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WELCOME TO COOMBESHEAD ACADEMY

Coombeshead Academy is a high achieving 11-18 comprehensive school described in the most recent Ofsted in the Spring of 2015 as, "a good school on the cusp of outstanding."

We pride ourselves on providing a breadth of experiences for student, along with high quality teaching, in a calm, positive environment focused on learning and development at all times.

We believe that if you work hard and are considerate to people then good things will happen. At the centre of this vision is a school that inspires excellence in its students and staff. We have a commitment to ensuring the very highest standards in all corners of the school leading to simply exceptional outcomes for every student. Ensuring that those from the top to the lower attainment levels all flourish is paramount. To that end the school continues to make progress way above that of the national expectation.

Leadership and management at Coombeshead Academy were graded as outstanding by Ofsted. Strategic leaders at the school share our vision to improve further and provide the very best education for students within our community. Learning, respect and enjoyment are at the heart of everything we do focused around five key core values:

- Positive attitude
- Achievement
- Community
- Enrichment
- Endeavour

I am proud to be the Headteacher of Coombeshead Academy, working with exceptional students and staff who inspire excellence on a daily basis, and in partnership with parents to ensure their child is safe, happy and achieves.

Our team of highly professional staff look forward to welcoming you and your children to visit our school.

Andrew Hulbert – BSc Hons, PGCE, NPQH



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Inspiring Excellence



ATTITUDE

Students at Coombeshead have a positive attitude...

The school is a dynamic environment where an ability to strive to be the best in all you do, is instilled in our students from the very start.

This is developed from links with local primary schools, through to our competitive house system, sporting endeavour and academic achievement.

Every individual has a talent. Coombeshead Academy finds and develops this talent whilst ensuring that every student leaves with a "can do" attitude to life, even in areas where they are less confident.

The priority for staff at the school is to instil in our students the self-belief that anything is possible and how it can be achieved. Along with the appropriate qualifications they can become good citizens of the future and make progress in the world.

Coombeshead's philosophy is a simple one: everyone can achieve at Coombeshead. With the right mental attitude, the staff and resources are here to ensure that academic excellence, as well as achievement for all, is a reality.

"The staff have never let us down, they have always tried their hardest for us, they are professional but fun, they are inspirational yet rooted to reality, they are fantastic. You have helped us develop our child into a decent young adult. I don't think we could have chosen a better partnership"
PARENT



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ACHIEVEMENT

We believe in teaching which inspires and informs...

We believe in teaching which inspires and informs, homework that is relevant and instils a sense of discipline and structure, assessment which instructs our students how to improve and a curriculum which provides an opportunity for all students, whatever their interests and ambitions, to succeed.

We believe children will achieve success through hard work. We provide the opportunities for them to achieve their best – academically, in the sporting arena, in music, in drama and in becoming global citizens.

Coombeshead Academy is justifiably proud of an outstanding curriculum that is the cornerstone of our commitment to meeting the needs of all our students. The curriculum is underpinned by creative and challenging teaching and extensive enrichment through responsive specialist provision and personalised activities, so students are consistently challenged academically and socially.

We provide tailored, specialised programmes in Mathematics, English, the Sciences and through the Expressive Arts, with many opportunities for students to develop their musical and performance abilities and a highly developed approach to vocational learning.

We are committed to:

- providing an excellent quality of teaching and learning opportunities so that our students are fully engaged and proactive about their education at Coombeshead Academy

- maintaining an excellent staff to student ratio ensuring that groups at all key stages remain small so that personalised learning can be maximised
- developing many extra-curricular activities giving students experiences beyond the classroom
- constantly striving to improve the opportunities and experiences for students.

Ofsted reported "the curriculum is of high quality. It prepares students very well for the next stage of their lives and ensures that they have a good understanding of British values." They added that "the Sixth Form is well led and, as with other areas of the academy's work, is improving rapidly."



"Students achieve well in all subjects. Attainment in GCSE is above the national average and is rising"
OFSTED 2015



COMMUNITY

We respect and value others and place great emphasis on kindness and discipline...

Ofsted reported "Students are well prepared for life in modern Britain..... the school's work to keep students safe and secure is outstanding".

We see every student as special, valuing their individuality and contribution to school life. We are justifiably proud of our students' academic, artistic, musical and sporting achievements; we take every opportunity to celebrate their success.

