

Purbrook Park

High Achievement for All





Welcome

Choosing the right school for your son or daughter is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. We know that the education we provide will help to develop the strengths, build the character, and shape the future of your child.

At Purbrook Park, we have the highest expectations in terms of both academic achievement and conduct. As importantly, we strive to ensure that the time that pupils spend with us is filled with new challenges and exciting experiences that will enable them to embrace their future with vigour and compassion.

*“I would recommend
Purbrook Park
to anyone.”*

Year 9 Pupil

learning environment for our pupils but also enabled us to ensure that our pupils continue their post-16 education at college and university.

We are fortunate to be a Trust School, with membership of the Trust including the principals of Havant College and South Downs College; and representatives from Portsmouth University and the Girls' Day School Trust. Together, their support has not only helped to produce an outstanding



High standards

At Purbrook Park, we care about every child and strive to live up to our core value statement of 'High Achievement for All'. We have high expectations of our staff who provide excellent teaching and learning for all our pupils. We rigorously support continuous professional development for our teachers, enabling them to develop expertise in their field and to share and develop best practice within our school community.

Our pupils achieve high results in examinations with our results being higher than any other non-faith state school locally. We constantly review and adapt our curriculum to ensure that every pupil makes the best possible progress. Throughout your child's learning journey, we work closely with parents – setting targets, supporting home learning and carefully monitoring progress – to encourage your son or daughter to take increasing responsibility for his/her own learning and progress.

*“ At Purbrook Park,
we expect every pupil to
take a part in shaping
our school.”*

Head Girl







Inspirational learning

Purbrook Park provides an exceptional, engaging and motivating learning environment that allows pupils to flourish both inside and outside the classroom. We focus on offering a broad education, with many opportunities beyond the school grounds including day visits, residential trips and special events such as sporting, creative or debating competitions.

With realistic individual targets being set, work is regularly marked and monitored for progress. This enables intervention strategies to be put in place, where necessary,

to ensure that pupils make the most of their abilities. Home Learning plays an essential role in reinforcing classroom studies, developing independent learning skills and encouraging reflection on completed work.

“ Winning Rock Challenge was the best day of my life.”

Year 10 Pupil

We have invested in a brand-new, state-of-the-art ICT infrastructure and further imminent investment in our buildings and sports amenities will provide outstanding facilities for your son or daughter. In addition, pupils enjoy specialist resources in the Art rooms, Design Technology area and Science laboratories.



