



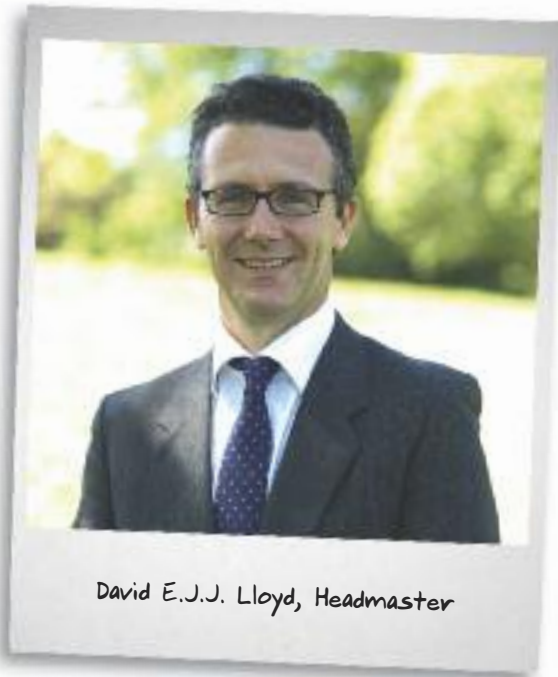
# Solihull School

P R O S P E C T U S

*“Solihull School achieves with conspicuous success its aim of educating the whole person, offering an exceptional range of high quality activities which enrich the broad innovative curriculum and lead to excellence in standards of pupils’ personal development.”*  
*I.S.I.*

Their words, not ours. This is the Independent Schools Inspectorate speaking. As always, we prefer word of mouth recommendation for Solihull School - which is why we leave the personal quotes from parents and inspectors on these pages to speak for themselves.

## INTRODUCTION



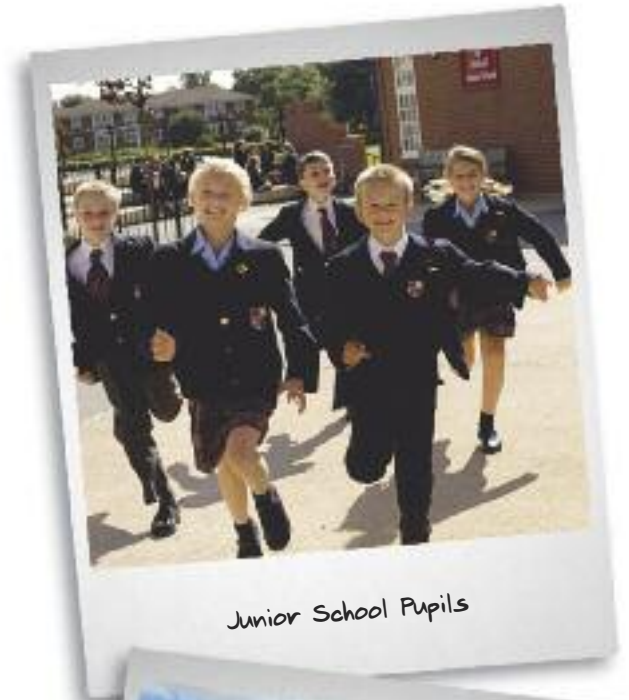
David E.J.J. Lloyd, Headmaster

*At Solihull School, we pride ourselves on ensuring that all pupils realise their full potential.*

Our central aim is to provide for every pupil as rich a life as possible so that school fosters fulfilment, happiness and success; a preparation for life as a good adult in society. Teaching is excellent and our examination results speak volumes about the progress Silhillians make in their studies. Our pupils enjoy outstanding facilities and a wide-ranging and comprehensive extra-curricular programme. Solihull School excels on the sports field, the stage and in the concert hall; and pupils benefit from many enriching cultural excursions at home and abroad. Boys and girls are encouraged to develop as individuals in a caring and civilised environment, and our strong pastoral care network underpins the many and varied successes enjoyed by pupils.

We uphold traditional values in a global community, emphasising the importance of high moral standards and ethical conduct. Many Old Silhillians have gone on to be pioneers and leaders in their chosen fields and these qualities are honed here at school. Pupils are actively encouraged to develop their leadership skills, to take responsibility for others and to serve the local, national and international communities.

