

## Our New School

In October 2013, we moved into our brand new school with state of the art facilities.

Our faculties are organised into Learning Zones. These are the Discovery, Exploration, Expression and Reflection Zones. Technology is part of the Discovery Zone, along with Maths and Science. Within the Learning Zones, there is a more collaborative approach to the KS3 curriculum, especially in Years 7 and 8 where students experience two enquiry based learning projects a year in each zone. The purpose of the projects is to help students develop their thinking and problem solving skills. Examples of these projects are: “What would the world be like without antibiotics?”, “Would it be better to be a rich person alive in Tudor times or a poor person today?” and “What would happen if every student was given a fruit smoothie before an exam?”

In preparation for our new school, we redefined our Mission Statement and our college Aims and Values. We introduced a more business like uniform in September 2013 and established college houses to encourage healthy competition.

The college has been lucky to receive nearly £1 million in additional funding from the English Cricket Board. This has enabled us to enhance our sporting facilities even further. As well as a fitness suite and dance studio, we have an 8 court sports facility so that we can develop as a centre of excellence for cricket.

The college was recently inspected in January 2016 and retained its **GOOD status from its last inspection in 2012. The letter states:**

“Since the previous inspection, the school has moved to a new site. You have a brand new building. Pupils now have an incredibly exciting and invigorating environment in which to learn and they really appreciate this. Pupils told inspectors that they felt proud and privileged to attend Crown Hills Community College. They said that it was a ‘refreshing change to learn within such a vibrant space’.”

“Pupils are highly respectful of their new school and behave well.”

These are very exciting times for us at Crown Hills and we very much hope that you will want to join us.