

SUTTON  
COMMUNITY  
ACADEMY

## Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to Sutton Community Academy.

At Sutton, we want all students to leave able and qualified to play their part in an ever-changing world. We do this by providing an ambitious curriculum and expert teaching that empowers them with the knowledge, skills and character to lead a happy and successful life beyond their time at school.

Our academy is a small, close-knit community where children are safe and supported to achieve the best possible outcomes. Our dedicated team of staff are welcoming, supportive and professional, and thoroughly committed to the education and welfare of your child.

I look forward to meeting and working with you to ensure that your child receives the first-class education they deserve.

*Mr L. Taylor*

Head of Academy

**“ Sutton Community Academy is a much-improved school that sits proudly at the heart of its local community.”**

*Ofsted, 2022*





## Ambitious Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad, ambitious and innovative. It empowers students with the knowledge, skills and attributes that will enable them to be successful both in school; and in their future lives.

It is our commitment that all students are taught a curriculum that is:

- ◆ **Knowledge Rich:** students encounter and learn the powerful knowledge that has shaped the world
- ◆ **Inclusive:** students, regardless of their starting point, access the same high-quality curriculum that champions diversity
- ◆ **Ambitious:** we believe students deserve a curriculum that is academically challenging with a strong emphasis on reading
- ◆ **Personalised:** students are given numerous opportunities to deepen and widen their learning based on their own passions and interests
- ◆ **Enriching:** we recognise that inspirational experiences, outside of the classroom, help bring learning to life

**“Curriculum leaders have done a lot of work to improve the quality of education.”**  
*Ofsted, 2022*

## Expert Teaching

We have a track record for attracting and retaining exceptional staff. Our teachers are inspirational subject experts that bring our ambitious curriculum to life every day in the classroom.

Teachers engage with a high-quality programme of professional development to ensure classroom instruction is informed by the latest research.

At Sutton, teachers present subject matter clearly with precise explanations and examples, so students understand exactly what is being asked of them. Student learning is checked and reviewed frequently to ensure that knowledge is learned and remembered over time. This approach ensures all students make progress, regardless of their starting point.

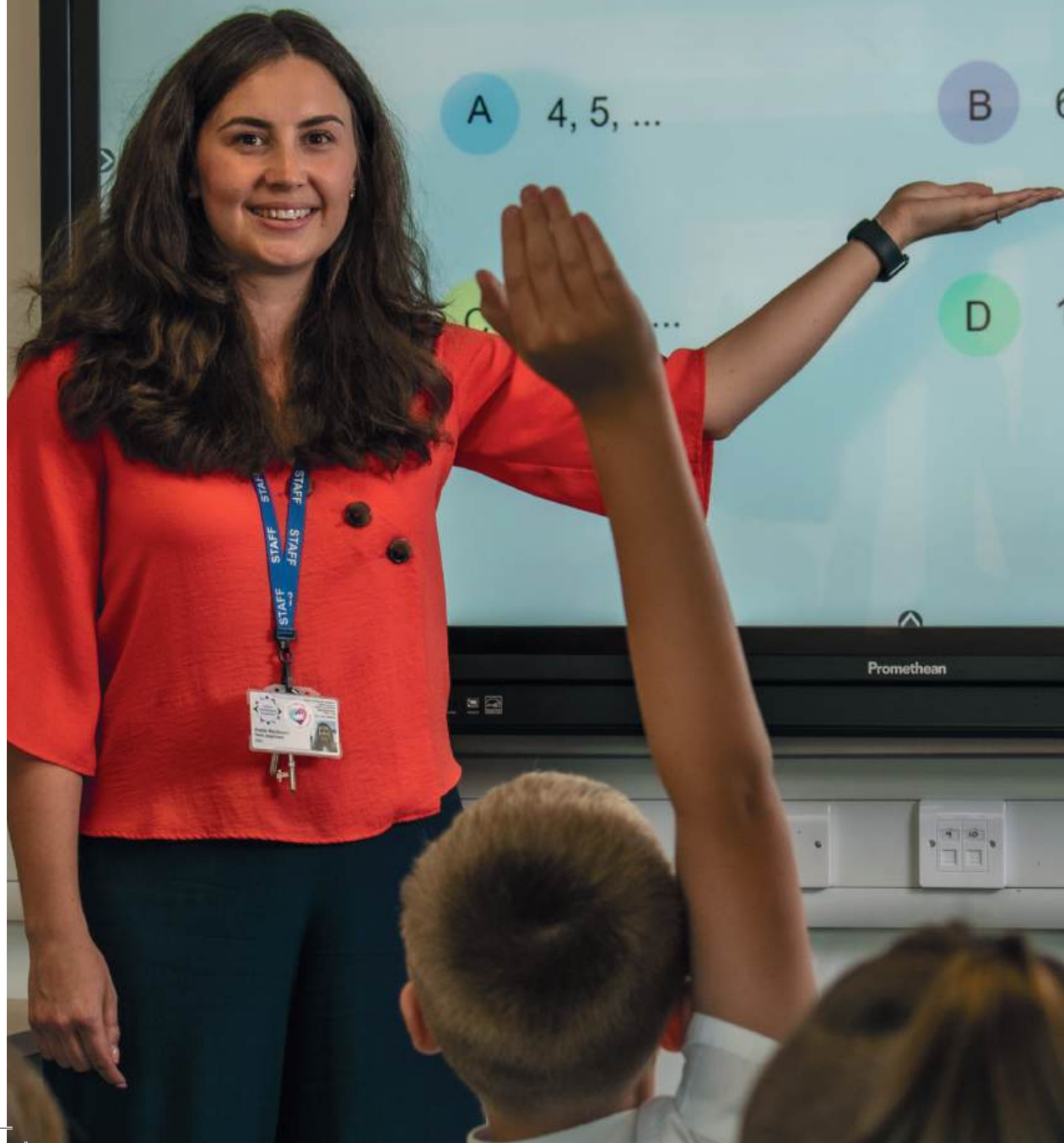
**“Teachers take pride in  
their subject-specialist  
knowledge.”**  
*Ofsted, 2022*

A linear sequence begins 3, ...  
Which of these could not be the next two terms?

