



Seahaven Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

Prospectus



**Be ambitious,
be determined,
be your best!**

Ambition



“The right education is key to giving children the skills and qualifications for them to be happy in life.”



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Welcome to Seahaven Academy

At Seahaven Academy we have a very simple mission: to ensure that all our students have every opportunity to achieve the very best they can, and to learn to be the very best version of themselves. This means having big ambitions, high expectations and even higher standards in all that we do. We believe wholeheartedly in this mission and students are constantly supported and challenged to fulfil the United Learning motto 'the best in everyone'.

We are totally committed to providing our students with the very best education possible, both inside and outside of the classroom. Staff work tirelessly with our students to provide the best learning environment possible and students have a huge array of opportunities to develop themselves through our 'Education with Character' programmes.

We want Seahaven Academy students to become exceptional individuals, both academically and socially, and to be happy, confident and determined in their future lives, wherever they choose to go and whatever they choose to do. Our ethos is that every student at Seahaven Academy, wherever their talents lie, feels that they can achieve their ambitions in their time with us. We want our students to look back on their years at Seahaven with happiness and pride.

Students are always the best ambassadors for their school. We will be delighted to welcome you to visit and see our school community in action.

Sarah Pringle - Principal



"The principal provides dynamic leadership focused on rapid and sustainable improvement. With senior leaders, she has created a culture of high expectations, which has transformed the school." – Ofsted 2016



Introducing United Learning

United Learning is a group of schools which aims to provide excellent education to children and young people across the country. We seek to improve the life chances of all the children and young people we serve and make it our mission to bring out ‘the best in everyone’ – students, staff, parents and the wider community. Uniquely our group includes significant numbers of schools in both the public and the private sectors, working together for mutual benefit.

We provide a broad education, which prepares young people to progress in learning and to make a success of their lives. We focus sharply on the evidence of what makes it more likely that young people will progress and succeed, apply that to our practice and continue to learn and develop our schools. We make it a priority to provide teachers with excellent professional support and development, so that every child receives an excellent experience.

Through being a group, we can offer more to both staff and young people than any single school could offer alone. The growing range of outstanding group-wide activities that we can provide will mean that more young people will have truly exceptional and inspiring experiences. Already, we believe that our Group contains the most developed relationships and practical interaction between independent and state schools in the country, creating benefits for all the schools involved.

As part of United Learning, Seahaven Academy shares the objective of bringing out ‘the best in everyone’, enabling each student to become a balanced, happy and articulate person with intellectual freedom, confidence, compassion, integrity and a lifelong love of learning.



Confidence



“Pupils behave well in lessons and around the school.... Pupils are prepared for life in modern Britain” – Ofsted 2016

An ethos for learning: 'the best in everyone'

We know that all our students are unique, and our role as educators is to ensure that those in our care have the chances both to excel in what they already do, and to explore and take advantage of new possibilities. Bringing out 'the best in everyone' is about recognising and developing skills and qualities, challenging and supporting students to flourish and giving opportunities to draw out new talents and interests in everything we do. There is no limit to what young people can do, and in our rapidly evolving world, we need to ensure that Seahaven students can embrace anything and everything that comes their way. After all, we are preparing them for a world full of unknown careers and lifestyles!

Our ethos blends;

Ambition – to achieve the best for ourselves and others

Confidence – to have the courage of our convictions and the resilience to overcome any challenges along the way

Creativity – to imagine possibilities and make them real

Respect – for ourselves and others in all that we do

Enthusiasm – to seek opportunity, find what is good and pursue talents and interests

Determination – to overcome obstacles and achieve success

Kindness – to show friendliness, consideration and generosity of spirit to all



'The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.'

– Martin Luther King, Jr



Creativity

‘Every student should leave with the skills and qualifications to pursue their chosen career path.’



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A challenging and rewarding curriculum

The focus at Seahaven Academy is always on learning, achievement and success. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and cohesive. We have personalised learning pathways that will empower and prepare our students for their future study, employment and citizenship. We want Seahaven Academy students to be enthusiastic about their learning and develop a thirst to learn more. Every student should leave with the skills and qualifications to pursue their chosen career path. Our curriculum extends beyond the classroom through the wide range of additional learning opportunities we offer to motivate and inspire all our students.

