



# PROSPECTUS





# WELCOME TO GILLOTTS

Gillotts is a high-performing school where every student is valued as an individual, and is supported and encouraged to achieve their potential.

We pride ourselves on being inclusive of all, developing young people who make a positive contribution to society now and in their future lives.

Our core values as a school are:

- **Dedication to learning** – We thrive as learners, embracing challenges and thinking hard. Our rich and broad curriculum, delivered through expert teaching, enriches students' lives. We support students and staff to be the best they can be.

- **Respect and kindness** – We treat our students, families, staff and the wider community with respect and kindness – modelling our school values and wanting the very best for each other.
- **Integrity and trust** – We put ethical leadership at the heart of our work, serving our community with fairness and honesty.

I hope that this prospectus will give you a little bit of a flavour of our fantastic school. If you want to know more, do come and visit us.

*Catharine Darnton,  
Headteacher*

# DEDICATION TO LEARNING

## **‘Pupils thrive because of the high-quality teaching and care’**

That’s what Ofsted said when they visited the school in July 2023 and assessed what we do as outstanding across the board.

## **Achievement for all**

We believe in achievement for all and want to secure the best outcomes for all our learners, without exception.

We want to continue to raise students’ expectations of themselves, ready for the challenges ahead. We encourage them to be the best they can be.

## **Inspiring teaching**

Teaching and learning are at the heart of this school. At Gillotts, we know that ‘learning is the residue of thought’ and as such see the following as the key strategies for ensuring learning happens:

- Secure attention
- Communicate clearly through modelling and explanations
- Drive thought through practice
- Seek and give feedback in order to adapt teaching to need

## **A motivating curriculum**

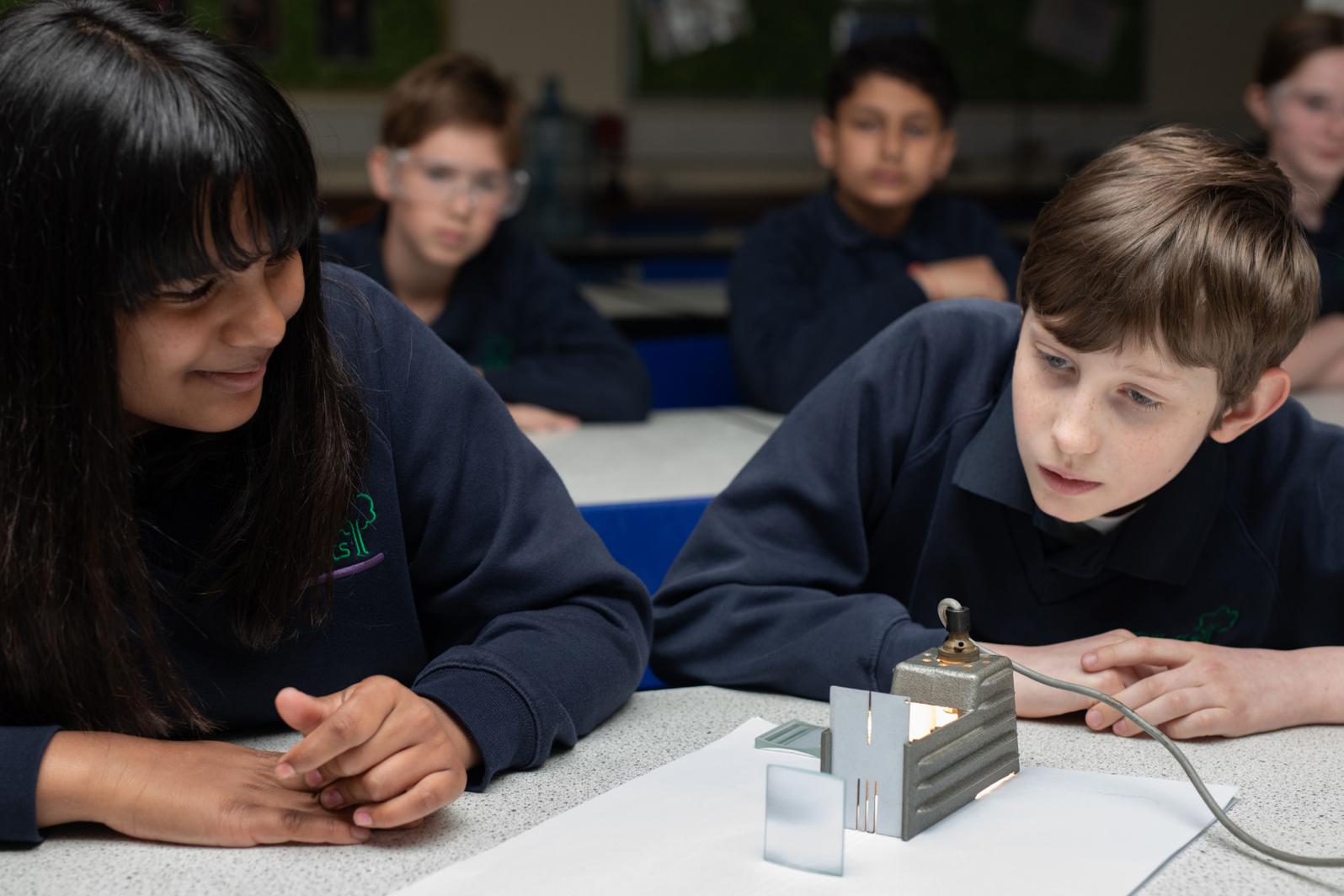
We are proud of our outstanding curriculum, underpinned by a deep understanding of student progress and a commitment to developing the wider skills valued by higher education and employers.

Our curriculum will give students the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life, whatever their starting point.

It is enhanced by a range of extra subjects, including an additional foreign language, Dance and Drama.

## **‘Non nobis solum’ – not by ourselves alone**

We pride ourselves on our inclusive and highly welcoming environment. We keep the school’s motto at the centre of our work.





# INCLUSIVE OF ALL

## **Students at the centre**

Our house system creates a sense of identity and belonging and each student's tutor monitors their wellbeing on a daily basis.

## **Outstanding support**

We know that students will only thrive in their learning when their wellbeing needs are met.

Our extended team offers outstanding pastoral care.

Our partnerships with external agencies mean we can signpost specialist care and support.

## **A wide variety of activities**

Our extracurricular programme is varied with Dance, Drama, Music and PE all adding vibrancy to the student experience.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and World Challenge give students the opportunity to develop resilience and self confidence.

## **Lifelong learners**

We prepare our students to be lifelong learners in a changing world.

We actively develop the skills they will need – working in a team, managing information, problem solving – as well as nurturing the social and emotional aspects of learning.

## **A wonderful location**

We have an inspirational site – 33 acres with extensive woodland, on the site of the local manor house, parts of which (including two associated cottages) remain.

The school is set on the fringes of the town with extensive views across the Thames Valley.

We want the stunning environment to excite and inspire students.



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