



# Great Marlow School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to confirm that your son/daughter has a place at Great Marlow School for September 2020. Great Marlow School (GMS) is a warm, friendly and vibrant place that prides itself on excellence in academic achievement while cultivating fantastic relationships. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the school; I am confident that we will have a happy and very successful partnership.

The next seven academic years will be a major chapter in the life of your child. We are absolutely committed to making this period as special and purposeful as possible, by providing rich experiences within and outside the school to enable children to develop characteristics required for their personal development. It is important to us that we help steer them, in conjunction with you, towards making excellent choices in learning and life.

GMS aims to provide a rich, challenging educational experience that will be a secure foundation for our students' aspirations. We strongly believe in the power of education to shape young peoples' lives and this is exemplified in our mission: 'Opportunities are Created; Potential is Released; Excellence is Achieved'.

We provide a rich and deep curriculum that is ambitious, varied and stimulating. We are committed to developing the whole person: encouraging girls and boys to explore their interests in a wide variety of ways while promoting a sense of responsibility, resilience, resourcefulness and a love of learning.

The school has an excellent record in both attainment and achievement. Over the years we have received excellent reports from Ofsted, the most recent of which was in May 2017 when Ofsted judged the school to be good in all areas; the full report can be accessed via the school website.

At every opportunity, we celebrate our students' attainment and progress in both curriculum and extra-curriculum areas. The rich extra-curricular opportunities include a plethora of clubs that add significant breadth to the curriculum, the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and educational visits locally and further afield. I look forward to seeing our new Year 7 students taking advantage of these and finding enjoyment in broadening their experiences. We aim to make sure that when our students leave GMS they are confidently equipped with the skills and knowledge that will enable them to seize opportunities as they arise throughout their life.

If you would like to read more about GMS please go to our website at [www.gms.bucks.sch.uk](http://www.gms.bucks.sch.uk); browsing you will discover more about the rich educational experience offered at the school.

The Redgrave Sports Centre, named after our former student and five-time Olympian Sir Steve Redgrave, offers some of the very best sports facilities in this county. The outstanding results in PE and sports are testimony to the positive impact the superb provisions have had across the whole school.

We strive to make our school facilities the very best; the building work completed in 2018 has updated our specialist classrooms for music, drama, history and science. At post 16 level the Sixth Form Centre provides superb accommodation for over 230 students.

You will shortly receive an email from Miss F Tuddenham, Director of Learning for Year 7. This will include a link enabling you to complete the admission paperwork online for your son / daughter. In this email, we will also give details of the transition activities being organised. Should you have any concerns or issues, please look at the Year 6 transition section of our website, or use the Year 6 Transition email address [y6transition@gms.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:y6transition@gms.bucks.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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