On behalf of our students, staff and governing body I am delighted to welcome you to Shenley Academy. It is a great privilege to be part of the Shenley community and to be able to continue to lead the great progress which we have made so far.

I believe that the very best schools allow students to feel safe, enjoy learning and great enrichment opportunities, and ensure that all students can achieve their full potential. Shenley Academy does just that. Ask any student and they will tell you that they love coming to school, and are excited about the future which Shenley offers them.

Our motto: ‘inspire, aspire, achieve’ underpins all that we do to support our students to gain confidence, grow and succeed throughout their time with us. Our success is built upon a foundation of strong relationships between all members of our community. We all share the same goal: the very best education for our students, to give them the brightest futures.

Of course, we are helped by our inspiring light, bright, spacious building. With first rate facilities and a huge 37 acre site we enjoy both indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Complemented by the calm and orderly environment which our polite and well-mannered students create, we know that Shenley Academy is a truly inspiring place in which to grow and learn.

We look forward to welcoming you to Shenley.

Mrs Lucy Monk, Headteacher
Admissions

We offer places at Shenley in line with our published criteria.

As an academy we operate as an independent admissions authority, but our admissions criteria are aligned to those of Birmingham local authority schools and we follow the Birmingham scheme for co-ordinated admissions. Parents/carers should use the Birmingham local authority form for admissions to Shenley Academy.

Visiting Shenley Academy

We welcome visits from prospective students and their parents/carers during designated open evenings and mornings. Details of these can be found on our website.

In addition we are happy to show you around our academy by prior arrangement. Staff will be available to answer any questions which you may have. Please contact us through our enquiry form on the website.

Uniform

In accepting a place at Shenley Academy parents/carers and students support and keep to the academy uniform policy. All students in years 7 to 11 wear Shenley Academy uniform, including a plain black outside coat. Training shoes of any kind are not acceptable. We also require all students to wear uniform sports clothing for PE.

The high standards which we expect from our students when they wear their school uniform is also supported by restricting students from wearing make-up and jewellery, and from having patterned hair or un-natural hair colourings.

Students in years 12 and 13 are required to wear smart business wear or smart casual wear, aligned to working in a business environment.
Inspire

Young people who are inspired by their school will go on to achieve greatness and be happy. We know that the foundation of this inspiration can be found in our classrooms through high quality teaching. Ofsted (2014) confirmed the high standards which we expect can be found in the large majority of our teaching which is good and much of which is outstanding.

Education at Shenley extends beyond the school day and classroom and our sports and performing arts make the academy an exciting and vibrant place to be.

Our performing arts provision has been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Gold status, recognising our excellence in and commitment to the arts. All students learn music, music technology, dance, drama and art at KS3 and can specialise in one or more of these art forms when they choose their optional GCSEs.

Extensive enrichment opportunities and partnerships with leading arts organisations in Birmingham give additional opportunities to students:
The CBSO: a seven year partnership with the orchestra continues to offer our students extraordinary experiences of working with professional artists and visiting and performing in world class venues including CBSO Symphony Hall.

The Birmingham Repertory Theatre: a weekly drama workshop open to all students which culminates in a performance on professional stage.

Music Tuition: we do not make a charge for instrumental / singing tuition to students. We believe that it is important for every young person to have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. We currently offer a range of contemporary and classical instrumental lessons including strings, woodwind, brass, percussions and guitar. Our music tuition is provided by Birmingham Music Service, and we operate a waiting list for all instruments. All that we ask is that students commit to attending lessons, extracurricular activities and practise.

Sport is a real strength in the academy. Our committed sports staff are dedicated to making sure that students get the most out of physical activity, whatever their aptitude or ability. We offer a variety of sports and our teams often compete at district, and county level.

Our taught PE curriculum currently includes football, netball, rounders, indoor rowing, table tennis, basketball, indoor and outdoor athletics, softball and badminton as well as a successful sports leadership programme. We are the lead school for the local sports network and are proud of the awards which we have gained for the quality and inclusive nature of our sports.

We aim to give our students as many different experiences during their time at Shenley as possible. Whether that is trips abroad, field trips, visits to colleges and universities, or cultural visits to museums and the theatre, no day at Shenley is the same and life is incredibly busy!
We have created a confident and inclusive community at Shenley Academy, where everyone is valued and feels safe.