Pastoral support



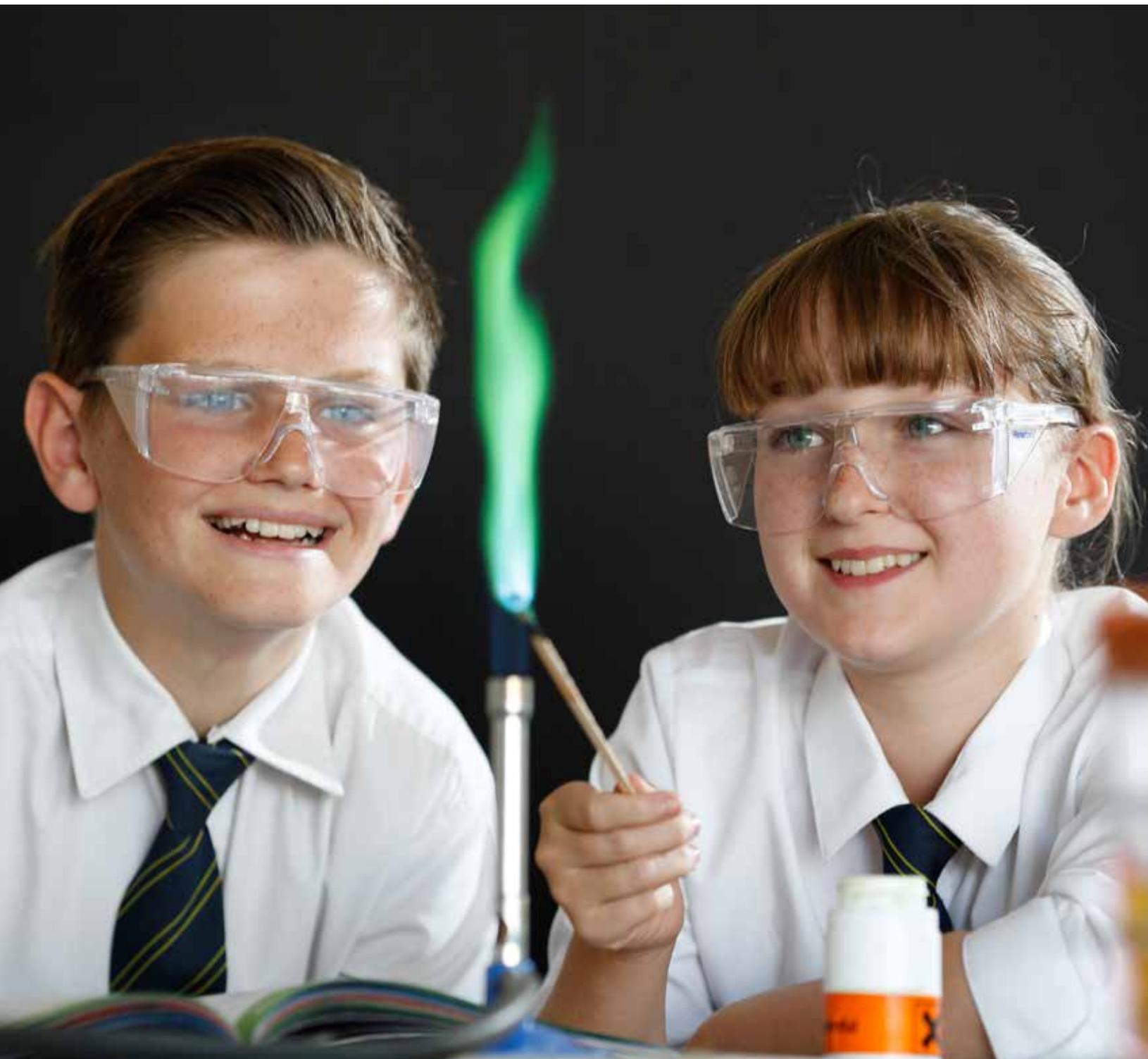
We aim to make the transition to secondary education smooth and stress-free by endeavouring to know as much as possible about every child before he or she joins us. To facilitate this, we have an excellent transition programme with a dedicated Transition Leader to assist every family.

Our strong pastoral structure comprises five Year Leaders who oversee pupils' attendance, behaviour and wellbeing on a daily basis. Each Year Leader remains with their allocated group as they progress through the school, enabling them to forge strong relationships with pupils and parents.

“Thank you for keeping us so well informed.”

Year 7 Parent

We believe that every child entrusted to us is special, with unique talents and abilities. Our aim is to discover these strengths and nurture them, enabling our young people to develop their skills, both in the classroom and through extra-curricular activities. Tutors are the key to success here, working closely with pupils, Year Leaders, parents and carers. As each tutor group meets briefly in the morning and for a longer session at the end of every school day, Tutors know their pupils well and can ensure that they are happy in themselves and at school.





Enriching lives

We offer an all-round education that gives pupils the opportunity to stay healthy through participation in a wide range of sports and to showcase their talents in the performing arts. In addition to dramatic productions, dance shows and musical concerts, pupils can join the choir or learn a musical instrument. In this

way, we enable our young people to develop an outstanding portfolio of skills, which last for a life-time. Many of our pupils succeed in becoming successful sports persons, whilst others explore their creativity and excel in the arts.

Pupils are encouraged to take part in a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs – such as cookery, astronomy, Japanese and street dance – available before school, at lunch time and after school. Older pupils can

also enhance their initiative and teamwork through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

An 'early bird' breakfast facility allows working parents to drop pupils off to school, secure in the knowledge that their child can enjoy a healthy breakfast to start their day. We also have a late-opening resource centre to enable pupils to complete their home learning and use ICT facilities after classes.

