

Hardenhuish School

Inspired to learn...

...Supported to succeed

Welcome to Hardenhuish School

As Headteacher, I am delighted to be able to introduce you to Hardenhuish School. I hope that reading this prospectus will inspire you to visit us with your child and find out more about what we can offer. Naturally, the education of your child is very important and, like you, we want them to fulfil their potential and be prepared for life after school, whilst enjoying a wide range of exciting opportunities.



Hardenhuish School is a popular, high performing secondary school. We benefit from extensive beautiful grounds with excellent facilities, centred around the original Georgian manor house, on the site of the former Chippenham Grammar School. Our team of staff are highly qualified specialists. We believe that the three-way partnership of pupil, school and parents is vital to enable all children to thrive. Their success needs your support and our school is committed to working with you to provide that.

We are fully dedicated to maintaining our strong ethos and high standards, whilst offering experiences relevant to the 21st century, including the use of modern technologies.

Pupils at Hardenhuish are "inspired to learn" and "supported to succeed". As well as a broad and balanced academic curriculum, designed to provide the qualifications needed for further and higher education and skills required to succeed in working life, Hardenhuish offers a wide range of extra curricular opportunities. These provide diversity in school life, enabling pupils to thrive and blossom into well rounded young adults who will contribute positively to society.

Hardenhuish is a wonderful place to work and learn, a place I am proud to have the privilege of leading.

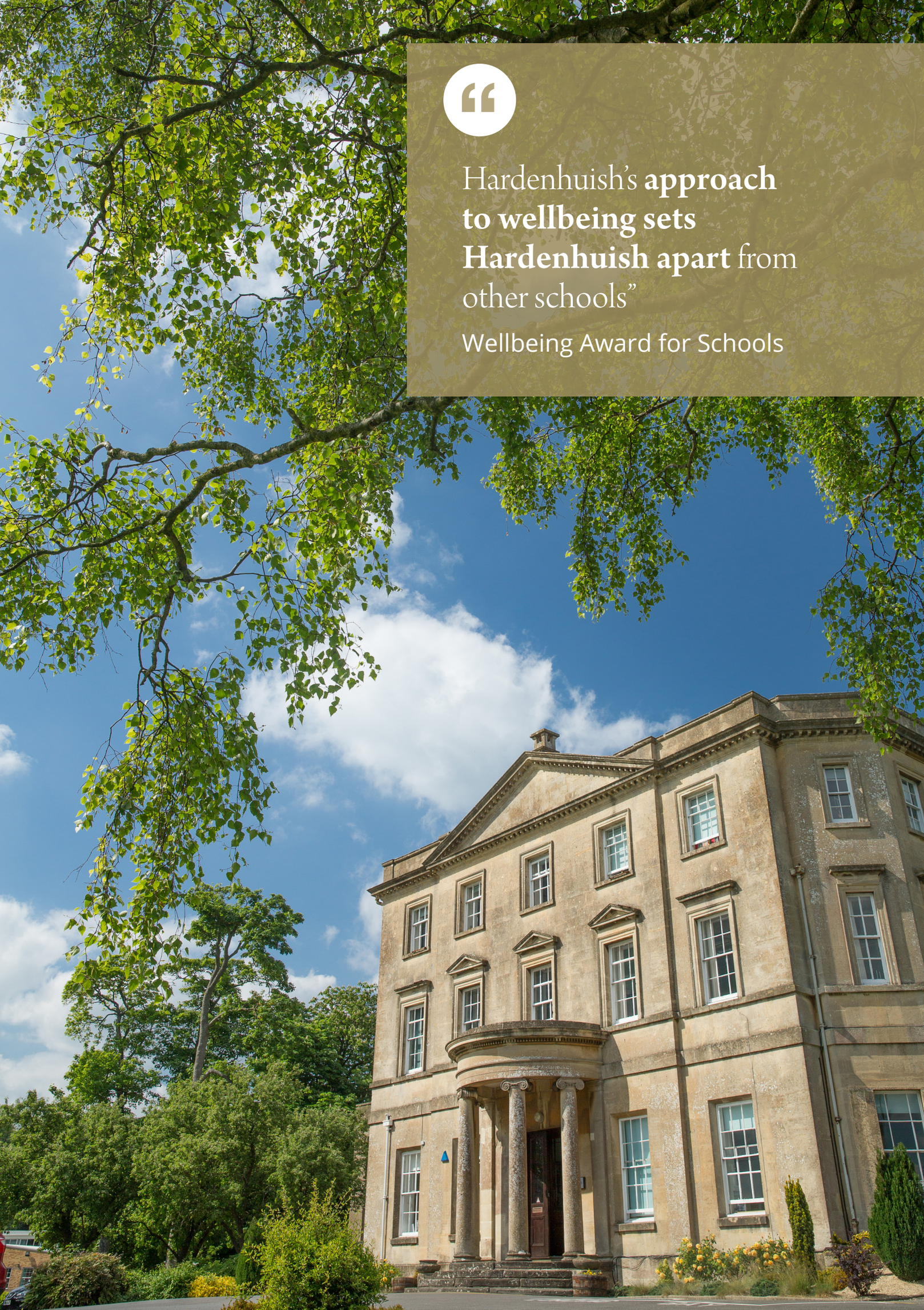
My colleagues and I look forward to welcoming you in the near future.