A 4, 5, ...

B 6, 12, ...

D 13, 23, ...







**“Leaders have created an  
ambitious school culture. Staff  
have high aspirations for what  
pupils can achieve”**  
*Ofsted, 2022*

## High Expectations

We believe all students flourish in an environment that is calm, structured and free from disruption.

At Sutton Community Academy, we don't just expect good behaviour, we teach it. We have established clear and simple routines so students know exactly how to conduct themselves at all times. We use praise regularly to celebrate students with a positive attitude to learning.

Our staff are warm but strict. This means they are kind, caring and unwavering in their expectations. Students at Sutton are expected to arrive on time, wear the uniform with pride and always show respect.

Our students appreciate our high standards and understand how it makes Sutton Community Academy a happy and safe place to learn.



## The Sutton Way

We believe school is about more than just gaining qualifications. We place a strong emphasis on the development of students' character.

The Sutton Way describes our school culture and the way we do things. It explicitly sets out our expectations and reminds us of the habits that will secure success in school and beyond.

The Sutton Pledge is our flagship character awards scheme. Students are challenged to complete a wide range of community, cultural and character-based pledges in order to achieve Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards. As part of the pledge, students have opportunities to influence and make a positive impact within their local community.

WE ARE **KIND** TO PEOPLE

WE WORK  
**HARD**

WE BELIEVE  
*in*  
OURSELVES

WE ARE **PROUD** OF OUR ✦  
ACHIEVEMENTS & OUR COMMUNITY

WE SAY PLEASE  
& **THANK YOU**

WE ARE EQUIPPED *to learn* 

WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ~~MISTAKES~~

WE TAKE *in our* APPEARANCE &  
**PRIDE** **ENVIRONMENT**

WE ARE **AMBITIOUS**,  
RESILIENT & DETERMINED

WE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR

**ACTIONS** ✦

“WE LISTEN TO & RESPECT OTHERS”



‘Leaders promote pupils’ personal development well’  
*Ofsted, 2022*

## Beyond the Classroom

We offer an extensive programme of opportunities to support and enrich our ambitious curriculum offer.

Students represent the academy in numerous sporting teams and perform in our drama productions, music concerts and dance festivals.

We also offer the highly popular Duke of Edinburgh Award as well as lots of extra curriculum opportunities, including, Maths Challenge, STEM Club, musical instrument lessons and reading and writing competitions throughout the year.

Students in every tutor group elect student representatives to sit on the Student Council in order to contribute to key decision-making across the school.

Our students understand their role as citizens of the world and participate in many curriculum trips to destinations such as the National Justice Museum, The National Holocaust Centre and Museum and local religious and cultural institutions. Further afield, Sutton students are embarking on trips to Everest Basecamp, Skiing in Italy and The European Organization for Nuclear Research in Switzerland.





**“Pupils have many  
opportunities to develop  
their talents and interests.”**  
*Ofsted, 2022*

## Careers

High quality careers education and guidance is critical to our students' futures. It helps to prepare them for the workplace by providing a clear understanding of the world of work.

Through a wide variety of activities, lessons, visits and one-to-one career appointments, students are able to gain valuable knowledge about jobs and courses that may be of interest to them. Our dedicated careers advisor is available in school to provide the support students need to help them make a well-informed, realistic decision about what to do after leaving Sutton Community Academy.

Students are taken to visit universities, Further Education colleges and apprenticeship providers. They undertake virtual work experience, mock interviews and attend our very own, highly regarded careers fair. We hold the Career Mark in recognition of the outstanding level of support and guidance we offer to students.

**"The careers programme is  
of a high quality."**

*Ofsted, 2022*







## Transition

It is essential that all Year 6 students arrive at Sutton Community Academy feeling excited and well-prepared to take the next steps in their educational journey.

Our transition programme is well established, offering students plenty of opportunities to get to know their new school community. All new students are placed in a small tutor group that they stay with from Year 7 to Year 11. Each tutor group is led by a tutor who is responsible for the pastoral care of their tutees during their time at Sutton Community Academy. Students spend time with their new tutor and tutor group during transition days. The tutor is the first point of contact for parental enquiries, therefore we invite student families to our Meet the Tutor evenings in the summer term.

Once students have joined us in September, we host a schedule of activities to ensure our new students make friends, get to know their teachers and settle into the routine of the school day.

## Academy Transformation Trust

We believe every child matters and deserves a first class education. Our team knows first-hand how to make education better for schools, pupils and their teachers.

For us, the future of UK education relies upon schools working closely together to share best practices, giving every child the best chance in life.

We set up ATT to make this vision a reality. As a not-for-profit trust, we work with our growing family of primary and secondary academies and further education providers in the Midlands, East of England and South East.

Our mission is to provide the very best education for all pupils and the highest level of support for our staff to ensure every child leaves our academies with everything they need to reach their full potential.

Find out more by visiting: [www.academytransformationtrust.co.uk](http://www.academytransformationtrust.co.uk)







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