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## HEAD'S WELCOME

I am delighted to be able to introduce you to Arnold Lodge School, a leading co-educational school in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. Arnold Lodge educates boys and girls aged 4-18 within an environment that places the happiness and confidence of children at the heart of our ethos; we know that this is central to our pupils' learning and achievement.

At Arnold Lodge, we believe that every pupil should be happy, valued for their strengths and confident in their abilities. Our experience is that only when a pupil is happy and self-assured are they able to make the most outstanding progress in all areas. Our focus on the happiness of children is not at the expense of academic achievement; in fact, it's the opposite – we stress the importance of wellbeing and happiness because it is the key to achievement. We add significant value to the pupils in school and we have a very strong history of academic success across both our Junior and Senior Phases.

Our core values of Honesty, Hard Work and Kindness are central to our school ethos. The school house system reflects these core values, placing them at the heart of day to day life at Arnold Lodge. Veritas House (with truth and honesty), Dedicas House (with hard work and dedication) and Amicus House (with friendship and kindness) provide pupils with the opportunity for friendly competition in school with a broad range of House events which span Sports, Music, Art and inter House Quizzes (to name but a few) whilst also reinforcing the values and attributes that we strive for at Arnold Lodge.

Our most recent full ISI report found that pupils at Arnold Lodge receive 'excellent teaching', 'excellent pastoral care' and that the quality of our pupils' achievements and learning is also excellent. Outstanding teaching and examination results are not enough, though – we believe in being more than an 'examination factory' because learning to pass examinations is simply not enough. As such, all of our pupils are given outstanding spiritual, moral, social and



cultural development and we continuously look to innovate in our pedagogy and curriculum to ensure that we give a broad and well-rounded educational experience. The breadth of opportunity at Arnold Lodge allows pupils to develop their skills in creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking skills that are crucial to success in the modern world. Your child deserves an exceptional education and that is what we strive for. I would be delighted to show you around Arnold Lodge to introduce you to our school, pupils and teachers. I am tremendously proud of our pupils and it is they who best encapsulate the spirit of Arnold Lodge; I have no doubt they will tell you all about it when you come and visit.

David Preston Headteacher

## ETHOS & VALUES

At Arnold Lodge, our school mission is:

To develop the happiness, confidence and skills of each pupil so they can be successful in their aspirations.

#### We believe that:

- 1. Every child in school should feel happy, safe and confident.
- 2. Every child should know their strengths and be valued for those strengths.
- 3. Every child should make the most academic progress they can in a supportive and positive environment.
- 4. Every child should have the opportunity to develop the skills they need to be successful in their aspirations.

Your child deserves an outstanding education. We believe that children are worth more than a limited entrance examination and it is for this reason we select on a child's potential and the value we can add – not on tapered academic assessments. Every child who joins Arnold Lodge deserves the right to feel happy, safe and confident in school and to be able to make the most progress they can. Some children will achieve the highest grades and they will do so in an environment where they are challenged, supported and valued for more than their hard work and academic achievement. For a different child, securing a pass in English might be a huge success and this achievement is valued just the same. Academic study at Arnold Lodge is not about percentages and statistics, it's about the individual pupil and helping them to attain the very highest that they can. Our 'value added' for each pupil can be evidenced through our track record of outstanding A Level & GCSE examination results as well as those internal examinations as pupils progress through the school.

School is about so much more than classroom teaching. Our approach continues in Art, Music, Drama and Sport where pupils are encouraged to take part, gain experiences and to enjoy being active, creative and on the stage. Some of our pupils are outstanding artists or musicians and these skills are valued highly at Arnold Lodge. All of our pupils are encouraged to develop their leadership skills; from joining our Pupil Parliament, taking part in Duke of Edinburgh right the way to being selected as Head Pupil, there are opportunities throughout the school for children to grow in confidence and find new interests and passions.

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"The School is highly successful in achieving its aim to encourage pupils to be happy, safe and valued."

**ISI Inspection** 



# JUNIOR PHASE Reception to Year 2

In the Junior Phase, we are committed to providing high quality educational opportunities for all our pupils. We understand that children need and deserve a teacher who is ready to explore, learn and laugh with them throughout the day. Children only have one journey through school; every opportunity should be cherished and enjoyed.

