

CTC

Kingshurst Academy

Specialisms: Technology & Visual Arts

Prospectus



“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.” William Butler Yeats

“Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune.” Jim Rohn

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.” Albert Einstein



Welcome

CTC Kingshurst Academy is a unique institution, at the cutting edge of education in the twenty-first century. We have many pioneering educational initiatives of which we are justifiably proud and the CTC continues to provide an outstanding blueprint for education, proving that a stimulating educational environment can be combined with a challenging and innovative curriculum in order to produce outstanding examination results in both vocational and academic subjects.

Ann Jones
Principal

“It has great strengths in its provision for students’ personal development and well-being. This provides an inclusive and harmonious community which is highly valued by parents, carers and students. Staff have been highly successful in creating a safe and vibrant environment where excellent relationships underpin students’ positive attitudes to learning” (Ofsted 2011)

Technology & Visual Arts



“The new facilities are fantastic and this helps us gain an insight into the technology we can expect to use in the workplace.”
(Year 10 student)

“The new facilities are amazing and will give us a head start in the future as we get to use the latest technology.” (Year 9 student)

Students speak enthusiastically and with pride about their involvement in the school. They lead projects and performances within school and the wider community, nationally and internationally. (Ofsted 2011)



Maximising Potential

At the CTC Kingshurst, helping your child maximise their potential is at the forefront of our provision. A well balanced curriculum, high expectations and a personalised curriculum help our students succeed and reach their potential.

Our exciting curriculum utilising the latest technology is designed to meet the needs of the 21st Century learner. Student progress is carefully tracked in a caring and supportive environment. At Key Stage 4, subjects undertaken are selected according to the skills and future aspirations of the individual student. Flexible pathways exist that enable students to select from GCSEs, vocational qualifications or the Diploma. Our vibrant post 16 offers a natural progression through to a range of BTEC Diploma programmes or the International Baccalaureate.

The curriculum is well adapted to meet the needs of different groups of students. A highly successful pathway has been designed to cater for the higher number of Year 7 students who enter with special educational needs and/or disabilities, providing them with intensive teaching and support prior to re-integration into mainstream provision. (Ofsted 2011)



A very well established database of links with a full range of work-related learning providers, both local and national, support the career aspirations of students. (Ofsted 2011)



Leading Edge

Major investment in the IT infrastructure has made the CTC a completely wireless site. The latest hardware and software is at our student's fingertips. Extensive use of laptop and PDAs enhances learning while a new suite of Apple Macs facilitates the development of specialist skills in Art.

The Technology Department boast industry standard equipment while the VLE (Virtual Learning Environment) is at the heart of teaching and learning and provides excellent communication between students, parents and teachers.

As a pioneering Academy we are constantly looking at innovative approaches to education. Our Multimedia team has developed a range of ICT based resources that are helping facilitate student progress within the CTC and nationally.

"Music is great. We learn about lots of different cultures and use a mixture of traditional technology and the latest equipment" (Year 8 student)

Caring Environment

Everyone performs better when they feel confident. At the CTC we provide a caring environment in which your child can grow into a confident, well balanced individual. Tutors provide the highest standards of pastoral care and ensure that your child's needs are met.

Head of Year support them where necessary and provide easy communication for parents and carers. The Inclusion Award and Healthy Schools status reflect our commitment to putting students first.

Information, advice and personal guidance is a strong feature as students make curriculum choices and decisions about the options available to them. (Ofsted 2011)

Excellent transition links ensure that all students get off to a good start. (Ofsted 2011)



The curriculum is very broad and provides a good choice of subjects within the International Baccalaureate and vocational programmes, complemented by enrichment and volunteering opportunities. (Ofsted 2011)



Equipping your child with the skills to succeed

Enthusiastic and knowledgeable teachers remain at the cutting edge of teaching through regular professional development. They employ a wide range of teaching methods to ensure all students are engaged and make progress. A wealth of support staff including Teaching Assistants and Mentors support students within the class room to ensure progression.

An outward looking college at the heart of the community

CTC Kingshurst is a 21st Century School responsive to the needs of the community. The aim of our community engagement strategy is to create a school that is valued by our community whereby students and their families can enjoy using our facilities to make progress. We enjoy strong partnerships with a range of organisations that provide opportunities for adult education, family learning, health promotion as well as a diverse range of sports including cricket, netball, football and trampolining that provide opportunities for your child up to 10pm in the evening, in some cases.

