



# FORWARDS



**A vision for  
the future of  
Oakham School**

## OUR VALUES

Care

Courage

Contribution

Connection







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HENRY PRICE

## A word from OUR HEADMASTER

Welcome to Oakham School and thank you for exploring our vision for the future. With 440 years of experience, our strategy encapsulates the spirit of tradition and innovation that is intrinsic to this great and grounded school.

Our priority is the care and wellbeing of our pupils. We do not simply have an eye to a fast-changing future, but are clear that these school years are precious, formative and the springboard for future success and happiness. Working with parents, we will provide an environment that balances support and challenge, stability and change to give our children security and confidence.

Our education is, therefore, deliberately and distinctively holistic. As artificial intelligence accelerates, society evolves, and new jobs emerge, our human intelligence, values, and skills grow in importance yet remain constant. We have developed a carefully constructed Connected Curriculum, which flows through the School, teaching knowledge, skills and values across the academic, co-curricular and pastoral spheres.



### HENRY PRICE

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We will articulate the need to think, communicate, interact, self-regulate and discern the truth. We will focus on our deeply embedded pastoral care and pastoral learning, alongside academic excellence enabling pupils to know themselves and understand others, where mental health, consent and digital awareness are as important as algebra and grammar. We will continue to provide a rich co-curriculum as a place for joy, friendship, and new experiences, as an integral part of learning, where timeless skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication are enhanced and values are tested and strengthened.

Our School successfully combines the rhythm and benefits of a great boarding school with a diverse, dynamic and distinctive mix of day and boarding pupils. From 2025, we will focus on a clear 11-18

journey with pupils from Years 7 to 13 receiving all the benefits of a senior school education with suitably tailored pastoral structures and support.

Our well-established House System will see greater integration of day and boarding pupils throughout the day and bespoke, modern boarding to suit all forms of boarding pupils and families. With over 50 years of experience in co-education, we will build further on the pioneering vision of Headmaster John Buchanan, celebrating our 50:50 balance of girls and boys.

Our Community is warm and welcoming, and we have a duty to maintain this beautiful place where pupils and adults belong, grow

and flourish together. We wish to strengthen our links with our local schools and partners, whilst also looking outwards to bring the wider world back into Oakham. We wish to foster and extend a sense of partnership, philanthropy, and, above all, friendship with parents, alumni and all those who know and care for the School.

Oakham School is a special place with 440 years of experience and a bright vision for the future. Our motto says 'vitai lampada tradunt' – they pass on the torch of life. As we look to the future, we take that responsibility seriously and hope current and future Oakhamians, their families, our colleagues and friends can be proud of who we are and what we can be.



***'Vitai lampada tradunt'***  
**They pass on the torch of life.**







## OUR PRIORITY

The wellbeing and care of our pupils.

## OUR PURPOSE

To teach pupils the knowledge, skills and values to flourish at Oakham School and beyond.



Our focus  
moving  
forwards  
will be...

## OUR EDUCATION

An ambitious and innovative Connected Curriculum for ages 11-18, interlinking knowledge, skills and values across the Academic, Pastoral and Co-Curricular spheres.



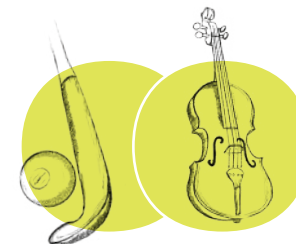
### ACADEMIC

Learning and Teaching  
Scholarship and Enrichment  
Technology and Digital Confidence



### PASTORAL LEARNING

Physical and Mental Health  
Knowing Ourselves and Understanding Others  
Careers and Future Pathways



### CO-CURRICULAR

Service and Leadership  
Sport, Activity and Adventure  
Creative and Performing Arts





## OUR SKILLS

Thinking

Communication

Social

Self-Management

Research





## OUR SCHOOL

**A fully integrated 11-18, 50:50 co-educational boarding and day school with the benefits of Saturday school and extended days.**

### Integration

Bringing boarding and day pupils together in a rich, diverse and inclusive House community.

### Co-education

Evolving our pastoral structures and experiences for all pupils to develop and flourish.

### Modern Boarding

Providing high-quality home-from-home boarding with full and flexible options for local, national and international pupils.



## OUR COMMUNITY

**A community with strong relationships, creating a sense of belonging and pride for everyone working at Oakham School.**

### People

Sustaining an ethos where all staff contribute, develop and work together with high standards and mutual respect.

### Partnership

Collaborating with our parents, alumni, and community at home and abroad.

### Place

Maintaining and developing a vibrant, inspiring and safe environment to live, learn and work.





**“The equal mix  
of girls and  
boys and male  
and female  
staff has shown  
that everyone's  
voice matters.”**

**FORMER PARENT**





## OUR PLAN

**To deliver our plan, the Oakham School Trustees and Senior Leadership Team will:**

### Open Communication

Maintain and enhance the trust and collaboration between parents and the School through timely and open communication.

### Fundraising

Seek philanthropic support with targeted and legacy fundraising through the work of the Oakham School Foundation.

### Strategic Vision

Ensure the School has a sustainable Admissions, Marketing, and Financial Plan to deliver the strategic vision.



# 440 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE MILESTONES



50+ years  
of co-educational excellence



100  
years  
of the Memorial  
Chapel



20+ years

of the International Baccalaureate  
Diploma Programme alongside  
A-levels and BTECs



An award-winning  
Careers department





# 440 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Superbly appointed Medical and Pastoral Centre staffed by a team of professionals



# 440 years

of blending tradition with innovation



A dedicated space for Lower School pupils



Hugely supportive and connected Alumni



An outstanding and comprehensive pastoral programme

# Committed and expert Teaching Staff



A specialist team who supports your child in every Boarding and Day House

40 acres of superb sports pitches, 2 floodlit all-weather pitches

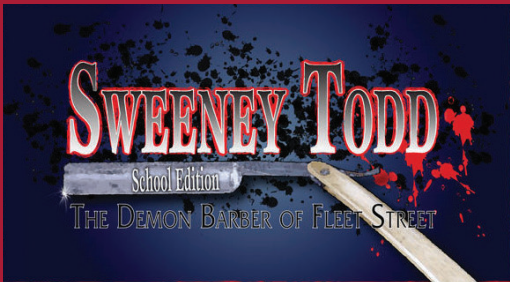




# 440 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



An outstanding programme of  
**Torch Lectures**



**40+ years**  
of outstanding QET productions

## Art/DT

Six dedicated studios, a beautiful Gallery space and six design workshops with state-of-the-art equipment



**Over 125**  
activities, ranging from a well-established MUN through to Sailing and The Freddie Groome Enterprise Challenge

## The first school to achieve 1,000 Gold D of E Awards



## Sport

Taught by a team that includes internationally renowned coaches and athletes in their own right



## Adventure and leadership

skills are developed with both Army and RAF Sections in CCF



Service options for all pupils who participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Voluntary Action or as members of the Combined Cadet Force



## Drama

Two theatres and five outstanding major productions annually



## Music

Over 400 weekly individual lessons, 80 Concerts and participation in major national competitions

## National finalists in Netball



## National finalists in Hockey



## National finalists in Rugby





**Your experience  
Your future  
Your Oakham**