



inspiring academic
and creative success





welcome

I would like to welcome you and your family to Dodderhill School. I hope that this glimpse of what we offer prompts you to visit us and find out more.

We provide a safe, happy and stimulating environment for children (3 to 7) and girls (8 to 16). With fewer than 220 pupils we know and appreciate the unique qualities of every child.

Our focus on individual achievement, making sure that each pupil realises her true potential, produces GCSE results that are among the best in Worcestershire. Academic challenge combined with opportunities for creative, sporting and personal development will help your child to discover her talents and grow in confidence.

We believe that a good education means much more than academic success. During her time with us, we will encourage your child to become a polite, resourceful, socially responsible and active member of the community, at school and beyond.

I look forward to meeting you in the warm, friendly atmosphere that makes Dodderhill such a special place.

Joan M Mumby
Headmistress



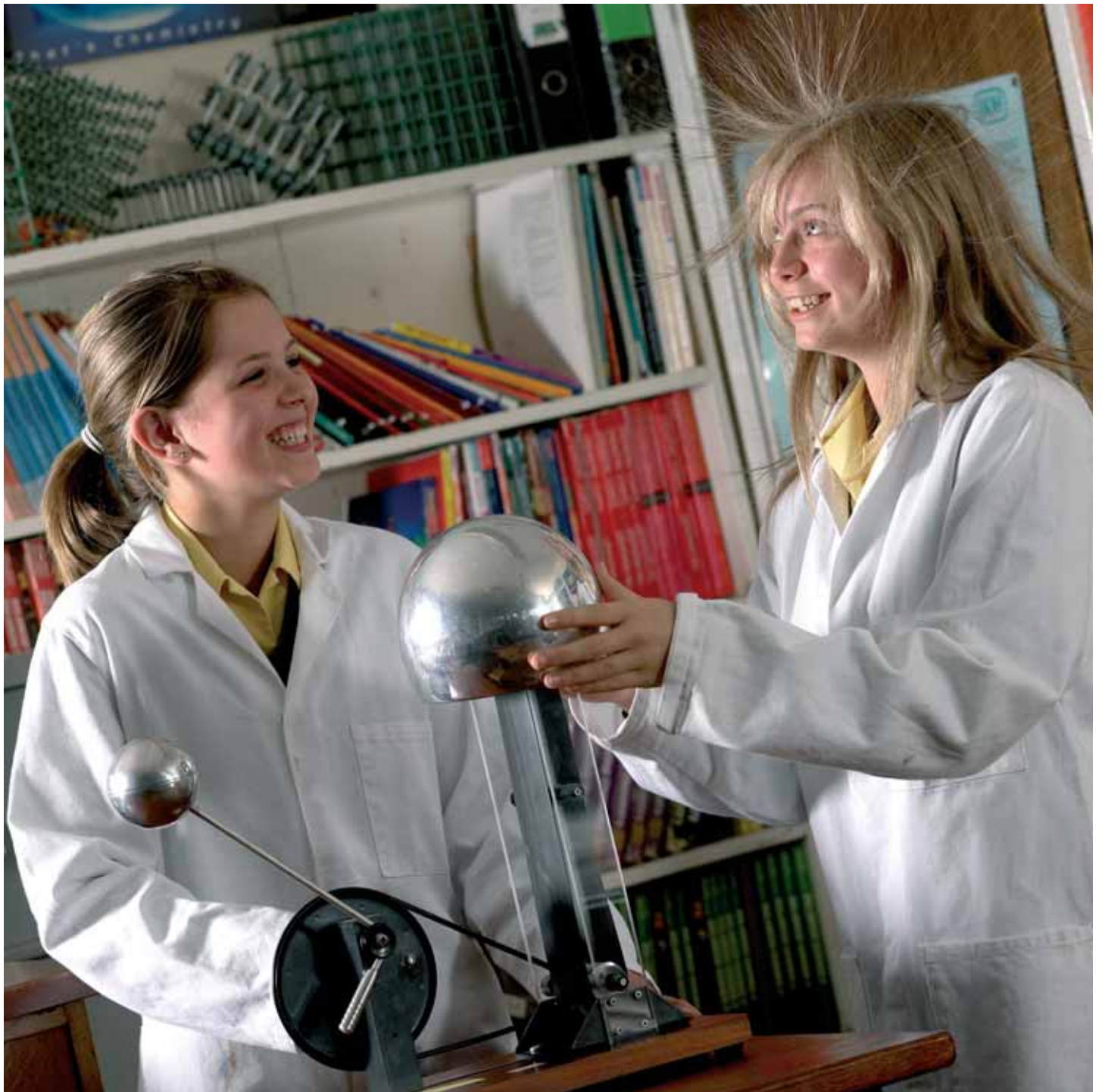
individual attention

Children thrive when they are doing well. From the Early Years to Year 11, we have the flexibility and scale to challenge every child. In small teaching groups, typically fewer than 15 pupils, we will know your child well enough to know where she needs to be stretched and where she needs extra support.