“A focus on the development of pupils' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills is evident across all subject areas.”

Ofsted May 2013



Community spirit

With an ethos that rewards success, we use the highly acclaimed Vivo system to recognise achievement, effort, behaviour and citizenship. In this way, we encourage pupils to develop the habits, attitudes and personal qualities required to thrive in the modern world.

Pupils are keen to be involved in the life of the school, with many taking on responsible roles such as being a member of the School Council, Head Boy or Head Girl, as well as Sports Ambassadors, who promote sport both on site and in local primary schools.

The Purbrook Park community also extends to parents and carers, with families giving valuable feedback on academic and social issues through the Parents' Forum in order to help make improvements that will benefit all pupils. We are also fortunate to have a thriving PTA that organises successful events throughout the year to raise funds for the school.

“Our Christmas Fayre is a huge success!”

Member of our PTA





Next steps



As well as taking seriously our responsibility to develop pupils' enquiring minds, we encourage all our young people to have high expectations of themselves. Our aim is that they leave school with the independent study skills and confidence to take the next steps towards achieving their dreams and aspirations.

Throughout their time at Purbrook Park, pupils benefit from our focus on developing transferable skills. Whether in the classroom, through our enrichment programme or in extra-curricular activities, we help pupils to acquire the problem-solving, communication and collaborative skills that will prepare them well for further or higher education and the workplace.

“ We look forward to welcoming you to Purbrook Park.”

Head Boy

As they progress through the school, we support pupils with comprehensive careers advice, culminating in guidance for writing CVs, attending job interviews and following pathways into college or university. Pupils are also able to benefit from the excellent links with local education providers that have been developed through our Trust status.



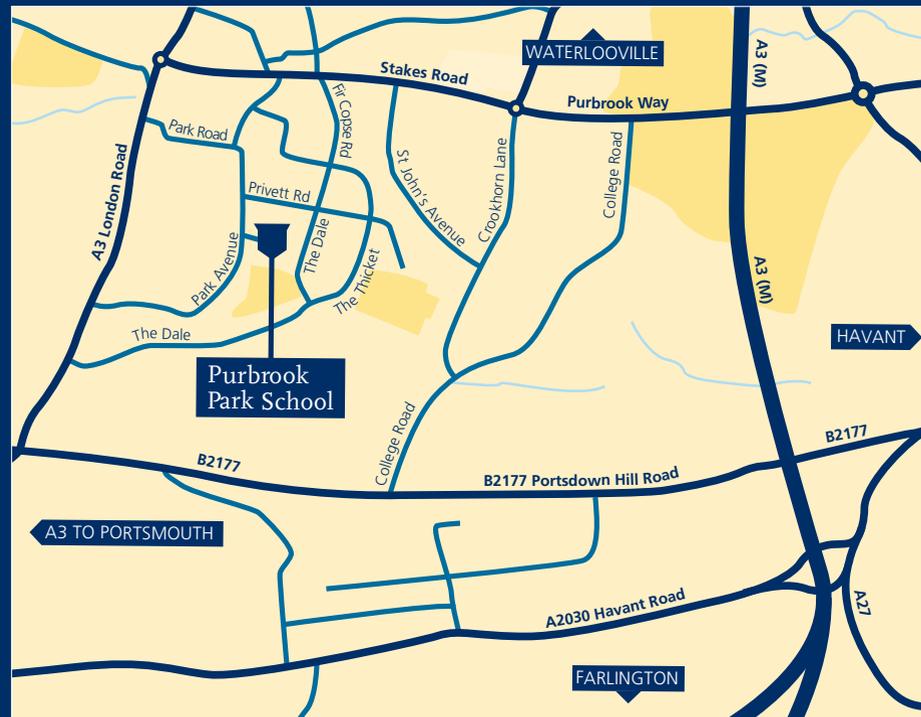
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