

Prospectus
Flourish in Life

Welcome to Eastern High

I feel very privileged to be working as Head teacher of Eastern High and proud to share with you in this prospectus, the innovative and exciting opportunities awaiting the young people who attend our school.

We work closely with parents and students to create a caring and purposeful learning environment, where students enjoy coming to school and are proud to be here. We believe that every student can succeed with the right support and encouragement, ensuring we constantly review and improve our provision to ensure this happens.

I want our school's future success to be measured not just in terms of good exam results, but also in terms of our ability to help young people develop the personal skills and talents they need to flourish in life and to make a positive contribution to society.

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Our students will soon benefit and thrive from the cutting-edge facilities in our new building, which is currently under development (due to open September 2017), and a learning environment that promotes security, high-quality learning experiences, teamwork, communication and independence.

We understand that the choice you are making is a difficult one. The 'best' school is of course the one which best suits your child. Please do visit us during the day or on one of our open events, or if you would like to meet with me to discuss the school further, please do call.

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Armando Di-Finizio
Head teacher



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Sustainable Future **for All**

Our vision is very simple: in short, we want every student who joins our learning community to leave at the end of their time with us with the knowledge, capabilities and wherewithal to:

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In order to achieve this vision we believe in developing attributes and values in all our students that are sustainable throughout life. We have identified four areas upon which all aspects of life at Eastern High are focussed:

- Sustainable Approaches to Learning
- Sustainable Partnerships & Relationships
- Sustainable Body, Mind & Soul
- Sustainable Resources & Environment



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Sustainable Approaches to Learning

Developing a Learning Community

Everyone, staff and students, are part of the learning community at Eastern High. It is our aim to develop awareness that learning does not stop on leaving school, and to instil a thirst for learning that will carry on throughout life. We encourage students to explore and discover independently where possible, but we are there to provide support, assistance and expertise when necessary.

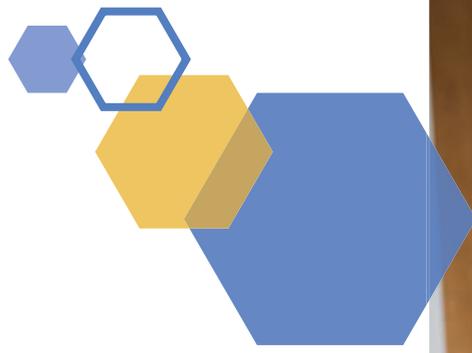
All our staff weekly participate in a continual professional development programme, in order to ensure we constantly review and improve our practice.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum aims to be personalised, meeting the needs of all individuals as far as practically possible. We ensure all our pupils can access the curriculum effectively, so we place a high emphasis on the development of literacy, numeracy and the development of good habits in relation to learning, which allows students the opportunity to develop flexible, adaptable and independent learning skills, essential in the 21st Century.

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Learning Support

Our Learning Support Team ensures that the needs of all students are met. In addition to in-class teaching assistants we also provide one-to-one tutoring and small group work, focussing on literacy and numeracy as well as social skills. Learning mentors also play a big part in supporting learners, both in and out of the classroom.



Sustainable Relationships & Partnerships

Eastern High places a high emphasis on developing, and sustaining, healthy relationships and fostering effective partnerships both in school and throughout life. We value diversity and aim to give everyone in the school an equal chance to learn, work and live, free from the action or fear of racism, discrimination or prejudice.

Pastoral Support

We are very proud of our pastoral organisation which boasts Vertical Tutor Groups, where we aim to keep below twenty students per group. Each group, which meets every day, has two tutors and contains three or four students from each year group. This allows greater opportunity for peer mentoring and support.

In addition to this, our tutor groups are divided into four Colegau, which is supported by two full time pastoral leaders/mentors and one academic leader.

