

PROSPECTUS

2023/2024



ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE OPPORTUNITY

An Enquiry and Discovery School





Welcome to Catshill Middle School

We know that choosing a school is an important decision for your child and for your family and we thank you for the interest you have shown in Catshill Middle School. Our core values of achievement, challenge and opportunity provide the basis for high quality learning experiences and personal development, within a caring and nurturing environment.

As the new headteacher of the Catshill schools I can feel the warmth and a sense of care and support from the staff and children. I am excited to become part of this family ethos.

I have seen the potential and talents possessed by Catshill pupils as well as the extent of the guidance and encouragement given by the staff. All the staff strongly value the importance of knowing each child and their family on an individual level.

One of the goals for our federation is to promote collaboration between our two schools. By working closely together, we can share best practices, resources and expertise to further enhance the educational experiences of all our students. Our collective efforts will enable us to create a seamless educational journey for your children, ensuring that they receive the best possible education throughout their time within our federation.

I firmly believe that parents are vital stakeholders in the education of their children. As such, I am committed to fostering a strong partnership between home and school. I value your input, insights and contributions. I will strive to maintain open lines of communication, ensuring that you are well informed about school activities and the progress of your child. Your active involvement is encouraged and valued.

This prospectus provides only a small window into our community and we hope you find it informative. However, we invite you to find out for yourselves by coming along to one of our Open Mornings.

We are always happy to show visitors around our school so visits and personal tours can be arranged at any time. Please telephone the school office for an appointment.

We look forward to welcoming you and your son/daughter to Catshill Middle School.

