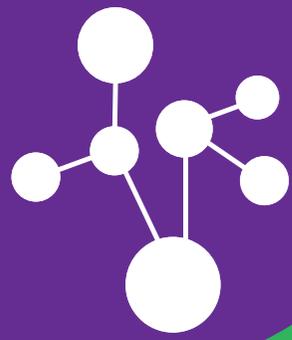


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PROSPECTUS



Welcome to Plympton Academy

This prospectus will provide you with an overview of the exciting opportunities available at our school for your child.

At Plympton Academy, we believe in expanding the world of our students and them being the best they can be.

We ensure all of our students and staff develop our Core Values of Community, Courage, Compassion and Curiosity. These Core Values help develop our students as resilient learners ready for life in the 21st Century.

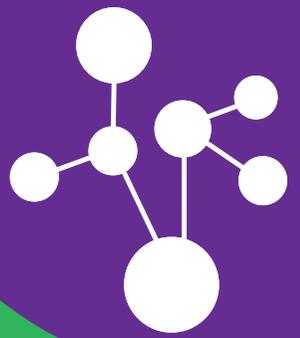
Our students are involved in every aspect of Academy life beyond the classroom; extra-curricular clubs and trips are always available, but our students also take an active role in

shaping the future of the Academy through a wide range of student leadership activities.

At Plympton Academy, we are proud to see our students leave the Academy as a rounded, confident, independent young adults, equipped to take pride in their achievements and pursue their dreams.

We have regular Open Events, and the school is happy to meet with potential students any time during term time. Our team look forward to seeing you at Plympton Academy very soon.





Transition at Plympton Academy

Plympton Academy is proud of our excellent links with primary schools in Plympton, and further afield.

Our Primary Partnership Programme builds relationships with students in years 4 and 5 by inviting them into the Academy for lessons that support their KS2 curriculum in Science, Art and Performing Arts.

We also offer an opportunity for all primaries to join taster sessions with us in any subject of their choice.

This is in addition to our traditional taster sessions across all subjects in June of Year 5 in preparation for making informed choices for their secondary school placement.

During this time, students experience hands-on lessons and learn what life is like at secondary school.

The transition process is very important and has been developed to ensure academic progression and pastoral care.

Students' past experiences and knowledge are considered when planning provision for them and we work closely with the primary schools and families during the summer term.

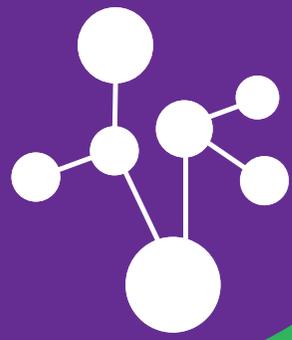
We visit every school to ensure that we have all the information necessary to help our students make the transition smoothly and offer a

unique, bespoke additional transition support for those children who may find the process overwhelming.

This includes our friendship picnic and additional sessions at the academy for students to make friends and become familiar with our setting.

All new students come to us in July for induction days where they meet their tutors, spend time with their new tutor group and experience a range of lessons.





Thinking, Teaching & Learning

Students love the challenge of thinking and learning. At Plympton Academy we strive to offer all our students the very best learning experiences available.



Our teaching is relevant, varied and challenging, imparting skills that make learning enjoyable and bring academic success.

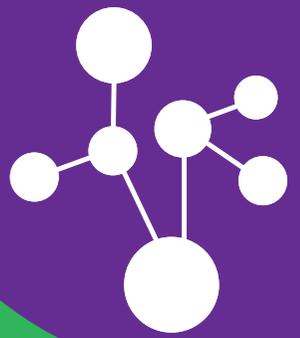
We want our students to be independent learners and to be resilient when the learning process proves challenging.

As an accredited Thinking School (University of Exeter), we ensure that students understand how they think and how they can use this to achieve further academic success.

Our subject teachers aim to engage with all students by providing interesting and interactive lessons, monitoring student learning and intervening when required.

We want to ensure that every young person can achieve their true potential whilst with us.





Our Academy Curriculum

We pride ourselves on offering a rich, varied and aspirational curriculum for all of our students.

We believe that young people achieve their best in a learning environment in which they feel valued and respected. We aim to motivate all our students through building enthusiasm for their studies and encouraging them to become independent learners.

All students at Key Stage 3 follow a broad and balanced curriculum which includes all the National Curriculum subjects, with all students studying English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, a Modern Foreign Language, ICT, Sport and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education.