As a school we are committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment where enjoyment of learning is seen as essential. To this end, we foster an ethos in which the traditional values of courtesy, integrity and respect, along with pride in personal appearance, are developed within a community that is disciplined, but also has a sense of fun.

Our students are expected to take a responsible and active part in their own education. There is a strong reward culture in place to support contribution and effort, high attendance and good behaviour that lead to achievement.

We work closely with our local primary schools, parents and prospective students to ensure that the transition from primary to secondary education is exciting and problem free.

Our highly effective pastoral system provides the blend of care and support required to develop confident and contented young people with a strong sense of their own worth.

"Students have an excellent understanding of how to stay safe on-line and in other potentially risky situations"
OFSTED 2015



ENRICHMENT

There is more to school than merely academic study...

Our aim is to educate the whole person and develop rounded individuals for the future. Ofsted agree our "curriculum is well planned to meet the needs of all groups of students".

We recognise that some of the best learning often takes place outside the classroom and provide a wealth of activities and opportunities to enrich learning, provide enjoyment and develop practical skills.

Through the curriculum and our enrichment programme, students are encouraged to develop a variety of talents. The broad range of extra-curricular sports, leisure activities and expressive arts opportunities contributes to the social interaction of the students and staff providing both fun and a sense of belonging.

Students have the chance to showcase their endeavours in numerous musical and drama performances, as well as many inter-school and inter-community sports matches and team based or individual challenges, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and Ten Tors.

Coombeshead Academy is a centre of excellence for Music teaching and a leading school in the South West for the Performing Arts.

In addition, it consistently outperforms other schools in its collective sporting achievements, matching the independent school experience in its extra-curricular provision.

Students also have the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of educational day visits and residential trips, both in the UK and abroad. These broaden the outlook and boost the independence of all involved.

Within school we nurture links with the community and local businesses to provide a rich programme of activities – including impact days and enrichment week which provide the chance for students to develop their leadership and social skills.

We also enjoy engaging with a range of outside speakers who lead workshops and run conferences. As an academy, we have an impressive record of working with a range of charities, strong links with schools in Uganda and well supported, collaborative language exchanges.





ENDEAVOUR

There is no substitute for hard work...

At Coombeshead we recognise there is no substitute for hard work. We firmly believe that everyone can achieve their goals if they are prepared to work hard.

This positive attitude to hard work is instilled in students throughout the school. At Coombeshead we believe that intelligence can be developed and that by doing our best in all that we do we will achieve more.

We work hard in all our learning and teaching to achieve academic excellence.

We work hard to develop positive relationships with students and we work hard to ensure that they appreciate and recognise the need to work hard in life.

With hard work comes rewards.



"Thank your staff for their enthusiasm, encouragement and motivation... my daughter is really excited about moving on in her education. This is down to the hard work, dedication and ethos that Coombeshead has adopted. It is clearly working!"
PARENT



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Templer Academy Schools Trust

TAST

Coombeshead Academy is proud to be part of the Templer Academy Schools Trust (TAST)...

I am proud to be the Executive Headteacher of the schools in the Templer Academy Schools Trust.

All the schools in the Trust, of which Coombeshead Academy is one, are passionate about the value of education and the difference that it can make for all young people in Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton.

The Trust aims to provide outstanding educational opportunities, teaching and pastoral care for young people at both primary and secondary schools in our community.

The Trust comprises secondary and primary schools who believe that all children, not just those within their own school, deserve the very best education. By working together, TAST is able to call upon greater resources to develop educational opportunities for those in our care.

The aim of the multi-academy trust is to develop collaborative, creative and imaginative students who realise their individual potential. They leave school at 18 as successful, confident, and responsible citizens, well prepared for further education and to fulfill their adult lives.

We achieve outstanding outcomes for our children through working in partnership by:

- **engaging in school to school support**
research has shown that schools working in partnership provide faster, deeper and more sustainable improved performance. The opportunities for collaboration and benefits across the secondary and primary schools in the Trust are endless.
- **improving the quality of teaching and learning**
we are able to call upon the excellent teachers from across our schools to work together for the benefit of all young people.
- **developing high quality leadership**
working together to share expertise and ideas. Having a shared vision whilst allowing leaders the autonomy to run their schools within a framework of accountability, overseen by an Executive Headteacher, at primary and secondary level.

