

# ABERGAVENNY 3 -19 SCHOOL

## Chair of Governors Foreword

We, as the governing body, are very pleased to be able to provide prospective parents with this brochure about the new Abergavenny 3-19 School, as supporting information for the school admissions process for September 2023.

This includes: an introductory letter from Mr Jonathan Watson, the newly appointed head teacher; details of the phasing of the establishment of the new school; a brief outline of the curriculum the school will develop overtime; information about the new school building which is being constructed at present; and information about the process and the relevant on-line links for admission to the school at Reception and Year 7 in September 2023.

It is important to emphasise that, for the 2023-24 academic year, the 3-19 school will operate from the existing sites and premises of King Henry VIII and Deri View schools, under the headship of Mr Watson. At the end of that academic year, arrangements will then be made for all pupils to transfer to the exciting new school buildings depicted in this brochure.

We hope that you will find this information useful.

Sian Phillips

**Chair of the 3-19 School Temporary Governing Body**



## A letter from the Headteacher

I am delighted to have been appointed Headteacher of Abergavenny 3-19 School.

I am incredibly excited to create, set up and lead this new through-school to provide excellent educational provision for all pupils in this wonderful community, in this fabulous town. I will bring to the role high levels of energy, positivity, resilience, and kindness.

My biggest motivation is the opportunity to make a real difference to the life chances of young people. I passionately believe that every child should have access to a great education so that they have real choices in life.

My vision is for our pupils to make rapid progress and achieve academic excellence in an environment of love and care. My goal is to equip our pupils with the knowledge, character, and learning power to achieve top grades in their qualifications and to lead successful lives. I believe in the growth mindset and the limitless capacity for everyone to achieve great things. What we become and what we achieve comes from great teaching, hard work and fantastic support.

Through-schools have transformative power in improving the educational experience and outcomes for pupils. Abergavenny 3-19 School will fully embrace all of these benefits. The opportunity to support a Year 13 pupil that we have known since age 3 can have dramatic effects.

Our school will be a strong family where expectations are high, values are positive, and children are treasured. I believe in the unlimited power of warm relationships between staff and pupils. I will ensure that our school is a happy place where every pupil feels a real sense of belonging and where every pupil feels valued as an individual.

I look forward to meeting you all and to working closely with each and every one of you to build a bright future together.

I am excited about what our new school will become.

Mr Jonathan Watson

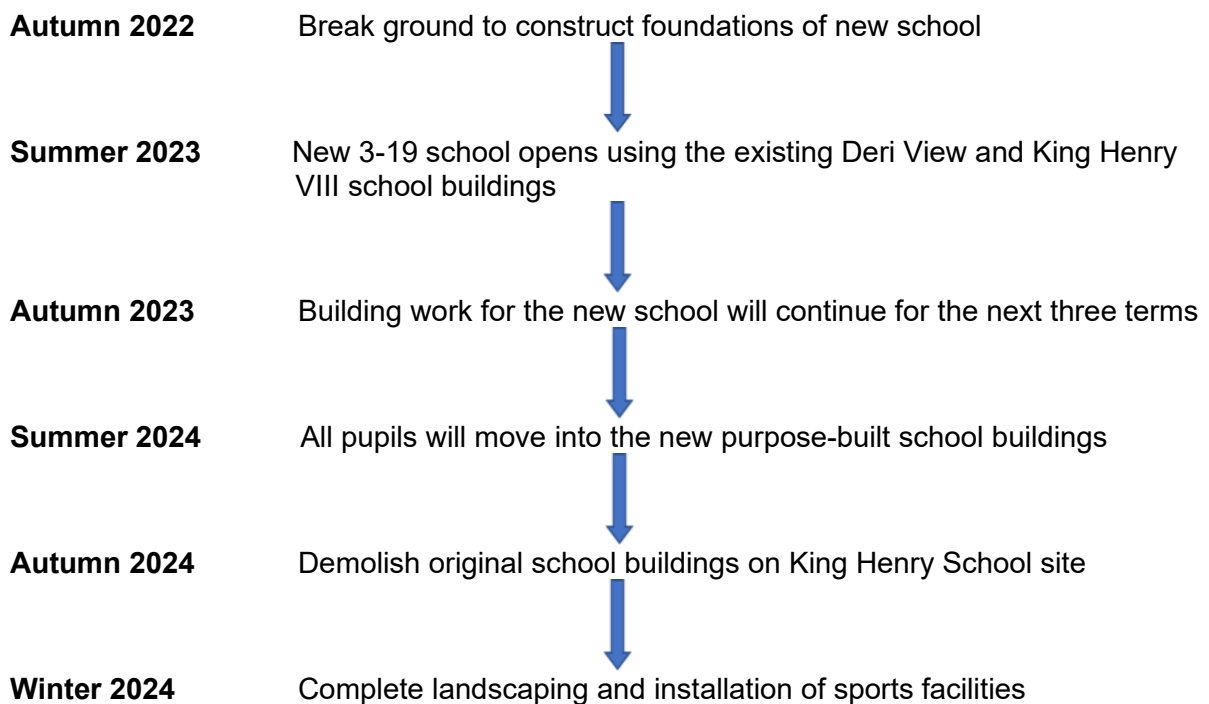


## Abergavenny 3 -19 School

Our new 3-19 school opens on its current King Henry VIII and Deri View School campuses in September 2023. The school community will come together, in brand-new purpose-built accommodation, in September 2024.