As students move into Key Stage 4 the range of subjects expands so students can choose from a wide range of options, including a full range of traditional GCSE and BTEC courses.

As a Thinking School, our curriculum is designed to help students learn how to think reflectively, critically and creatively so that they can solve problems, make decisions, communicate their ideas effectively and work efficiently within teams and groups.

It is through the development of these personal capabilities and effective thinking skills that students will embrace the opportunities and challenges of life-long learning and be successful.



Supporting Students

Good learning happens when students feel secure and enjoy school life. We have high aspirations for every student and put in place the necessary support to help each child achieve.

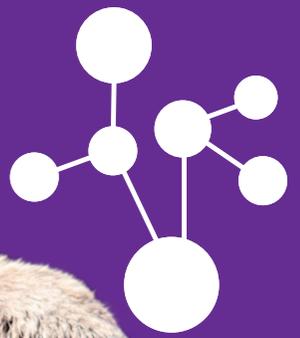
We provide high levels of pastoral support and work hard to instil our values in our students.

We do not tolerate bullying and our students know who to talk to if they have any concerns.

High achieving students are mentored to ensure their requirements are being met in mainstream lessons and through a range of enrichment and extension opportunities.

Support for students with special educational needs, whether these are academic, social, emotional or physical disabilities, is met in a variety of ways, for example: through class support, negotiated withdrawal to work with literacy or learning support assistants and through working in small groups.





Proudly part of a wider community

Plympton Academy is a school which serves its community and we encourage all our students to engage with their community through a range of events and projects.

We are proud of our links with the Plympton community and have forged many links with local MP's, businesses, media and many more to ensure our students recognise their place within this wonderful community.

Proudly part of a learning community

The Thinking Schools Academy Trust, is made up of a family of schools that work together to "transform the life chances" of all our children and young people.

We share a common mission to nurture successful young people who are confident and can think and act independently.

As part of the Thinking Schools Academy Trust, Plympton Academy takes pride in the unique approach we take to education: we provide our students the skills and tools they need to think in a variety of ways and become lifelong learners.

Our students are equipped with a bank of Thinking Tools designed to prepare them for the range of scenarios, dilemmas and circumstances that they may face in life as part of modern society.

The use of these Tools in our curriculum is supported by scientific and metacognitive research, and students are encouraged to apply their tools independently and use them to unlock new ideas.

The concept of 'Being Your Best Self' is also at the heart of our approach to learning at Plympton Academy as part of our Thinking School ethos.



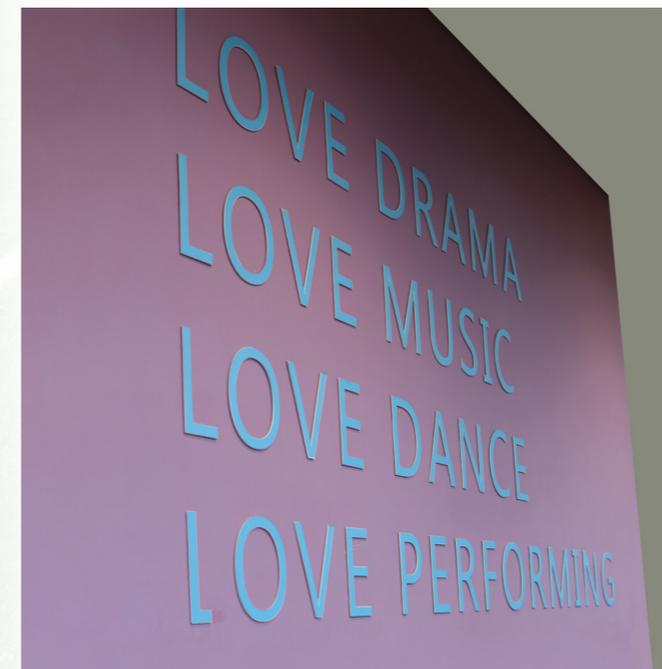
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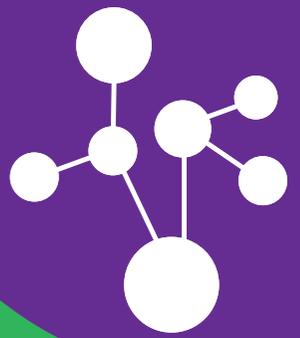
Here at Plympton Academy, we are extremely proud of all our sporting achievements and our facilities. We have one of the largest sites in Plympton, with an array of facilities to develop students' learning.

