

An overview of our school

The Cotswold School is an extremely popular, happy and successful 11-18 Academy school set in beautiful rural surroundings between Cheltenham and Oxford.

The school has earned a superb reputation, consistently appearing amongst the highest performing state schools in the country at both A Level (71.4% A*-B in 2015) and GCSE (91% achieved 5-15 A*-C grades in 2015).

In *The Daily Telegraph's* August 2015 league tables for A Level results achieved at comprehensive schools, we were placed 14th in the country and 1st in Gloucestershire. Then in November 2015, *The Sunday Times* ranked us 12th in the Top 20 Comprehensive Schools in England and Wales for both A Level and GCSE and went on to name The Cotswold School: *The Sunday Times' Comprehensive School of the Year 2015/16*.

Earlier this year, following a rigorous two-day inspection, Ofsted judged The Cotswold School 'Outstanding' for the fourth consecutive time and across all categories.

The Cotswold School is known for our highly successful preparation for University education, curriculum enrichment programme and flourishing facilities.

Respect and equality are at the heart of the school, along with the belief that barriers only exist to be overcome. We share high aspirations and have high expectations of staff and students. With this comes rigorous evaluation and monitoring and high levels of accountability from students for their learning and staff for teaching and the management of the school.

The overall atmosphere at The Cotswold School is that it is a purposeful, focussed and inspiring place to work and to learn.

We are an outward looking school, encouraging involvement and communication with the local community, businesses, charities and other educationists. Our affiliation to the local diocese further strengthens those positive links.

Our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) is the backbone of the school. The SLT report to The Principal and the Governing Body and are responsible for the day-to-day management of the school. They work collaboratively with their colleagues to ensure cohesion across the different departments and Key Stages.

All our staff, both teaching and administrative, are extremely able and enthusiastic, responding equally well to both praise and challenge.

Our Governing Body bring a wealth of experience. With backgrounds in business and community activity, they make a significant contribution to the direction of the school. Our Chair and Vice Chairmen of Governors are further supported by committees with separate responsibilities, including curriculum, finance and audit, personnel, premises, community use and health and safety.

Our vision is the pursuit of academic excellence and the personal development of each individual within a caring community