Miss Julia Shingler

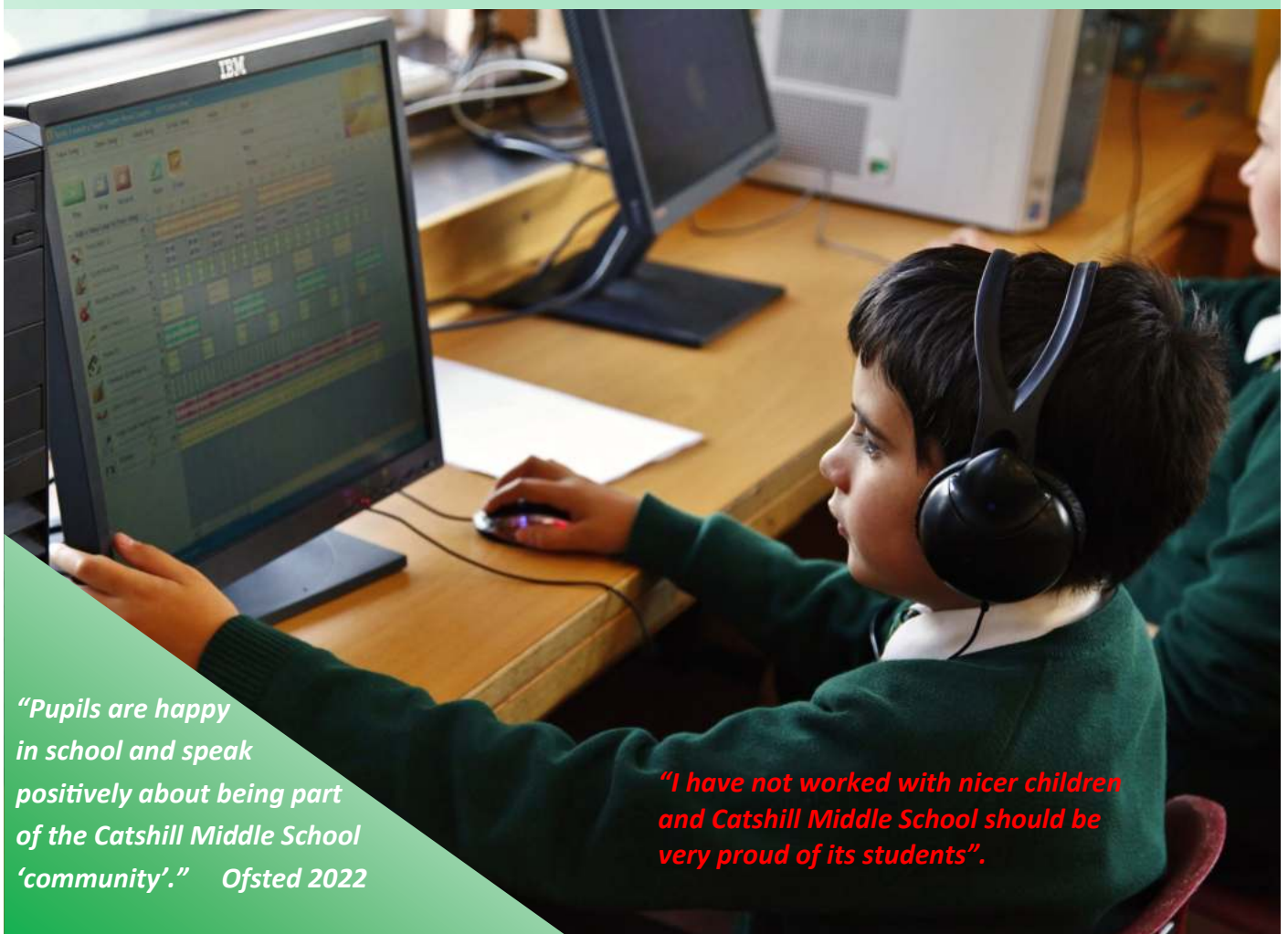
Headteacher



Catshill Middle School seeks to be a hardworking, purposeful and caring community based on mutual respect, where all are supported to learn and develop through challenge and opportunity. We seek to develop pupils who are well mannered, tolerant and considerate towards others, who are able to make positive contributions and lead successful lives.

We will achieve this through:

- Our core expectations of kindness, safety, respect and being ready to learn
- Providing a safe, stimulating and challenging environment
- All pupils feeling valued, fulfilling their potential and discovering enjoyment in their learning
- Acknowledging, celebrating and rewarding achievements
- Promoting social, spiritual and emotional development
- Encouraging all pupils to accept responsibility for their own learning and to have high expectations
- Offering interesting experiences of cultural diversity
- Encouraging high standards of work and behaviour, regular attendance, good punctuality and smart appearance
- Developing pupils learning skills so they can be confident, resilient and independent learners
- Ensuring continuity of educational provision through maintaining strong links with other schools
- Supporting each other and encouraging teamwork



"Pupils are happy in school and speak positively about being part of the Catshill Middle School 'community'." Ofsted 2022

"I have not worked with nicer children and Catshill Middle School should be very proud of its students".

The Curriculum

"The well-developed curriculum has ensured that pupils know and remember more."

Ofsted 2022



Curriculum areas are increasingly delivered through themes, around a key topic or question, with an emphasis on improving literacy and numeracy skills across a wide range of subjects. Pupils are encouraged to work collaboratively and to develop good communication and leadership skills. Independence is expected early on, with pupils taking responsibility for their own learning, including homework, which is an important part of our school routine. In Key Stage 3, there is a greater emphasis on the development of independent research and study skills as we equip pupils for their high school career.



Classroom Expectations: Catshill Credits

We believe that while at Catshill Middle School pupils should start to take more responsibility for their own learning. This means that they should:

- **Show respect: listen and respond**
- **Be in the right place at the right time and with the correct equipment**
- **Work hard and achieve points**
- **Allow others to learn**
- **Speak kindly to all**

Teachers and parents can track pupil's learning, behaviour and rewards via Epraise. Pupils can earn points, accolades, weekly points, certificates, achievements and rewards.

In addition to receiving Housepoints for good learning behaviour in lessons, they can be awarded extra Housepoints for good work, good citizenship, good progress, Accolades and outstanding achievement. These points will help their House and they will receive individual rewards and certificates for reaching certain Housepoint landmarks. Other celebrations include phone calls, messages or texts home, Student of the Week Awards and Headteacher's awards.