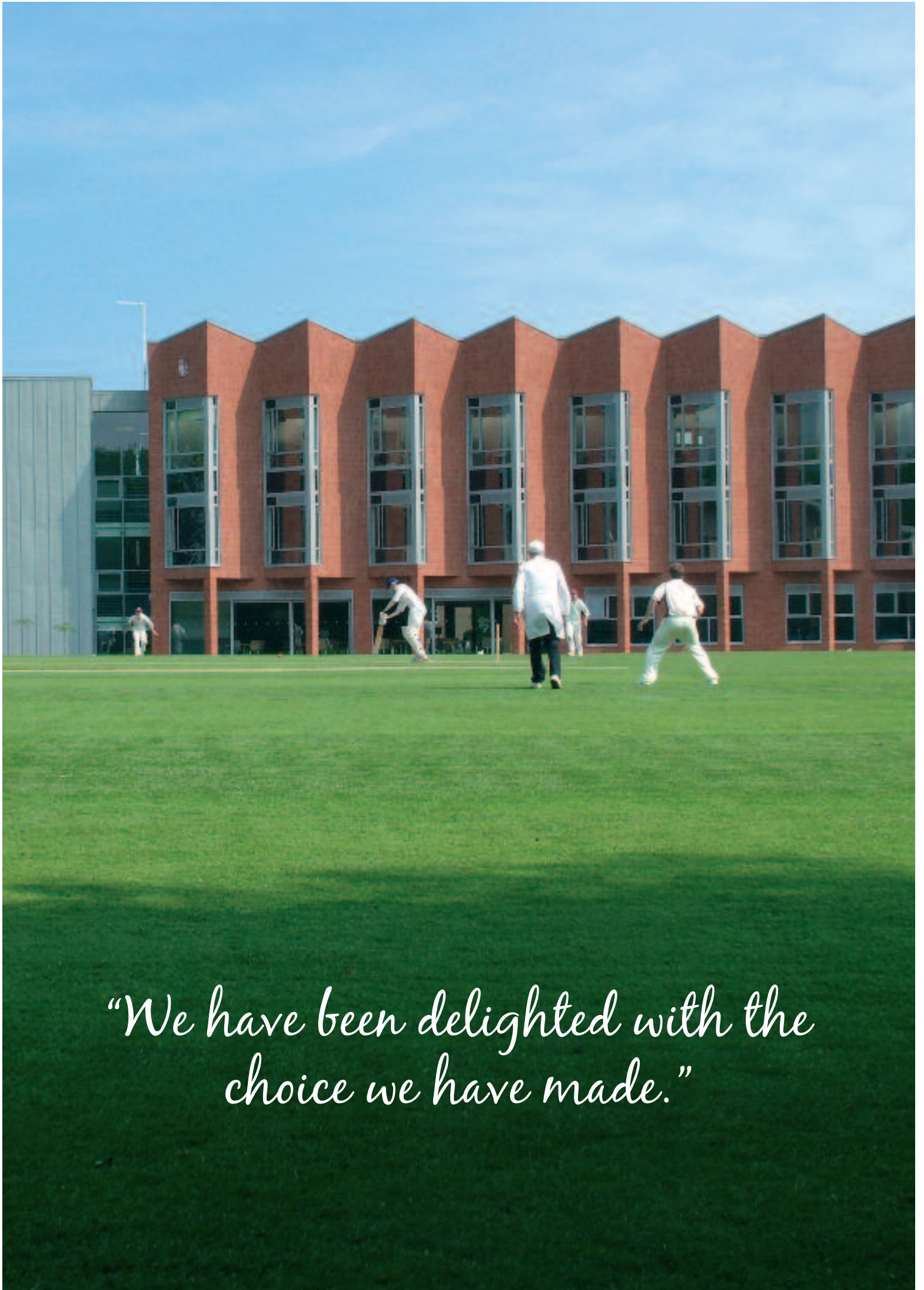
Solihull School is a beacon of excellence and I hope that our prospectus and website give you a feel for the character and high expectations that pervade all areas of school life. However, to appreciate our ethos and happy atmosphere fully, I would urge you to visit the School, either at one of our formal open events or at any other convenient time.



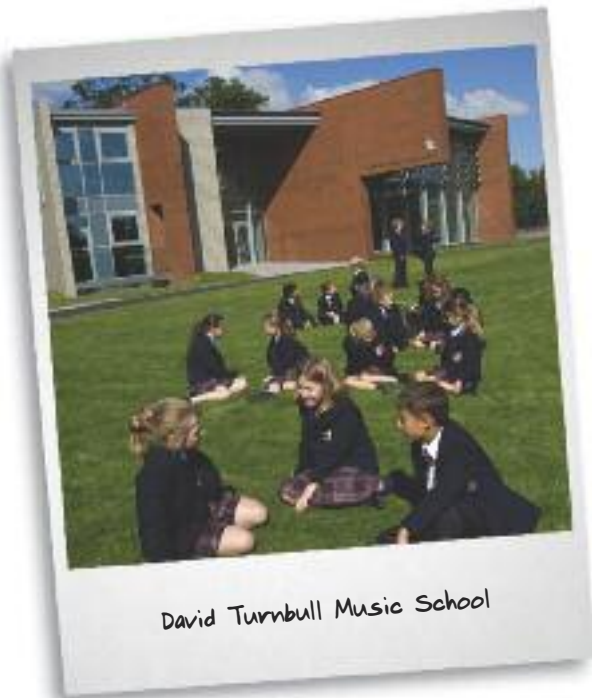
Junior School Pupils



Sixth Form Pupils in Ladakh



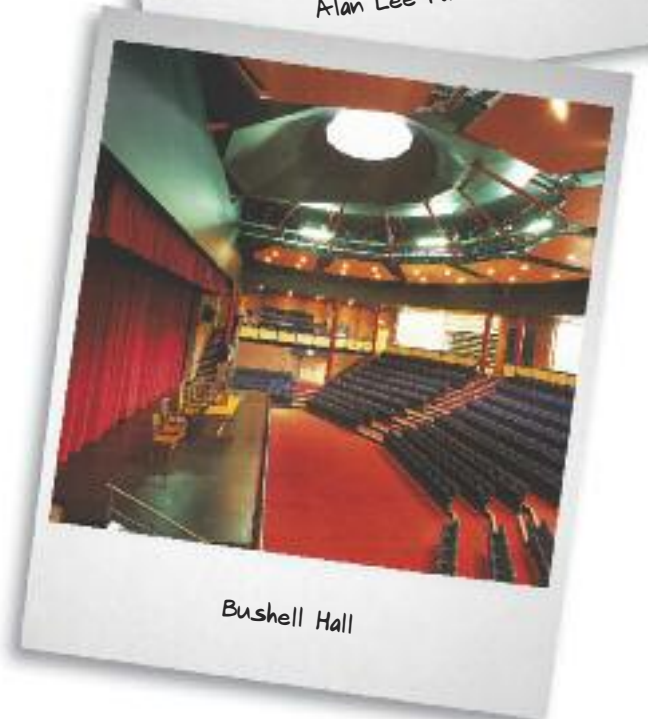
*"We have been delighted with the choice we have made."*



David Turnbull Music School



Alan Lee Pavilion



Bushell Hall

*The physical structure of this school is driven by far-sighted Governors.*

In recent years, this has meant an ambitious new-build programme, with the provision of the David Turnbull Music School, the Kent Library, the 800-seat Bushell Hall, the state-of-the-art Alan Lee Pavilion, an Outdoor Pursuits Building, the cutting-edge 3-storey George Hill Building and other additions that make this a multi-purpose environment for learning, leisure and fulfilment.

