



**Pewsey Vale School** 



"I am proud to be the Headteacher of Pewsey Vale School and look forward to welcoming you into our diverse learning environment."

> Neil Pritchard Head Teacher

## BE EXCEPTIONAL

I am very privileged to lead Pewsey Vale School and am proud of what we can offer our students.

Pewsey Vale provides a supportive and challenging learning environment where all students are empowered to succeed. We are passionate about ensuring that your child has access to the best opportunities which will help them achieve and prepare them for their future. Our school community works together to ensure that all students reach their full potential in their academic and personal development.

I believe that teaching needs to engage students and be challenging in a way that encourages them to take risks and endeavour to break through their perceived barriers. Our teachers have high expectations and students are supported in reaching these. We want our students to be resilient, creative and successful individuals.

I strongly believe in a holistic approach to education where personalised learning is at the forefront of a school's vision. As a small school, we can facilitate this where every student is an individual. Our staff know each young person and their families very well; they encourage everyone to develop and flourish in all areas of school life and beyond.



# BE RESILIENT

We live in a rapidly changing society where we have to prepare our learners to take on jobs that have yet to be invented, in order to access technologies that have yet to be perceived. It is, therefore, imperative that we ensure all students leave Pewsey Vale with the independence, capacity and adaptability to succeed in their future.

Taking part in new and challenging experiences helps students to push the boundaries of their comfort zones. Through our curriculum and outside of the classroom opportunities, we provide the building blocks to develop resilient young people who will be able to flourish within society.







Through students accessing a variety of opportunities both within and outside the curriculum we have begun to develop more innovative and independent learners.

## **BE INNOVATIVE**

At Pewsey Vale, we want our students to think outside of the box and be creative. We expect our learners to embrace the variety of opportunities which allow them to flourish and explore original concepts and experiences throughout the school.

Teachers and students are encouraged to be innovative in their approach and to challenge misconceptions within their learning. Whether it be through academia, sports, performances or the Arts, we provide a vast range of opportunities for our learners to explore and excel.



## BE ASPIRATIONAL

Pewsey Vale students are encouraged to have high ambitions. We believe that anything is possible for our learners. We have a history of celebrating incredible successes with past students achieving some of the top results in the country.

Perceived ceilings on aspirations can be a significant barrier to students' successes so we work together with parents to challenge this. Our links with Marlborough College offer exciting and unique opportunities for our students with a guaranteed scholarship placement every year for aspiring students.

All students have access to a broad and balanced curriculum that is delivered by high quality teaching. To compliment this, a highly supportive and nurturing pastoral structure provides clear guidance for our students from the moment they join us to the moment they leave.









## BE YOURSELF

Students learn better when they are happy and in a supportive and nurturing environment. We strive to ensure that our learners enjoy their school experience and are happy throughout their time at Pewsey Vale. Staff build positive relationships with students which are based on clear boundaries and expectations. Students are respectful and develop positive attitudes in the school community and beyond.

Our pastoral and academic guidance helps to develop well rounded, confident and happy young adults. Every student has a tutor who they can go to for support and advice. This relationship can be one of the most significant in their school career and helps with individual's success.

We realise that every child is different which is why we have additional layers of support and challenge within the school. Rewards and sanctions work mutually to focus students' behaviour and attitude.

Our school will help your child to become a better version of themselves.

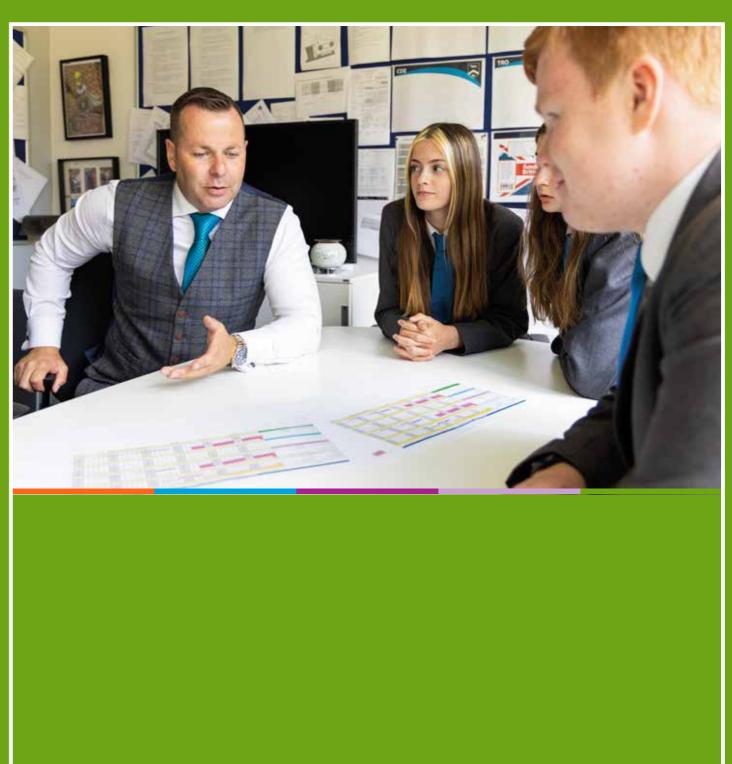


# BE SUCCESSFUL

Students' successes are achieved through a combination of high class teaching, commitment and hard work. Our teachers continuously challenge learners to perform beyond their expectations and are proud to celebrate individual's achievements.

Student progress is regularly monitored against personalised targets and strategic intervention is delivered to ensure that learners achieve excellence irrespective of their starting points.





We are passionate about ensuring that we deliver the best quality teaching, personalised support and enrichment opportunities within our community. Working collaboratively with parents, we know that every child who joins us will be successful at Pewsey Vale School.



### **COMPASS FOR LIFE**

Floyd Woodrow MBE DCM and his team have been developing the Compass for Life programme. This enables students to find their power of purpose and give them the strategic skills, values and confidence to achieve their aspirations. Pewsey Vale is the leading secondary school working with the project and has been instrumental in piloting new strategies and resources.

This provides an exciting opportunity for us as a school community to be at the forefront of developing opportunities for young people. Compass for Life is being embedded in all aspects of school life, using our original model for developing young people that sits firmly within and supports the curriculum.



### **North Star**

Students will identify their Super North Star; their big dreams, goals and ambitions. We will support them to be adventurous, taking opportunities to live the life they want and become the best version of themselves.

### **Ethos**

Encouraging students to demonstrate desirable values and behaviours that will enable them to contribute positively to the school and wider community.

### **Strategist**

Students need to be strategists.

Pathfinders who are able to search for the best route to get to their Super North Star; a clear plan with realistic milestones and contingencies to overcome obstacles.

### Warrior

Helping students to develop their skill sets, mental and physical well-being ensuring that they are courageous, committed and determined to succeed.



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