



# Archbishop Sancroft High School

(A Church of England Academy)

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## REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body would like to thank Councillors for their continued interest and support of the school.

Our last Ofsted inspection report opened with the words 'The school promotes a strong sense of community within which students thrive' and this still remains our number one priority: to provide an excellent standard of education and wide range of experiences that prepare our young people for a successful and fulfilled life beyond school. Our website [www.ashs.org.uk](http://www.ashs.org.uk) has much more information on how we set out and are delivering this vision.

Last summer our students achieved very well in their GCSE exams. In 13 subjects ASHS students achieved higher than the national average at the threshold 4+ (the new version of the old C grade) including 100% in Art and Catering, 82% in History and 83% in Religious Studies. These results reflect our on-going focus on providing a broad and balanced curriculum that includes subjects like Drama and Music that many schools have stopped offering for financial reasons.

In partnership with the Diocese of Norwich and the Local Authority, the Governing Body spent much of the last academic year reviewing the long term plans for the school. This led to the school converting to academy status in September 2018 and joining the St Benet's Multi Academy Trust (known as a MAT). The Trust is the Diocese's second MAT and currently comprises 4 other schools: Harleston Primary, Dickleburgh Primary, Diss Junior and Infants Schools. I am pleased to say that the benefits of close collaboration between these schools is already having positive impact in each of them as staff learn from each other and we move to a more 'joined up' approach to learning from the age of 4 to 16. In October I was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, still retaining a part time role as Executive Headteacher at ASHS and Rob Connelly has been appointed as Head of School to oversee the day to day operation of the school.

Since I took up the Headship at Archbishop Sancroft High School I have invested a significant amount of time and energy in improving standards, raising the profile of the school in our community and ensuring that the transition between our feeder schools and ASHS is the best in the country. This latter aspect has become a real 'jewel in our crown' as parents and carers appreciate the care and interest that we take in their children for the 2 years leading up to them joining our community. So much so that in September 2019 we are welcoming children from 13 different schools and for the first time ever in the school's history this will take our intake to above our Pupil Admission Number of 100, ie we are officially overs-subscribed.

We always welcome visitors to the school and would be delighted to take councilors on a tour of lessons during the school day- please contact me to arrange that.

Governors join me in thanking the Councils and wider community for their continued support and enthusiasm for Archbishop Sancroft High School.

Richard Cranmer  
Executive Headteacher