‘The extent to which students feel and are kept safe is exceptional’ (Ofsted, 2014)

We know that students who feel safe and happy at school will reach their potential and realise their aspirations. We make sure that every student is known and supported and this is through a strong and well developed pastoral system:

- The academy is divided into five colleges (including students from Y7-Y13) each led by a Head of College, assisted by a Pastoral Support Manager.
- All students are placed into a mixed age tutor group where older students guide and support newer members.
- There is enthusiastic competition between colleges in the inter-college programme of sports, arts and cultural competitions.
- Form tutors see students daily, monitoring their progress and welfare to support them to achieve success.
- Good attendance at school is a key component of success and we have a dedicated team who work with students and their families to ensure good attendance.
- Our learning support team give additional specialist support when appropriate and required.

We believe that safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. We work with parents/carers and other professionals to achieve the best possible outcomes for all of our students.
Shenley Academy students are set ambitious targets to achieve throughout their time with us. This is realised through a broad and balanced curriculum which promotes a full range of learning and life skills.

Great examination results are important, but we recognise that in order to equip students with the skills that they need to be well-rounded members of a 21st century society, we need to offer opportunities to develop the skills, attributes and awareness in all subjects.

Students from all year groups are taught up to 25 hours per week, with additional time for tutorials.

- In most subjects students are taught in groups of similar ability.
- In Y7-Y11 students follow a core curriculum of English, maths, science, ICT, French or Spanish, history, geography, design technology, dance, drama, music, art, sport and fitness and religious education.
- Students choose their optional GCSE courses at the end of year 8, from a range of courses alongside their core.
- Personal, social and health education (PSHE) is taught through regular Immersion Days and across the curriculum. Topics include safety, drugs education, sex education, health related exercise and lifestyles. Sex education is offered to all students in line with recommended guidance from the Department for Education.
• We provide high quality careers advice and guidance throughout Y7 to Y13. This includes a range of experiences through our partnerships with KPMG and Business in the Community. All students in Y10 and Y12 take part in work experience. We recognise how important these experiences are in preparing students for life after Shenley Academy.

• We set high, but realistic targets in all curriculum areas for students in all years: 7 to 13. Sophisticated tracking systems enable us to monitor students’ progress carefully and identify where intervention may be required.

• Parents/carers receive termly progress reports, indicating progress in each subject, and a full written report once every academic year.

• Annual progress reviews and parents’ evenings for each year group provide an opportunity for parents/carers to have detailed discussions with key staff.

Special Educational Needs:

Many students will need additional support at one time or another in their time at school. Our Learning Support team works closely with the pastoral and curriculum teams on a process of assessment, intervention, support and reintegration.

Support can be offered in a variety of ways, and will always be personalised to the needs of the student.
Our motto: 'inspire, aspire, achieve' underpins all that we do to support our students to gain confidence, grow and succeed throughout their time with us. Shenley Horizons is a programme which all students in years 7 to 13 follow during their time in the academy.

The programme focuses on six character virtues which are important for all students to develop so that they are well-rounded individuals and have the confidence and tools necessary for life after year 13: whether that is university, college, apprenticeship or employment.

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<td><strong>Resilience:</strong></td>
<td>students display spirit, strength and resistance in their character</td>
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<td><strong>Self-belief:</strong></td>
<td>students show confidence, high self-esteem and self-reliance</td>
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<td><strong>Kindness:</strong></td>
<td>Shenley students show compassion, gentleness, helpfulness and thoughtfulness towards one another</td>
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<td><strong>Integrity:</strong></td>
<td>our students are honest, truthful, honourable and reliable in the manner in which they lead their lives</td>
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<td><strong>Altruism:</strong></td>
<td>students display generosity, self-sacrifice and unselfishness in their actions at school and home</td>
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<td><strong>Respect:</strong></td>
<td>our students show that they value one another, and one another's opinions, in way that they interact with one another</td>
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We expect high standards from our students and this helps to create the positive attitude and atmosphere which permeates our academy. Our character virtues are the foundation of this standard and become the tools which our young people will use to achieve success in their own lives.
Sixth Form at Shenley Academy

Students who choose to remain in our sixth form continue to access high quality teaching, support and guidance from our staff. Sixth form students are given the privilege of working in a purpose built sixth form centre, whilst maintaining the relationships in their college and studies which have led them to success elsewhere in the school.

Throughout the duration of their two years in the sixth form, students are supported and mentored by their form tutors. This ensures that they are able to access the advice, support, pastoral care and information which they will need to thrive in life beyond Shenley.

A sixth form which is part of an 11 to 18 school ensures that students can enjoy the intellectual rigour of sixth form studies, in a supportive environment where they are known and able to flourish. Partnerships with other providers ensures that all Shenley sixth form students are able to access a wide range of A level and BTEC Level 3 programmes. So, whether they are heading to university, college, apprenticeship or employment post-18 they will be well prepared for life after Shenley Academy.

For the full range of courses on offer to students please visit the academy website:

www.shenleyacademy.e-act.org.uk