



2023/24 Prospectus

'Pupils are happy to come to this welcoming, inclusive school. They are enthusiastic about their learning, and are kind and considerate to one another.' (Ofsted February 2022)



WELCOME

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Sir Thomas Boughey Academy; a safe, happy and stimulating school where students genuinely want to learn and reach their full potential, and committed, highly motivated teachers inspire them to achieve anything they set their mind to.

I truly believe that we are a school where the desire to absorb and learn is infectious, no matter what the ability of the student. Our overarching belief as a school is that every child has the right to an excellent education, and the opportunity to flourish under the guidance of our devoted staff. We build confidence and character, qualities all children need just as much as they do their high grades. Our number one goal is that every student leaves us having gone beyond their potential, armed with the resilience, ambition and integrity that will allow them to create whatever future they want, and deserve.

If February 2022, Ofsted awarded a judgement of 'Good' in all categories, and praised the school for having high expectations, enthusiastic students and for the kindness and care demonstrated. It is into this inclusive and vibrant community that you would be introducing your child

Few decisions are more important than the next step in your child's education. I encourage you to read through this Prospectus, confident that it will give you an insight into what makes Sir Thomas Boughey such a wonderful, caring school.

Mrs Jane Hingley Principal



'Pupils behave well. They are respectful in lessons, and listen carefully to their teachers. Pupils said that they feel safe.' (Ofsted February 2022)









ALL FOR ONE

We have a close-knit school community here at Sir Thomas Boughey Academy, in which pupils show tolerance and mutual respect. Our community is created by our four Houses: **Air, Fire and Water.**

Each house is supported by committed teachers and support staff who work with students on a daily basis to ensure they are equipped to succeed in all aspects of school and their life outside of Sir Thomas Boughey Academy.

The House system is the foundation of pastoral life here, starting right at the very beginning with the transition from primary school up to Year 7, ensuring the move is seamless and stress free for the students. Pastoral care continues right the way through to Year 11, where full academic and emotional support is available to students preparing for GCSE exams and life beyond high school. The well-being and academic progress of our students is of paramount importance to us, and they are monitored closely throughout their time at school.

Our experienced staff work in close partnership with parents / carers to ensure that students thrive academically, emotionally, and socially. Our in-house school counsellor is a real asset and valued by students and families.



'I was really nervous when I first started high school because I struggle with some subjects. But all of the teachers are really helpful here and the lessons are always fun!'

- STUDENT, AGE 11'

LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

FULFILLING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS FOR EACH PUPIL

All staff at the Academy are committed to providing an outstanding curriculum, offering an exciting, rich, varied and broad course of study which is based on the skills and knowledge our students will need when they leave the school as young adults.

We work to create a sense of excitement and enthusiasm. No matter what the students choose for their future, whether it be to go onto higher education or directly into training or employment, we have a range of curriculum pathways that will prepare students for college and beyond.

Ofsted 2022 praised the fact that 'The curriculum is ambitious' and 'Leaders have a clear vision for the curriculum and have put in place comprehensive 'curriculum journeys''. Ofsted also praised the way in which 'teachers use different strategies to help pupils know more and remember more. For example, lessons begin with an activity to recap on previously taught content.'







Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9)

All pupils will study the following subjects:

English

Mathematics

Science

History

Geography

Religious Education

French, Spanish

Music

Technology (to also include Food)

Art

PE and Games

IT / Computer Studies

Personal Development

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 to 11)

All pupils follow a two-year course leading to GCSE examinations, or alternative accreditation including BTEC courses. All students will follow a core curriculum that includes:

English Language
English Literature
Mathematics
Science
History or Geography (or both)

In addition, students must also choose from a range of additional GCSEs and vocational subjects.



Pupils know they are well cared for. Staff get to know individual pupils and their families well.' (Ofsted February 2022)

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

Whilst academic success is vital, we believe success outside of the classroom is also essential, so we encourage students to seize opportunities beyond the classroom.

We offer our students a wide range of extra-curricular activities, covering sport, music, art and academic activities. We seek to inspire, enliven and motivate young minds through a mixture of lunchtime and after school clubs. There are a number of opportunities for students to take on additional responsibilities which develop self-confidence, leadership and presentation skills.

There is something for everyone at Sir Thomas Boughey Academy. Knowing that our most successful students are those who engage fully with school life, we encourage all students to take advantage of the fantastic opportunities on offer. Sir Thomas Boughey students have been able to take part in experiences such as:

- Mathematics challenges
- Regular theatre trips
- Community projects
- Annual Year 9 Camp
- Young Voices Events
- Year 11 Residential
- Visits to Keele University and local Post-16 colleges
- AQA Unlocking Potential trips to Manchester and London
- Half termly Rewards trips to a range of destinations
- Duke of Edinburgh (Bronze)









'I like to do my homework the same day that it is given to me so I don't get too much at once. It also helps me to re-cap what I did in lesson earlier that day.'



LEARNING STARTS AT HOME

A good home learning habit that is developed in Year 7 stands students in good stead for the rigors of GCSE and technical qualifications in the latter years of secondary education.

Homework also strengthens the ability to work independently, to learn to take responsibility for individual learning beyond the classroom and encourages pupils to review their own work and extend it in breadth and depth.

Parents and pupils are provided with log in information for Microsoft Teams, where homework is displayed online, along with all relevant resources.





UNITED ENDEAVOUR TRUST

AIMING HIGHER TOGETHER

We would like to thank you for considering one of the academies within the United Endeavour Trust. Sir Thomas Boughey Academy offers a strong curriculum, delivered by dedicated and high quality teachers. Through the Trust, and with close collaboration between the three academies, we can offer much more than any stand-alone school.

Sir Thomas Boughey Academy officially joined the United Endeavour Trust in September 2017, after working closely together since the previous February. Since the conversion to an academy status, Principal Jane Hingley and her team of staff have adapted to academy life with both ease and enthusiasm, responding only positively to change.

Whilst each academy retains its individual identity, working together to improve our students' education lies at the heart of the Trust's core values. We aim to:

- Provide a rounded education for all our students
- Make our academies a part of the community they serve
- Provide outstanding teaching and pastoral support through well qualified and motivated staff.

For more information about United Endeavour Trust, please visit our website or give us a call www.uetrust.org 01782 973000





'Although I am looking forward to starting college next year, I will be sad to leave STB. I am especially going to miss the support from the teachers, and their cheesy jokes!'

- STUDENT, AGE 16



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