

The Ramsey Academy



Aspiration • Diversity • Endeavour



"All we ask of you is to..."



" All leaders and managers, including governors, have high ambitions for the students. They have made sure every student has the opportunity to achieve as well as they can." Ofsted

" Behaviour around the Academy is good. Students respect one another and adults. They have a positive attitude towards their learning and are proud to be part of the Academy." Ofsted

" Parents appreciate the quality of education the school provides" Ofsted

" Leaders have a good understanding of the needs of pupils" Ofsted

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read this prospectus. We hope it means you are already a member of, or seriously considering, joining us at The Ramsey Academy.

We are proud of our school community, especially our students. We recognise every student is unique with individual needs. Our aim is to ensure each one is challenged, enjoys learning and leaves us with not only good qualifications but also life skills that allow them to progress and contribute positively to the wider community. Staff and students work together to help us achieve our aim of being *“an outstanding school in the heart of the community”*.

Three key words embody this vision; **Aspiration**, **Diversity** and **Endeavour**.

We want our students to have high personal aspirations, be excited by the prospect of being challenged through participation in a range of activities, but realise that success requires dedication and hard work. Our philosophy is simple; *“be the best you can be”*.

Whilst this prospectus will provide a flavour of life at The Ramsey Academy, I would encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available to visit us when the school is in session.

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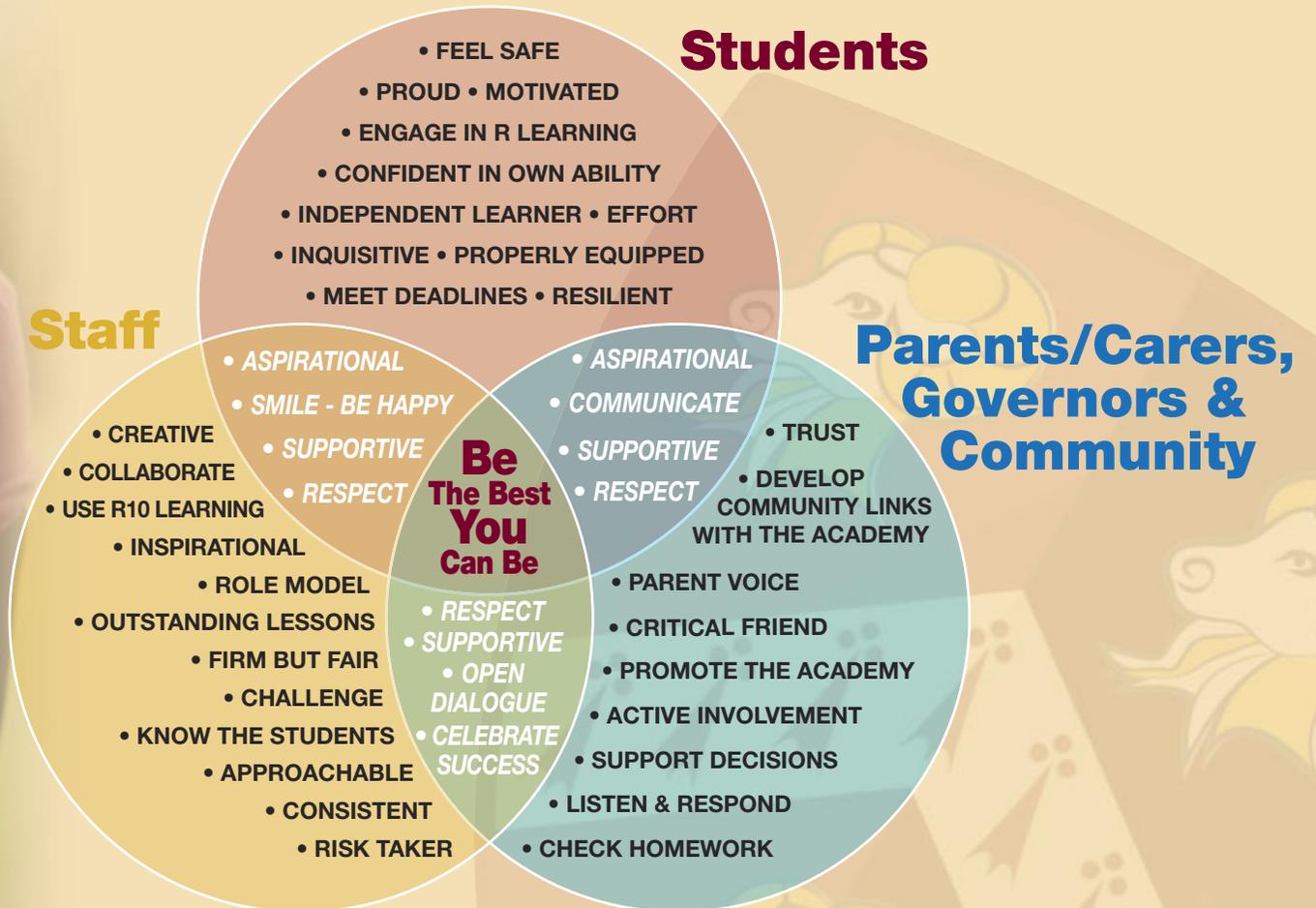
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These three words summarise succinctly the vision of our academy. They are also the names of our three Houses, constantly reminding us all of the principles that underpin what we do each day.

