







# WELCOME


Five Acres High School is an exciting, energetic and welcoming all-inclusive 11-16 academy.

At Five Acres High School, we have created a safe and caring environment where students can achieve the very best academic qualifications and skills. This paves the way for all our students to move through to sixth form and on to apprenticeships or university so that they have the best opportunities for their future. We are equally ambitious for all of our students, working with parents and carers to create a community ethos within our school, centred on high performance and excellence, regardless of a child's starting point.

Five Acres High School is a wonderful school and I look forward to working and learning with you over the coming years.



**Ben Parnell** | **Headteacher** | **Five Acres High School**







We are a proud member of the Greenshaw Learning Trust, a 'family' of like-minded schools that collaborate to provide mutual support, share their good practice and learn from each other, whilst retaining and developing their own distinctive character.



## THE FUTURE

We are looking forward to the next few years, where we expect Five Acres High School to progress to being one of the top performing schools in the South West. We are committed for this success to be based on excellent GCSE outcomes, together with superb opportunities for young people to grow holistically and excel in both traditional academic studies alongside the arts and sport.

This year, we have a focus on raising our standards; particularly in literacy, mathematics, behaviour and progress for all students, and we expect parents to want the same for their children.

## OUR STUDENT VALUES

We strive to ensure students leave Five Acres High School as confident, ambitious and high-achieving individuals.

We clearly communicate and embed our values - Ambition, Confidence, Creativity, Respect, and Determination, so that we can further develop high standards of integrity, discipline and self belief.

We insist that our students wear their uniform with pride, that their behaviour is exceptional and that they are excellent ambassadors for Five Acres High School in the local community and beyond.









“ It has been a long journey, but if you dream and have the ambition and want to work hard, then you can achieve. ”

○ MO FARAH



AMBITION



Five Acres High School is a hive of ambition. We expect the very best from each other every minute of every day, because we believe that every one of us can succeed.

This is reflected in our challenging curriculum: we read ambitious books every day; we put intervention in place for every student who is falling behind; we provide access to complex and demanding knowledge concepts so that every student leaves able to compete with others who have been to the very best schools in the country.



“ The teachers at Five Acres High School really inspire me. ”

**Year 7 student**

“ When you have confidence, you can have a lot of fun. And when you have fun, you can do amazing things. ”

○ JOE NAMATH



CONFIDENCE



We believe that what you know is important. Alongside that, we put equal weighting on how well you share that knowledge.

Our students are confident young people who are equipped with the necessary oracy skills to become the politicians and public speakers of the future. We create opportunities for students to taste success early through 'The Brilliant Club'; residential experiences (as early as the second week in Year 7); our debating society; the student council and a formal interview process for Head Girl and Head Boy.



“ This school has really high expectations of me. ”

**Year 8 student**



“ It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. ”

○ ALBERT EINSTEIN



# CREATIVITY





While schools across the country are narrowing their curriculum, we are broadening ours with opportunities for creativity.

This extends through our house system, our annual shows, the school choir and much, much more. We value the arts and sport, and we work hard to support students to excel in these areas.



“It’s easy to get involved in the school. I like the new house system. We are going to do lots of team building activities.”

**Year 9 student**



“ One of the most sincere forms  
of respect is actually listening  
to what another has to say. ”

○ BRYANT H. MCGILL



RESPECT



At Five Acres High School, we expect disruption-free lessons day in, day out; lesson in, lesson out. This is borne out of a respect for each other and the right we all have to learn; the respect for education and value that we put on this; the fundamental requirement that we feel safe at school with each other; and the respect we have for the marvellous teachers at our wonderful school.

This is a tough but important aspect of what sets us apart from other schools.

We respect our students so much that we do not accept any poor behaviour at the school. That said, we also have a lot of fun together through our celebration assemblies, our Director of Fun, our trips and visits and through our outstanding rewards system. We invest time in this because of the respect we have for ourselves and each other.



“This school helps me feel confident about myself.”

**Year 10 student**



“ Gold medals aren't really made of gold.  
They're made of sweat, determination,  
and a hard-to-find alloy called guts. ”

○ DAN GABLE



# DETERMINATION



Our young people leave Five Acres High School with a steely determination to succeed. We all recognise that some students find school harder than others, but this only drives our motivation further to ensure that no child is left behind.

Our students know what to do when they get stuck, they don't give up, they relish the challenge that difficult tasks bring, they keep on trying and they win. Five Acres High School staff and students are winners, whatever the challenge.



“Five Acres High School gives me the very best chance of success.”

**Year 11 student**





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