



Providing a life-enhancing education that develops the character, talents and potential of every child

ACHIEVEMENT ~ DIVERSITY ~ RESPECT

Headteacher: Ms Jo Butler

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome to the Cotham School community

I am exceptionally proud to serve as Cotham's headteacher. This is such a special place, and on behalf of our dedicated staff and Governors, I take great pleasure in welcoming you to our school community.

Our Core Values: Achievement, Diversity, and Respect

Everything we do at Cotham is guided by our three fundamental values. **Achievement** drives our outstanding academic reputation across Bristol through our creative and rigorous curriculum. Our GCSE and A Level results consistently rank amongst the very best in the city. Our thriving Sixth Form—part of the North Bristol Post 16 Centre—serves nearly 900 students across both Cotham and Redland Green Schools. You'll discover our unwavering commitment to the highest aspirations for your child, supported by a school culture that celebrates **Achievement** in all its forms—creative expression, sporting excellence, academic success, community service, and personal resilience

Nurturing the Whole Child

We take immense pride in our students' academic and personal achievements, and our passionate staff work tirelessly to unlock the very best outcomes, life chances, and happiness for every young person who joins us. At Cotham, we believe in fostering a genuine love of learning grounded in **Respect** for each individual's potential.. We honour the **Diversity** of talents, perspectives, and experiences that each student brings to our community.

Our students benefit from:

- Exceptionally qualified and continuously developing staff
- Significant investment in cutting-edge facilities and resources
- A broad, balanced curriculum complemented by enriching extra-curricular activities
- Educational trips and experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom

Character and Community

Achievement at Cotham extends far beyond test and exam grades. Through our comprehensive visual and performing arts programmes, outdoor education adventures, competitive sports, and Sixth Form community initiatives, we expect every student to contribute meaningfully to our school's vibrant life.

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Our educational philosophy centers on developing well-rounded future citizens. We nurture character, life skills, and confidence that prove invaluable in real-world applications. Excellence emerges when we consistently challenge students, elevate aspirations, and maintain the high standards of behavior that enable exceptional learning.

Partnership and Community Values

Our school community thrives on respect—both harmony and mutual understanding, where students learn that rights come with responsibilities. We deeply value our partnerships with families and the wider community, taking particular pride in celebrating diversity as our school reflects Bristol's rich cultural tapestry. The quality relationships we build and the varied backgrounds our students bring create an environment where everyone can flourish and feel truly valued.

Preparing for the Future

Our ultimate ambition is ambitious yet achievable: to ensure every student leaves Cotham fully prepared for our rapidly changing world. Whether pursuing university places of their choice or entering the workplace directly, our graduates possess both academic credentials and the essential skills needed for lifelong success and meaningful citizenship.

Next Steps

Thank you for attending our Open Events. Should you have any questions whatsoever, we're here to support you. Please don't hesitate to contact the school directly or speak with any member of our team in person.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jo Butler', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ms Jo Butler
Headteacher