



# ABBEYGATE

## Sixth Form College

### APPLICATION PACK



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# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in working at Abbeygate Sixth Form College. I do appreciate the time you have invested in researching this role and the additional commitment required in submitting an application. I also know that you have many options when choosing where to start or continue with your career, so I would like to share with you why I think Abbeygate Sixth Form College will be a very special place to work.

The College will open in September 2019 in the heart of Bury St Edmunds. We are part of Suffolk Academies Trust and work closely with our partner Colleges, the fantastic West Suffolk College which is also located in Bury St Edmunds and the outstanding One Sixth Form College in Ipswich. Here at Abbeygate Sixth Form College we will replicate the huge success of our partner Colleges and are working closely with the trust to achieve this.

We have been given an incredibly rare opportunity to do something that very few have the chance to do: to build a College from its foundations and create a fantastic learning environment to enable our students to flourish and achieve great things. We will not be hampered by old traditions, we have a fresh start to create a truly inspirational place to learn and work.

We are passionate about our mission – we believe that our local community needs and deserves the very best education we can provide. Consequently, our standards for our students and for ourselves are extremely high. I know that collectively, with hard work and dedication we can achieve amazing results.

I want our students to leave with great results, but also ready to progress and make a contribution to the society in which they live. Our students will leave College proud of their achievements and ready to do more.

If you are looking for a college where you can make a real difference, where you will enjoy supporting students to achieve the very best; then this is the perfect opportunity.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,



Principal



# ABOUT US

## **Our Vision**

Inspiring every student to achieve excellent outcomes, by placing their success and happiness at the heart of everything we do.

## **Our values**

- We are student focused
- We are inclusive
- We are innovative and creative
- We are aspirational
- We have integrity, always
- We are a highly effective team
- We celebrate success

Abbeygate is the result of a collaboration between a number of stakeholders across Suffolk and, in particular, Bury St Edmunds. Before Abbeygate, there was a collective understanding that Bury St Edmunds, and the areas around it, should have access to a world-class A Level college in which students could select from a broad range of A Level courses in a state-of-the-art facility with the highest quality of A Level teaching.

Abbeygate will offer a broad and balanced curriculum, with a wide range of activities and opportunities to enrich and extend students' experience to develop well-rounded individuals with the key skills required for their future studies and careers.

Abbeygate will open in September 2019 with a year 12 cohort only and will be accommodated in a dedicated and distinct space at West Suffolk College.

In September 2020 we will move into our brand new building and more than double in size as we accommodate both a year 12 and year 13 cohort. We will continue to grow our student numbers year on year until we reach our capacity of around 1700 students.

Our £31 million state of the art building, in the heart of Bury St Edmunds, will include ten purpose-built science laboratories, naturally-lit art studios, a full suite of music practice rooms, carefully designed classrooms and more than £1million invested in ICT to provide quality wifi and high specification computers and equipment.

## Our Partners

Abbeygate will continue to work closely with partners of Suffolk Academies Trust:

- **One Sixth Form College** is rated as “Outstanding” by Ofsted. One is the only sixth form in Suffolk offering an inclusive and fresh approach to learning. It is an inspirational environment, dedicated to offering students first class teaching, resources and support whilst they study. Indeed, students’ success is the priority, as demonstrated by the consistently high performance across both academic and vocational qualifications.  
[www.suffolkone.ac.uk](http://www.suffolkone.ac.uk)
- **West Suffolk College** is a vocational College, which inspires ambition in all students. It is set in a stunning campus, in the heart of Bury St Edmunds and has very close relationships with businesses. WSC is committed to providing outstanding education to all students, focusing on the success of each learner, enabling them to be the best they can be. WSC results are outstanding across the board and we rank first for our Level 3 vocational qualifications amongst all Further Education colleges. WSC provides a wide range of courses, facilities, tutors and opportunities to build an excellent foundation for a career or go onto Higher Education. As a partner College of the University of Suffolk, WSC also offers more than 40 foundation degrees at the College across a wide range of subjects.  
[www.westsuffolkcollege.ac.uk](http://www.westsuffolkcollege.ac.uk)

Abbeygate will also continue the hugely successful collaborative partnership work with its founder schools:

- King Edward VI School
- Newmarket Academy
- Stour Valley Community School
- Sybil Andrews Academy.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Completed applications should be returned to our HR team, by email [recruitment@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@wsc.ac.uk) by post to HR Team, Abbeygate Sixth Form College, C/o West Suffolk College, Out Risbygate, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3RL.

If you have any queries regarding one of our vacancies please call Beverley Matthams on 01284 716532 or email [recruitment@wsc.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@wsc.ac.uk)

Applications are welcomed from skilled individuals who share our drive, enthusiasm and commitment to providing students with the best possible education, to enable them to achieve their full potential.