

## Welcome from the Head Teacher

Dear Student

Great Oaks Small School is a small independent (secondary) school, with our main school base in a semi-rural site, in attractive converted farm buildings, on the outskirts of Minster.

We provide a unique education for students with a wide range of abilities who have a diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Social Communication Disorder, with or without high anxieties.

I am delighted that you are interested in joining our Sixth-Form at Great Oaks Small School where we continue to build on the school's five core values of Kindness, Consideration, Thoughtfulness, Politeness and Respect, at a level appropriate to your age and position as role models for the younger students.

Entering the sixth-form can be daunting for you but we believe that, with our expertise and support, every student can feel safe and achieve success in their learning and in their personal development. We are proud that our students leave Great Oaks as well-rounded, well-grounded young people/adults keen to take their place in society.

We are a team of highly committed teachers and support staff working in partnership with students, trustees, staff, parents and carers to provide the best possible educational experience by following our vision and laying firm foundations for our students' successful futures.

The Sixth-Form is based in a newly acquired and furnished centre at Discovery Park, just a short distance from our main school house. Discovery Park is a global science, technology and enterprise hub where you will have the opportunity to experience an adult environment with a wide range of community facilities that are accessible to students.

We will work with you to design a personalised curriculum that meets your needs, interests and your aspirations for the future - whether that is to move on to college, university, training or employment. Throughout your time in the sixth-form we will provide on-going advice and support in preparation for those important next steps.

In addition to your individual subject choices, you will have opportunities to take part in a range of Enrichment Activities such as Forest School, The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme (numbers dependent), cultural visits and work-experience.

I hope you enjoy looking through this prospectus and at our website, but these are no substitute for a visit to our school which can be experienced by attending our open day or alternatively arranged through the School Office: 01843 822 022.

Come and meet our dedicated team and see for yourself the passion they have for supporting you in meeting your aspirations for your future.

Kindest regards

Julie Kelly  
Head Teacher