"I enjoyed helping my mum learn how to use computers. It has helped her a lot at work and it was fun to spend time with her." (Year 7 student)

Inspectors found that there is a range of family learning opportunities such as 'understanding your child', or 'keeping up with mathematics' to encourage parents and carers to become learners, often with their children, and to become more comfortable with supporting their children's learning. The feedback from these courses is positive. (Ofsted 2011)



Parental Engagement

Together we can help our students make progress. Numerous opportunities exist for parents to come into the Academy and keep abreast of the latest developments in their child's education. Family Learning classes help promote a positive attitude to learning and enable our parents and carers to spend quality time together. "Keeping up with the children" courses provide our parents and carers with the opportunity to find out what is taught in the curriculum so they can help their child continue their learning in the home with confidence. A 'Dads' group enables fathers to work with their children and learn together. Furthermore, an understanding your child's programme provides support on parenting.

The International Dimension

We enjoy an unrivalled reputation for ensuring our students are prepared for the future, wherever that may lie. Through the curriculum, our students learn about global issues so they may become well informed global citizens. Students are provided with an unprecedented range of opportunities for international educational visits. Our students have undertaken projects throughout the world and regularly participate in the prestigious Model United Nations in Geneva.



Well-established links with the local community and schools in Zambia and Nepal broaden students' horizons and knowledge of contrasting lifestyles. (Ofsted 2011)



"The Academy offers us exceptional opportunities. I've been to LA and visited the Hollywood studios which has helped me decide that Media is the career for me in the future" (Year 12 student)



"I've really enjoyed my time at the CTC as we always seem to be doing more exciting things than other schools. My friends can't believe the range of activities we take part in at the CTC". (Year 11 student)



Participation rates in extra-curricular provision are improving with striking examples where specific provision is having an impact. For example, the sports partnership has improved attendance and reduced absence. (Ofsted 2011)

"There are loads of fun things to do and everyone enjoys it. We are never bored!" (Year 7 student)

Enriching our students' education

The personal development of our students is central to CTC Kingshurst. We value the development of confident, caring, positive students who possess the interpersonal skills to succeed in life. Project week enables our students to enjoy a journey of discovery as they explore a project theme of their choice. A diverse range of extracurricular enrichments encompassing DJ sessions and Bowling, to name but a few, enable them to undertake new activities, meet new friends and develop their interpersonal skills while allowing them to stretch their potential. Exceptional Sporting, Drama and Music provision provide a exciting and healthy diversion from academic work that helps them become well rounded individuals. By providing a wide range of diverse opportunities to suit every taste we hope students can fulfil their potential and enjoy their time at school. High levels of attendance by our students indicate high levels of student satisfaction.

