

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE & APPLIED LEARNING COLLEGE



LINTON
VILLAGE COLLEGE





A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to the Linton Village College prospectus. If having read this prospectus you would like to find out more about us, visit our website at www.lvc.org

Linton was the third of Henry Morris' village colleges and first opened in 1937. Since that time, it has provided teaching and educational facilities for the Linton area and remained at the heart of the local community.

Over the years our numbers, facilities and expertise have expanded, but our ambition remains the same: to achieve the highest possible standards of care and achievement for all of our learners.

Thank you for taking an interest in the college. We very much hope that, on finding out more about us, you will wish to be part of this excellent school.

I look forward to meeting you.

Caroline Derbyshire

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Principal









Our college aims

At Linton Village College everyone is a learner and every learner matters. We recognise that children and adults have different talents, like to learn in different ways and need different kinds of support.

The achievement of every single learner is what matters to us and we work hard to meet the needs of each individual.

Our excellent track record reveals how successful we have been at meeting these needs, but we believe that we can always improve and we aim to be the very best.

Our mission is to be a **world class** centre of learning and so we aim:

- to be a **vibrant learning** community which embraces change and is at the vanguard of innovation in education
- to provide **outstanding teaching and learning**, a personalised curriculum and superb learning environment
- to sustain outstanding levels of **achievement** at all key stages
- to equip our learners with the **skills, attributes and values** they need as 21st century global citizens
- to collaborate with **community** partners to foster social cohesion and to ensure that our community prospers
- to nurture exceptional **leadership** at all levels in the organisation.

The character of the college

Linton Village College is a comparatively small school, with a friendly atmosphere. With around 800 students, teachers know their students as individuals and we operate like a large, happy family.

On a national scale, however, the school punches well above its weight. We are categorised by Ofsted as an 'outstanding' school and by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust as 'high achieving'.

As such, we have been awarded two specialisms: Business and Enterprise and Applied Learning. We are partnered with the Faculty of Education at Cambridge University and play a significant role in the training of new teachers. We are used by the Department for Children, Schools and Families to support other schools as they work to improve. On an international level, we have a number of strong

partnerships with schools across the world and are holders of the International Schools Award.

Linton Village College has always been very successful at blending its high expectations of achievement with equally high expectations of traditional good manners and respectful behaviour. Visitors to the college and our own staff frequently comment on how very pleasant and courteous our students are. This is an ethos we foster and are very proud of. We have a smart uniform and clear, fair rules.

For the past four years, the College has been part of a phased rebuilding programme. This will leave us with some of the most attractive and modern school facilities in Cambridgeshire.

The school is committed to the promotion of social cohesion and equality of opportunity. For details of our Community Cohesion policy which includes our policies on disability, race and gender see our website: www.lvc.org.





A caring approach to the individual

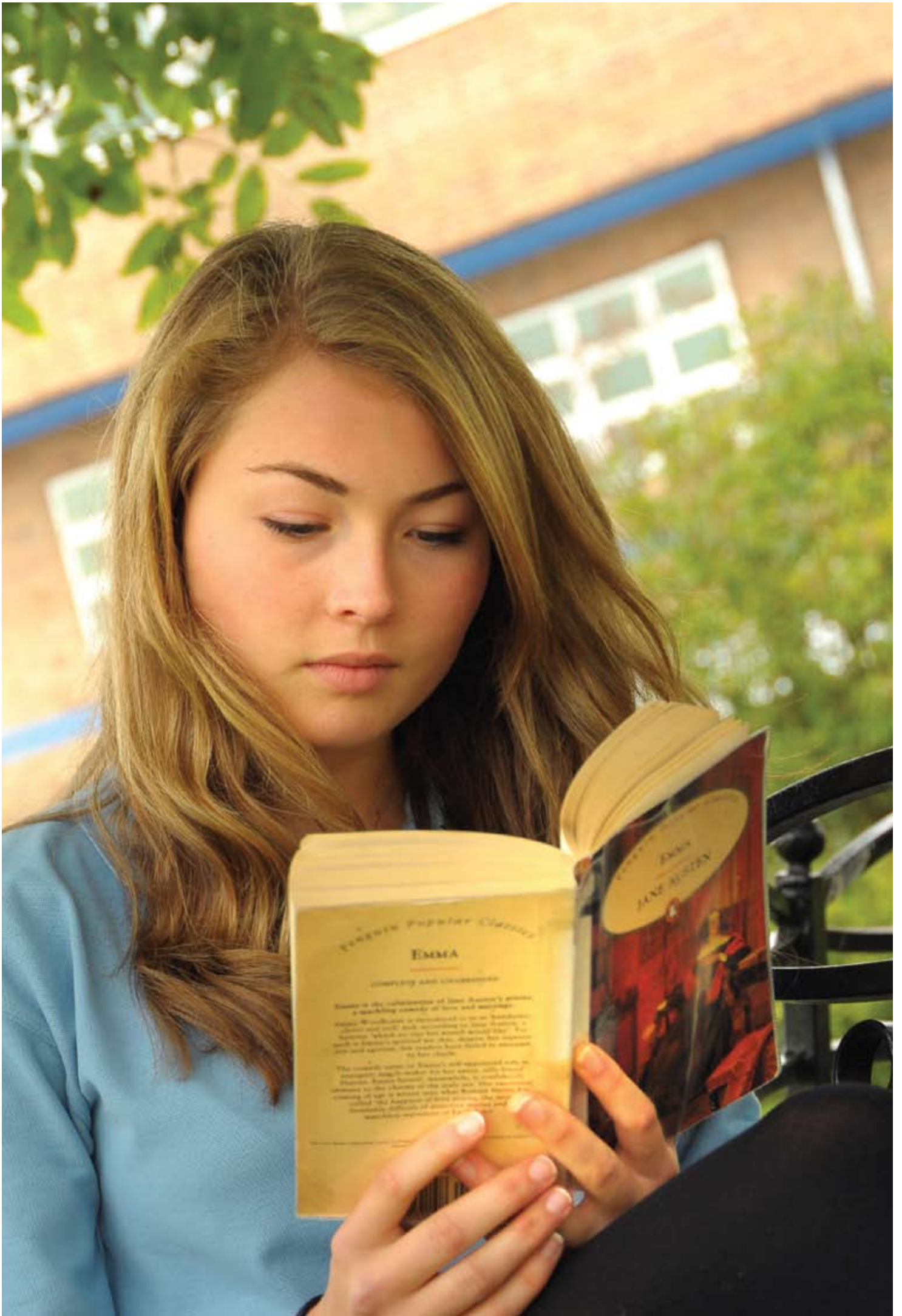
As a small school, we are able to give each student special care and attention to ensure that our children are happy and that their needs are met.