Conflict resolution

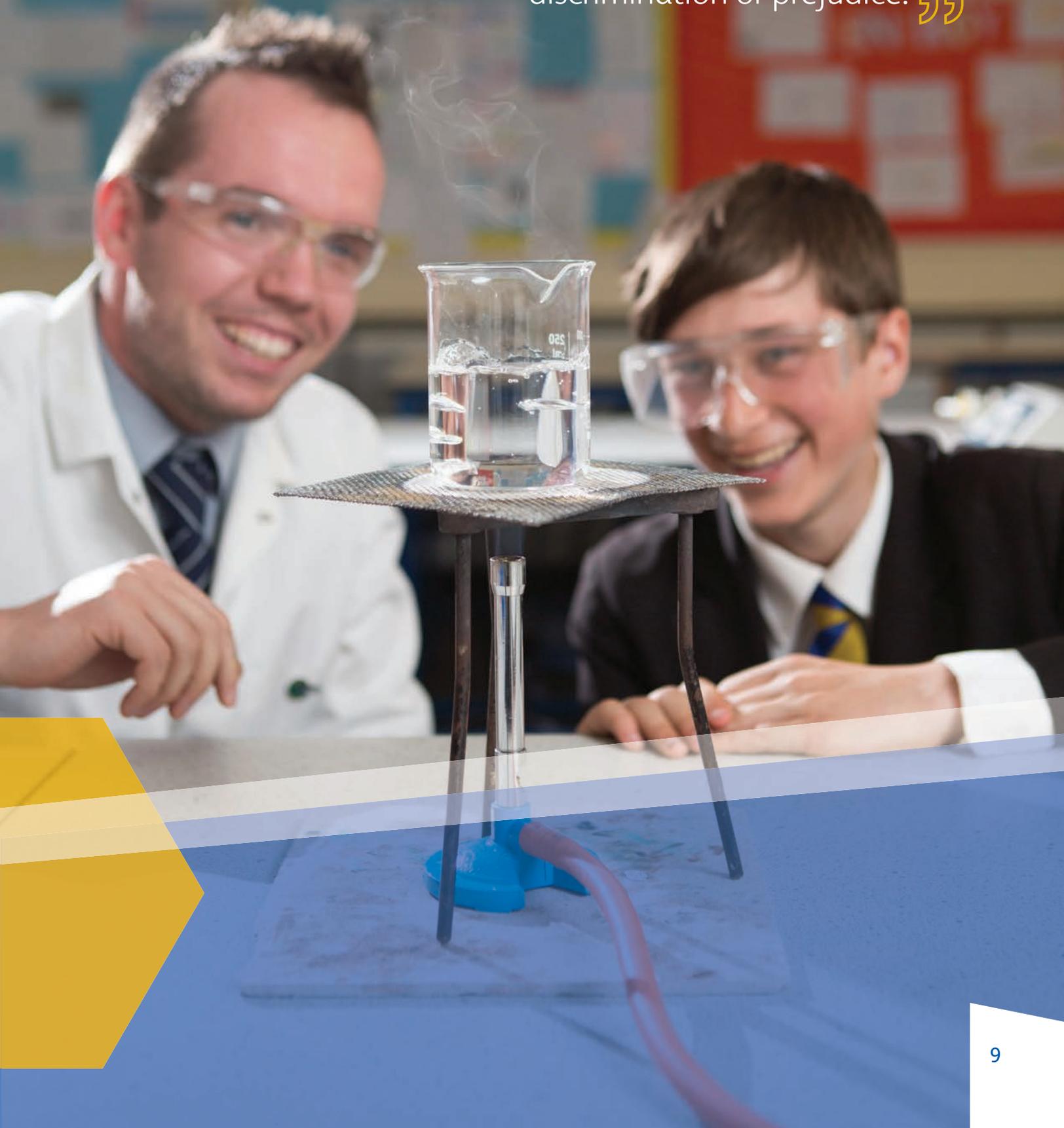
We use restorative practices throughout the school (between students and students, students and staff and even amongst staff if necessary). This very successful programme prevents the escalation of any disagreement or incident and develops methods to resolve potential conflict situations with those involved.

External partnerships

We have very close links with all the local primary schools and with Cardiff and Vale College, to ensure there is continuity and progression at each stage in your child's education. We also place high importance in developing links with local businesses and employers to ensure we maximise opportunities to extend our curriculum and bring relevance to the classroom.



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Sustainable Mind, Body & Soul

This area focuses on developing a healthy mind and body, ready to enjoy all life has to offer, but also to cope effectively with its difficulties. We aim to raise aspirations and develop high levels of confidence in all our pupils.

Enrichment

There are a large variety of after school clubs on most days of the week. Eastern High has one of the highest participation rates of all the schools in Cardiff for sporting events. Our regular music, theatre and dance performances are always looked forward to by parents, staff and pupils as is our pupil produced 'Eastern Chatter' magazine.

Engaging students

We believe in developing the leadership potential and personal responsibility of all of all our pupils. In their tutor groups, Year 10 and 11 pupils are responsible for developing the reading skills of our younger pupils through our paired reading scheme and supporting them in their day-to-day life in the school.

We also have a strong Pupil Council that has representation at Senior Leadership Meetings, and on the Governing Body.

We are currently developing Student Leaders who will be given responsibilities under each of the 'Sustainability' headings to fully involve them in the future development of the school.



Addressing special needs

The support pupils need may be academic, social, cultural or emotional and we have put into place a number of systems to support our inclusive view of education.

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Sustainable Resources and Environment

This focuses on developing an awareness of the importance of caring for and making the most of the resources we have within the environments in which we live.

Facilities & the New Build

Although we will be moving into a new building in September 2017, since April 2015, we have invested over £1 million on refurbishing and improving our current buildings.

The new build, in which the students and wider community have contributed ideas, will incorporate many environmentally friendly and energy saving features. Our aim is to create a building which will have sustainability as a central theme.

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Information and Communication Technology

The school is ICT rich with six dedicated ICT classrooms and several class sets of laptops. We also have excellent music technology and design technology/graphic suites.

One of the major concerns parents have in the 21st century is ensuring that their child is using ICT appropriately and safely. We see it as a major role for schools today to address this issue. We encourage students to use ICT when it is appropriate, but not extensively. We also have excellent monitoring software which can pick up on inappropriate use.

We are now a cashless school, where students or parents can add money to our system via pay points or credit or debit card. We use a finger print recognition system in order to pay for food bought on the premises. This has the potential to allow parents to monitor online their child's diet during school hours.



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Our Enrichment Promise

We promise that every pupil will have the opportunity to:

- Attend at least one after school activity on a regular basis.
- Represent the school in at least one sporting, cultural or academic event.
- Complete at least one outward-bound style visit.
- Take part in or help to organise a school production or event.
- Take part in a formal presentation to others using digital technology.
- Be involved in an international experience, within the school, the community or abroad.
- Contribute to the wider community by taking part in some form of public service within or beyond the school.
- Take part in or help organise a fund-raising event within or beyond the school.
- Make a positive contribution to sustain the school and the wider environment.
- Take part in an event or visit that will explore future careers.

School Uniform

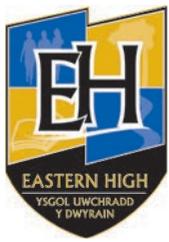
School uniform indicates a commitment to the shared ideals of the school and promotes equality in a very easily visible understood way.

Eastern High takes uniform very seriously and parents/carers are asked to consider this commitment to uniform in the school.

Full details of our uniform can be found on the school website.







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