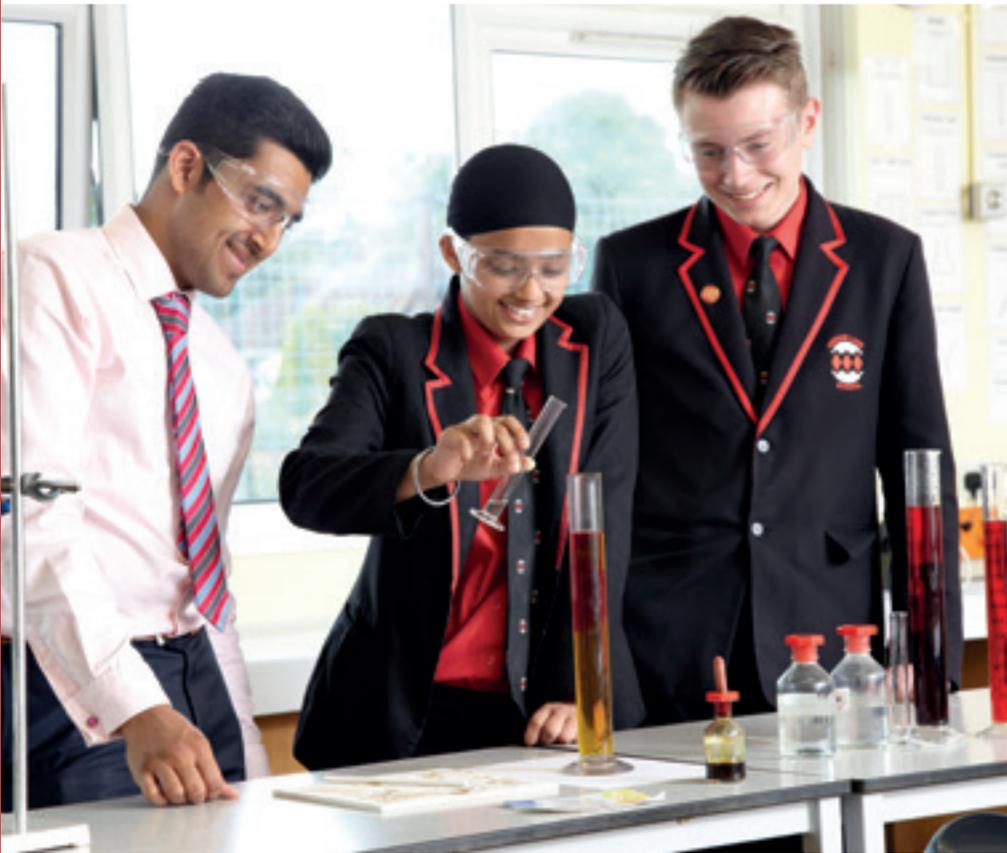




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# School Prospectus



# Dear Parent/Carer

Choosing your child's secondary school is probably one of the most important decisions that you have to make as a parent. Our prospectus will provide you with an insight into what Higham Lane School can offer your child. We were so delighted when OFSTED noted: "Students show exceptional attitudes to learning in lessons and are keen to achieve their best. There is a highly positive atmosphere in the school, and behaviour is outstanding".

As Headteacher, I feel enormous pride in telling you that our forward-thinking, high-achieving academy offers: the highest quality in teaching and learning, including e-learning, within a diverse curriculum that allows every learner to work at an appropriate pace; sensitive pastoral care that ensures your child feels happy and safe, especially if difficulties arise; careful tracking of your son/daughter's progress, against the challenging targets we set; excellent communication between parents and your child's Progress Leader, Form Tutor and teachers; outstanding relationships between staff and students and a Behaviour for Learning system that encourages students to make the right choices.

We have an exciting vision for our future which includes embracing state of the art learning and offers Sixth Form education in our brand-new Sixth Form Centre.

The students, staff, governors and I look forward to welcoming you to the School when you visit and answering any questions you may have about life at Higham Lane.

