

1st September 2026

Uppingham Community College Open Evening – Thursday 17th September 5.00 - 7.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself to you as the Headteacher of Uppingham Community College. I am honoured to lead a school with such a rich heritage and history, and it is a great privilege to work every day with the wonderful students and colleagues within our school community. During the past 5 years we have made significant upgrades to the school site, and we now benefit from both new and fully refurbished learning spaces that have been modernised to a high standard.

We are approaching the time of year where parents and young people will be making decisions about secondary school education. The national deadline for applications to secondary schools in England is 31st October 2026, and I am sure you will be exploring all the options available to you and your child, before making this crucial decision. It is incredibly important to find the right school for your child, a place where you feel confident, they will be happy and safe, and where they will thrive in their education and all-round development.

At Uppingham Community College we base everything we do on our core values: Kindness, Honesty, and Respect. These simple and memorable principles guide us in the way we work and how we interact with each other every day. We are highly aspirational for our students, and we expect them to achieve high standards in their education, through hard work, resilience, and a determination to be the best they can be. We also expect our students to be amazing human beings, and their personal development as young people is just as important to us as their academic achievements. Each year UCC students achieve GCSE outcomes that are significantly above national averages and in 2025 our students continued this trend, achieving excellent results and showing improved outcomes across the board.

We would like to invite you to our forthcoming open evening where you will be able to discover more about Uppingham Community College. There will be three presentations from myself (with some help from our students), as well as guided student tours, and subject displays in all departments.

The details of our open evening are as follows:

Date: Thursday 17th September 2026 Time: 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Presentation times: 5:15pm, 6:00pm and 6:45pm

We have developed an opportunity for young people to explore the UCC site before they visit here, using Minecraft. The school site has been meticulously created by Mr Jones from our maths department, as a Minecraft Realm and we have already had hundreds of visitors who have explored the buildings using this popular game. It can be joined from the 'Realms' section of Minecraft using the code: PxmdW5UE7JM
Parking on our site is still quite limited, so if families who live in Uppingham are able to walk, this will help ease congestion. We have additional parking available on the school field, but this is dependent on us benefiting from good weather.

I look forward to meeting you and your family at our open evening. In the meantime, please take the time to explore our website www.uppinghamcollege.org.uk

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DA Anderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Anderson

Headteacher