



As Principal of Biggleswade Academy, it gives me great pleasure to be able to welcome you to our rapidly growing and evolving school. I am delighted that you are interested in joining us and hope our website gives you a flavour of our school and how we put our values into action.

I wholly believe in the tangible benefits of an age 2-13 structure within one school and the 'family' environment that a 'through' school engenders. The 'through' model can work to outstanding effect, particularly with regard to pastoral care, student welfare and the quality of relationships between each member of the school community. Our skills and experience in these areas are crucial and, alongside our innovative approaches and the wide-ranging opportunities we provide for our pupils, help create our unique ethos.

Our aim is to inspire all children with a love of learning and to create special and happy memories of their time with us. Children learn best when they feel safe to take on challenges, are interested and feel valued. Learning is celebrated and openly admired.

### **Believe**

At Biggleswade Academy we encourage everyone to **believe** in themselves through the development of a Growth Mindset. We are a school with very high expectations of all our pupils and staff and we encourage and celebrate this. However, we recognise that everyone is gifted in different ways. Biggleswade Academy identifies, develops and celebrates all of our pupils' and staffs' achievements in a wide array of areas, which enrich our community and school experience.

We aim to know all our pupils as individuals, know what their dreams and ambitions are, as well as how they best learn and achieve. We want everyone at Biggleswade Academy to feel as though they are looked after, supported and encouraged at all times by each other.

### **Achieve**

We want staff and pupils to reach beyond what they think they can achieve and aspire to greatness. We believe, 'The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark' – Michelangelo. These words underpin learning and development and enable every member of our school community to **achieve** excellence and become the very best version of themselves they can be.

### **Together**

At Biggleswade Academy we aim for all pupils, staff, parents and visitors to feel welcome as soon as they enter the School, that they belong to the Academy community and that Academy belongs to them. We aim for everyone in our community to unite **together** as one and feel proud to be part of our family.

We have a lot to be proud about at Biggleswade Academy. We have well-resourced, spacious rooms and attractive surroundings. The extensive school grounds have been developed to support learning, providing an attractive and safe environment for all children to enjoy. The school is a happy, stimulating and caring place and we expect high standards of behaviour and good manners throughout the school. The Academy Ofsted report in December 2014 cited our pupils' behaviour and safety as being 'Outstanding' saying that pupils '...are exceptionally well prepared for life in modern British democratic society and they have a strong sense of belonging'.

I would be pleased to show you around Biggleswade Academy, for you to feel the friendly atmosphere here, give you the opportunity to meet the staff and see the children as they work and play together.

My staff and I look forward to working with you and your family.

Ms S. E. Flynn Academy Principal

