



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 have taken the time to visit our website and hope it gives you a flavour of our school and how we put our values into action.

Our aim is to inspire all children with a love of learning and to create special and happy memories of their time at Biggleswade Academy. We highly value the positive relationships we have built between children, parents, staff, governors and our neighbouring communities to ensure the best for all our pupils. Working together we can build each child's confidence by creating a happy atmosphere, sharing high expectations and ensuring everyone achieves their full potential, both academically and personally. Children learn best when they feel safe to take on challenges, are interested and feel valued and all learning is celebrated and openly admired.

Our focus on developing a 'Growth Mindset' encourages pupils to see mistakes as a learning opportunity. This leads to greater confidence, knowledge, opportunities and ultimately the freedom to be who they want to be. We want pupils to grow into adults who can be resilient, think independently and strategically; be happy and healthy. We are all part of a team of devoted people who want each child, no matter what their starting point or background, to have every opportunity to succeed in their lives. The Academy's latest Ofsted report praised our '*...relentless pursuit of excellence...*' grading as us Outstanding in this key area.

We work hard to ensure that every child is successful in the key areas of English and Maths and we are keen to see this recognised in the results they secure. However, we also want them to learn and experience more than this through a varied curriculum and a range of extracurricular and after-school opportunities that complement our work in the classroom. We value each child as an individual and aim to provide the opportunities for pupils to excel in areas where they have a special interest whether this is in science, in sport, in drama, in art, in music or through involvement in our school council.

I wholly believe in the tangible benefits of an age 2-13 structure within one school and the 'family' environment which a 'through school' engenders. The 'through' model can work to outstanding effect, particularly with regard to pastoral care, pupil welfare and the quality of relationships between each member of the school community. Our skills and experience in these areas are helping to build Biggleswade Academy into an Outstanding school and are crucial to our unique ethos.

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 our school, 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.

Ms S. E. Flynn
Academy Principal