We have high expectations of every pupil and gifted children are offered opportunities for accelerated learning to maintain their interest and develop their natural ability. Pupils facing learning barriers such as dyslexia or shyness are supported in class and on a one-to-one basis. Specially qualified teachers work on self-esteem and give pupils the practical skills they need to achieve excellent results.

Superb pastoral care throughout the school reflects our commitment to your child's personal development and happiness. Individual support is even more valuable at GCSE level, where teachers work with every girl to make sure that her results will reflect her capability. Our broad and balanced curriculum, combined with expert careers guidance, means that pupils meet the admission requirements of their chosen sixth forms and are well prepared for future academic challenges.







inspirational teaching

Bright young minds need stimulation. Our teachers love to teach and their enthusiasm is infectious. Developing a child's natural curiosity in the world around her makes learning a fun and rewarding experience.

Kindergarten pupils are mesmerised when an experienced teacher introduces them to something new. Encouraging your child to become an independent learner, actively involved and with shared responsibility for her education, means that this sense of wonder is not lost as she grows up.

From an early age, lessons with subject experts in specialist facilities inspire children and give them the best possible chance of future success. Traditional classroom teaching is enriched with the latest information technology, workshops with external experts, regular visits and creative practical exercises, bringing every subject to life.



building confidence

'I can do it' is the most important lesson that your child will learn at Dodderhill. We want her to explore all possibilities and reach for her dreams!

From passing Grade 5 violin to winning a national art competition, scoring a goal for the hockey team to a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, performing on stage to singing in the Junior Choir, beating her house's fundraising target to becoming a prefect – we can offer your child hundreds of opportunities to succeed.

In our Senior School, girls thrive and mature without the social pressures of a co-educational school. Research continues to affirm that girls achieve significantly better results in all girls' schools.

In a single-sex environment, girls feel more confident about working hard, taking risks and showing their intelligence. In girls' only classes, girls come first. We will encourage your daughter to choose a career based on her interests, ability and aspirations rather than gender stereotypes.







discovering talents

Hockey, swimming, netball, ski-ing, horse-riding or tennis, our pupils love being active. Outdoor education, residential visits and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme extend learning beyond the classroom.

Excellent facilities, a wide range of clubs, individual coaching and weekly lessons will help your child to enjoy sport for fitness, fun or as part of a team that represents the school, county or region. While recognising and rewarding exceptional talent, we value teamwork and enthusiasm.

Drama, music, art, dance, catering, creative writing and textiles offer your child the chance to express herself, explore her creativity and respond to new challenges. Working individually or with her friends, she will be delighted by what she can achieve.

Concerts, plays and exhibitions will give her the invaluable experience of presenting her work to an audience. Our pupils' success in local, regional and national competitions has built Dodderhill's reputation for creative excellence.



education for life

We believe that membership of the Dodderhill community is a privilege. Our inclusive Christian ethos encourages pupils to make a positive contribution to the school and wider community.

As well as compassion and a willingness to serve, we encourage our pupils to develop a range of qualities and skills including the ability to express ideas with conviction and passion; to make friends and enjoy being part of a team; to feel comfortable in a variety of social situations; to have a sense of responsibility and self-discipline; to be able to apply themselves and work hard to achieve goals; and to be sensitive and responsive to other people's needs.

This hidden curriculum is one of the reasons that we are so successful at preparing young women for the world around them. Former Dodderhill girls have gone on to become doctors, designers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, accountants, dentists, teachers, artists, vets, radio-presenters, company directors... in fact almost every career and profession you can imagine.





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about us

In 1945 Miss Mary Booker created our Junior School, Whitford Hall. Parents were delighted with its ethos and wanted a secondary school where their daughters could continue to enjoy the same high standard of education and so in 1973 Dodderhill School was born.

In 1999 the Junior School moved to our spacious grounds in Droitwich Spa. Pupils now enjoy the special benefits of a single-site school, including excellent facilities, friends of all ages and a smooth transition from junior to senior school. Like many girls' schools we welcome boys from 3 to 7.

Known as Whitford Hall & Dodderhill until September 2006, our peaceful, semi-rural grounds make the school a lovely place to learn. Whatever your child's age when she joins us, we will do everything we can to help her settle in quickly. We find that many children do not want to leave us after a Taster Day!

The next step is a visit so that you can meet our teachers and pupils, explore our classrooms and grounds, and get a feel for whether we are the right school for your family. In an informal interview with our headmistress Mrs Mumby, you can discuss your child and her interests, abilities and expectations. To arrange a visit simply call **01905 778290** or email **enquiries@dodderhill.co.uk**

Dodderhill School is a secure, supportive and stimulating place for children (3 to 7) and girls (8 to 16). With fewer than 220 pupils, each one is an important member of a community that encourages courtesy, creativity and caring for others. Academic challenge, the arts, sport and voluntary service create an holistic education designed for the modern world.



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