



Durrington
High School



Going beyond our best ...



Ofsted reports:

The leadership team has been innovative and highly effective in training and developing teachers. The excellent quality of staff development is recognised locally and nationally. Governors know the school well and provide effective support and challenge.



Children only have one chance of education and it is the job of everyone at Durrington High School to ensure that it is the best it can possibly be. We have an ambitious and dynamic vision; a sustained record of high quality outcomes with the capacity to improve further.

Our on-going success as a school has been due to a blend of traditional values such as respect, hard work, smartness and high expectations, alongside innovation in relation to teaching and learning.

We work together to embed a culture of success, high aspiration and reflection underpinned by a 'growth mindset'; believing that we can always aim to do better next time. Young people are growing up in a fast-moving, exciting, demanding and at times challenging society. We will equip our students with the confidence to acknowledge failure and learn from it in order to succeed in the future.

I have been Headteacher at Durrington High School since 2003; my vision remains the same – the very best for every child and for our community. We are proud of our students and our school and have ambitious plans to take us further. Staffed by exceptional professionals, excellence is expected by all.

In order for potential to be realised, a strong partnership between student, school and home must be in place. Mutual respect, a readiness to learn and high expectations must be shared by everyone so that an environment is created in which every child may feel secure and be encouraged to go beyond their best. Our superb site and facilities ensure that the learning environment is bright, contemporary and well equipped to deliver 21st century education.

Durrington is on an exciting journey; we look forward to sharing it with you.

Sue Marooney
Headteacher





Get the right mindset:
Embrace challenges

Learning and working together



Ofsted reports:

Pupils told us that they enjoy school. Pupils value and respect the well-maintained and stimulating school environment. Their experience at the school is enhanced by the wide range of clubs and activities provided by staff.

Excellent relationships and the development of strong and meaningful partnerships, within and outside of school, are a crucial part of our success.

As a staff our professional practice is rich and personalised, enabling each individual to thrive. We enjoy our work and want our students to develop a love of learning, a desire to succeed and a respect and compassion for others - not just for now but throughout their lives.

As one of only 22 Research Schools in the country, we are at the forefront of developments in learning and teaching, regularly working with and supporting other schools. We make sure that our practice is informed by the most successful schools around the world and the growing body of research evidence around education and cognitive science. By doing so, we ensure that all students are challenged and supported to become confident, successful and autonomous learners. Nurturing and caring are strengths of our school team, with experts dedicated to supporting our young people through adolescence and in overcoming barriers to learning.



Students say:

Being a part of Durrington High School has made me want to achieve more than I believed was possible. It has made me believe that I can achieve excellence."



Get the right mindset:

Expect excellence





Get the right mindset:
Thrive on feedback



Students say:

At Durrington we are encouraged to respond to feedback allowing us to develop our learning and to go beyond our best."

A culture of growth and excellence



Ofsted reports:

There is a strong culture of care for every pupil at your school. Pupils feel safe in school and feel that staff are approachable.



As a school we strongly believe that, by having the highest expectations of ourselves and each other, we can all thrive and achieve excellence. We look to achieve this by developing positive qualities in our staff and students. You will see these attributes featured on each page of this prospectus and also listed on the inside back page.

This approach, alongside a rich and diverse curriculum, provides a rounded education within excellent, modern and spacious facilities. New technologies are utilised to support our work and we are currently investigating how our STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects can be developed further. Significant and ongoing enhancements to our site

and facilities are underway which will present new opportunities for our school and community. A new teaching block, large astroturf, performing arts studio and a pavilion completed in 2015 will complement our already excellent facilities.

Parents/carers are key to our work and success and we greatly appreciate the support given to us. Hard work, high aspirations and a tenacious belief in continuous improvement reflect our school. At Durrington we 'go beyond our best'.



Students say:

Durrington has taught me that no matter what difficulties you face, you can always overcome them with determination and perseverance."



*Get the right mindset:
Be resilient and overcome obstacles*





Ofsted reports:

Pupils' behaviour is excellent and they wear their uniform with pride. They are kind and respectful towards each other and their teachers.



Get the right mindset:

Accept hard work, effort and deliberate practice



Students say:

Durrington High School has made me become more confident in myself by encouraging me to just go for it!"