The House system is designed to embody our values and ethos and is an integral part of our school community. It stimulates *'healthy competition'* and ensures a sense of belonging throughout the school with the aim of raising the achievement and confidence of all students.





"There are good opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills through membership of the House Council, and anti-bullying groups, and to become prefects."

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High Quality Teaching & Learning

Our core purpose is to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning at the Academy is high and that our students are successful.

The **'Ramsey 10'** is our vision for effective teaching and learning. It contains the key parts that, we believe, ensure good and outstanding learning. From providing students with a clear understanding of what they are learning and what they are expected to achieve, to celebrating success and developing independence, the **'Ramsey 10'** underpins our work.

We are focussed on students being able to develop their skills and characteristics in order to achieve and **'be the best they can be'** whilst at the Academy as well as being fully equipped to flourish in their chosen paths. We also believe it is crucial that students are active participants in their own learning and that they take shared responsibility for their own progress. Students are encouraged to develop a **'growth mindset'** approach to their learning; embracing challenge, taking risks, whilst showing effort and resilience.

We are committed to supporting the professional development of our staff in order to enable them to provide a stimulating and effective learning environment where students are able to make good or better progress.

"Teachers have established an effective climate for learning, where students have positive attitudes to their work."

"Teachers have positive relationships with their students and support them well in their learning." Ofsted



"The quality of teaching is good overall and is improving. This ensure students make good progress across a range of subjects throughout the Academy."

"Additional adults are highly effective in supporting students' learning, both in lessons and in small groups." Ofsted

Fulfilling Potential

At The Ramsey Academy, students engage in a high quality curriculum. In Years 7 to 9 students have the opportunity to develop a variety of skills and knowledge through a wide range of academic and practical subjects.

In Year 10, students are guided into appropriate option GCSEs from a wide selection which complement the core GCSE subjects of English, Maths, Science and Triple Science option. Our curriculum is supported by various activities in which personal learning and thinking skills are highlighted in cross phase projects aimed to develop students' independent, creative, reflective and collaborative learning.

We actively encourage students to extend their learning beyond the classroom through a wide range of trips, visits and extra-curricular activities, both in this country and abroad. Students work towards completion of the Ramsey Achievement Award, which recognises academic progress, high levels of attendance and participation in a wide range of activities that develop life skills.





"Students take full advantage of the opportunity to take part in a wide range of after-school and lunchtime activities. Attendance at these activities is high."

"Students participate in a wide range of activities within the community. As a result, students are fully prepared for life in modern Britain."
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High Expectations

At The Ramsey Academy, every student, whatever their academic potential might be, is expected to work conscientiously towards aspirational but achievable targets. The latest Ofsted report commented that:

"All leaders and managers, including governors, have high ambitions for the students. They make sure every student has the opportunity to achieve as well as they can"

"Teachers have positive relationships with their students and support them well in their learning. As a result, students have the confidence to attempt work provided for them. Teachers monitor their work carefully to check they are making progress and provide support for any who are falling behind."

"Students have a positive attitude towards their learning. They are punctual to lessons and arrive with the correct equipment. Work in exercise books is well presented and students take a pride in their work." Ofsted





Enrichment

At The Ramsey Academy, we ensure that the talents and interests of students are nurtured and developed across a wide range of areas: academic, sporting, artistic and leadership.

Those students who already participate extensively in activities beyond the school curriculum will find support from staff to develop their personal talents.

We are committed to working with them and their families to ensure that a balance is found between their studies and developing excellence in their particular field. For other students the Academy provides a wide a range of opportunities to try new activities and to foster skills and talents. We offer encouragement for every student to unlock their hidden skills, develop their interests and gain a wealth of experiences.

Through the provision of a wide range of sporting activities and competitions, expressive arts shows, leadership courses, subject specific clubs and numerous cultural trips and visits students at The Ramsey Academy, develop their individual talents, dedication, confidence and life experiences.

" Students say that bullying of any kind, including homophobic bullying, and racism are rare."

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Knowing and Supporting Every Student

The Ramsey Academy is a close knit community where all students are known and cared for as individuals.

We are proud of the care and support we provide for all of our students. Form Tutors, Raising Standards Leaders, Pastoral Managers and subject teachers' work together to ensure the individual needs of all students are met effectively.

Prior to any students arriving at The Ramsey Academy, we work closely with primary partners and families to identify the specific needs of each individual. Students who require additional assistance may access Pathway and benefit from targeted support from highly trained staff. The Ramsey Academy embodies a caring family ethos where all are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Preparing for the Future

At The Ramsey Academy, we ensure that all our students are fully prepared to take the next steps in their lives.

Our aim for every student is that they leave school as fully rounded individuals with the best examination results they can achieve in order to progress into further education or training. The Ramsey Academy students are well prepared to take their place in society as young adults who are positive and responsible members of the community with the aspiration to succeed in whatever career they choose to pursue.

All students receive expert independent careers guidance and are able to explore and experience the wide range of opportunities available to them. We work alongside Further and Higher Education providers and employers to make sure students are able to make the best possible choices for their progression from the Academy.

Students have opportunities to explore the world of work and learn from their environment. We are proud of the on-going achievements of all of our students as they continue to excel in the worlds of work and education.





" Students told inspectors that they feel safe. One group said they feel safe in the Academy because 'there was no one in the Academy that makes it unsafe. No one can come in, bullying is rare and there are no areas we wouldn't go to' "

" All students receive independent careers advice. Students told inspectors they found this advice both informative and useful."
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