Best wishes  
Phil Kelly  
Headteacher

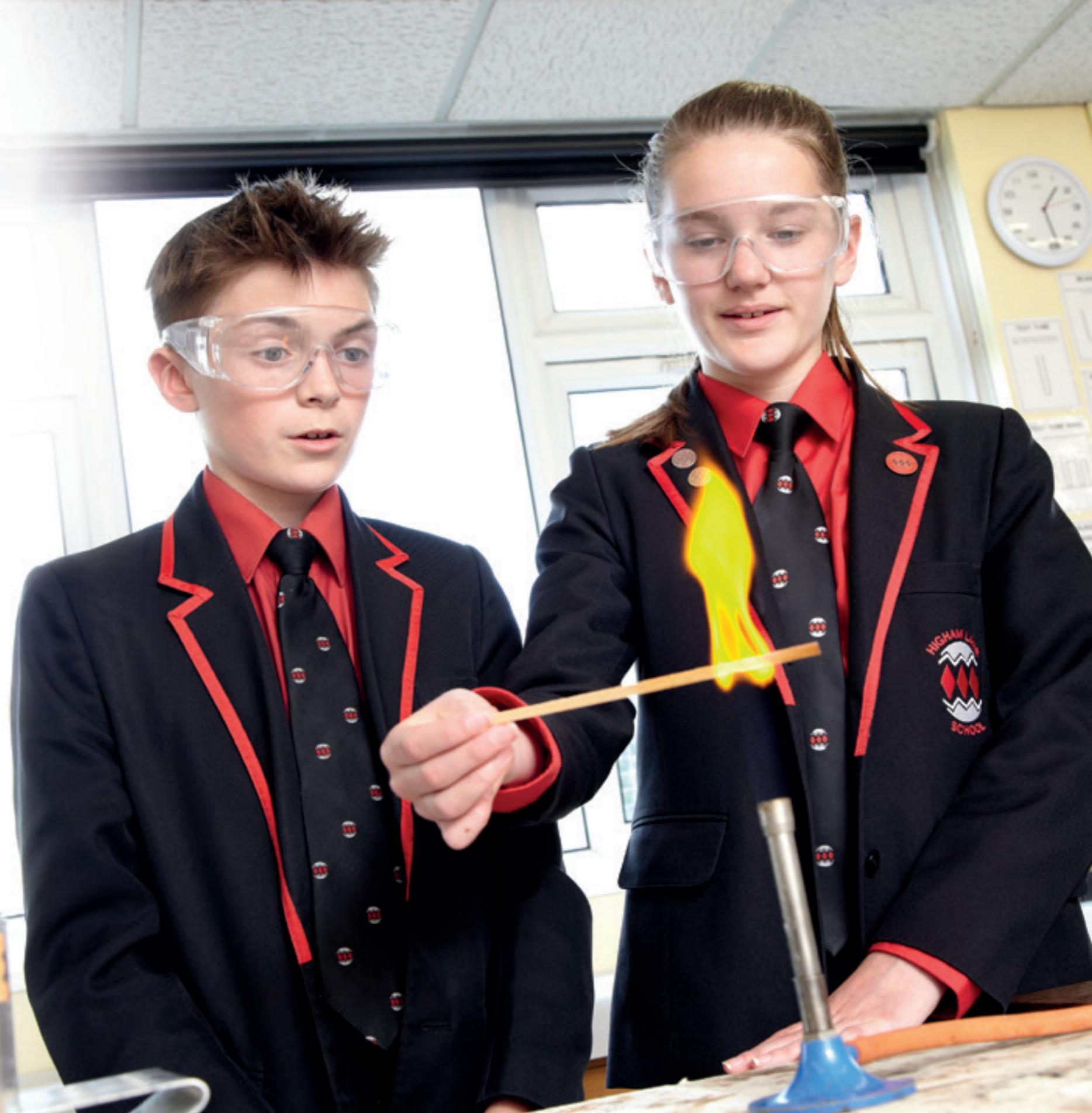


## School Aims

At Higham Lane School, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

- feel safe, happy, and healthy
- enjoy high-quality learning opportunities, in a school at the leading edge of innovation
- feel challenged and inspired to achieve excellence in every aspect of their lives
- become confident, enterprising, creative learners, fully-equipped for life and work
- become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the school, local, national and global community

"Often we don't realise we are learning because it's such fun." Rachel, Year 8





# Inspired In The Pursuit Of Excellence

“Leaders have an outstanding vision for Higham Lane School.” OFSTED

At Higham Lane School, we provide a personalised learning experience for every learner. All students benefit from a broad and balanced curriculum with opportunities for students to ‘fast track’ in certain subjects or receive additional support with their learning, depending upon their individual needs. All of our learners start their GCSE courses after two years with us. This provides our young people with a head start with these important qualifications. Taster lessons are offered to Year 8 students preparing to choose their GCSE options and Year 11 students preparing to choose their A levels.