At the same time, we never lose sight of the fact that from its origins, this has been a foundation with a strong religious architecture, dedicated to the spiritual and moral welfare of students. We have our own Chapel, Chapel Choir and Chaplain who conducts regular services, including Sunday evenings for parents, students and friends of the School, as well as preparing pupils for confirmation and safeguarding pupils' religious values and well-being.

We encourage all pupils to show care and respect for others, both in School and the community beyond. That way, they will grow not only to embrace the joy of learning but also to gain a broader understanding of different cultures and values. We look forward to welcoming your child to our special way of life.



The School Chaplain with Junior and Lower School Pupils



*“Her enthusiasm to learn has been rekindled.”*



Karate Club



Junior School I.T. Suite

*Recently extended and refurbished, the Junior School (Years 3-6) sets the benchmark for a rich variety of life at Solihull from the very start.*

The majority of its pupils pass into the Senior School and take up many of the 11+ scholarships. This is an integral part of the whole school, yet has its own separate curriculum and Head. In order to educate the whole person its purpose-built area includes a hall, library, computer, science and art rooms, as well as a design and technology area.

Entry is by competitive examinations in English and Mathematics into each of the years, which reflects the emphasis on these subjects in the broader overall Junior School curriculum.

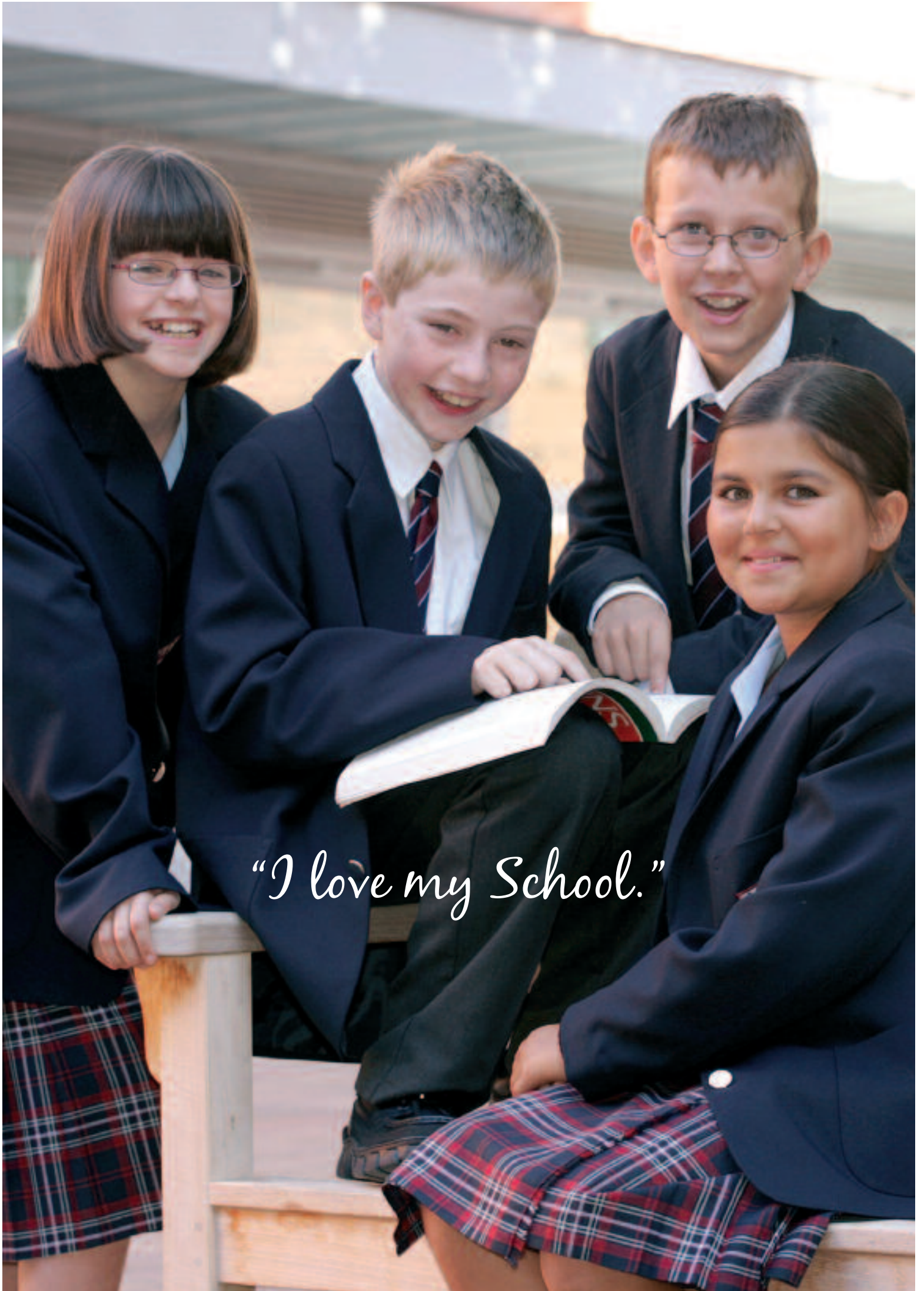
As ever, academic excellence is matched by creating a wide range of opportunities presented in a caring, family atmosphere. Music plays an essential part in individual expression, with more than two thirds of pupils playing an instrument, in orchestras, wind bands, saxophone groups and other ensembles. Sport, too, makes its mark – not surprising, given the unrivalled facilities available on-site. And where else could extra-curricular activities include everything from weekend camps to cookery and karate?