Our vision is based on the belief that a happy and confident child, coupled with a rich and knowledge-led curriculum, will have the necessary building blocks for future success. We nurture academic success alongside creativity and imagination to help learners secure the knowledge, skills and values they will require for the future.

Our vibrant Lower Juniors starts with Reception and your child's first steps into life at Arnold Lodge. Reception is one of the most important years of a child's school journey. With small class sizes and highly trained staff, our pupils benefit from our creative and varied planning which is tailored to the children's interests on a day-to-day basis. Our pupils also benefit from expert teachers in specialist subjects such as Spanish, PE, Music and Drama.

When making the transition from EYFS to Year 1, children will continue to learn through a mixture of continuous provision and adult-led learning. Our Year 1 environment embraces a pupil's natural desire to explore, providing them the opportunity to discover their own interests within this environment, whilst promoting choice and independence. When pupils venture into Year 2 and 3, they will follow a more structured timetable; core lessons in the morning followed by wider curriculum lessons in the afternoon taught by their class teachers and specialist teachers. Children thrive academically in a range of subjects in a supportive, yet challenging environment to make sure all pupils can reach their potential.

Within the Lower Juniors, we are dedicated to ensuring that all children feel happy and safe as we believe that a child is only able to flourish in their learning if they feel confident.





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"Within the
EYFS, children's
achievements
and progress
exceed age-related
expectations and
are excellent
relative to their
starting points."

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# JUNIOR PHASE Year 3 to Year 6

As your child moves into the Upper Juniors, we build on their natural enthusiasm, excitement and inquisitive nature to continue their love of learning and ensure they achieve their very best.

Through continued specialist teaching in subjects such as Spanish, Art, Music, Drama, PE and Food Technology, the children have a balanced curriculum with a clear focus on academic rigour, challenge and personal growth throughout.

By the end of their Junior phase journey, our pupils are able to be:

Successful: Learners who gain deep and powerful knowledge in preparation for life; combining academic rigour, curiosity and creative flair. Children achieve consistent personal academic achievements across the whole curriculum and value each subject and skill gained. Pupils experience a rich, exciting curriculum that leaves them able to make powerful and informed choices about their future.

**Creative:** Learners who are imaginative, optimistic and inventive; finding their voice to become affective communicators, prepared for lifelong adaptability. Children enjoy creative teaching that makes learning engaging and allows them to think independently, to be more resourceful and to be confident members of the ALS Community. Pupils are able to embrace and engage a unique range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom through our Genius Hour project and Skills for Life sessions.

Engaged: Learners who are confident, resilient, well-rounded citizens; they understand the world's communities and are ready to discover their place in it. Children are proud of their achievements and the progress they make and these achievements are celebrated together. Our pupils develop positive, secure relationships so that they can continue to flourish and have a powerful sense of their own potential.



DREAM



"Arnold Lodge is how all schools should be. When children are happy they will learn."

**Parent** 

# SENIOR PHASE Year 7 to Year 11

In the Senior Phase, pupils focus on achieving their full potential in both their academic learning and more widely too. With examinations increasingly a part of school life, the academic learning environment becomes even more important; exceptional teaching, small mentor groups and a focus on pupil welfare allow pupils to make huge progress.

The Key Stage 3 curriculum remains broad, giving pupils access to a wide range of subjects. English, Mathematics and Science form the core curriculum with excellent teaching, support and encouragement necessary to ensure pupils further their core learning. Our pupils also study a broad creative curriculum which includes the following subjects: Spanish, History, Geography, Music, Art, Drama, Food Technology, Computer Science, PSHEE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and PPRE (Philosophy, Politics, Religion and Ethics).

School is about so much more than just classroom learning and Arnold Lodge pupils delve into our ExEn sessions (Extension and Enrichment) which offer a phenomenal range of opportunities to our pupils. This might be taking the Duke of Edinburgh award, Computer Science, Literacy Support, Advanced Mathematics, Engineering or Music Composition - there's an ExEn session for everyone!