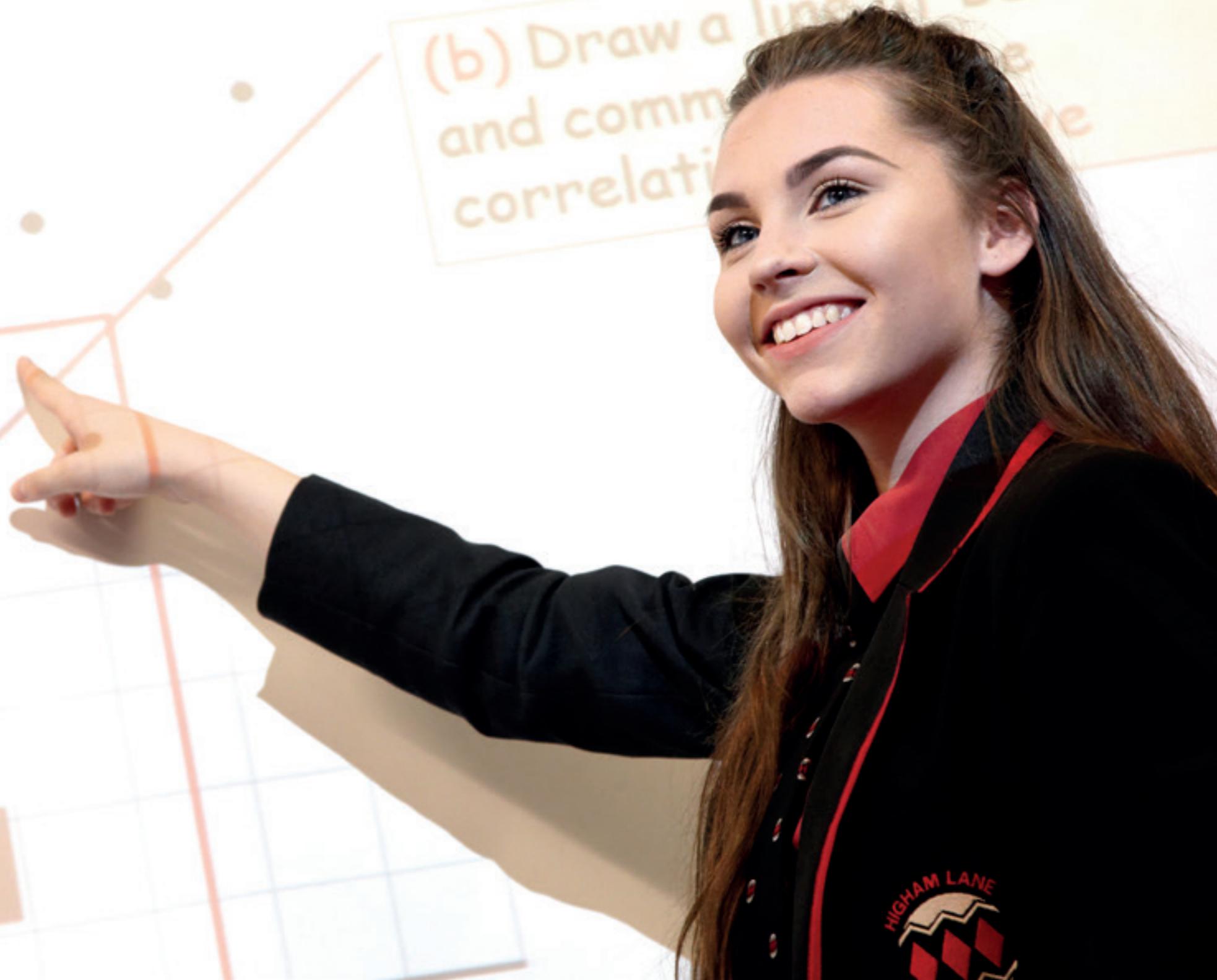
We challenge and inspire every learner, to allow them to achieve excellence in everything they do and take increasing responsibility for their own learning, to enable them to develop the skills required for further education, training and employment.

