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Academy Prospectus





The support that teachers give pupils, and that pupils give each other, helps make the school the caring community that it is.

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Welcome to your next step.



Mr D Hardy Headmaster

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy is an 11–18 comprehensive school where students are valued, happy, challenged and strive to achieve their best. The Academy provides rich learning experiences both in and outside of the classroom resulting in an exceptional education.

Our Academy is very special for many reasons. We have fantastic staff, who inspire and support students to succeed, and our ethos provides a calm and caring learning environment which you can feel as you walk around the Academy. We place strong emphasis on community values and believe every student is an individual. We believe it is crucial to celebrate everyone's successes and varied talents.

We continually strive for improvement and the Academy has a clear vision for the future. Staff are dedicated to ensuring they continue to provide a world-class education for students and are committed to helping them to develop their potential and contribute fully to the life of the community. We place students at the centre of every decision we make.

Students who leave Sir Robert Pattinson Academy are literate, numerate, well-qualified and confident individuals with lively, enquiring minds who are able to develop good working relationships with others and are adaptable enough to react to the needs of a fast-changing world. Our goal is to help our students to be successful in life.

Should you wish to visit the Academy, please contact us to make an appointment. We would be delighted to meet you.

We have high expectations and high aspirations for every one of our students, and this ethos is encapsulated in our Academy motto, taken from the Latin inscription Sapientia et Doctrina (Wisdom and Learning).

The perfect foundation for learning.

Learning at Sir Robert Pattinson Academy is characterised by an attention to each individual student, providing inspiring lessons for all abilities.

Curriculum delivery across all departments is carried out by well-qualified specialists who share a passion for their subject. Lessons are innovative; teachers seek to engage and enthuse all learners, utilising new technology to accelerate learning.

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning through the virtual learning platform, as they start to build their independence and develop good learning routines and habits.

We believe homework is a powerful tool, encouraging our students to work independently and provide an opportunity for parents to become actively involved with their child's learning.

Our broad and balanced curriculum supports every student, enabling them to learn, achieve and succeed. Our strategy is based around building a core strength of learning habits and values whilst offering and guiding students through the wide and diverse range of options we have to offer.

We place a high value on preparing our students for the world of work. As one of a few schools with Platinum Career-Mark, we offer a broad choice of vocational training, supported by an unrivalled network of local employers. The relationships we have forged with businesses create invaluable opportunities for our students and lead them towards success.

We also have exceptional connections with Higher Education providers and our own successful sixth form allow us to provide a wide range of A-level and vocational equivalent courses.

We believe education should inspire every child to want to continue learning throughout their life.





I've been made really welcome by all my class mates and my teachers, everyone is so friendly. I've made so many great friends here.

SRPA student





All my teachers have been encouraging, helping me progress with my courses and making lessons really exciting and rewarding.

SRPA student

A community built on passion.

At Sir Robert Pattinson Academy we believe that inspiration, organisation and determination are crucial to the success of the students and the Academy.

We apply those high expectations to our staff as well as our students. We set challenging targets for all and endeavour to create an Academy community where teachers and students support each other as they strive to be the best they can be.

To help students achieve their targets, we accurately monitor their progress during the year. Parents receive regular reports alongside opportunities to come into the Academy to meet with teachers.

Our regular checks in lessons on individual progress ensure we provide the right support to students at the right time. Students are encouraged to reflect on their own progress and development, responding to the feedback given by their teachers.





For our most able students, we provide extension activities within all lessons, along with additional opportunities to broaden their experience; these have included maths challenges, STEM projects and Personal Development drop down days.

We do not rest on our laurels. We are committed to developing our Academy community to be exceptional. The hopes we have for our students are only matched by the expectations for improvement we place on our own staff and teachers.



Supporting you every step of the way.

We aim for our students to develop socially as well as academically, to be confident individuals motivated by a strong sense of personal worth, whilst showing consideration for others.

Students work together to support one another. We have an active student council that works to improve the Academy for students and organise special events to raise money for charity.

We have a well-established programme for inspiring accelerated reading, such as where sixth form students work one-to-one with some of the younger students, supporting them with their reading and comprehension skills.

The whole student body regularly comes together to support the wider community, which provides unique and valuable opportunities for the students to interact with different generations and backgrounds. This is underpinned by our Community Value.

Focus on creating a sense of belonging begins the first time new students step through our door. Our transition programme ensures a smooth changeover from primary school. Our students are guided through secondary schooling by their personal tutor, supported by a wider team of skilled staff.

Learning mentors and support assistants aid students through the Academy whenever needed. We do everything possible to create a harmonious and supportive community.

It is no surprise that visitors regularly tell us they notice how happy our students are and how calm our Academy is.



This is a calm, happy and caring school. Pupils flourish as a result of the good quality of education and the opportunities open to them.

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Great facilities, staff and everything you need to ensure that your learning experience is enjoyable.

SRPA student

A school built beyond the classroom.

At our Academy, we believe that modern education needs to look beyond the traditional confines of a classroom and provide students with curriculum opportunities and knowledge to experience cultures, language and diversity first-hand.

We have a track record of providing access to a wide range of international projects for our students and programmes that inspire them, broaden their learning and widen their horizons.

Experience has shown us that students involved in these opportunities emerge with a real sense of purpose and drive, becoming much more involved in the life of the Academy. We see positive improvements in their Academy work.

Since 2007, students have journeyed as far and wide as Kenya, Morocco, Venezuela, India, Norway, Iceland, Tanzania and Croatia, taking on exciting new challenges.

Dozens of students have taken on some of the most challenging landscapes in the world and returned with a new outlook on life and a renewed hunger for learning.

In addition, we offer European travel for those learning foreign languages from Year 7.

The confidence derived from overcoming challenges is not just reserved for those who undertake these trips – it is embedded throughout the Academy on a daily basis.

Whether it is competitive sport, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, music and drama performances or House competitions we encourage our students to experience, overcome and learn from experiences outside the classroom.

We promote tolerance, an understanding of different cultures and empathy with the wider world through an extensive programme of charity events at local and national level, working in partnership with other schools locally and internationally and through continued interaction with employers and local community groups.

We believe in the ethos that developing intelligence and character is the goal of true education



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