Enrichment Opportunities

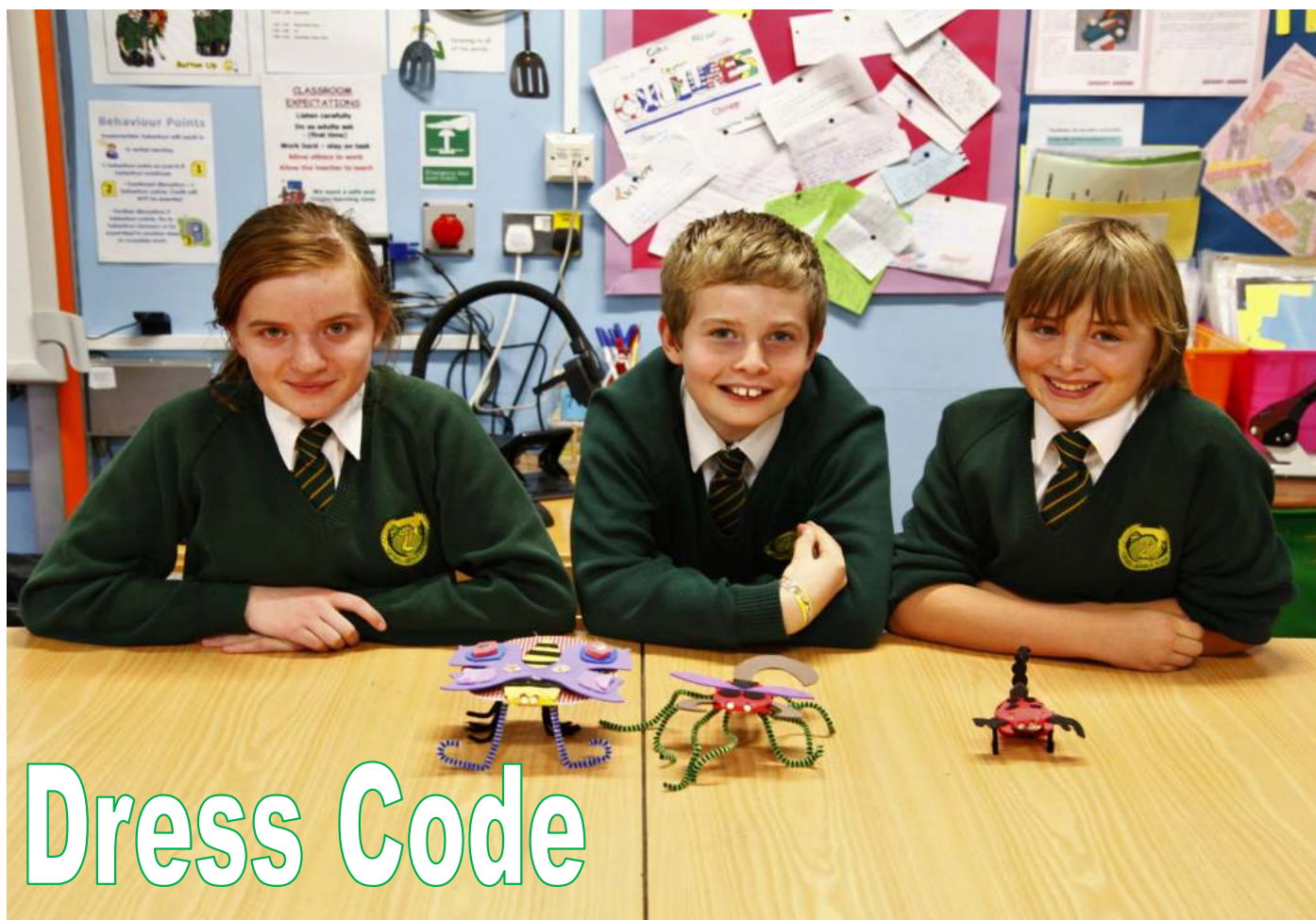
Pupils have the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of educational visits during their time at Catshill Middle School.

We also offer a wide range of extra curricular opportunities which take place either during lunchtime or after school.

- Choir
- Basketball
- Pokemon Club
- Netball
- School Band
- Dodgeball
- Girls Football
- Football
- Film Review
- Drama
- Club
- Dance
- SPAG Monsters

Peripatetic music lessons are available.
Information on how to enrol your child on this scheme can be obtained from the school office.





Dress Code

Uniform Stockists

School Days of Bromsgrove

15 Church Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DD

01527 757439

S & H Schoolwear and Sports

1 Church Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DD

01527 874885

CLOTHING LIST

	GIRLS	BOYS
Top	Green V-neck Jumper/Cardigan	Green V-neck Jumper
Shirt	White Blouse	White Shirt
Tie	Clip-On School Tie	Clip-On School Tie
Skirt/Trousers	Grey/Black Skirt/Trousers (Made from non stretchy material)	Grey/Black Trousers (Not jeans type)
Socks	White Socks, Black/beige Tights	Grey/Black Socks
Shoes	Plain Black (low heeled) (Not ballerina pumps or slingbacks)	Black with no bold logo (Not boots or trainers)

PE KIT (UNISEX)

Black & Green Polo Shirt	Black and Green Zipped Top	Black Shorts
Long Black Socks	Football Boots and shin pads	Trainers
Optional: Black tracksuit bottoms (boys) , Black leggings (girls)		



The Orchard

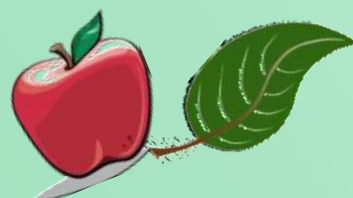
"The Orchard is great if you have any problems or worries with friends or school. I have been there when I had issues and they were very supportive and kind."

