Warden Park

2020 *prospectus*

SUSSEX LEARNING TRUST

welcome to

WARDEN PARK SECONDARY ACADEMY

Warden Park is an exciting and vibrant school focused on getting the *Best from All*. We are located in the beautiful village of Cuckfield and offer a very high quality educational experience for students in the Mid-Sussex area.

Getting the *Best from All* is at the centre of all that we do her at Warden Park. By providing the very best learning opportunities for our students we ensure that they leave with the best possible qualifications and the skills and attributes of the life-long learner.

It is a real privilege to be Headteacher of a school with such a strong and enviable tradition for high standards in academic achievement and excellence in sports, the arts and charitable community projects. As Headteacher my focus is on helping students achieve their potential. I strongly believe that education has the power to transform lives. Therefore all that we do at Warden Park is focused on empowering our students, developing them personally, socially and emotionally, as well as academically, and crucially igniting in them a passion for learning that will sustain them throughout their lives.

Here at Warden Park Secondary Academy we are committed to offering the highest quality education to our students, an education that is rich in variety and opportunity, that fully embraces digital technologies and that develops our students into confident and aspirational young adults ready to thrive in their academic, work and personal lives in the years beyond the Academy.

The outstanding relationships that exist between teachers, students, parents and carers and the local community sit at the very heart of our successes and this strong bond provides students with a firm foundation on which to grow and develop. Through this relationship we ensure that our students are fully supported in their learning and development and complete Year 11 having made outstanding progress and feeling proud of their many achievements.

I sincerely hope that you are interested in all that Warden Park has to offer your family and I look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Dom Kenrick
Headteacher

Safe and Supportive **Environment**

At Warden Park we place the highest importance on ensuring that our students are happy and well cared for. We ensure that every student is known as an individual, that we are responsive to individual's needs and that each child develops the confidence and resilience to reach their potential. Our pastoral support is exceptional and the strong relationships that we have with parents and carers underpins the support that students receive. Form Tutors, Pastoral Support Officers and the Head of Year work as an effective team supporting each student and monitoring academic performance. It is not enough that students do well at Warden Park, it is our intention that they truly flourish.

"The school's provision to prepare pupils for their future lives is outstanding".

- Ofsted, 2017

STAFF

> Our daughter is a changed girl since she started at Warden Park. She recently told me that it's the best decision she ever made
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> - Parent

Academic **Excellence**

Nothing but the best is good enough in terms of our students' academic performance. We have a long and enviable record of very high academic attainment and preparing students to be successful in GCSE examinations is a vitally important part of our work. At Warden Park learning is fun and engaging but it is also challenging and rigorous too. We want all of our students to master the basics and be strong at pushing the boundaries of their academic potential at GCSE. However, being successful at the end of Year 11 is not sufficient, we also want our students to excel when they move on to sixth form college and beyond that in their chosen university degree, apprenticeship or job. Our academic success is built on developing the knowledge and independent learning skills that ensure our students will be successful throughout their lives whatever they choose to do.

Challenge and **Aspiration**

We know that our students are hugely aspirational about their futures and determined to achieve well in their studies. They want to lead fulfilling lives, have interesting jobs, travel widely and be proud of themselves. Therefore providing the opportunity that comes with challenge is central to all that we do- challenge to meet ambitious goals, challenge to produce the best possible work, challenge to take on new ventures, challenge to overcome obstacles- challenge every day to be the best possible version of themselves. Here at Warden Park we believe that challenge allows aspirations to be fulfilled.

“The behaviour of pupils is outstanding

- Ofsted, 2017

> The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding
>
> - Ofsted, 2017

Curriculum **Opportunities**

Our curriculum offer is exceptional and we provide all students with a real breadth of subject choice. Through this, students build on their learning from primary school to acquire a broad base of knowledge and understanding that will help each to find and then pursue their interests and passions. At transition to Key Stage 4 we offer twenty-one subjects for students to follow through to final qualifications at the end of Year 11. Whatever a student's interests – English, maths, science, the creative and expressive arts, humanities, foreign languages, technologies or sport we are able to ensure that each student's personalised curriculum pathway supports their aspirations. Our three year Key Stage 4 ensures that students are able to fully immerse themselves in their chosen courses in preparation for GCSE success at the end of Year 11.

The Digital **Learner**

Here at Warden Park all students develop the digital skills that will prepare them for life in the 21st century. Through our innovative use of iPad technology students and teachers have the means to engage proactively and independently with their learning, creating an environment where barriers to learning are removed and a truly personalised learning experience exists. As one of only 40 accredited Apple Distinguished School in the UK we are at the forefront of using technology to enhance students' learning.

The iPad, as an integral part of students' learning processes, compliments and supports our desire to empower our students in their learning. The digital learning environment provides the opportunity for individual and collaborative learning and expression through the acquisition and application of advanced communication, presentation and research skills. Furthermore, by developing more autonomous learners and extending learning horizons we promote each individual's sense of personal identity and self-worth as ever increasing mastery and proficiency develops.

> "Governors and all staff promote positive relationships combined with high aspirations for themselves and pupils
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> - Ofsted, 2017

Look at Figure 3. Which of the following statements are correct?
Tick the box next to those you think are accurate, a cross next to
those that are inaccurate.
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the 1920s.
American industrial production was always higher than the rest of

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Enriching *Lives*

Learning and participation in sport, the performing arts and through experiences beyond the classroom play a vital role at Warden Park in helping our students to find their passion whilst developing a broad range of characteristics and skills.

Sport

Opportunities for students to participate and excel in individual pursuits, team games and dance are available through lessons and in sessions running before and after school. Our provision and facilities is excellent and our students achieve great success in a wide range of local, county and national competitions. Whether a student's interest in sport is for recreation or for competition there are opportunities for all to participate and be involved. Representing their House or the school in sport is something all can aspire to achieve.

Performing **Arts**

Art is exceptionally strong here at Warden Park and a very popular subject with students. Our well-equipped facilities provide perfect conditions in which our students can develop and express their creative abilities. Our annual display of students' GCSE coursework is one of the eagerly anticipated highlights in the school calendar and a perfect showcase for the *Best from All*.

Our Drama department play a pivotal role in allowing our students to develop their performance and theatre skills. Whether on stage, working as a director or managing staging and lighting there is a wealth of opportunities for students to engage in. The annual show is the centre piece of the Drama department's work uniting students across all year groups and bringing the whole school community together in celebration.

Our modern and well-equipped music facilities provide the perfect setting in which our talented musicians and singers can flourish. Our music department has something for everyone. Here beginners and the more experienced can develop their creative talents playing and performing for fun or honing their abilities through GCSE.

> "We are really impressed with the culture, values and overall approach of teachers at Warden Park, in particular the opportunities you give to students to develop real life skills and to flourish
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> - Parent

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> Effectiveness of leadership and management is outstanding
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> - Ofsted, 2017

Beyond the **Classroom**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is the world's leading youth achievement award which allows young people to push personal boundaries, learn new skills and enhance their CV in readiness for sixth form and university. DofE is open to all and provides each student with the opportunity to really test themselves against our *Best from All* ethos which sits at the heart of DofE.

A wide variety of trips and visits are in place that support students' curriculum learning and which help to broaden their understanding of different themes, cultures and nationalities. These incorporate many local, national and international venues and destinations and are a much valued part of our broad curriculum offer.

Through our House system and our Kindness Council students have the opportunity to enrich the lives of others. By engaging in voluntary and charitable service students develop the capacity to prioritise thinking of, and acting in support of, others.

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