Lisa Percy

Headteacher

"Hardenhuish for me has been the place I have **developed as a person**, my **motivation to work has increased hugely**, but also my **confidence as an individual has grown**."

Pupil



Hardenhuish's **approach to wellbeing sets Hardenhuish apart** from other schools"

Wellbeing Award for Schools

“Inspired to **learn**...

The educational seeds for the growth of our pupils

At Hardenhuish School we believe that happy learners are successful learners. One of our highest priorities is ensuring a smooth transition from primary school, managed by our primary liaison team, to enable seamless learning and successful integration.

Our curriculum is focussed on enabling our pupils to grow, mature and flourish from those early roots in a safe and sustainable environment. We instil habits in the pupils through our Successful Lives programme, that will serve them well for the rest of their lives, including creativity, confidence and resilience to embrace challenge and change. This programme helps the pupils to not only understand how to learn but develops their skills for life and provides the foundations for a lifelong desire to learn.



We put our pupils at the centre of all we do, shaping their curriculum to suit their aspirations and preparing them to thrive and embrace diversity in the modern world. Teachers at Hardenhuish are learners too, constantly reflecting on, and sharing best practice as part of their continuous professional development. This ensures that lessons here at Hardenhuish are challenging, stimulating and inspiring.

Alongside a traditional curriculum with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy, delivered through high quality teaching and learning, technology is used to its best advantage in order to further engage and challenge pupils.



... Supported to **succeed**”

Flourishing from Green Shoots

Key to our pupils’ happiness and success is a supportive and safe environment. In order to ensure that we care for each individual child entrusted to us, Hardenhuish has developed an exemplary programme of nurture and support.

“What drew me to Hardenhuish initially was not only the **academic achievements**, but also the **supportive environment**”

Parent



In order to ensure a seamless transition from primary school, our Year 7 Learning Manager visits prospective pupils in their primary schools, and gives very careful consideration to every child when placing them into tutor groups. The induction continues with a highly successful team building experience at the start of Year 7. This enables exploration and reinforcement of new relationships with other tutees as well as with the Tutor and the year group's Pastoral Manager, who will both remain with the pupils, providing continuity as they progress through to Year 11.

Every year group at Hardenhuish has a non-teaching Pastoral Manager, available throughout the day to pupils and parents. The Pastoral Manager and Tutor are key points of contact for parents. We also offer other opportunities for parental engagement: specific year group information evenings, pupil and parents consultation evenings as well as involvement in fundraising and opportunities to attend performing arts events.

Our door is always open to parents and we value your feedback and support.



Celebrating Success

Climbing the branches to a sustainable future

As a high performing school, Hardenhuish enjoys a well-earned reputation for academic success. We are consistently amongst the top performing non-selective schools in Wiltshire and nationally, with a large proportion of our students progressing to top universities. Our rigorous recruitment and training programmes, as well as collaboration with other schools and universities, ensure that we attract the best staff to support our pupils and that their knowledge and expertise remain at the leading edge of education.

Success is not just academic. High achievement is recognised wherever it occurs – on the sports field, in a music concert, drama or dance performance, at a public speaking event.