Key Stage 3

In Years 7, 8 and 9 students are provided with the building blocks for success. In order to thrive and succeed in all subjects students need to develop literacy and numeracy skills before progressing into Year 10. Our students are given the opportunity to explore the wide variety of foundations subjects we offer throughout Key Stage 3 building subject specific knowledge that provides a foundation for both specialist GCSE courses and their wider general understanding.

Key Stage 4

In Years 10 and 11 all of our students study a core curriculum which includes English Language, English Literature, Maths, Double Sciences, Physical Education and PSHE. These core subjects are essential to support the passage into Post-16 education. Our students are given the opportunity to tailor their learning to meet their needs, strengths and aspirations. This opportunity will enable each student to explore the foundation subjects they would like to pursue further. We encourage them to choose a broad and balanced programme which serves as a strong foundation for further progression. When students are choosing their subjects we help them consider where their learning can take them. We want our students to have ambition for their lives and determination to succeed.



A safe, supportive environment

We want students to be happy, motivated and inspired. Seahaven Academy is a kind, safe and friendly learning community. Respect is at the heart of our relationships. We maintain very high expectations of behaviour so that the classroom focus is on high quality teaching and learning.

Transition from primary school can be exciting and daunting. We work closely with all our feeder schools to ensure that we know the students well before they join us. Our comprehensive transition programme is designed to support students and make the move from Primary School to Secondary School feel more like a step than a jump!

Students are well supported through a range of provisions:

