



Welcome to
Teesside High School



Teesside High School
Education as it should be

A young boy with short blonde hair, wearing a dark blue school jacket over a white shirt and a striped tie, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking at a computer monitor and smiling. Other students are visible in the background, also in school uniforms.

**“PUPILS ACHIEVE HIGHLY
AND SHOW SUBSTANTIAL
PRIDE IN THEIR SCHOOL.”**

Independent Schools Inspectorate, 2022

Teesside High School is a thriving, close-knit community which offers a unique 3-18 education in a truly unrivalled setting.

In a happy and nurturing environment, our students are challenged and supported academically, pastorally and socially.

We believe what we offer is unique. We are proud to be a school where we know every child's name, where we understand how each individual learns and how best to remove any possible barriers to their achievement.

Through a combination of small class sizes, inspirational teaching and excellent support and guidance, our students set ambitious goals and work hard to achieve and exceed their personal potential, both in and out of the classroom.

We are an inclusive school and children of all abilities flourish in an environment firmly focused on individual needs. Every child is given the best possible chance to thrive in every facet of their school life: in the classroom, on the stage, on the sports field and through outdoor education, to name but a few, ensuring they leave us as well-rounded and resilient young people, ready to take on any challenge.

We believe our school is a wonderful place to learn and grow. We would love to meet you and offer you the opportunity to experience our warm and welcoming atmosphere at first hand.



We are a small school which punches above its weight. We are consistently ranked as one of the best performing schools in the region and judged to be Excellent in all areas by the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Whilst we believe in the importance of academic success, we also believe that there is fundamentally much more to an education that is not reflected in exam statistics.

We focus on the needs of the individual, through a warm and nurturing ethos. We set our sights high in our academic aspirations, but equally we believe that the education of a child outside of the classroom is just as important as it seeks to build character and lifelong skills. We do this through sport, music, drama, art, outdoor education, competitions and visiting speakers, to name just a few strands of what we believe education is truly about.

We do not select by academic ability alone, we focus more on what your child can do, rather than what they cannot. We passionately believe this leads to a much more diverse and inclusive community where each child can experience a real sense of belonging.

For us, a happy child is a productive child. Our excellent pastoral care keeps this principle firmly at the root of our dealings with pupils and parents. Prep School children benefit from lessons with subject specialists from the Senior School and extensive use of whole school facilities, resulting in a much smoother transition to Year 7 and beyond.



The opportunity to engage in adventurous activity outdoors is fundamental to developing our young people in every way imaginable.



Improving quality of life through better health, fitness and movement is the most basic of expectation from this type of activity, but it is proven to run so much deeper. Building confidence and trust in peers through activities which promote physical and mental challenge in a range of environments, our Outdoor Education programme demands perseverance and determination, problem-solving and decision-making as well as independence and resilience.

Along with personal growth, outdoor and adventurous activities encourage a social awareness and responsibility for our environment. We believe in growing global citizens who are aware of the need for sustainability in the use of our natural resources. Spending time in stunning landscapes both in this country and further afield enriches this awareness, broadening horizons and influencing our young people way beyond the years they spend at THS.





GROUNDS

Teesside High School is set within extensive grounds on the picturesque banks of the River Tees.

We are proud to have occupied this site and served our local community since 1945, when we were known as The Cleveland School. Though little remains of the grand Victorian mansion that housed the original scholars, our extensive grounds represent an enduring legacy of Woodside Hall's elegant design.



FACILITIES

Few schools enjoy such a favourable setting; our 20 acre site occupies a prime location, complete with Forest School and landscaped gardens.

The school's well-equipped buildings are light and airy, incorporating large halls for indoor sports and stage productions.

Specialist teaching areas include art and drama studios, science laboratories, a design technology workshop, food and nutrition kitchen, music technology facilities and instrumental practice rooms. A recent refurbishment has also transformed the school's catering and dining facilities, producing a beautiful 130-seater Dining Hall and café-style Coffee Bar.





"MANY PUPILS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL ACHIEVE NOTABLE SUCCESS IN SPORTING, MUSICAL, ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL ARENAS, BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND IN TEAMS."

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THE SCHOOL DAY

The formal day runs from 8.40am-4.00pm. Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am and after-school care operates until 6.00pm.