We have a broad and balanced curriculum offer that is designed to provide a holistic experience for all pupils at every key stage. We have the full suite of subjects on offer and provide an element of choice from Year 9 onwards. We have a range of leadership opportunities for all pupils to be involved in throughout their time here.

Sports Leadership starts in Year 7, School Parliament is a popular choice for pupils wishing to make a positive difference, we have Year 11 prefects and young people are able to join the Student Leadership Team in the Sixth Form.

We celebrate success regularly at Hardenhuish: in assemblies and tutor periods, publishing good news stories in the weekly headlines on our website and in the local press, and at Year 11 and Year 13 awards evenings.

> “I think Hardenhuish is a **great place to go to**, with **lovely students** and **amazing facilities**; I also appreciate how our **school cares about important things, such as the environment**”
>
> Pupil

Unlimited **Opportunities**

Branching Out...

At Hardenhuish School we develop the whole person by offering a wide range of experiences in addition to the core curriculum. These include our popular Successful Lives days when pupils are involved in team experiences such as the immensely enjoyable and enterprising Smoothie Day, STEM or the thought provoking World War I Day.

Throughout the year there are extensive opportunities for pupils to explore existing interests and try new ones both at lunchtime and after school: for example, musical groups, sports, chess, creative writing, trips to art galleries, theatres, and many more. Our very successful Activities Day, which allow pupils to take part in a range of different activities and trips, ensure that each year finishes on a high note.



Pupils are encouraged to branch out and try new things as part of their growth and development. We offer many international experiences such as language learning and skiing trips to Europe, and even further afield, geography and enrichment trips to other continents.

Pupil voice sits at the heart of the school. Our sixth form Student Leadership Team drives forward leadership across the school, including leading our School Parliament, with representatives from each year group. This pupil group is involved in many aspects of school life and influences policy in such areas as uniform and catering, as well as making decisions on the annual school charity and organising school fundraising events.

A **Sustainable** Environment

A wonderful place to grow...

Hardenhuish School is privileged to occupy a magnificent and spacious site – the parkland of the former Hardenhuish Manor.

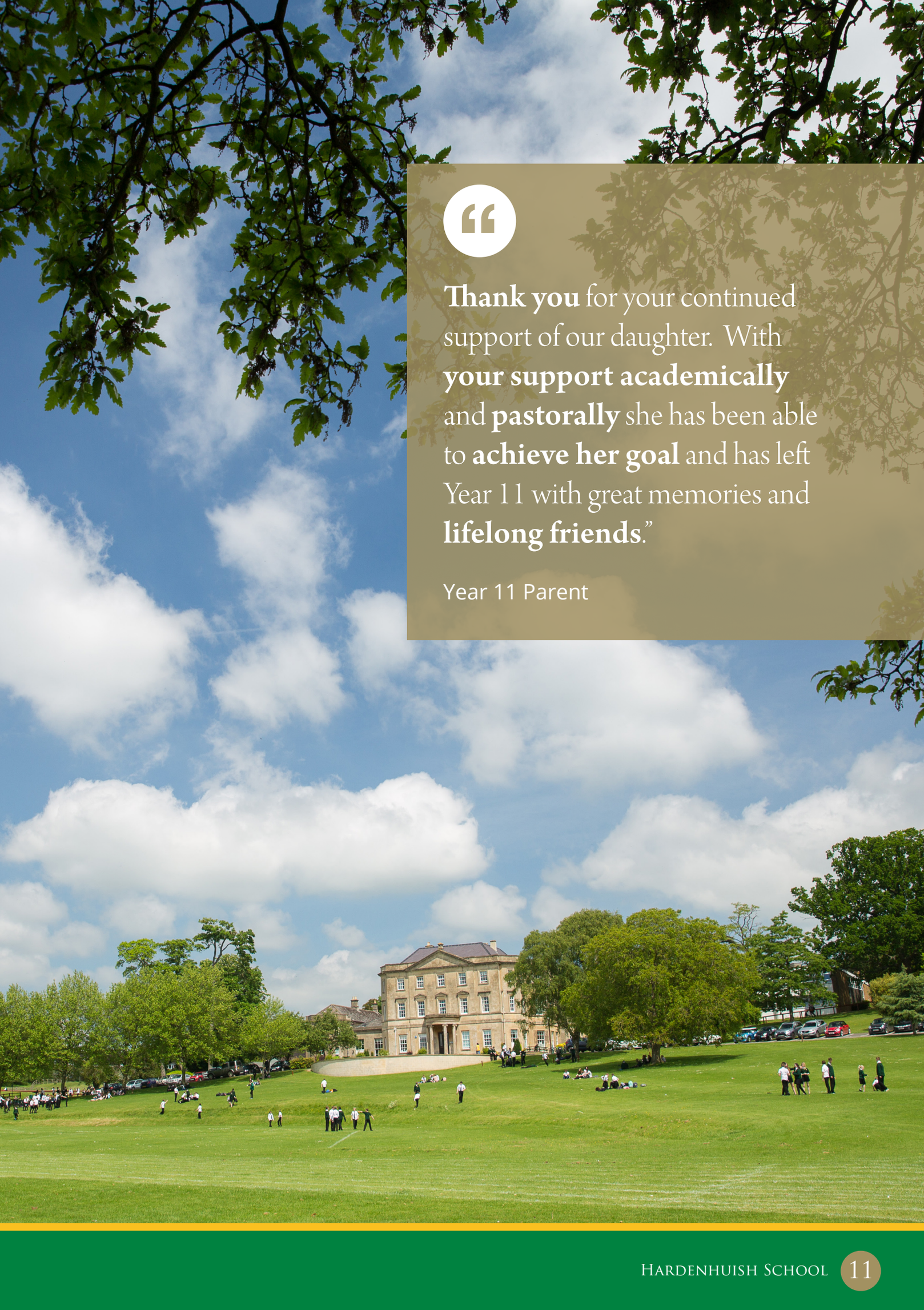
We are the custodians of this site for future generations and therefore sustainability is very important to us.