In addition:

- **by combining resources we can make savings, financially, which can be directed back into education.**

Matthew Shanks – Executive Headteacher
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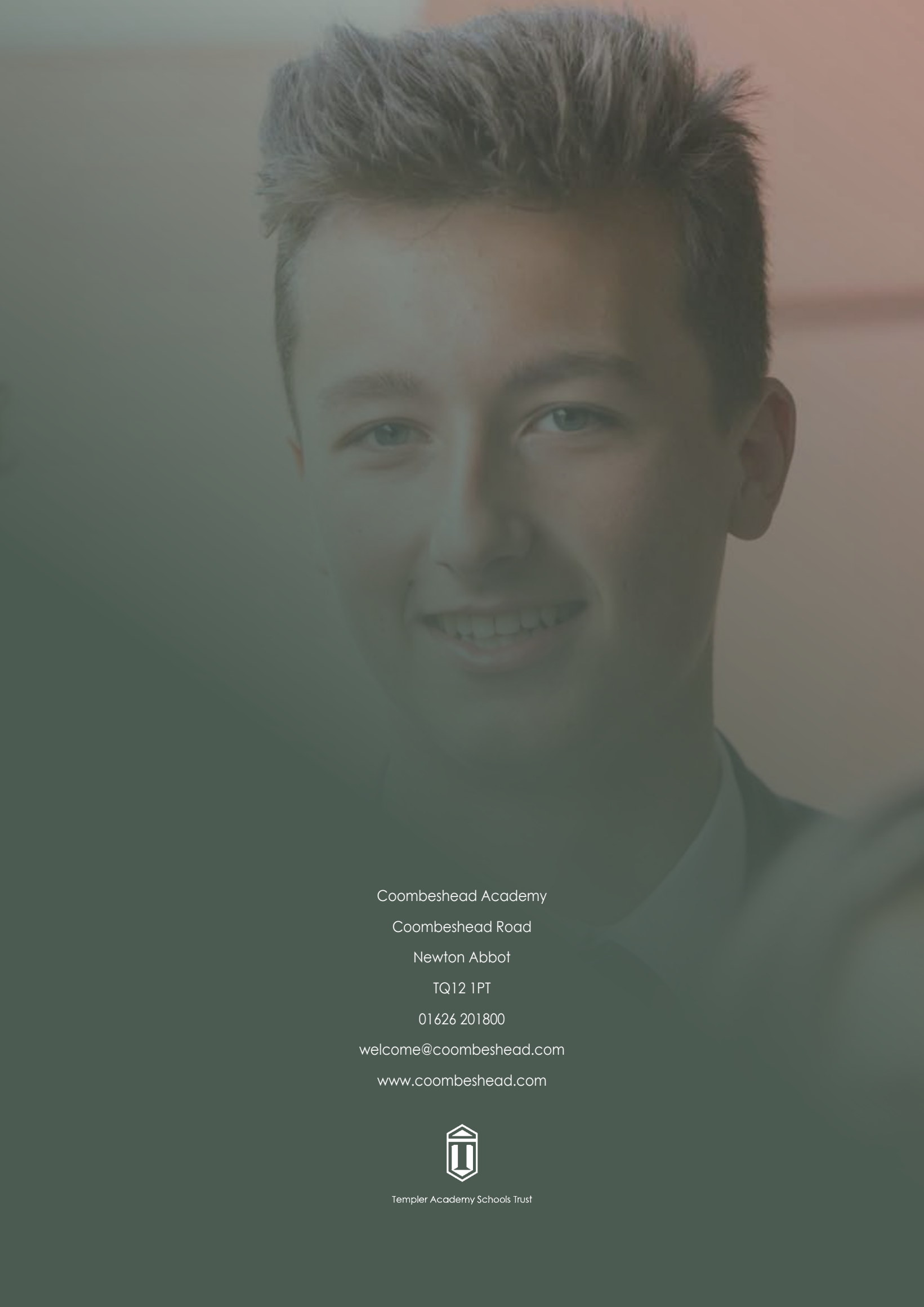


*“The Sixth Form students make a strong contribution to the life of the academy their positive attitude to learning sets a good example for younger students”
OFSTED 2016*



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