Predicted grade A or A* passes have dramatically risen as a result of the academy’s focus on enabling all to achieve their potential.

Large proportion of Outstanding teaching, including in classes taught by newly qualified teachers.
The focus on team work and the development of leadership skills prepare students very well for their future careers.

Teachers monitor students closely and are able to spot underachievement early and put in appropriate support.

Students say there is always someone they can go to if they are unhappy.

RSA ACADEMY ARROW VALE IS THE FIRST EVER OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL IN REDDITCH
Welcome to the prospectus for RSA Academy Arrow Vale. We are an inclusive school where everyone works together to achieve their very best. As one of the RSA family of academies, our community benefits from the support and resources of the RSA, providing students with innovative learning and life-enhancing opportunities.

Our ethos is simple. We expect all of our students to fulfil their potential and reach the highest standards through high quality teaching and caring support. We aim to keep them safe and happy so that they may enjoy, learn and achieve whilst they are at school. We do all we can to prepare them for higher education or high quality employment, and to be able to lead a fulfilling and successful life.

Our standards are high. We expect all students to wear our full uniform, attend well, behave appropriately and support each other. We expect them to give their best effort and participate in the full range of learning experiences on offer at RSA Academy Arrow Vale. In return, our staff are fully committed to ‘going the extra mile’ to ensure that students excel in all that they do.

This prospectus should give you an insight into our school and what we can offer our students. However, a few pages are never enough to show all that we have to offer, so please do come along and see us in action. Just contact the school to make an appointment and we will be happy to show the school off to you.

Guy Shears, Principal
This is an exciting time to be joining the Arrow Vale community.

Welcome!
PREPARING FOR LIFE.

At RSA Academy Arrow Vale we do all that we can to enable our students to lead happy, successful lives, both now and in the future. We encourage high aspirations in all students and work relentlessly to help them achieve these goals. The expectation is that they also develop a strong work ethic which is vital for whatever their future career.

Our curriculum is challenging, engaging and offers individual learning pathways for all. Students can pursue all routes into higher education or employment via a wide range of option choices. We ensure that all students have the advice and guidance needed to make fully informed choices for Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form, and we encourage parents and carers to be involved within the decision making process at these important times.

To be fully prepared for the future, skills are as important as knowledge. At RSA Academy Arrow Vale we place a strong emphasis on the development of literacy and communication skills: oral, written and technological. Within every lesson and tutor time, students will also develop a range of skills through our Learning 4 Life (L4L) programme. The programme focuses on the vital TRIC skills: team learner, reflective learner, independent learner and creative learner.

We place a high value on the social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of education as it is these which will help our students become young people who have an understanding of the world around them and their place within it. These values are embedded across the curriculum, Learning 4 Life and assemblies, and contribute to the holistic education of all of our students.
There is a clear focus on providing the challenge that will stretch those of the highest ability.

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LEARNING TOGETHER.

High quality teaching and effective learning is our priority. Students can expect to participate in a wide range of learning activities in and out of lessons, as well as work independently beyond the school day.

A distinctive feature of lessons at RSA Academy Arrow Vale is our emphasis on team learning as this helps students to communicate effectively, work collaboratively and consider others whilst developing their own knowledge and understanding. We know that our students enjoy lessons here and develop their confidence through this approach. As a designated National Teaching School, we are taking a leading role in recruiting and developing high quality teachers. Both our library and 6th form area have been recently refurbished and are open before and after school to support students with their independent learning.

We offer an extensive range of extra-curricular opportunities, including clubs, sports, visits, shows, performances and expect all students to be involved in developing themselves in these ways.

Learning together includes parents and carers. We believe in quality communication between school and home as we are partners in each child’s success and achievement.
Predicted A or A* passes dramatically risen as a result of the academy’s focus on enabling all to achieve their potential.

OFSTED 2014
SUPPORTING EACH OTHER.

RSA Academy Arrow Vale is a highly supportive and caring school and our inclusive ethos is an important part of our identity. We are committed to creating a learning environment where students enjoy coming to school and feel motivated to achieve their best. Students value their relationships with staff, which are centred upon care, challenge and support.

Through our Student Support structure, which includes form tutors, Heads of Year and Year Team Leaders, all students receive personalised support and guidance. Everyone is involved with ensuring that each child fulfils his or her potential and matures into a respectful, honest, hardworking member of the wider community.

Integral to our inclusive ethos is our Learning Support team. They strive to identify and provide the most appropriate curriculum and emotional support to meet the individual needs of every child. The team supports learning in the classroom as well as offering a range of support classes to address specific literacy, numeracy, language, social and emotional needs. We can also offer a more supported curriculum and learning experience through The Base, our onsite house for students who need more structured support in a smaller environment.

Nurturing every individual’s self-esteem is also a fundamental part of our work at Arrow Vale. The Learning for Life programme, along with personal guidance and mentoring, helps students to value their own and others’ contributions and skills. Through our varied celebration events and rewards systems we ensure that all successes and achievements are shared and valued. All members of our school community are expected to treat each other with respect, tolerance and encouragement.
The strong focus, throughout all the academy’s work, on the promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, enables teamwork and fosters their creativity.

OFSTED 2014
LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

Learning outside the classroom is about raising young people’s achievement through an organised, powerful approach to learning in which direct experience is of prime importance. That is why we have engineered a bespoke programme for all students in the academy.

The RSA Enrichment Guarantee
Schools within the RSA Family of Academies offer an innovative student enrichment programme which utilises the links with RSA Fellows and partners and makes the most of opportunities to attract additional funding. During their time at an RSA Academy all students will:

- participate in a visit to a theatre, gallery, museum, cultural attraction or event.
- participate in high quality arts provision including the opportunity to work directly with arts practitioners and designers. Take part in extra-curricular art and design projects;
- experience a residential stay which contributes to their personal development;
- be able to develop and demonstrate leadership skills through a range of roles and projects inside and outside the classroom;
- participate in projects with and for the local community;
- have access to a variety of careers talks, work place and University visits, and work experience;

The Discover Programme
The promotion of pupils’ spiritual, moral, social & cultural development and physical wellbeing which enables them to thrive in a supportive, highly cohesive learning community through the RSA enrichment guarantee, tutor time, assemblies and a variety of clubs before school, at lunch time and after school.

The Excel Programme
The promotion of academic excellence through a tailored programme of home learning, intervention and revision sessions which raises the academic achievement of all students.

The Aim High Programme
The promotion of informed decision making through a programme of Careers & Educational Information, Advice & Guidance which focuses support on students in the transitional phases of education:

- Starting High School (Y8 into Y9)
- Starting GCSE (Y9 into Y10)
- Starting 6th Form (Y11 into Y12)
- Moving on (Y13 into education, employment or training)
Students say how much they value the high quality teaching they receive and their teachers’ willingness to give them extra help.

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Ipsley CE RSA Academy and RSA Academy Arrow Vale

Two schools together ONE outstanding community

Strong teacher and student collaboration occur, enabling a range of excellent learning opportunities.

- ONE - Outstanding Teaching
- ONE - Outstanding Behaviour
- ONE - Outstanding Achievement
- ONE - Outstanding Leadership

Consistent excellence aged 9-19
RSA Arrow Vale school has achieved a tremendous improvement in exam results in a very short space of time, which is a credit to the principal, staff, governors, and of course the students themselves. By joining the RSA Family of Academies the school will be supported with the next stage of its journey, to ensure that students are successful not only in their exam results but also into higher education or employment.”

Matthew Taylor, CEO of the RSA