The Orchard is our 'safe haven' area of the school. We provide a safe, welcoming and friendly environment where parents and children can discuss issues that need support within school.

Our main purpose is to focus on supporting children's social and emotional development to improve academic progress. We try our hardest to boost children's self esteem and confidence and provide a listening ear for any worries that may be preventing them from learning.



"I like coming to the Orchard because you learn in a fun way."
Year 5 Boy



Catshill Learning Community

In January 2013, the governing bodies of Catshill First School and Nursery and Catshill Middle School became one, with the sole purpose of supporting both schools on their learning journey for the children in their care. We welcome the many pupils who join us in year 5 from other schools throughout Bromsgrove and further afield creating a diverse and happy community. The day to day running of the school is undertaken by Mr J Thompson, Head of School, under the strategic leadership of Miss J Shingler, Headteacher. We believe this gives our pupils, from first to middle school and beyond, a focused team of senior and middle leaders, teachers and support staff, who are well positioned to provide personalised learning experiences to ensure success for all. Catshill Learning Community's core purpose is to maximise progress and attainment of our children, whilst ensuring that we give them life-long learning opportunities that will help shape their character and values. We believe that our federated partnership across the first and middle school phase empowers us to deliver a 'joined up' curriculum and to develop '21st Century proof' learners. We are very excited by the progress we have made so far and look forward to building on the solid foundations that are now in place.



"Leaders place a strong emphasis on supporting pupils' personal development."
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Attendance



"My daughter has always gone to school happy every day since the day she started with you and that is a real credit to you and your team. "

The School Day

Pupils arrive by:	8.40am
Registration:	8.45am
Period 1:	8.55am
Period 2:	9.50am
Break:	10.45am
Period 3:	11.00am
Period 4:	11.55am
Lunch:	12.50pm
Reading Time and Life Skills:	1.30pm
Period 5:	2.05pm
Assembly/Form Time	3.00pm
End of School:	3.20pm

At Catshill Middle School we aspire that all children will be in one of the following groups:

100% attender - always rewarded

Good attender - always recognised

Improved attender - always encouraged



**'In and on time for
quarter to nine'**



At Catshill Middle School pupils are encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle. This can be supported by:

- Eating a healthy breakfast before coming to school
- Bringing a healthy lunch or choosing a nutritious meal from the school cafeteria at a cost of £2.40
- Bringing in fruit or low fat snacks for break time
- Drinking water throughout the day. Pupils may bring in a clear plastic bottle which may be refilled with water at break and lunch times
- Having a good night's sleep and going to bed at a reasonable time
- Having a healthy, stress free mind is important too, so pupils should remember that if they have a problem, they must tell someone. Everyone has the right to feel safe.



A Healthy School

"Pupils' well-being is at the forefront of leaders' vision. Parents and carers say leaders show 'compassion' for pupils"
Ofsted 2022



Term Dates

Academic Year
2023-2024

Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

Inset 1:	Monday 4th September 2023
Term Starts for Y5:	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Term Starts::	Wednesday 6th September 2023
Inset 2:	Friday 27th October 2023
Half Term:	Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2023
Term Ends:	Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term

Inset 3:	Monday 8th January 2024
Term Starts:	Tuesday 9th January 2024
Half Term:	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
Term Ends:	Thursday 21st March 2024
Inset 4:	Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term

Term Starts:	Monday 8th April 2024
Half Term:	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024
Term Ends:	Friday 19 th July 2024
Inset 5:	Monday 22nd July 2024

Academic Year
2024-2025

Academic Year 2024/2025

Autumn Term

Inset 1:	Monday 2nd September 2024
Term Starts for Y5:	Tuesday 3rd September 2024
Term Starts::	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Inset 2:	Friday 25th October 2024
Half Term:	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024
Term Ends:	Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

Inset 3:	Monday 6th January 2025
Term Starts:	Tuesday 7th January 2025
Half Term:	Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2025
Term Ends:	Thursday 10th April 2025
Inset 4:	Friday 11th April 2025

Summer Term

Term Starts:	Monday 28th April 2025
Half Term:	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May 2025
Term Ends:	Friday 18th July 2025
Inset 5:	Monday 21st July 2025