



Our Motto is "The Pursuit of Excellence"

Wootton Academy Trust

Wootton Upper School and Kimberley 16 - 19 College (in the nearby village of Stewartby), are both operated by Wootton Academy Trust [WAT]. The two institutions are 3 miles apart and linked by a shuttle bus.

WAT is ambitious and its vision is to provide outstanding education in all of its component parts.

Wootton Upper School, with 900 pupils across Years 9 -11, was rated good by Ofsted in November 2017. Results across the core subjects are very high. Progress 8 was 0.13 in 2017; 0.26 in 2018 and 0.2 in 2019.

Most of its pupils come from two local middle schools.

Kimberley 16 - 19 College has 650 students. In September 2022 this will rise to 700. Around 175 pupils in each year group join the College from Wootton Upper School; the rest join from other local schools.

Kimberley is rated as good by Ofsted with outstanding for Personal Development, Behaviour and Well-being. The College has regularly featured in the Sunday Times list of the top Sixth Form Colleges in the UK based on the proportion of students getting 2As and 1B or better in facilitating subjects. In 2019 Kimberley College was ranked as the 14th highest Sixth Form College in the UK.

The Music Department

We are committed to expanding our Arts provision moving forward, recognizing the amazing potential the Arts have to develop lively, enquiring minds in our pupils as well as being a great vehicle to encourage creativity and ingenuity.

Our Arts facilities include a Theatre Hall and a Drama Studio; there is also a Dance Studio and two Music Rooms and seven practice rooms, as well as a recording studio within the immediate Arts accommodation [McKeown Performing Arts Block]; the Art studios are located nearby. Our team of Arts teachers are all specialists and all work hard for our pupils. They work closely together to share best practice.

Wootton Upper School focuses its teaching on pupils in Year 9-11; virtually all the Trusts' Sixth Form teaching takes place at Kimberley College. However, in Music, Drama, Dance, Art, and Textiles virtually all sixth form teaching remains at Wootton Upper School.

All pupils in Year 9 study Music as part of the core curriculum for one hour per week. At GCSE, there is currently one group in Year 10 and one group in Year 11. Over time, we would wish to see this increase. Students are able to learn a wide range of instruments including woodwind, brass, strings, percussion, piano and voice.

Music has previously been popular at A Level but is currently not running in Years 12 and 13; however, we are optimistic that A level Music will run again from September 2020.

We hope to extend the range of music courses we offer learners in our Trust to include Music Technology, BTEC and other certification pathways (e.g. Rockschoo), as well as A-Level and GCSE Music.

There are currently twelve visiting music teachers who visit the school each week.

In the wider Arts team there are: two teachers in the Drama Department; one Dance teacher and two Art teachers and also a teacher of Media Studies.

Our Arts teachers work closely together supporting each other in many different projects that the Trust participates in. Therefore, we are looking for a really enthusiastic Music specialist to join an amazingly dedicated and committed team of Arts teachers who make a real difference to the lives of the young people they teach. Some of our most outstanding staff teach in the Arts area. The successful candidate will be joining a superb team and get lots of support.

The Arts transform children's lives; our Arts team is committed to offering a wide range of enrichment activities for all children; we would want our new appointment to share that commitment, energy and zeal. Our enrichment curriculum includes working with partners locally and further afield including links with European schools as well as internal Trust productions.

If you would like any further information on our Music department or to arrange a visit, please contact recruitment@wootton.beds.sch.uk.