

Samuel Ward Academy





Community

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Our Vision

We are an inclusive community committed to creating rich and fulfilling futures for each child.

We do this through academic excellence, mutual respect, supportive relationships, high aspirations for all and by instilling strong values.

Aspirational, Brave, Compassionate

- A I am Aspirational - I seek opportunities and strive to develop my skills and knowledge.
- B I am Brave - I am willing to step out of my comfort zone and stand up for what is right at all times.
- C I am Compassionate - I treat everyone with respect and support others who are in need

Welcome to Samuel Ward Academy



Samuel Ward Academy is a warm, welcoming school, at the heart of our community, committed to creating rich and fulfilling futures for each child. We ensure that our students **aspire** to be their very best, tackle challenges **bravely** and work together with **compassion** to build an inclusive community in which each individual can flourish.

These three values are central to all that we do, underpinned by our well planned academic and wider curriculum alongside excellent pastoral care, so that students can develop to reach their full potential, make a positive contribution to society and are given excellent foundations to lead enriching and interesting lives.

Our expectations are unashamedly high; we expect students to demonstrate our values each day by being calm, smart, polite and considerate. This is achieved in partnership with families.

There is a comprehensive rewards system that encourages students to do well and ensures they feel safe and are able to meet the challenge we set.

As part of the Unity Schools Partnership we work closely with colleagues in other schools in Haverhill and across the region to share best practice and develop innovative approaches.

We are especially excited and proud to be working alongside our primary feeder schools. By working together, we will be able to ensure smoother transition, greater access to resources, more opportunities for leadership development, greater sharing of expertise and a common approach to supporting all of our students to achieve. Our commitment is to provide excellent education, excellent care and excellent opportunities as part of an 'all-through' education; from early years to A-Levels.

This is a wonderful school and I am proud to be working alongside such a dedicated team of professionals who are focussed on achieving these goals for our students.

At Samuel Ward Academy we really want to make a difference to young people and we very much look forward to welcoming you and your family and becoming one of our many successes of the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or suggestions and visitors are always welcome.

Tom Johnston
Headteacher



Academic Excellence

“Creating rich and fulfilling futures for each child”



“I really enjoy teaching at Samuel Ward Academy—the students are engaged, keen to learn and ready for the challenge that teachers set for them”

Ms Jo Wilson, Assistant Headteacher



We offer a broad academic curriculum at Samuel Ward Academy, which aims to foster a love of learning in the students enabling them to excel in their studies. This is supported by the ambitious targets we set ourselves.

As students move up through the school, our teachers expertly guide them to become more independent and to think deeply, developing rich knowledge and skills. Teachers challenge students to extend their learning and development, expecting them to take the lead—to ask questions, make connections and expand their studies. In this way, we foster enquiring and agile thinking in preparation for life in an ever changing world.

Increasingly, many of our students choose to continue their seven-year journey and attend Haverhill Community Sixth Form, where there are an extensive range of A level and vocational qualifications. Our students are accepted into some of the best universities, or move into Higher Level Apprenticeships, or excellent employment.

Whatever the starting point for each child, we encourage them to set aspirational goals. This is supported by our focus on the very highest standards in the classroom with many devoted, well-trained specialist teachers. Strong, respectful relationships between the staff and students are also a pivotal ingredient in getting the very best out of each individual. As a result the outcomes for students who engage and attend regularly, making the most of their time here, are very strong.

“The students are full of enthusiasm—it is a pleasure to teach in such a dynamic and innovative school” Mr Andrew Guinivan, Head of Visual Arts



“You are part of the community at Samuel Ward, a member of the team. No one expects you to be perfect, just as long as you try your best. Everyone wants you to do well”
Year 7 student, September 2024

“We belong here”

“A complete education—enriching and fulfilling”
Ms Daisy Hopkins, Assistant Headteacher: Belonging

The experience we offer at Samuel Ward extends far beyond the classroom. There are a lot of new things to experience including signing up to all kinds of clubs ranging from sports, music, drama, arts and crafts, film and photography, reading and drama in our state-of-the-art theatre.

Regular trips, visits and residential opportunities, including overseas are established in the calendar each year. The include the PE annual watersports trip, the Iceland adventure led by the Geography department to experience the volcanoes, geysers and waterfalls and the languages trips to France, to name only a few! Other trips support the curriculum more closely to home, such as trips to museums in Cambridge and London and to visit the theatres of the West End.

Each student is assigned a ‘House’ before they arrive at Samuel Ward, and there are regular competitions and events to take part in to earn House Points.

We also encourage students to become leaders, with roles such as Form Reps and Student and House President available. Whatever your interest or ambition, we will do our best to nurture your individual talents.





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A seven-year journey...

Haverhill Community Sixth Form is the natural next step for students at SWA having built futures and given direction to many young people over the years. We are a Sixth Form that belongs to our local community.

Our students gain the qualifications, confidence, cultural capital and social skills they need to make their way in the world.

Our alumni follow a broad range of careers in areas such as Research, Education, and Engineering, and are keen to come back to HC6 to share their experiences.



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