Students say:

Durrington High School believes in me..”

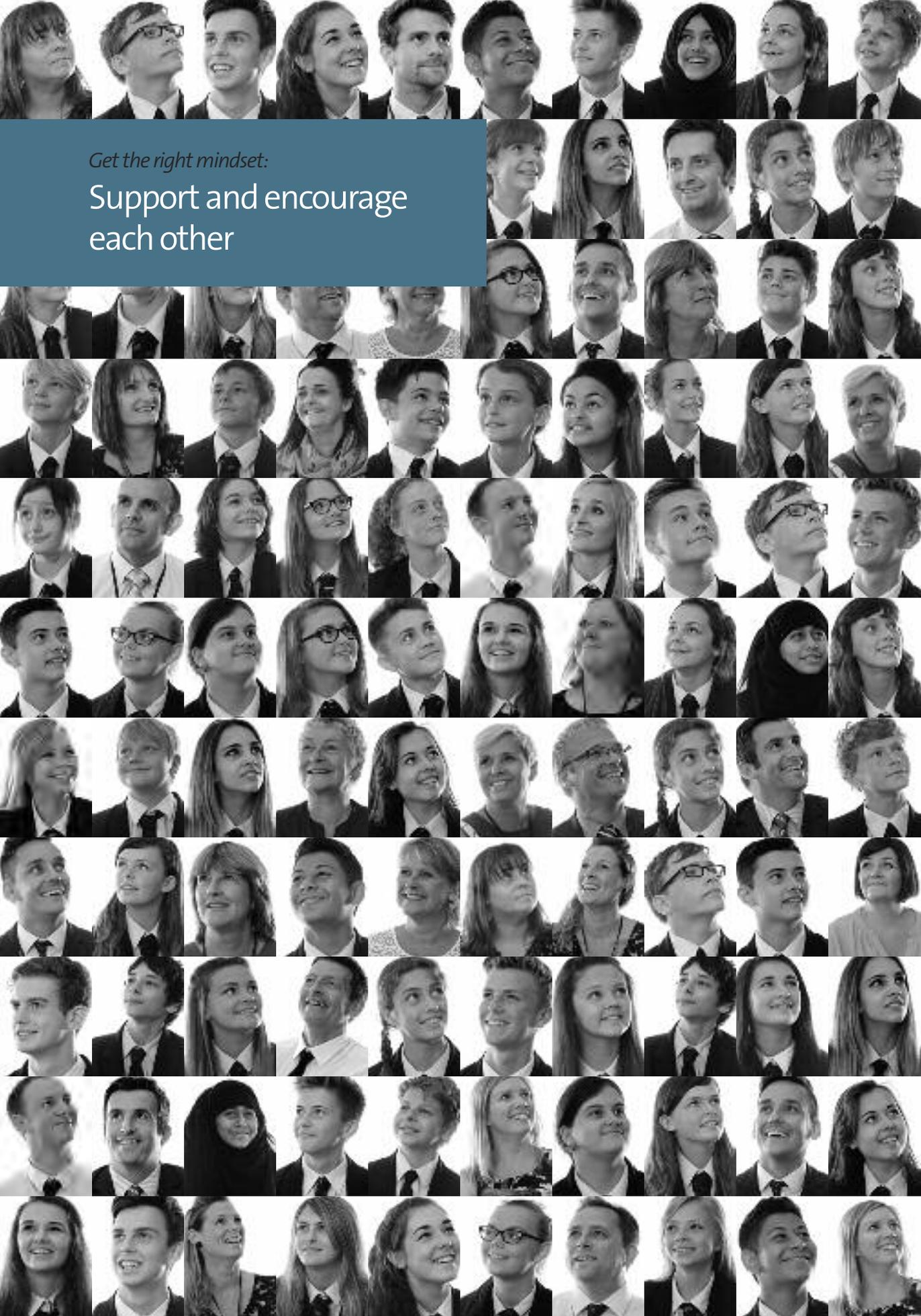


*Get the right mindset:
Be inspired by the
success of others*



Students say:

*Durrington High School has made me work
harder than what I thought was possible,
making me proud of the results I have achieved..”*



Get the right mindset:
Support and encourage
each other



All of us can go beyond our best ...



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