Junior School Hockey

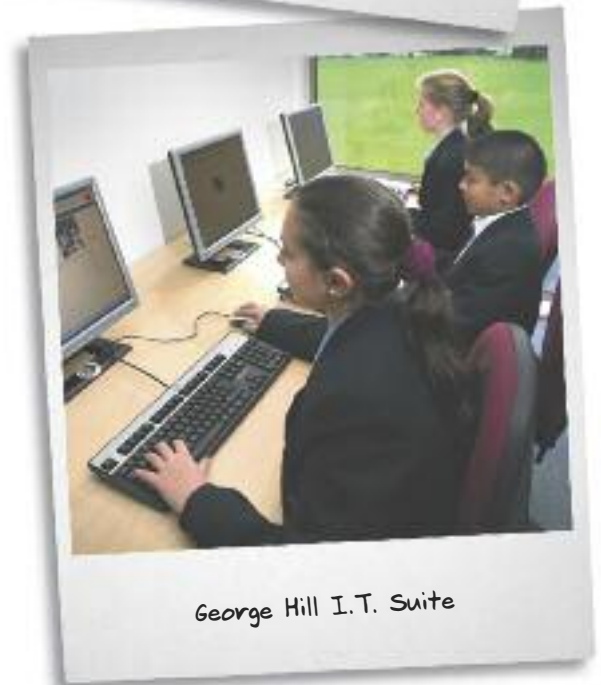


Junior School entrance



*"I love my School."*

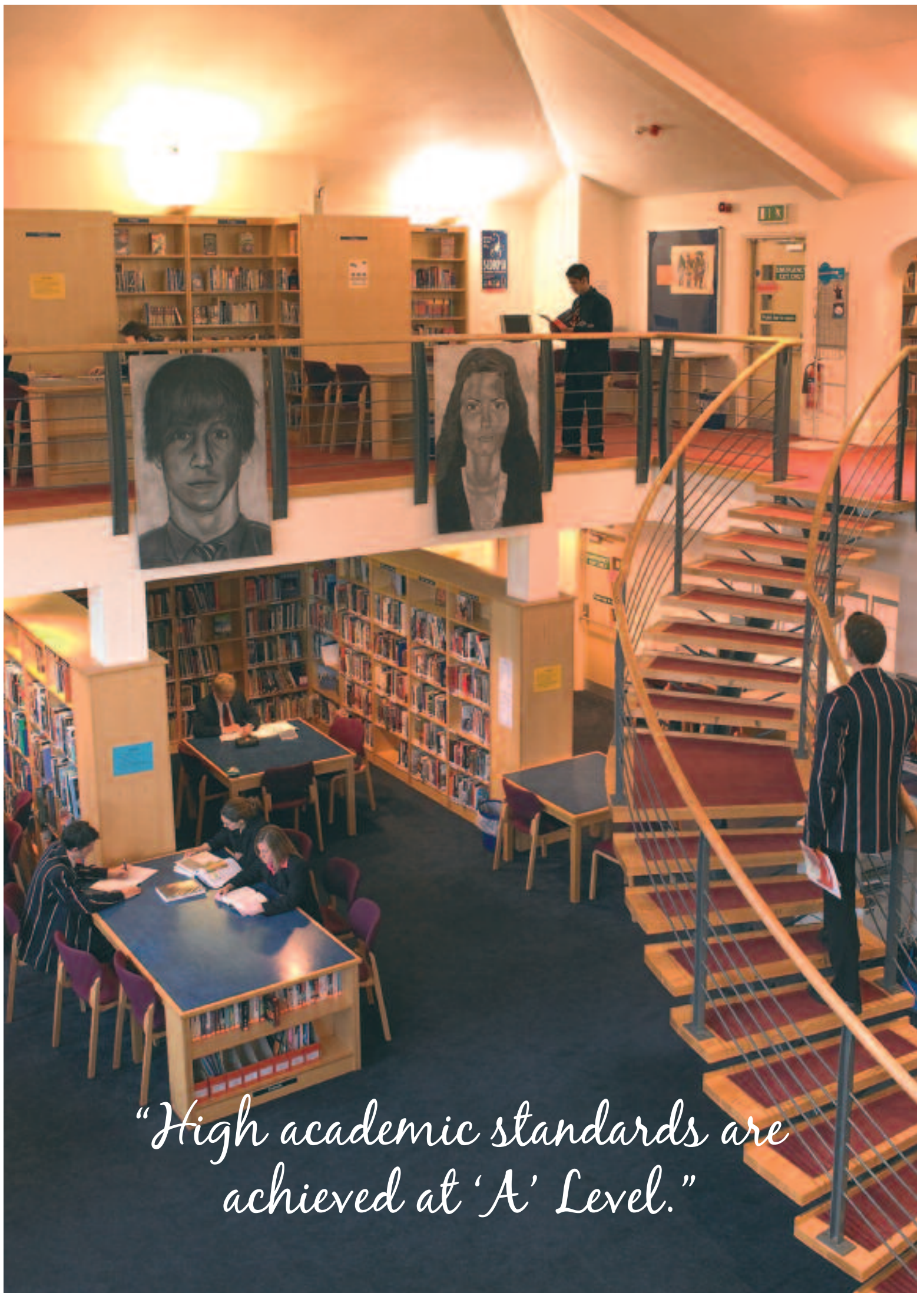
## THE LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS



*Comprising Years 7, 8 and 9, then the GCSE group Years 10 and 11, this is where the all-round benefits of Solihull really mature.* Each section has its own Head, supported by individual Heads of Year and Form Tutors. The latter are key to the pastoral care system that we have in place, overseeing and fostering the welfare and development of pupils.

Enthusiastic, committed and dedicated staff members are always on hand to help newcomers realise their full academic potential, as well as developing a love of learning and a sense of self-confidence. This is further encouraged by empowering pupils to make full use of the very wide range of activities on offer, be it through music, drama, sports, outdoor pursuits, debating or visiting other countries.





*“High academic standards are achieved at ‘A’ Level.”*



*Academic standards are very high – over 81% A/B grades at A level and an average of 14 Oxbridge places and 15 for Medicine each year. Yet, as ever, there is excellent provision for developing other interests which will lead to a richer adult life.*

Based in its own centre in the original School House, the Sixth Form has a large social area and study areas. Over 300 pupils study here, with around a third coming from outside the School. Full details of the academic courses available are in the separate Sixth Form booklet, although in essence, four subjects are studied to AS level in the Lower Sixth, with three or four continued to A2 level in the Upper Sixth.

