

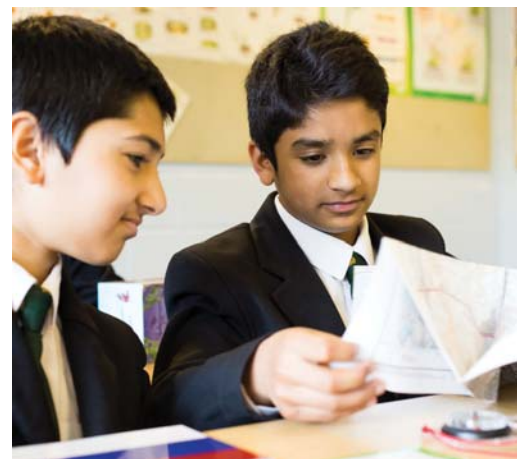
high expectations...

AIMS

We are a school that aims:

- to excite, inspire and challenge so pupils enjoy learning.
- to be a strong community that has a shared purpose, values and collaborative ethos.
- to strive for excellence and expects the highest standards from everyone.
- to educate the whole child so they are ready for life.
- to work in partnership with the wider community.

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OFSTED



We seek to deliver these aims through our commitment to:

HIGH STANDARDS:

We insist on high standards from our pupils at all times (with regard to behaviour, attendance, punctuality, organisation, presentation, effort and achievement).

TARGET SETTING:

Each pupil is given both a minimum and challenging target in every subject to ensure that they reach their potential. These targets are based on pupils' prior attainment at primary school and always match if not exceed national minimum expectations.

OUTSTANDING & INSPIRING TEACHING:

We aim not only to instruct pupils but to inspire in them the love of a subject as well as learning in general. OFSTED judged Yardleys to have outstanding teaching stating that “there are many examples of excellent practice with high levels of challenge.” Continuing to improve standards of teaching remains the main priority of the school with all teachers attending weekly training sessions.

PRACTICE TESTS AND MOCK EXAMS:

It is vital that pupils are able to demonstrate their learning in formal examinations. Therefore we have set up a system of regular tests and practice exams which inform pupils, parents and teachers of their strengths and weaknesses in each subject. This is then used to direct further improvement, extra revision or resources.

HOMEWORK & EXTENSION WORK:

Homework is set every day and there is a homework club after school to support pupils. Pupils and parents can also access tasks, support or information about homework or extra study on the school website.

RAISING ASPIRATIONS:

We seek to raise pupils' aspirations by celebrating success and giving guidance about progression routes into higher education and employment opportunities.