Whether it's a love of learning, a passion for sport or a burgeoning interest in one of our ExEn sessions, we know these school years are crucial and we seek to develop the interests and talents of every pupil.



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**ASPIRE** 

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"You just cannot beat the small class sizes and the teachers who know the children and support them to get the best grades."

Parent



# SENIOR PHASE Year 7 to Year 11

As pupils enter their GCSE years, we focus on creating a bespoke learning experience for our pupils. Our core subjects, English, Mathematics and Science, provide a variety of pathways for your child to pursue and we can provide a range of different qualifications to find the right combination for your child.

Arnold Lodge offers a wide selection of elective subjects for pupils to pick from and we support them in their selections as they begin to think of careers for the future. Some pupils will take 10 GCSEs while others might take 7 and have additional support where they need it; we tailor our curriculum around what is right for the child so they have the best outcomes in their examinations.

During these GCSE years, pupils focus on their examinations and staff work closely with them to ensure the highest levels of teaching. Exceptional pastoral care ensures pupils are supported during the crucial GCSE years while pupils continue to enjoy Games and ExEn (Extension and Enrichment) sessions to support their wider development.

Through our academic rigour, one of Arnold Lodge's greatest strengths is the value that we add to children's education in examinations. On average we have added over 11 grades to each pupil beyond their target grades. Our school ethos, coupled with excellent teaching and pastoral care, allows pupils at Arnold Lodge to achieve beyond their target grades and attain academic success at a higher level than they might have elsewhere.



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**BELIEVE** 



## **SIXTH** FORM

Arnold Lodge Sixth Form has an outstanding breadth of courses on offer with A Levels, BTECs and the Extended Project Qualification available, providing pupils with access to a truly bespoke education.

Our Sixth Form balances the need to develop independence and responsibility with the vital support and care that young people need during these crucial years to fulfil their potential.

#### A Level & BTEC Subjects

Please note the subjects listed are illustrative and are subject to change. Please see the Sixth Form Prospectus for further details.

Music

**Physics** 

**Politics** 

Psychology

Sociology

Spanish

Art English Literature
Biology Film Studies
Business Food Technology
Computer Science Geography
Chemistry History

Drama Mathematics

RTFCS

Business Criminology Information Techn

Information Technology Music Technology Performing Arts

**Sport & Exercise** 

Science

Media Studies

Sixth Form life is an exciting change from a highly structured day to one where pupils are encouraged to develop independent study skills and are expected to take responsibility for their own learning. Our Sixth Form environment mimics University life with a Sixth Form kitchen, a study hub and seminar style teaching.

Alongside their studies, Sixth Form pupils follow a programme of Enrichment that includes life skills, support with UCAS applications and careers sessions, which prepares them for life after school. Arnold Lodge pupils leave our Sixth Form as well rounded, confident and independent individuals who are ready to take their next challenge in their stride.



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**ACHIEVE** 



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"Studying at
Arnold Lodge
Sixth Form furthered
my passion for
English Literature and
helped me to get the
grades I needed to
get into my first
choice University."

**Pupil, Warwick University** 

# PERFORMING AR TS

Whilst we know that the core academic curriculum is important and pride ourselves on our excellent examination results, we also place Performing Arts as having the same level of importance.

For us, a school curriculum should champion the Performing Arts as a means of enriching the school experience of all children. From Drama classes through to Music and Music Technology, we place a great deal of emphasis on ensuring all pupils engage with creative subjects as this provides pupils with confidence, self-awareness, a sense of achievement and, above all else, enjoyment.

Alongside our Performing Arts curriculum, pupils have the chance to engage in a broad range of extra-curricular clubs (including Music Technology & Composition in the iMac Suite, Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band and various Dance classes) as well as working through their Music & Drama examination grades with our visiting music and LAMDA drama teachers or signing up for the lead role in one of our Drama performances. Your child can learn to play the violin, the piano, guitar, drums, flute – to name just a few, while they embrace their creativity and unearth their passion for performance.



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**CREATE** 



"The individualisation of lessons is a significant strength of the school."

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#### SPORT FOR ALL

Sport is a crucial part of life at Arnold Lodge as we believe that a breadth of experience and activities are vital to a well rounded education.