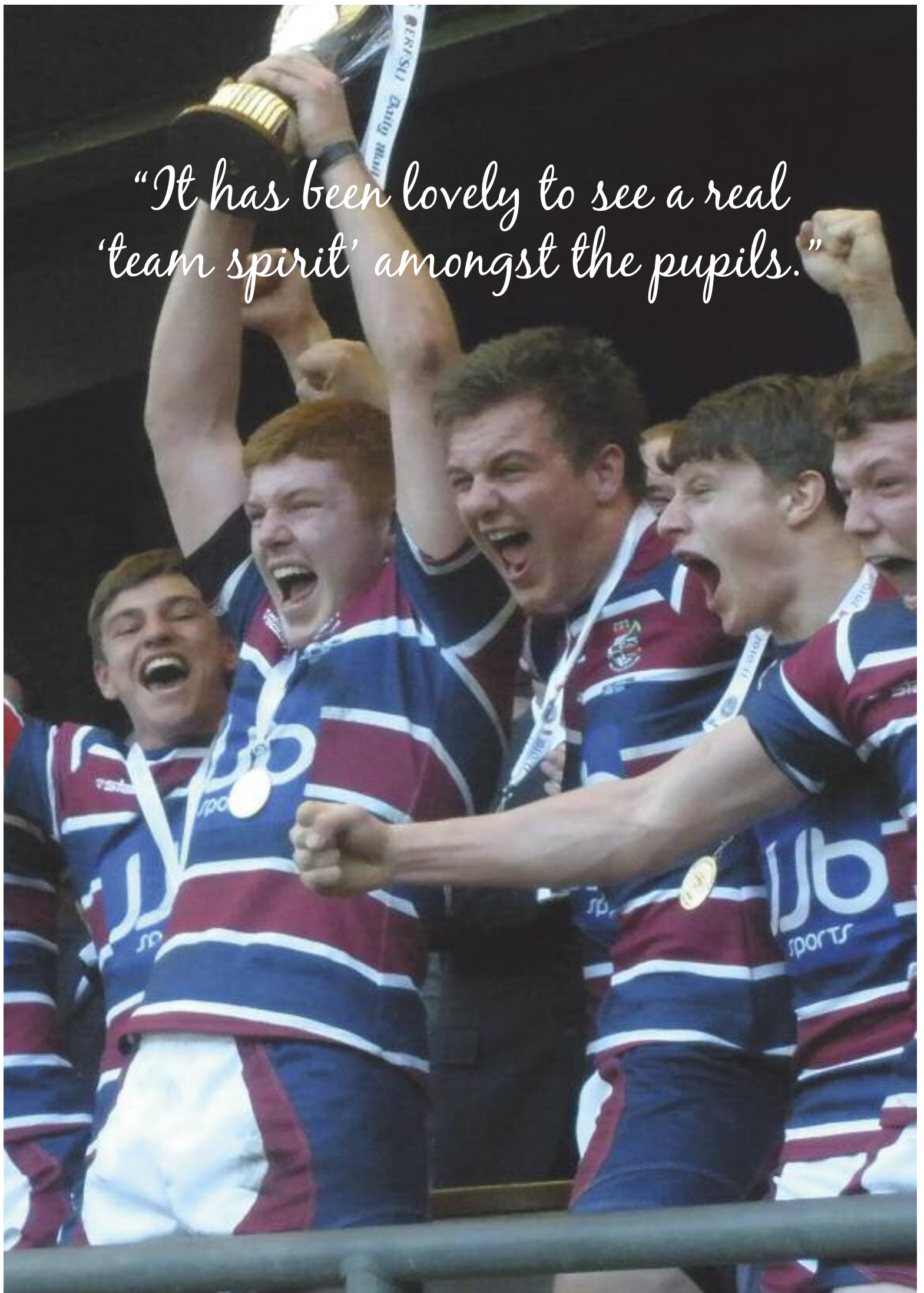
Here, activities such as Community Service, the CCF, Young Enterprise and helping to teach younger pupils in Terriers and games are all building blocks. Drama, debating and music all play their part, while Enrichment opportunities (with visiting speakers, activities such as golf, climbing, dancing and skiing) complete the all-round educational environment.

