportunities sought throughout the year to extend our enrichment provision.





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Transition

We understand that the transition from primary to secondary education can be both an exciting and a challenging process for both students and parents.

Our transition arrangements are carefully planned to ensure that students are ready for a successful and enjoyable Year 7. If you have any questions regarding transition, at any stage of the process, please do not hesitate to ask. Staff are always available to answer questions at the various events or you can email the school at any time.

The Garibaldi School is increasingly popular and has become the school of first choice for students from a wide range of primary schools including our feeder primary schools as well as out-of-catchment schools.

How to apply

Applying for your place at The Garibaldi School couldn't be easier. All applications should be made through the standard Local Authority process and places will be allocated in the spring of Year 6.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to The Garibaldi School.



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