The pupils readily engage with this for the benefit of their futures. They lead on our environmental initiatives and green energy projects, which include the solar panels, biomass boiler and wind turbine. These citizens and leaders of the future happily participate in pond clearance, tree planting and other projects, gaining the school the Green Flag award in the process. Our small flock of rare breed Jacob sheep share our site and provide links to our heritage.

We encourage pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle. The school offers an extremely well co-ordinated and broad programme that assists pupils to feel safe, make contributions to the wider community, choose healthy lifestyles, evolve skills that assist future economic wellbeing and achieve social, cultural, moral and spiritual growth. This ensures that they have strong roots on which to grow their personal future, adapting to changing needs and being prepared.

Every child matters and every child's future matters too.





“**Thank you** for your continued support of our daughter. With **your support academically** and **pastorally** she has been able to **achieve her goal** and has left Year 11 with great memories and **lifelong friends**.”

Year 11 Parent

The **sky** is the **limit**

Fully grown and moving on...

Throughout their formative years we provide regular independent advice and guidance to all pupils at the school, enabling them to make post 16 decisions which offer the best option for them as an individual. Hardenhuish offers a wide range of A Level courses and most pupils choose to continue their education in the Hardenhuish Sixth Form, which has its own purpose-built centre and has been consistently judged one of the most successful in Wiltshire.

The Sixth Form team, comprising a Director and Deputy Director, two part time Pastoral Managers, Careers Lead and Core and Enrichment Lead, are committed to the full time care and support of our sixth formers. They assist students with their post 16 choices to ensure that they are able to pursue their chosen future direction. Students from Hardenhuish progress to a wide variety of courses at universities, including Oxbridge and top Russell Group universities, as well as specialist colleges. Some students prefer to start their career after sixth form and we assist them in finding suitable management training programmes or advanced apprenticeships.

Year 12 and 13 students are fully integrated into the school, many offering mentoring to our younger pupils whilst others offer service to the local community.

We strive for all young people to leave us as well rounded citizens who are independent, confident, lifelong learners, continuing to grow and branch out into all areas of 21st century life.



“The **pastoral and nurture team** that is embedded throughout the school **highlights the way students are cared for and supported**, and the overt **link between wellbeing and academic success**”

Wellbeing Award for Schools

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"Everything Hardenhuish displayed on Open Days, it has delivered – **helpful teachers** providing encouragement, **support and guidance**."

Year 7 Parent

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