



Idsall School

# A Journey *of* Great Memories

PROSPECTUS

# Head's Welcome



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## Dear Prospective Parents and Students,

I am delighted to welcome you to Idsall School and Sixth Form.

Idsall is a thriving and highly successful school where we genuinely believe every student can reach their potential. We put students at the centre of our thinking, decision making and everything we do.

Supporting the seven year journey of our students from year 7 to year 13, we are a large and inspiring group of teachers and support staff. Everything we do is driven by the desire to ensure all students develop the necessary skills needed to be successful in the rapidly changing world which they are destined to encounter.

We create opportunities for all students to experience and try new things, and develop good friendships and pastimes, which gives them such fulfilment and **great memories** throughout their lives.

Our motto is powerful and effective: "*E Glandibus Quercus*" "Great oaks from little acorns grow". This is certainly true, with the many highly successful students we have seen go on to great things, some very famous, but everyone having the opportunity to go on to university, apprenticeships and on the right path towards getting great jobs.

Externally recognised as a high performing school, Idsall is an **exciting** and **vibrant** place to learn, work and grow. We are working hard to ensure we continue to build on our many strengths to secure outstanding results, and support our students to become outstanding citizens and highly successful in life.

Please do browse our website and come for a look around to see what a truly unique, happy and inclusive school community we are. I am sure you will be **amazed**.

**Michelle King**  
**Headteacher**

# Curriculum

Our curriculum ensures that both the knowledge and skills students learn at every stage are progressive and assessed at timely intervals. These are developed over the seven year journey to ensure students are ready for the world of work, can apply problem solving and logic to all situations, and make students **resilient, adaptable** and **highly employable**.

The full curriculum entitlement has been tailored to allow the most useful skills and talents to **flourish**. These skills are taught and tested in a sequence through the years, becoming more challenging over time, to support further progression and to test previous knowledge and what can be remembered.

From year 7, teaching builds upon what has already been learnt, to allow access to GCSE and then A Level pathways in our successful sixth form. These lead to further study at university, apprenticeships or jobs, ensuring all students are highly employable, work ready and have every opportunity available to them, **opening doors to a bright future**.

The full range of subjects and experiences gives every student the entitlement to a wide range of experiences, both in and outside the classroom, to prepare them well for later life. An element of choice in year 9 and year 11 sparks further interest and allows individuals to concentrate on subjects they feel passionate about.





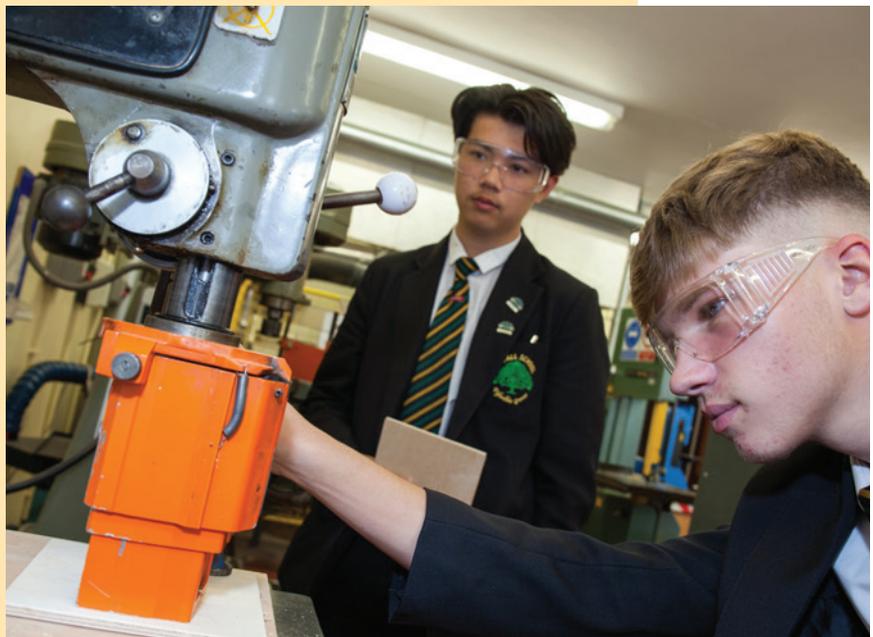
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# Careers and aspirations



We support and help you to identify and understand how to make the best of your skills



Idsall is a school where we strive to support the aspirations and possible career choices of our students. We believe it is important to help students grow and develop as individuals, **nurturing talents and interests** beyond the classroom and helping them to explore the world of work and opportunities that exist and are waiting to be seized.

Being an Idsall student is a unique experience, with a range of options and routes to explore and take. These are supported by our detailed, consistent and flexible careers programme starting in Year 7 and finishing in Year 13, where we support and help students to identify and understand how to make the best of their skills and target the right pathways. We look forward to welcoming students and helping their personal development as well as academic studies.

