

## **ABOUT US**

Achievement is at the heart of everything we do. Committed to the highest standards of teaching and learning, we use a combination of challenge, support and praise to ensure that all pupils fulfil their potential and achieve their best. We are consistently in the top rank of West Sussex schools, and we regularly exceed both the national and Local Authority average for pupil attainment. Specific details of this year's cohort's performance can be found on our website.

We are an inclusive school, committed to providing the best education possible to boys of all abilities, in order for each individual pupil to achieve his personal best. Our SEND provision is highly thought of in the local authority, and we have been awarded the Autism Aware award for the excellent work we do with our ASC pupils. We work hard to identify barriers to learning, and then endeavour to work with parents, colleagues and educational professionals to address these barriers, so that no child leaves us without achieving their best.

We have very high numbers of pupils on our More Able and Talented register, and cater for them through our broad curriculum offer, our Effective Learning Groups policy and our wide range of extension activities. We are proud of our excellent facilities, designed to enhance the delivery of our curriculum and our own Continuing Professional Learning programme. Links with our partner girls' school are excellent, enabling both schools to provide the benefits of single-sex education whilst enriching pupils' experience through mixed social activities and school productions.

We also work closely with our other local schools, Tanbridge House School and The Weald School, Billingshurst, and our local 16+ providers, Collyers Sixth Form College and Crawley College. We have a range of vocational provision for our pupils. Liaison with local primary schools is strong, with staff and pupils sharing in various activities. Junior pupils and their teachers visit Forest to participate in events such as Science is Fun, Technology Day and Enterprise Days. Our boys visit primary schools to assist in activities such as sport and assemblies or to provide musical support.

We believe our school is very special happy and safe environment in which our boys can learn, grow and develop into confident and successful young men. We are experts in how boys learn best and our teachers tailor their lessons accordingly to encourage the highest standards of learning.

Forest School values each individual boy as unique and special. We believe we offer something for every pupil, whatever their ability, whatever their interests. We want each of our pupils to leave the school well qualified and well prepared for the next stage of their education. We emphasise personal responsibility, integrity and courtesy in all that we do because it is also important to us that they leave as kind, thoughtful, caring and well-rounded young people, who are pleasant and polite and who other people want to know. Most importantly, we want our pupils to look back at their time at Forest with pleasure and pride.

We are equally committed to the professional development of all our staff and our Continuing Professional Learning Programme and induction for new staff are both highly thought of. We emphasise teamwork and internal support, with an open-door culture and an emphasis on the joy of working with young people.