The Plympton Community Sports Centre, based on our site, offers a fitness suite, dance studio, sports hall and badminton courts, and is open to students and to the wider community.

Our Performing Arts facility includes a full-size dance studio as well as a recording studio and theatre performance space.

Our 3G pitch means that football and rugby training and matches can be played all year round.





Join Plympton Academy

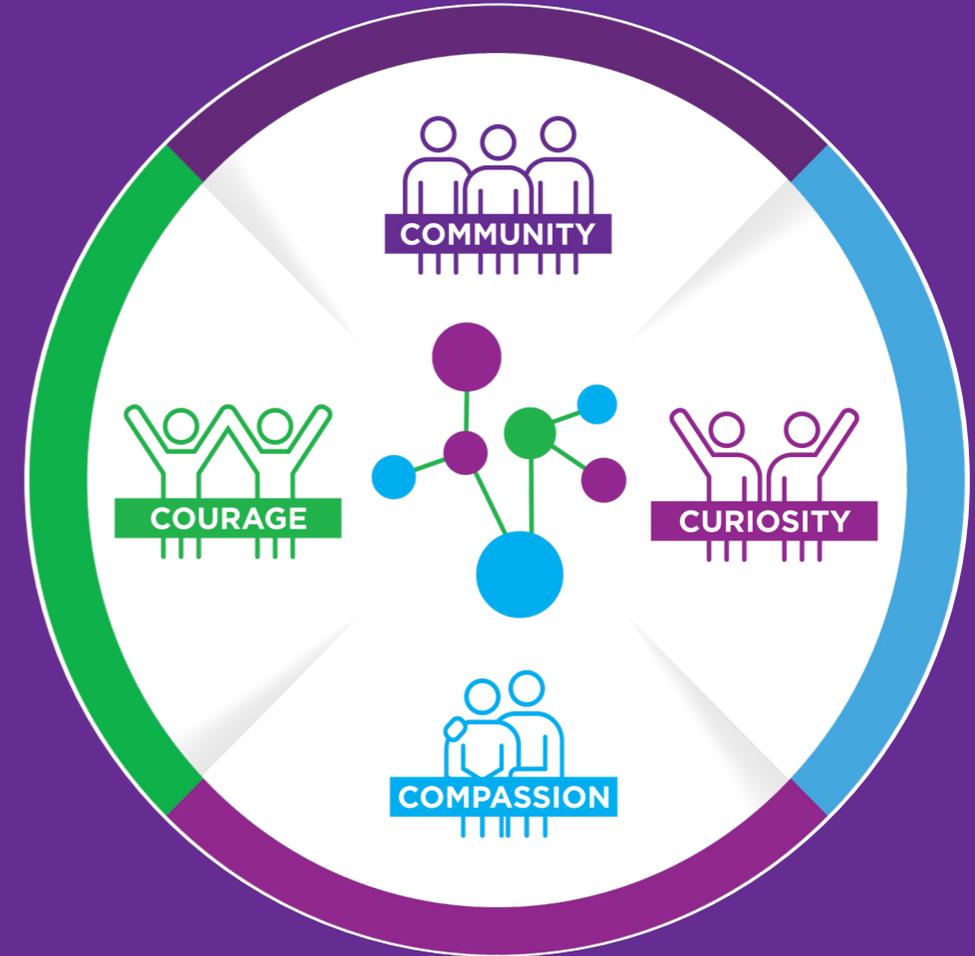
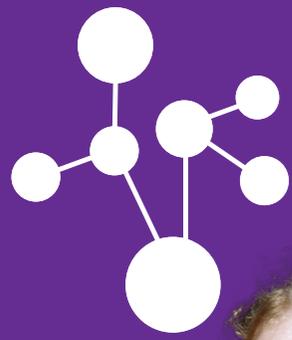
We will be consulting on our admission arrangements for the next academic year through Plymouth City Council. Keep an eye on our school website and social media for information about key dates and information on how to apply to study at Plympton Academy.

If you wish to find out about our Admissions policy or make any comments, please visit - plymouth.gov.uk/admissionconsultation

We offer a range of Open Events throughout the year: please scan the QR code which will take you to our website to find out more.

Our full admissions policy can be found on our website- plympton.academy





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