Our new school is being built as part of the Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities for Learning programme and is jointly funded by Welsh Government and Monmouthshire County Council. The school has been designed by our community for our community.

The timeline below sets out the steps we are taking to open our new school and when they will be happening.



This is an image of how the entrance to the new 3-19 school will look when it opens to pupils and the community in September 2024.



## Our school curriculum

All pupils in the new school will follow the **Curriculum for Wales**.

Our school will provide pupils with a broad, balanced, and diverse curriculum of the highest quality where representation is key.

Our curriculum is purpose-led with the sequential and systematic development of content and skills from age three to age nineteen. This ensures that our pupils make excellent progress as they move through the school.

The curriculum is based on Four Core Purposes which provide us with a framework we can use to support all pupils to become:

**Ambitious and capable**, ready to learn throughout their lives.

**Enterprising and creative** contributors to life, ready to play a full part in life and work.

**Ethical and informed** citizens of Wales and the world.

**Healthy and confident**, ready to lead life to the full and be valued by those around them as valued members of society.

We will always keep these purposes in mind as we plan our school curriculum to ensure that all pupils benefit from **high quality learning experiences** so that they can develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence to achieve highly.

Our approach to teaching and learning will be rooted in the science of how children learn. This includes asking lots of questions, explaining in small steps, guiding first practise, and thinking deeply. Learning will be pupil-centred, inclusive and fully adapted to meet the needs and interests of the individual.

The transformational benefits of a through-school will be fully embraced. These include very high levels of pupil wellbeing, successfully challenging the primary/secondary divide and enabling effective inclusion where every child is known.

There will be a wide range of innovative clubs and extra-curricular activity, building on the existing provision at King Henry VIII and Deri View schools.



## Our new school design for September 2024

Classrooms in our new school are large, bright and IT rich, while flexible learning spaces provide opportunities for students to develop both their team and independent learning skills.



Specialist areas for art, music, drama, science, product design, textiles, food technology and computer science are ultra-modern and designed for student use across the age range.



Our new school benefits in modern dining and outside spaces in both the upper and lower school's allowing us all to play, eat and relax in our own space. Our Sixth Form even have their own café.

Our new school is set in spacious grounds with views across the town of Abergavenny towards the magnificent Monmouthshire countryside. Learning outside of the classroom, in learning courtyards or forest schools is fully integrated into our learning experiences and school design.

As well as main visitor reception, our school benefits from numerous year and phase specific entrances.



We have numerous sporting facilities that support both our physical education curriculum and also the health and wellbeing of all within our community. Internally we have a sports science teaching suite as well as dance and activity studios and a sports hall, while externally our campus benefits from junior and senior grass pitches, a 3G pitch for football and rugby, a carpet for hockey and tennis and floodlit multi games areas for a range of sports including netball and basketball.



We are proud that our new school will be the first Net Zero Carbon all age school in Wales. Our students are passionate about our green credentials and are leading us on our journey to ever greater sustainability through active travel and environmental stewardship.



## Admission to our school

### Admission Process for September 2023

#### Year 7 Admission

There will be a requirement for parents of all year 6 pupils wanting a place in Year 7 in the new Abergavenny 3-19 School in September 2023 to apply following the process below. This will include those pupils currently on roll at Deri View Primary School.

The process for children seeking admission into secondary school for September 2023 commenced on 21st September 2022.

The timetable for the Year 7 admission round is detailed below:

- Date application system available 21st September 2022
- Closing date for applications 23rd November 2022 at 5pm
- Offer date 1st March 2023

### Reception Admission

Parents applying for a place in Reception on the Deri View site, from September 2023, will need to apply for a school place at the new Abergavenny 3-19 School.

The admissions process for children due to start primary school (Reception) for September 2023 commenced on 2nd November 2022.

The timetable for the admission round is detailed below:

- Date application system available: 2nd November 2022
- Closing date for applications: 11th January 2023 at 5pm
- Offer date: 17th April 2023

Further details regarding the admission process can be found at 'Applying for a school place' on the Monmouthshire website. Please click [here](#).

Please be aware that pupils currently on roll in Reception to Year 5 at Deri View Primary School and on roll at King Henry VIII School will automatically transfer to the new school so there will no need to complete a new application form.

### Admissions Process for September 2024 onwards

It is important to note that the admissions process for the September 2024 academic year onwards will differ to what has been outlined above. There will not be a requirement for parents of pupils already on roll at the new school to apply for a place in Year 7.

Parents will only need to apply for their child to start Reception at the new school in September 2024. From September 2025, all pupils in Year 6 will automatically transfer into the secondary phase of the school.

## Further information and links to admissions 2023

For further information on admissions into Reception 2023/24 [please click here](#), and for a full prospectus [click here](#).

For further information on admission into Year 7 2023/24 [please click here](#), and for a full prospectus [click here](#).