The main emphasis in the sporting life of Arnold Lodge is of participation and passion for sport; we strongly encourage inclusion and enjoyment of sport for all our pupils, whatever their ability.

Opportunities for sport at Arnold Lodge are abundant. We offer a wide range of sports from Reception through to Year 13 who are coached by a highly trained team with a specialist physical education department. Whether pupils enjoy traditional team sports such as netball, hockey and football or individual pursuits such as swimming, golf, squash or gymnastics, our sports curriculum offers a chance for all pupils to participate and represent their school community. Using newly renovated world class facilities at the University of Warwick for swimming, athletics and hockey, The Warwickshire for golf, to developing links with local teams including the Old Leamingtonians Rugby Club, Leamington Lawn Tennis and Squash Club and Leamington Cricket Club, our pupils are encouraged to improve their skills and develop a life-long passion for sport.

We have competitive fixtures for all age groups against local schools and compete in tournaments run by the CWSSP and the ISA across the school year. High levels of participation see the majority of pupils given the opportunity to compete regularly. Through our sports curriculum and competitive sport, pupils develop their core skills of communication, critical thinking and collaboration reinforced with resilience, perseverance and hard work. All of which are integral to encouraging well rounded individuals ready to embark on a world where each of these qualities will be called upon. Learning does not stop outside of the classroom!



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COMPETE



## EXTENSION & ENRICHMENT The ExEn Programme

Arnold Lodge has an extensive Extension and Enrichment Programme known as "ExEn" available to all pupils from Reception to Year 13.

Learning continues beyond the classroom and the ExEn programme sets out to give Arnold Lodge pupils access to experiences that are vital as part of a broad and rounded school experience.

Extension supports the school curriculum and sessions such as Fashion and Textiles, Debating Club, Creative Writing and Amnesty International give the opportunity for pupils to stretch their learning. Extension sessions also give support and a boost for pupils who might need it with Numeracy, Literacy and Science booster sessions taking place across the whole school.

Enrichment broadens the scope of learning and offers a rich array of sessions for pupils to find their new passions. Furthermore, with sessions covering everything from Chess, Karate, Origami, Journalism, Music Production through to Fencing, Handball, Street Dance, Netball and Gymnastics, there's sure to be an ExEn session to interest everyone.

The ExEn programme works in tandem with other opportunities such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award or getting the whole family to join the monthly 'Cook-along with Lodge', our ExEn sessions take place over lunch breaks and after school to provide a truly outstanding experience for our pupils.



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**BELIEVE** 





"The School
ethos and values
were crucial to
us as a family
in selecting ALS."

Parent

### EXPLORE OUR SCHOOL

We know that choosing the right school for your child is a major decision, whether they're starting school for the first time or looking for a new school. As such, we believe that it's only when children are happy and confident that they can fulfil their potential and flourish.

After reading our prospectus, if you would like to find out more you can browse our school website (www. arnoldlodge.com) which includes the latest school news, our school calendar, staff details, school bus routes and the latest information on Open Days. We also have social media feeds which show life at Arnold Lodge – take a look at Twitter (@ArnoldLodgeNews), LinkedIn (Arnold Lodge School) or look us up on Facebook (Arnold Lodge School) and Instagram (@arnold.lodge). The best way to get a sense of Arnold Lodge and the opportunities that our school could offer your child is by coming to visit us. We would be delighted to invite you in for a tour of the school during an Open Day or on a day and time that is most convenient for you. Our Admissions team will support you all the way from booking in the tour, visiting at an Open Day right the way through to preparing for your child's first day at Arnold Lodge. Call 01926 778050 or email admissions@arnoldlodge.com.

Arnold Lodge is a selective independent school and admissions are considered on the basis of an interview, school report, school reference and set of assessments which look for the potential of your child to meet the high standards here at Arnold Lodge School. The assessments are not intimidating and they are completed in a friendly environment; our focus is on the value we can add to your child's education – not just their academic attainment to date. We accept pupils into all year groups but our main points of entry are Reception, Year 3, Year 7 and Year 12.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Arnold Lodge School.



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