A broad range of clubs and co-curricular opportunities complement teaching and learning in the classroom. These include sport, music, art, craft, languages, performing and visual arts and much more. Indeed, many of our children use these sessions as a springboard for further achievements outside of school.

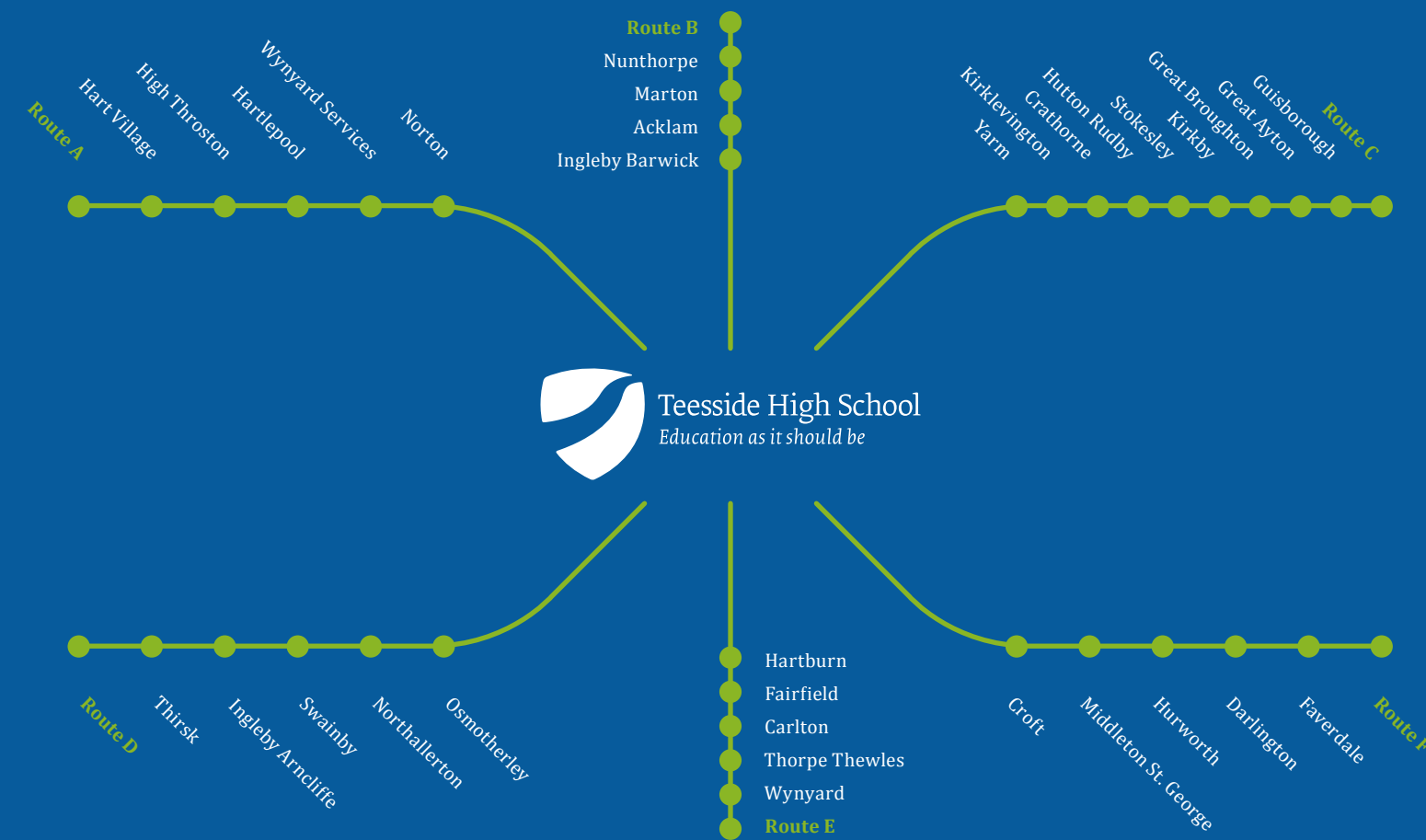




Teesside High School is easily accessible from all parts of the region and boasts excellent transport links.

The school is a short walk from Eaglescliffe train station and just minutes from the A66, providing a quick link to Stockton, Darlington and Middlesbrough, to name but a few.

The school also offers extensive bus routes from across the area. Families can choose from full, half or single journey passes to suit individual requirements. As with our fees, we are proud to offer sibling discounts on school transport. More information and bus route booklets are available by contacting the school office.