We get to know our students from an early stage. We interview all children at their own primary school, we talk about each child to their teachers and we meet parents individually and in groups.

Children from outside of our catchment area are also given individual time with us. In this way we can find out about gifts, talents, preferences and special needs. We use all of this information to organise children into tutor groups.

Group tutors at Linton Village College are also learning mentors, there to guide the individual along their educational pathway and provide pastoral care over the five years that a child is with us.

Children are also members of a House, joining children from other year groups for assemblies, competitions and charity events. The House acts like a school within a school, led by a Head of House who has an overview of the needs and achievement of all. This combination of attention to the individual, great House spirit and a family school atmosphere is what characterises the experience for students at Linton.



An enterprising approach to the curriculum

Linton Village College is a Business and Enterprise College. We work hard to ensure that the skills students learn at the college will be valuable throughout their lives. With our special emphasis on enterprise skills we actively seek to promote leadership, initiative, independence, planning, teamwork and effective communication.

During their time at Linton all of our students take part in a range of activities within and outside of the curriculum to develop these skills. Linton Village College students have the kind of attributes that enable them to work well in teams and take on leadership responsibilities with confidence.

The sports facilities are the envy of all around and include extensive playing fields, high quality tennis courts, a rubber crumb all weather pitch, sports hall, fitness suite, and newly built gymnasium and dance studio. Students enjoy a very wide range of sporting activities whatever their sporting abilities and our best athletes compete at national levels.

The curriculum we offer is wide in its appeal. **The arts thrive in the college and we are holders of the Artsmark Silver Award.** We manage our own team of instrumental music teachers and have an impressive range of musical ensembles. Our drama productions are always of excellent quality and our art work is exceptional in standard. In addition, there are any number of arts clubs and activities that students can get involved in at lunchtime or at the end of the school day.



For more information about the LVC curriculum see our website:
www.lvc.org

An outward looking school

At Linton Village College we broaden horizons. As an International School Award winner, we bring the world to Linton and take Linton students out to see the world.

The range of **trips and expeditions** we offer is extensive and impressive. In recent years students have had opportunities to visit Iceland, Sicily, Rodez, Paris, Barcelona, Tuscany, Johannesburg, Borneo and Ukraine. In Year 9, we encourage every child in the school to go on a residential trip for a week in June.

We run language exchanges to France whilst a ski trip is a popular school-led winter holiday. Every other summer the school wind band tours abroad and over the long vacation a group of Year 11 students go on a trek which involves voluntary work and a physical challenge in a less developed country.

Many of our students enjoy their involvement with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme which takes them all over the UK on expeditions.

Perhaps the most significant international project, however, remains our link with Boepathutse Secondary school in Soshanguve township in South Africa. For over a decade we have raised thousands of pounds for our link school, hosted students and teachers in Linton and visited Boepathutse with student groups. We have made a difference to the lives of students there and in doing so we have been helped to understand difference.



South Africa



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