Our students enjoy a rich programme of extra-curricular activities that provide them with skills and interests for the rest of their lives. Our sports teams are highly-successful at local, regional and national level, particularly in netball and football. We have an excellent reputation for the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. We have received an International School Award in recognition for our work with schools, for example in The Gambia. Our students have also taken part in challenging expeditions to Arctic Iceland and Norway!

We offer a wide range of activities from computing and imagineering clubs, to student-run businesses and sports training, along with our annual Enrichment Week.

The School has a proud tradition of Performing Arts. Students can learn any instrument and join our orchestra, choirs or other musical groups. We’re strong on Art and Drama too; our annual musical is performed at a local community theatre.

Sporting opportunities are available to students of all abilities. In addition to sports such as football, rugby, netball and cricket, our students also learn dance and a range of other activities, including visiting a local gym within lesson time, to encourage life-long exercise.





# Outstanding Learning For All

Learning is at the centre of everything we do at Higham Lane School. We continually ensure that all of our students, regardless of gender, ethnicity or ability, receive the best-possible learning experiences to enable them to achieve their potential. Our forward-thinking curriculum, designed to meet the needs of all learners, is delivered by subject specialists, who embrace the latest innovations in teaching and learning. At Higham Lane, we continually support students to develop a love of learning to help them become learners for life.

Innovation is the byword for all that is delivered across our entire curriculum. Our teachers take part in research lesson study to investigate best practice in learning. Within ICT, students use the latest computer programming languages to code for a range of audiences, whilst students studying Art and Photography apply their artistic flair and technique using 21st Century, cutting edge IT equipment and software. Our Design and Technology Department has the latest CAD/CAM software and equipment to help develop students' skills to an industry standard.

“Students show great respect to staff, and have a thirst for knowledge and an eagerness to learn, that create a highly positive atmosphere for learning.” OFSTED





“Care, guidance and support are outstanding and contribute to the inclusive ethos of the School.”

OFSTED

# Safe In The Knowledge

The well-being and safety of our students is paramount in everything we do. We maintain an ethos in which students feel secure, their viewpoints are valued, and they are encouraged to talk and are listened to. We provide advice and guidance so that students have a range of appropriate support to which they can turn if they are anxious or in difficulties. Our Safeguarding arrangements are exceptional with several Designated Safeguarding Leads and regular assemblies and staff training continually raising awareness, to ensure that students are always safe.

Students are provided with opportunities to develop their social skills and to participate fully in all that Higham Lane has to offer; we celebrate the many achievements of our young people, both in and outside of school. In lessons and assemblies, students have the opportunity to develop their spiritual, moral, social and cultural understanding through learning about different communities, cultural traditions, British values and viewpoints. At Higham Lane, we are committed to community cohesion and ensuring our students make a positive contribution to not only the school community, but also the local, national and global community. Outside of school, our students fully engage with the community through a range of activities, including sports coaching for local primary school children, supporting the local food bank and organising Christmas parties for our elderly neighbours.

We actively encourage students to develop their citizenship, decision-making and leadership skills through opportunities to be Prefects, Year Ambassadors, Form Captains, Student Voice, Junior Leadership Team members and Junior Sports Leaders. Students have real opportunities to make a difference to our school and help us make it even better.





“Students enjoy taking an active role in the school, for example through the Junior Leadership Team.” OFSTED

# Paving The Way

Higham Lane School is an outward-facing learning community, with a commitment to continuously raising standards and achievement and improving outcomes for all learners.

Preparing students for their futures is at the heart of everything we do within Higham Lane. We encourage students to be creative, risk-taking team players, who develop essential work skills within all curriculum areas, through their experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Our partnerships with national and local firms enrich our learning, with strong links supporting our staff, to ensure our curriculum constantly develops.

Students are expected to take a professional approach to their learning, which is based upon a sense of responsibility and participation.

Standards across all subjects, including the EBacc subjects of English, Maths, Science, Computing, Geography, History and Modern Languages are very high and well above the national average, helping to provide students with the highest-quality learning opportunities, in readiness for the next stage in their education and their future working lives. We offer a wide range of courses which prepare students well for further study and employment.

“As students we use lots of different skills such as teamwork, communication and independent learning.” Daniel, Year 10



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