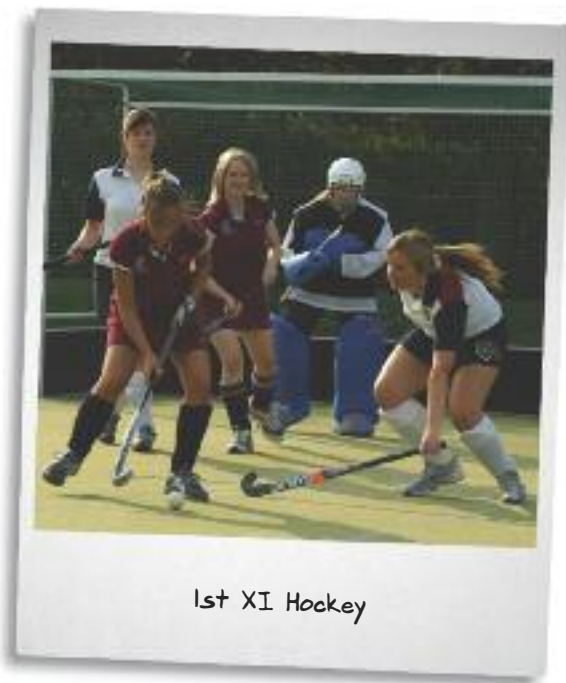




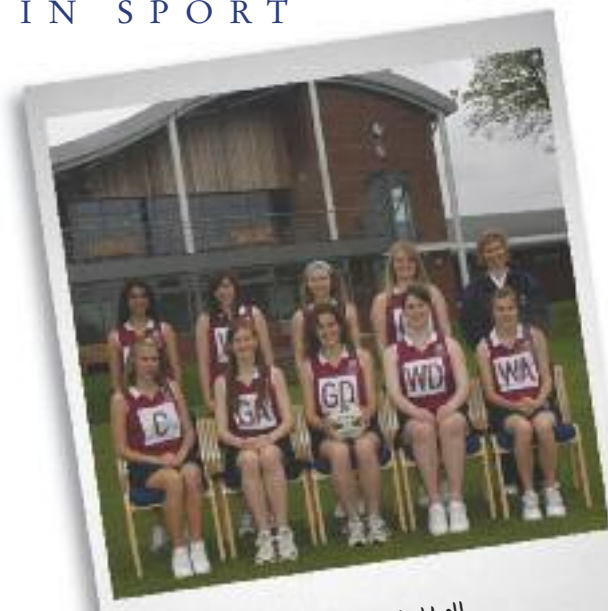


*"It has been lovely to see a real 'team spirit' amongst the pupils."*





1st XI Hockey



1st VII Netball



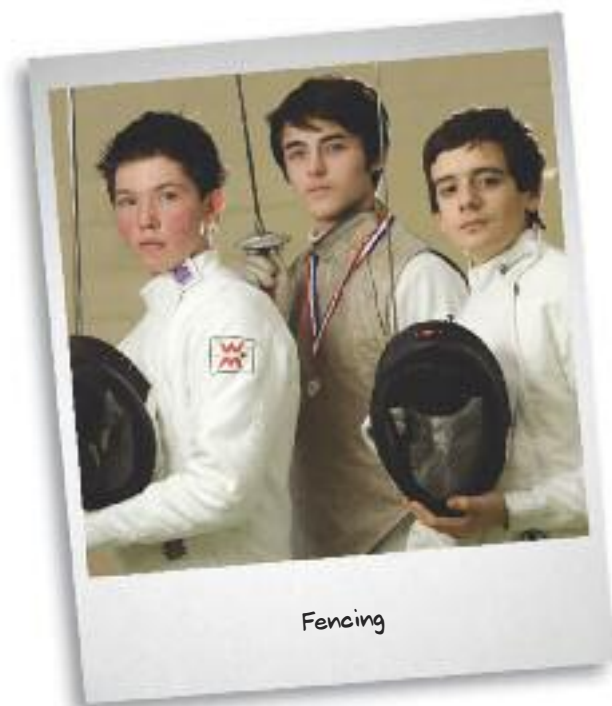
1st XI Cricket

*Exceptional facilities and enthusiastic staff help to develop a sense of healthy competition and personal achievement in well-rounded individuals throughout the School.*

Our 50-acre site includes a sports hall, gym, swimming pool, floodlit artificial pitch and a modern sports pavilion. While games are compulsory for all, there's the choice of competing at many different levels – from house sport to lunchtime activities, clubs, societies and a full programme of Saturday fixtures.

Boys and girls in the Lower School take part in hockey, athletics and tennis, while the boys also play rugby and cricket, and the girls netball and rounders. In later years, the programme broadens to cover anything from watersports, shooting, cross country, badminton and self-defence, to name but a few.

This investment has brought unrivalled success, with recent rugby and hockey tours to Australia and South Africa for both boys and girls, and outstanding team wins in National competitions. Significantly, many pupils go on to represent Warwickshire, and achieve Midlands and England honours. In very recent years the School has boasted Internationals in rugby, shooting, water polo, hockey, tennis and cricket.

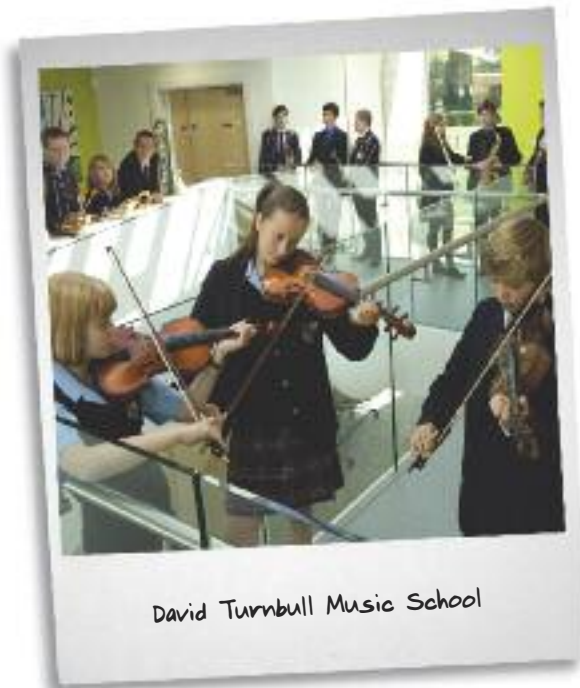


Fencing



*"Talented, dedicated teaching team."*

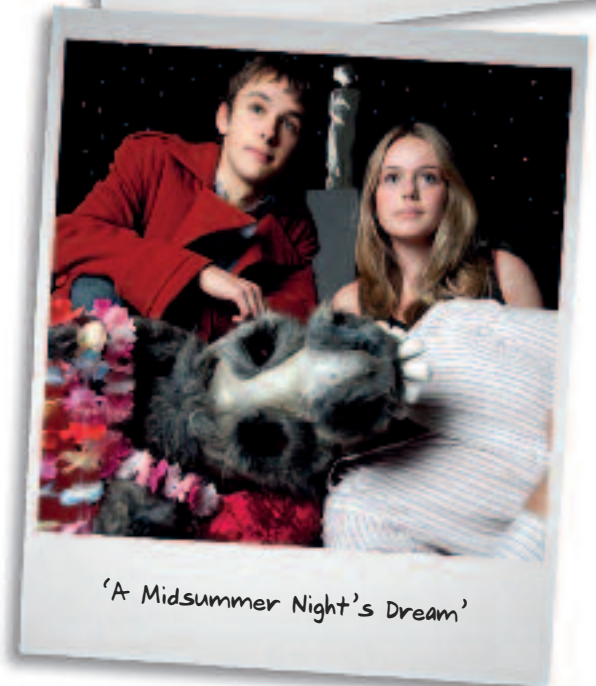
## MUSIC AND DRAMA



*A rich vein of self-expression and creativity is interwoven into the very fabric of School life, both inside and outside the curriculum.* Music plays a key part in the variety of opportunities available, with many visiting instrumental and vocal teachers making full use of the well-equipped Music School.