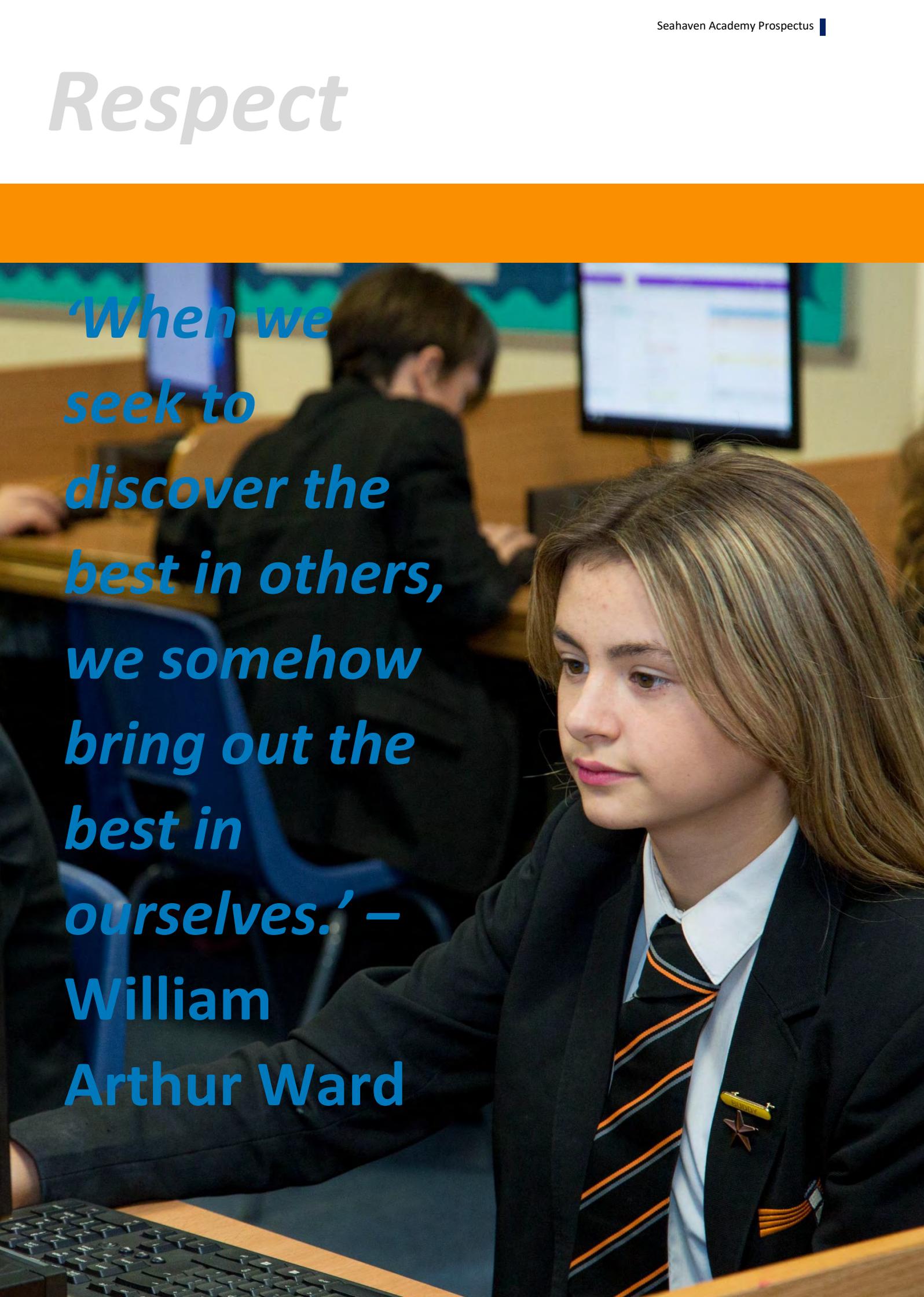


“The staff are really helpful and supported me so I settled into the school right away!” Year 7 Student

This includes:

- Tutor groups where each student is known and supported
- A clear and fair behaviour system which is used consistently
- A dedicated team of pastoral staff who are able to support in removing barriers to learning
- Strong parental links to build partnership
- A clear policy and practice which addresses any bullying
- An excellent Special Educational Needs department to support students in their learning
- Strong partnerships with specialist support agencies

Respect

A young woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark school blazer over a white collared shirt and a striped tie, is seated at a desk in a classroom. She is looking towards the left of the frame. In the background, another student is visible at a desk, and a computer monitor displays some data. The overall scene is a typical classroom environment.

'When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves.' – William Arthur Ward

Learning to lead

We want our students to develop the skills they need in order to make a difference in the communities in which they live. We provide a range of opportunities in school designed to enable students to develop these skills and encourage them to play an active role in school life by ensuring that the views and opinions of the students are communicated in an effective and meaningful way.

There are opportunities for:

- Academy Prefects
- Transition Buddies
- School Council
- Leadership training
- Ambassadors
- Diana Award Digital Leaders



Seahaven Academy students are active in the community as well as in school. A variety of charity events are organised and run each year by our students to support national fundraising events and our local community too. Most recently students have organised collections for the local foodbanks, participated in workshops to learn about the experiences of refugees and how the school community can show support and have even hosted tea parties for our

local older residents. We even have a group of students working on a global change project in collaboration with Future Foundations. Every year we find more positive ways for students to be involved in the school and the local community and student leadership is thriving.

***‘Our students
are tomorrow’s
leaders ... we
need to let
them practise
today!’***

Enthusiasm

'We want to foster a love of learning so that students are excited and inspired.'



Education With Character



Learning does not begin and end in the classroom or on the sports field. We see every part of our school life as a chance to become experts in areas of strength and develop new skills across a wide range of activities. Education with Character covers everything from manners and leadership skills to going on camp or representing the school in a national opera challenge. For a small school we are proud to provide a huge range of clubs and activities supporting and developing all areas of the curriculum. The school's provision extends far

beyond the core day and there is definitely something for everyone:

- Breakfast, Time for Toast and Integrate to start the day
- Roll-call and Tutor Time/Assemblies to ensure a flying start each morning
- Before and after school homework club for additional support and space to work
- Lunchtime activities including quiet spaces, games club and musical lunches
- Sporting opportunities throughout the year and throughout the day for fun and competition
- Regular day trips to local and national events, theatres and exhibitions
- Residential trips including year group camps, ski trip and subject based visits abroad
- Superb talent contests and music and drama productions each year
- Tutor group activities and competitions
- Fund-raising activities for charities

‘Seahaven students have no time to get bored!’



Determination



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