



**Prospectus**



## Our Vision

At Shenley Brook End School, we are a community in which everyone can flourish. We care deeply about ensuring that all students experience a vibrant and fulfilling education which supports them in developing both their individual qualities and in achieving academic success. We believe this can only be achieved through a student-centred culture which is dynamic, challenging and affirming.

We are a large and growing school which is a welcoming place where students are known and nurtured. Our five houses bring students from all year groups together with pastoral care also provided through a year group system. This combination of house and year group based structures offers a wide range of opportunities to make new friends, take on responsibility and receive academic and pastoral support.

To best support young people in preparation for adult life, we look well beyond examination results, whilst having high expectations that all students should fulfil their academic potential. We help grow confident and independent young people who are ready to learn, embracing challenges and opportunities that last well beyond their time with us in school.



## Welcome from the Headteacher

As Headteacher of Shenley Brook End School, it is my pleasure to provide you with our prospectus sharing the great work of students and staff here.

I have been part of Shenley Brook End School since 2012 and have held a variety of roles. I am delighted to now be leading the school. We are a large community of students, staff, parents, carers and governors. As a school we want to *create a vibrant community of exceptional people* through our Shenley Values of Be Kind, Be Respectful and Work Hard. We are proud to be founding members of 5

Dimensions Trust, which supports us to give your children the best possible secondary school experience.

Our unswerving desire to help everyone feel that they belong starts when students, staff or parents first enter the building. The experiences students have at Shenley Brook End School in their lessons, through our extensive extracurricular programme and pastoral care build a commitment to the school and its community.

Our students' qualities are as important as their qualifications. All students can excel through our innovative curriculum. We want our students to have the attitudes to succeed that employers value, the skills that will allow them to flourish in life, alongside the knowledge that will ensure academic distinction.

Our successful school has had many accomplishments through our fantastic CEIAG (Careers, Education and Independent Advice and Guidance) team. We have achieved 100% of the Gatsby Benchmarks; our students are in a very strong position to make informed decisions about their next steps in education. We are very proud that a number of our teachers and support staff were once students at SBE themselves. Whatever students aspire to in the future, our aim is to help them to become the best versions of themselves as exceptional members of our community.

**Mr Gareth McCluskey** - Headteacher

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## 5D Baccalaureate

Using our bespoke skills framework TENSILE, we will develop your child's transferable skills. These will become more important as your child moves through school and into the world of work, whether this is after further education, higher education or an apprenticeship route. To support in the development of TENSILE we have devised a range of Ambition Projects. Each subject team has written their own project within the classroom. Each project will help your child to look at subject specific skills and research techniques, as well as helping them form their own opinions based on their research. Your child will have the opportunity to present their project in their teaching groups for immediate feedback and recognition.

The 5D Baccalaureate credits students with the work they do outside of the classroom alongside the fantastic attitudes to learning they develop in their lessons.



## Curriculum (TENSILE)

Our framework clearly expresses our priorities in relation to the development of soft skills across the curriculum. The three core attitudes we encourage and develop are being kind, being respectful and working hard. We explicitly teach these values through our SBES Behaviour Curriculum. TENSILE is a word which means 'capable of being stretched' and a way in which we challenge and support our students, in developing the transferable skills required within and beyond school. These skills are Teamwork, Expression, Numeracy, Solving Problems, Independence, Literacy and Enquiry. We have an Employability framework.



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# Extra-Curricular

We strongly encourage students to participate in clubs after school. All of our clubs are free and they are extremely varied: sports, games, drama, music, art, Duke of Edinburgh Award, homework, school broadcast and many more. Research has shown that students who regularly participate in extra-curricular activities improve their attainment at Key Stage 3 and GCSE; it also shows an improved attitude and attendance at school. Our extra-curricular provision is very strong at SBES and has been recognised as such by Ofsted.



## PE Facilities and Basketball

We have three sports halls, an astroturf pitch, 4 tennis courts, a gym and large playing fields. We are very proud of our sporting achievements and SBES teams have a strong track record of success in Local and National Competitions. Our Basketball Academy is run by experienced and enthusiastic coaches; our coaches work with both the Junior and Senior Teams alongside encouraging wider participation in basketball from the rest of our community. Our Senior Basketball Team has an amazing record and has been promoted to the top division of national school basketball. Our basketball players not only have incredible skills, but play a critical part in being great role models, working with our younger students - including helping Year 7 students with reading.

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**Transition**

At SBES we know how daunting joining a secondary school can feel. We work closely with our primary schools to ensure that each Year 7 has the best possible start here. A group of teachers, including some of the Senior Team and the Pastoral Team, visit each primary school separately to talk to them about what to expect, but also to ensure that Year 6 students have a chance to ask questions about the school. In the summer term we welcome all new Year 7 students to our school to meet their Form Tutors, spending the day experiencing what life at SBES is like.



**Music and Arts**

We strongly value the arts at Shenley Brook End School. Our music provision is second to none in Milton Keynes. We have a large number of music ensembles, some of which are now led by our enthusiastic student leaders. Our Musicals have been exceptional, exemplifying all that our students learn and the dedication of our teaching teams in art, music and drama. Our recent production of Grease and previous performances of Oliver and High School Musical were absolutely brilliant. At KS3 students study art, music and drama throughout the year; alongside our commitment to arts in the curriculum, we offer all of our Year 7 students the opportunity to achieve the Bronze Arts Award.





## Sixth Form

Our Sixth Form is extremely popular with students and has an excellent track record of academic success. We offer a range of different courses and our this reflects our commitment to the arts and to languages, being both rich and varied. Our Sixth Formers benefit from dedicated Sixth Form facilities including: a separate study centre, access to Chrome Books, a Library and a Café. Our Sixth Form frequently has students going on to a range of prestigious destinations, including Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group Universities and some extremely competitive apprenticeships. Our Sixth Formers work closely with our lower school as mentors and support - we feel very proud of our Sixth Formers, and our Sixth Form provision.

### What Year 7 Say

"It is ok to be nervous, but I promise once you get through the doors it will be ok! You'll learn new things in a fun way"

"The teachers, if you have any problems, are friendly and will always help"

"The murder mystery is a great way to solve problems and train your brain - it is really fun! I really hope you enjoy your Year 7"

"Instead of trying to fit in, just be yourself and you will make friends"

"You definitely want to be a part of the whole school production - I took part in High School Musical, and it was so much fun"

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## Our Trust

Shenley Brook End School are part of the 5 Dimensions Trust. 5 Dimensions Trust exists to “*grow a vibrant community of exceptional people*”.

We bring this to life through our 5 Dimensions:

- Collaborating to ensure truly holistic education
- Rising together to the rigour of academic challenge
- Sharing to create a positive, high performing environment for staff
- Creating a supportive partnership with parents, carers and families
- Crafting a meaningful partnership with our wider community