Over 350 pupils each year learn an instrument and their ability to display their talents is as eclectic as music itself – everything from orchestras, wind, brass, string, percussion and vocal ensembles, to jazz groups and the Chapel Choir. Besides major concerts in Bushell Hall, there are many smaller recitals and informal performances. Music Scholarships are awarded each year and we have a healthy tradition of choral and organ awards to universities.



Drama is naturally a central element of the English curriculum in Lower and Middle Schools, while Theatre Studies is available at AS and A2 Levels. The main auditorium and Drama Studio of Bushell Hall form a spectacular backdrop for major performances by the School and visiting companies. Recent School productions include *Tom Jones*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *Oh! What a lovely War*, *South Pacific*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Grease*.

*“Exceptional range and quality of highly varied activities programme.”*





C.C.F. on exercise



Geographers in Iceland

*If you want enquiring minds and vibrant, happy, more complete students, you have to look beyond the classroom.*

That is why participating in these activities is such a strong factor in building self-confidence for pupils' lives ahead.

We have a designated outdoor pursuits centre, with currently over 300 pupils actively engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Approximately 150 pupils regularly go on expeditions each academic year, and there are currently over 75 Award holders, including 15 who have attained the coveted Gold standard.

Each year the Combined Cadet Force has approximately 180 boys and girls in the Army and RAF sections. We offer a 'B.tech' 1st Diploma in public services as well as advanced training (including leadership courses, annual camps and weekends). Pupils have achieved four much sought-after scholarships to the regular army and RAF in the last two years alone, as well as a number of short-service GAP year commissions.

