



*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 students 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 Dance Department**

Dance is one of three departments along with Drama and Music that combine to form our successful and well-regarded Performing Arts reputation in the community. We are committed to expanding our Performing Arts provision moving forward, recognizing the amazing potential the arts have to develop lively enquiring minds in our learners as well as being a great vehicle to encourage creativity and ingenuity.

We are seeking an inspiring and enthusiastic Head of Dance, to lead our Dance Department. You will manage and monitor the curriculum development of dance across all key stages, facilitating and encouraging inspirational learning experiences.

Our Performing Art facilities include a Dance Studio, Theatre Hall and Drama Studio; there are also 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 learners. 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 Dance, Music, Drama, Art, and Textiles virtually all sixth form teaching remains at Wootton Upper School.

In the wider arts team there are: three teachers in the Drama Department and two Art teachers, two Music teachers and also a teacher of Media Studies.

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.

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