



Learning to shape the future



Upton-by-Chester High School

Prospectus



Welcome to Upton-by-Chester High School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Upton-by-Chester High is a thriving, vibrant school with a proud record of academic excellence and success. Combined with our exceptional extra-curricular opportunities, we inspire our learners to flourish, no matter what their strengths and aptitudes. We are fully inclusive and open to young people of all abilities.

At Upton there is an outstanding team of teaching and support staff, able to encourage and foster a love of learning in our learners and a curiosity about the world. We want the best for your child. This means the fulfilment of his or her academic potential and the development of an individual able to play his or her part in society. This is achieved by a balance of challenge and support for each individual learner. This we will do in

a strong partnership with parents/carers.

Academic performance in the school is very strong. The school has received exceptional results over recent years that have allowed learners to realise their dreams as they have moved forward on their own learning journey.

Our school motto is '**Learning to Shape the Future**'. This really does capture what is at the heart of the school. We undertake that every learner - whatever their previous attainment - will gain the life-long enrichment and learning from the time they spend with us at Upton-by-Chester. Our approach is to provide the opportunities that will capture the imagination of our learners and allow them to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding to be successful academically and socially. We will provide traditional academic subjects and vocational opportunities so we can support the learning needs of all our young people.

Upton-by-Chester High School also has an 'Outstanding' Sixth Form. As one of the largest and most successful Sixth Forms in Chester, we are able to offer an extensive range of courses and opportunities, and, as well as attracting many students from other local schools. Most Upton students stay at the school for seven years to complete their education.

I am committed, as the new Headteacher of the school, to ensure that Upton-by-Chester High School continues with all that is positive about the school whilst ensuring that we are always looking at new ways to maximise the experiences for and potential of our wonderful learners. I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Lee Cummins

Headteacher





What our students say

Anna Clough



I really enjoy my time at Upton High because the lessons are interesting. There are many opportunities to take part in extra-curricular activities. I enjoy being a member of our school Choir, participating in the yearly Christmas and Summer concerts. I have joined sports clubs such as dance, netball, rounders and athletics.

I am also pleased with the international opportunities I have been able to be a part of. I have had a role in working with schools in other countries such as Sri Lanka, and have worked closely with the Shostakovich School in St. Petersburg, Russia.

I have achieved the Silver Student Leadership Accreditation after completing my Bronze award and am now working towards the Gold accreditation.

Toby Abbott



I settled very quickly at Upton High and I feel that teachers are encouraging and passionate about their subject. I am now in Year 10 and am a Senior Prefect. I am looking forward to further develop my leadership skills ahead of entering the sixth form.

I am grateful for all the opportunities the school has offered me so far.

Over the last couple of years, I have attended some of the after school clubs, my favourite being the badminton club.

The school offers a wide array of experiences and educational visits. I went to Florida with the Science department this summer and this has definitely been inspiring. I particularly enjoyed visiting NASA.

Ella Scott



Throughout my three years at Upton High, I have been presented with countless amazing opportunities. I have been involved in visits with the Music Department and I am looking forward to going to Rome with Philosophy and Ethics in 2020. I am an active member of the Eco-Schools Action Team and have contributed to the school gaining the British Council International award. I have worked with the local council and in year 8 was invited to the Salters Festival of Chemistry. I think Upton High is a fantastic place to learn and get involved with all kinds of activities.

“Provision for students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding.”

(OFSTED)

“Students have a rich varied experience during their time in school”

(OFSTED)



Teaching and Learning

At Upton, teaching is innovative and exciting. We offer a balanced, relevant, differentiated and inclusive curriculum to all students. When appropriate, tablets are used as a tool to enhance our rigorous teaching by promoting collaborative, personalised and independent learning.

At KS3, the curriculum fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum and we offer the following subjects:

- Art & Design
- Computer Science
- Material Sciences including Food Technology
- English
- French and Spanish
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Performing Arts: Drama, Music & Dance
- Physical Education
- Religious Studies
- Personal Social and Health Education
- Careers & Citizenship
- Science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics

At KS4 and KS5, students are guided formally towards a personalised curriculum, through the options process, which meets their individual needs and aspirations. There are clear and diverse pathways and progression through from Key Stage 3 to post-16.

“Teachers have good relationships with students, and challenge them to achieve effectively.”

(OFSTED)

“The curriculum is well balanced and challenges students to achieve well in all areas of learning”

(OFSTED)





“Upton-by-Chester High school is an inclusive school where students and staff demonstrate high levels of respect for each other. Care, guidance and support are outstanding because students are known and treated as individuals”

(OFSTED)

Care, Guidance and Support

Our pastoral team work closely with our partner primary schools to ensure a smooth transition from Primary to Secondary.

Our buddying, peer mentorship and leadership schemes lead to positive relationships across the age groups.