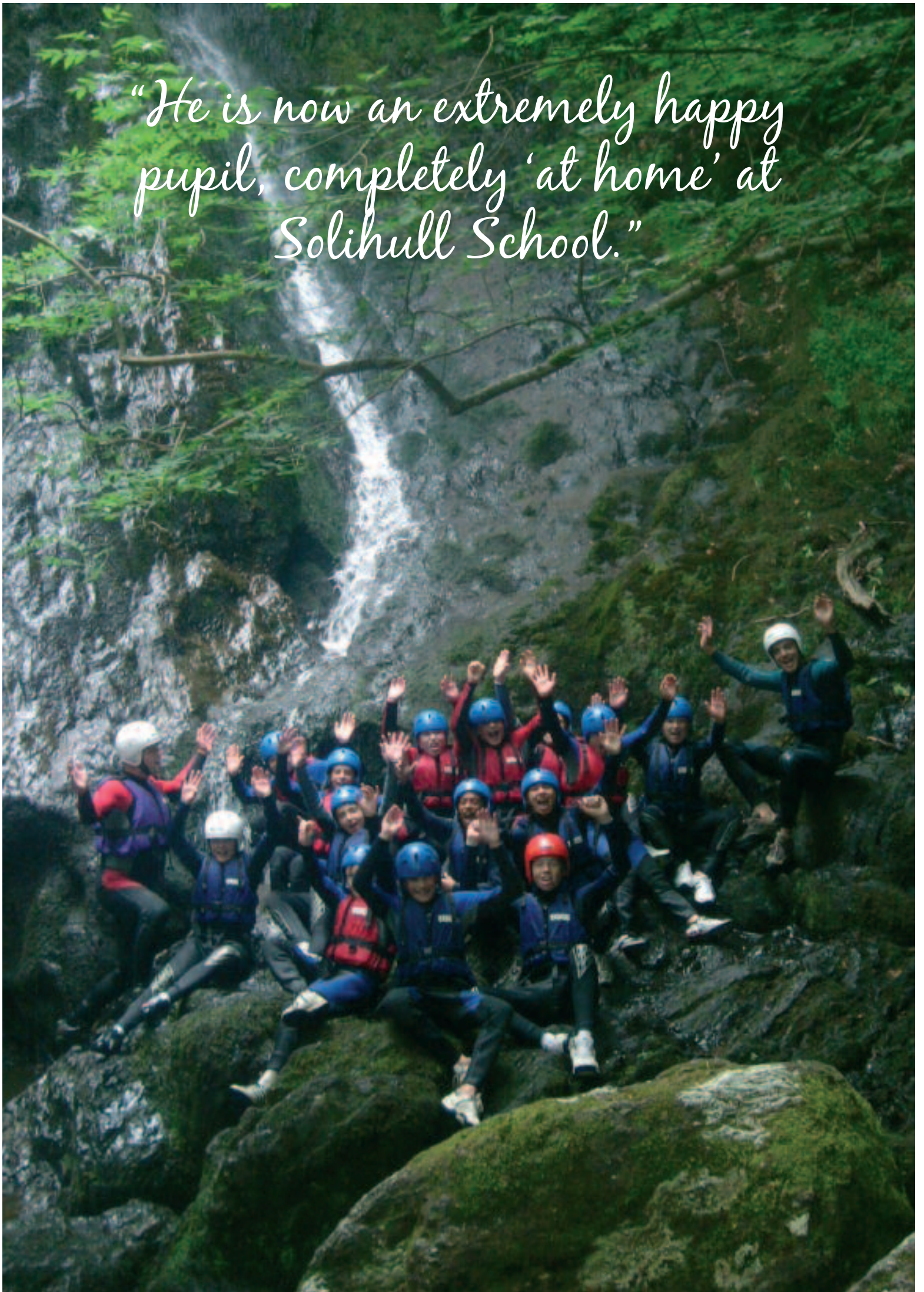


D. of E. in the Peak District



Hockey players on Sydney Harbour Bridge

*"He is now an extremely happy pupil, completely 'at home' at Solihull School."*





A Terrier on the Climbing Tower



Rugby players in South Africa

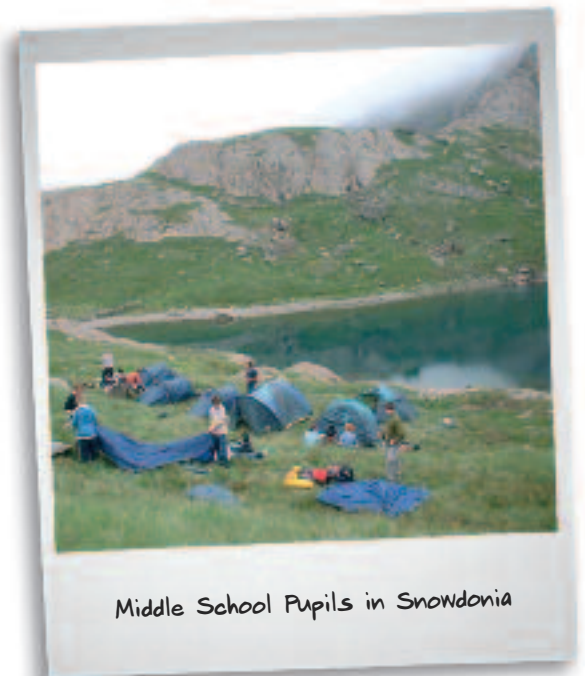


School Mountain Cottage

*Our Mountain Club has a dedicated following.* It supports a one-day trip every half term, and 2/4 day excursions to Snowdonia and the Lakes to learn mountain skills and work towards the National Navigation Award. Owning the David Fricke mountain cottage in the foothills of Snowdon is an added bonus and used by Year 7 Terriers, D. of E., CCF, the Mountain Club and other school trips.

The Snowdonia School is the venue for Year 8 (Shells) outward bound activities for 5 days, introducing them to the outdoors, and serving to extend the Year 7 Terriers programme. The latter concentrates on outdoor education in curriculum time, with 100 pupils, 9 staff and Lower Sixth instructors, and comprises two parts. For the First Class Terriers Certificate, pupils learn about disciplines such as navigation, emergency procedure, mountaineering and water safety. Following on from this, activities will include climbing, canoeing, shooting, problem solving, and everything from the National Navigation Award to kiting and camp cooking.

All this equips pupils well for regular, major 4-5 week expeditions every 2 years, which have recently provided trekking and outdoor activities from Tibet to Ecuador and Bolivia to Ladakh.



Middle School Pupils in Snowdonia

### Scholarships and Assisted Places

The School offers a considerable number of Scholarships for pupils who have performed well in the exams at 11+ and 16+ with the possibility of awards being made at 13+. There is also an assisted place scheme, which is based upon parental financial circumstances. Full details are available on request.

### Registration and Admission

Parents seeking admission for their son or daughter are asked to complete the appropriate enclosed registration form and return it to School with the requisite fee.

Entrance is by examination for all ages below GCSE and by interview and GCSE grades for entry to the Sixth Form. The Headmaster is happy to meet prospective parents and pupils.

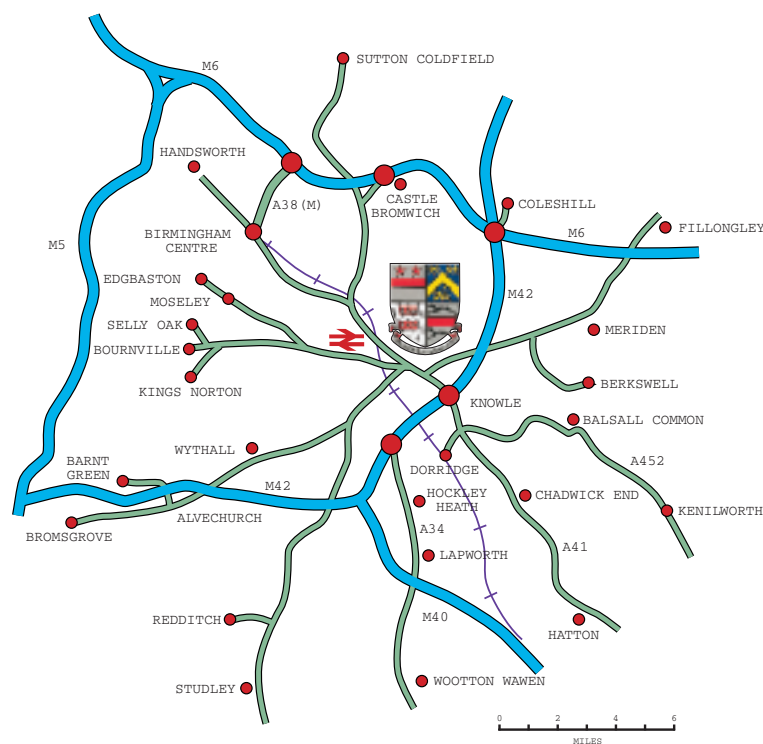
### Fees

A separate fee sheet is enclosed. Fees are payable termly in advance.

For further details, please see the information enclosed, or contact Solihull School direct.

### Safeguarding

The School Child Protection Policy is available on the School website and a hard copy is obtainable on request.



### How to find Solihull School

The School is situated at the heart of the Midlands motorway complex.

The M42 (Junction 5) is less than a mile away. There are regular bus services to the school from Edgbaston, Moseley, Central Birmingham, Knowle and Dorridge, a private coach from the Sutton Coldfield area and a minibus service from the Tanworth-in-Arden/Henley-in-Arden area.

*“The excellent spirit of co-operation and mutual interdependence which permeates both senior and junior schools underlines the emphasis on enabling pupils to mature into sensible and responsible young people.”*  
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