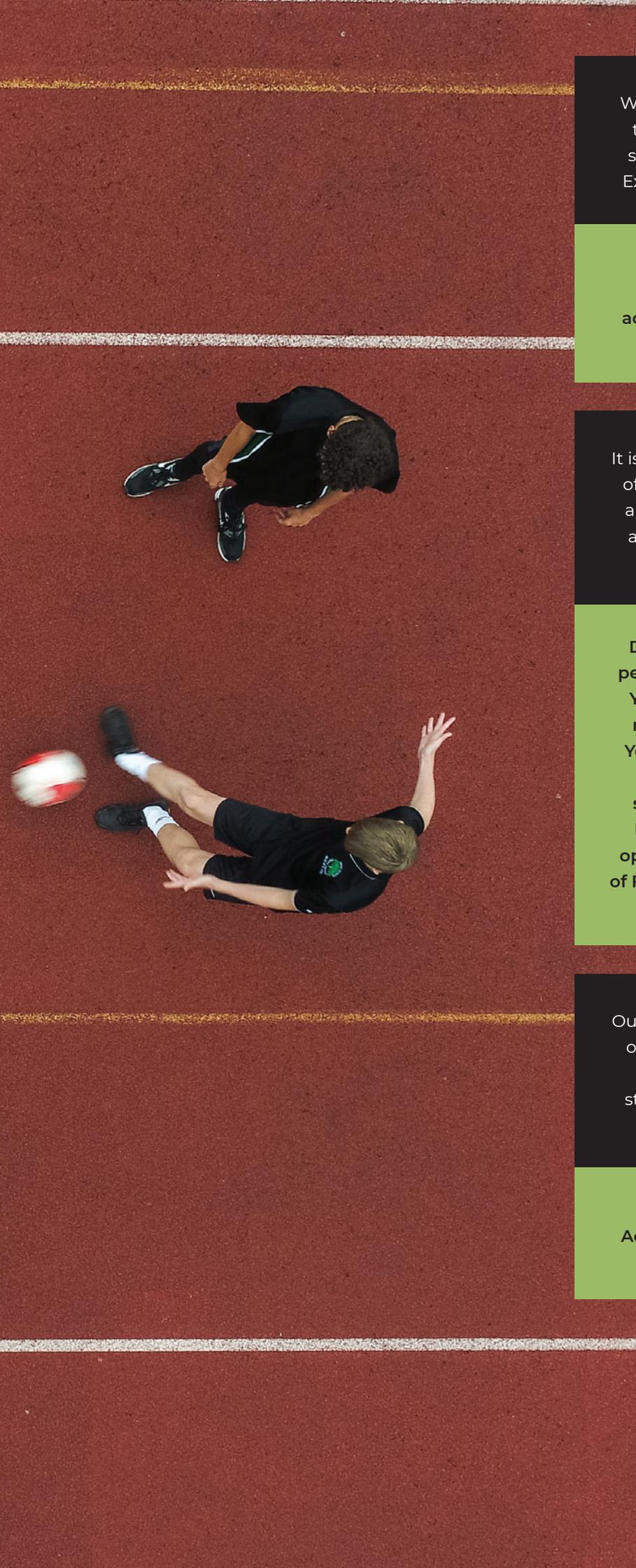
# Enrichment

At Idsall we believe passionately that the curriculum is much more than just the lessons on the timetable. We offer a wealth of enrichment opportunities that give all our students the chance to **flourish** and **shine** in a wide range of areas. We encourage all students to get involved with our enrichment programme and this is crucial to truly embody our school motto:

E Glandibus  
Quercus

'From little acorns  
large oaks grow'





We have an established 'Session 6' programme that runs after school. This is dedicated time set aside by our staff to support our students. Examples of the types of activities we offer are:

Eco Club • History Club • Study zone and Homework Club • Music activities • Sport activities • Academic catch up and support in exam year groups

It is not just our 'Session 6' programme where we offer enrichment. We also offer a range of trips and activities that support both the academic and personal development of our students. A flavour of our activities includes:

Duke of Edinburgh • School shows • Musical performances • Maths Challenges • Dedicated Year 10 and Year 12 work experience • Year 7 residential visit to Plas Caerdeon in Wales • Young Enterprise programme • House sports events and a detailed and comprehensive set of school fixtures in a variety of sports • International visits and challenges. Recent opportunities include visits to the Battlefields of France, Poland, sports tours to France and ski trips to Europe.

Our Sixth Form students also have a great choice of enrichment opportunities to give them the transferrable skills they need for their next stage of education, training and employment.

Examples include:

Debating • Volunteering • Charity events • Academic mentoring • Sixth Form Leadership roles • Extended Project Qualification

**GET  
INVOLVED!**

Promote,  
develop and  
praise positive  
behaviours





# Behaviour: It's Not a Bad Word

Here at Idsall School we have a reputation for outstanding behaviour, which is often commented on by visitors.

Just like all schools, we are always striving to get the very best from, and for, our students. With this focus in mind, we have to have an idea of what behaviours we want, and what steps we need to take to ensure that we see these behaviours in our students. Often when we think about behaviour in a school setting, people immediately think of the negatives and 'getting in trouble'. At Idsall, we acknowledge that everything that we do is a behaviour, so we choose to focus on ensuring that the behaviour we see from all of our students is pushing towards learning to the best of their ability, and achieving to the fullest of their potential.

Whilst behaviour that can negatively impact learning will always be addressed and challenged, our first step will always be to promote, develop and praise positive behaviours that will see our students excel, in their education, and long after they finish their Idsall journey.



Idsall School has  
uncompromising aspirations  
and offers  
an exceptional learning experience,  
empowering everyone  
to embrace learning  
and achieve  
their personal best.



Read the stories of some of our past students in their own words:  
[www.idsallschool.org/alumni/](http://www.idsallschool.org/alumni/)



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