From the moment they enter the school, students are allocated to a hall: Maathai, Wood, Yunus, Mendes or Yousafzai. Halls have been named after inspirational leaders who have made a difference to people's lives. The underlying principles they exemplify link strongly with our vision and ethos of high aspirations, global enterprise and building in young people the skills and confidence to take action and have impact on the world.

“Year 7 pupils said that their transition to secondary school has been managed well. They like their new school.” (OFSTED)

“Pupils feel that they are valued and cared for by staff. They confirmed that this is a school where equality and inclusion are important and embedded.” (OFSTED)

“The school's work to keep students safe and secure is outstanding.” (OFSTED)





Enrichment

At Upton, we provide students with exciting and inspiring opportunities to enrich learning and our extra-curricular activities and educational visits are second to none.

Students contribute to the school community through taking on leadership roles across the school including in curriculum areas such as English & Maths, Sport & PE, as well as through leadership of enterprise projects, Eco-Schools, Fairtrade, Amnesty and Oxfam Action groups. We believe in empowering our young people to make the most of every opportunity and to be the best they can be.

“The school’s sporting and cultural areas are supported particularly strongly.”

(OFSTED 2015)





The Sixth Form at Upton

“Teaching in the sixth form is outstanding. Teachers are securing fast progress for students. They use their very strong subject knowledge to motivate students exceptionally well.” (OFSTED).

Our students consistently secure places at prestigious universities including the Russell Group and Oxbridge and we are committed to supporting the success of every student.

Close monitoring and individual support give our young people every chance of achieving their ambitions. It is this recipe of academic excellence, strong community and provision of enrichment activities which ensures that students are well prepared for life in modern Britain.

Upton-by-Chester High School's Sixth Form is consistently one of the highest performing schools in Chester and we are very proud of our OFSTED **outstanding** status.

Full details of our Sixth Form provision are available on our school website: www.uptonhigh.co.uk

“The Sixth Form provision is outstanding.”

(OFSTED)

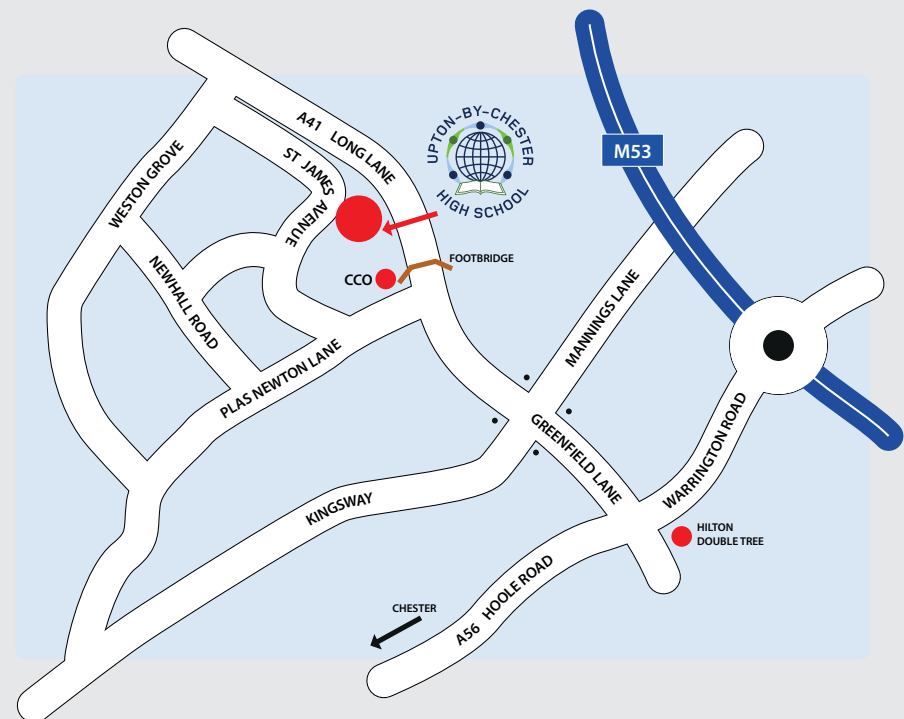




How to find us

Public and contract bus routes to our school from Chester City centre, Mickle Trafford, Mollington, Saughall, Guilden Sutton, Blacon, Little Sutton, Great Sutton & Ellesmere Port.

Trains from the Ellesmere Port area serve Hooton, Capenhurst and the Bache in Upton.





Our mission Learning to shape the future

As Upton students, we will:

Act in ways that are environmentally, economically and morally responsible

Develop skills that are entrepreneurial, technological and transferable

Adopt values that are ethical, inclusive and global

Believe in our **Power** to make a difference

Think creatively, critically and with vision

We will **ADAPT**
to the demands
of a rapidly
changing world



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