



# John Kyrle High School

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## & Sixth Form Centre

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Welcome to our Website

Whether you are a first-time visitor, a current or prospective member of our community, I hope you find the information you require. You will get a flavour of our successful, popular and unique school, which I am immensely proud to lead.

In the summer of 2016 and 2017 the school gained excellent examination results. These ranked amongst the best in its history at both GCSE and A Level. Outcomes are, once again, above local and national averages for attainment. Student progress remains strong for all groups of learners.

On our return to school in September, students were delighted with our refurbished PE changing rooms. (I told them in assemblies that they were better than Wembley. This was possibly an exaggeration, but only just!) Students continue to enjoy working in our £1.2 million Maths Centre of Excellence and we are beginning a full revamp of our English suite.

My mantra, shared with students, is that I want them to be 'Happy, Healthy and Successful'. The school's motto, Carpe Diem – Seize the Day – means that we do all we can to ensure students and staff enjoy their time in school. I believe that students have one chance at education and it is my job to ensure they have every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

We are a school at the heart of our community, and work in partnership with local voluntary groups, charities and churches.

As headteacher, I have gained a reputation for an 'old-fashioned' approach in terms of leadership. If 'old-fashioned' means traditional expectations of students being courteous, hardworking, showing respect to self and others and taking part in the wider life of the school, then I am guilty as charged. The key focus of the school is on providing high-quality teaching and learning experiences within a caring and orderly environment.

We welcome external reviews of the school. Our most recent Ofsted inspection was in March, 2017. This confirmed our "Outstanding" gradings for Leadership & Management, Student Behaviour and for our Sixth Form. The latter was given because our results place us consistently in the top 10% of schools nationally.

The findings of the 2017 inspection noted:

- 'Pupils are well behaved, polite and friendly'.
- 'Because of excellent attitudes to learning and strong academic results, pupils are very well prepared for life after school.'
- 'Parents value the education that the school provides'.
- 'Staff are proud to work at the school'.

In a letter to me following the inspection, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors wrote: "You are effective in your aims to develop young people who are 'Happy, Healthy and Successful'".



The school is fortunate with hugely committed staff keen to provide extra-curricular activities in a multitude of areas. These include music, drama, sport and opportunities to travel. We run regular skiing trips and a biennial sports tour to Canada or South Africa. We liaise with our partner schools in France and Germany. The sixth form undertake an annual visit to another partner school, Kisiki College, Namatumba, Uganda.

Additionally, the school is involved in System Leadership nationally. In my capacity as a National Leader of Education and supported by colleagues in school who are qualified Specialist Leaders of Education, we work formally with schools, Academy Trusts and Local Authorities across the West Midlands and Gloucestershire. I am also a Lead Inspector for Ofsted.

We see parents and carers as providing a pivotal role and often talk of the three-way partnership between student, school and home. We are ambitious for your children – our students – and expect, in return, your support. This includes on matters such as homework, uniform and students being our ambassadors in the wider community. It is also important that you share any concerns with us. I am always delighted with student and parental satisfaction via our biennial, independently-administered Education Perceptions Monitor and on Ofsted's Parent View. We also pride ourselves on attention to detail, and if anything requires fine-tuning we would like to know.

As ever, the best way to find out about us is to visit us. If you are considering John Kyrle for your son or daughter, or are a prospective member of staff, please contact us and make an appointment. We are always proud to show people around our school. My team and I look forward to meeting with you.

Best Wishes  
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