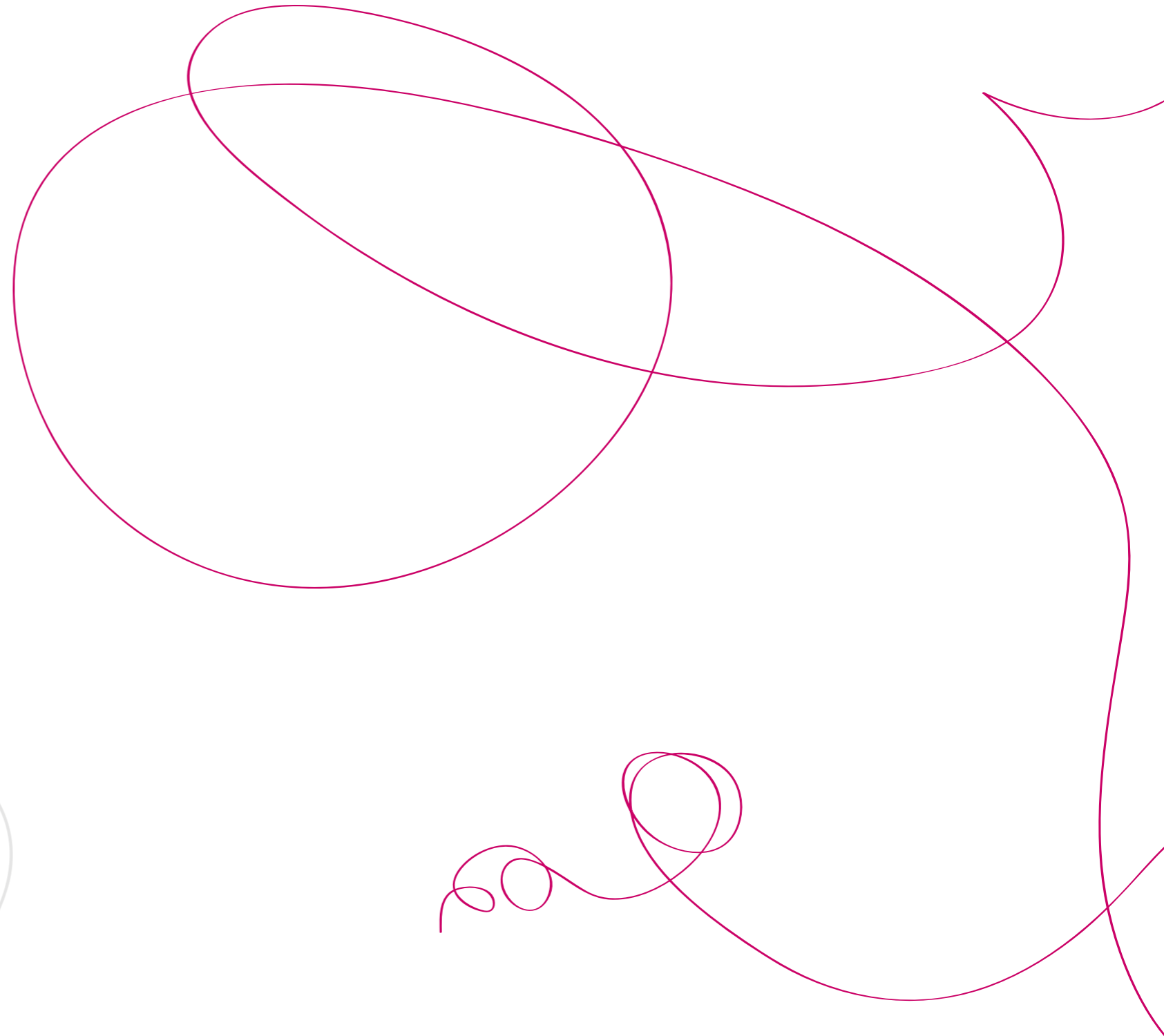
CTC The platform for future success

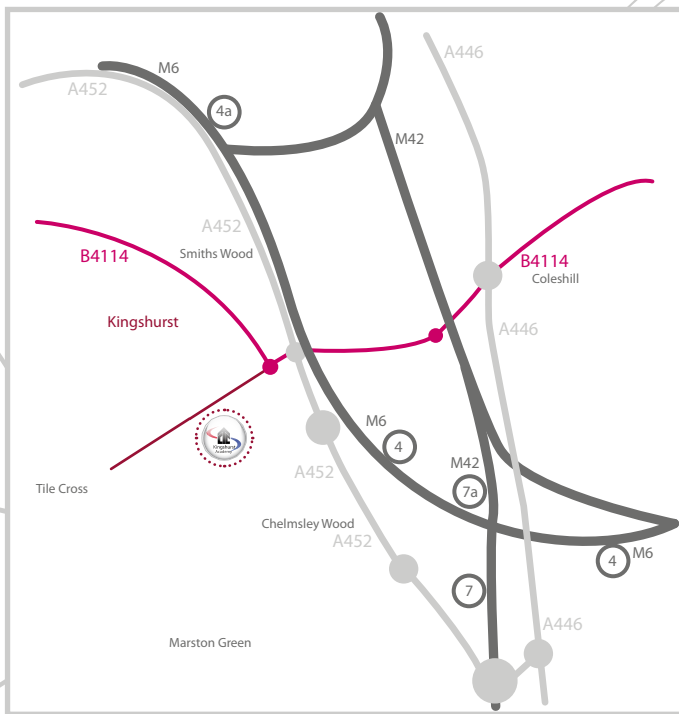
The CTC is a happy and vibrant community which, for over twenty years, has been helping equip students with the confidence and skills to succeed in adulthood and play a positive role in society. We are an innovative, outward looking Academy responding to the changing needs of our students. In this way we can help your child enjoy their learning and achieve their potential. Past students are frequently in touch and as our alumni they are perhaps the best advocates for the CTC. Indeed, many enjoyed their schooling so much that they have returned to teach at the CTC!

"The CTC is the best platform to being what you want to be from pop stars to doctors! Put the work in and the sky's the limit."
Jennifer Griffiths

"I used to love getting involved in everything, the college band, fashion shows and the college newspaper."
Lindsey Hudson

"The facilities and teachers were the best within the market and hence our education was tailored for the outside world."
Nick Field





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