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LEADERS, SCHOOL
GOVERNORS AND STAFF
TO PROVIDING HIGH
LEVELS OF PASTORAL
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JOINING US

Children are welcome to join Teesside High School at any time, subject to the availability of places in a particular year group.

Teesside High School has a proud history of achievement and is keen to continue to attract outstanding pupils who will most benefit from the opportunities and experiences available here. We offer a number of scholarships (Academic, Music, Sport) to recognise gifted students. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of written tests, auditions or trials and an interview with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Means tested financial assistance may also be available. Please contact our Finance Manager for more details.



It is very hard to do our grounds, teaching and ethos justice in writing. We warmly welcome parents and families to visit us and experience what one parent succinctly phrased '*...education as it should be.*'

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A young boy with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue school sweater over a white collared shirt, is smiling and looking towards the camera. He is holding a blue toy hammer. In the background, there is a red and white striped object, possibly a toy or a piece of equipment.

**"EARLY YEARS
CHILDREN SHOW
ATTAINMENT LEVELS
WELL ABOVE THOSE
USUALLY EXPECTED
FOR THEIR AGE."**

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NURSERY

At Teesside High School, boys and girls are welcomed into our Nursery at the start of the term in which they turn three years old.

Teesside High School is a registered provider of the Early Years Provision for three and four year olds and accepts all employer nursery voucher schemes.



We are a child-centred, family-focused independent school, where your child's happiness and learning needs come first. We are proud to support and encourage our children to feel confident, happy and safe whilst unlocking their skills and talents.

Nursery children follow a broad and balanced curriculum which helps instil a lifelong passion for learning. Our boys and girls are taught by highly qualified and experienced teachers and afforded the highest level of care to ensure the very best start to life.

Our small class sizes allow pupils to benefit from personalised learning and attention not always available in busier settings. We use forward-thinking approaches to teach key subjects in fun and engaging ways and find that our children make phenomenal progress.



Children benefit from lessons taught by specialists in PE and music, for example, and our most able boys and girls are stretched and challenged by joining their friends in Reception for core teaching in subjects such as English and maths, helping further their excellent development.

As part of our school-wide digital learning strategy, pupils are encouraged to embrace technology to support their learning in a variety of ways.

We create a sense of awe and wonder in Nursery by designing a range of opportunities to enhance learning outside of the classroom. To complement their work, our children take part in a range of high quality educational visits, from exploring articulated trucks at Caterpillar and investigating how cars work at Mercedes-Benz to enjoying imaginative play at the Land of Make Believe and seeing birds up close at RSPB Saltholme.

Our boys and girls love their visits to our own Forest School, situated within our grounds and staffed by a qualified practitioner. The children enjoy exploring nature and the changing seasons: growing plants in the school garden, using the mud kitchen, investigating wildlife and, everyone's favourite, roasting marshmallows on the campfire!

Our youngest pupils are also encouraged to participate in our exceptional co-curricular programme which boasts a variety of exciting activities, from baby ballet and technology club to Lego modelling, football and much more. Our dedicated staff and specialist team of coaches build on current interests and explore new passions to provide fun opportunities for all age groups. We also enjoy an active guest speaker programme in our Early Years setting which allows parents and local businesses to talk to our pupils about their career or particular life experience.





When your child joins our Nursery, they join an intentionally small, thriving and integrated community at Teesside High where they are invited to take part in everything our 3-18 school offers: attending assemblies, competing in Sports Days, enjoying paired reading with a Sixth Form student helper, contributing to plays and productions organised by specialist departments and much more.

Our work is very much in partnership with parents; we aim to build positive and proactive relationships with families to ensure your child's very best start in life. We use a dedicated, secure portal to share updates and photographs from your child's week and operate a consistent 'open door' policy to ensure you too are happy with your child's new setting.





PREP SCHOOL

For boys and girls
aged 4-11.

From Early Years through to Year 6, our Prep School is the perfect setting for children to feel stretched, challenged and supported.

We combine traditional values with a flexible approach to teaching and learning and find that our children develop independent and inquisitive minds alongside a positive and confident outlook.

With small class sizes, we provide a supportive environment where highly qualified, motivated and enthusiastic staff help pupils tackle new challenges and discover their talents. As the children grow, they are taught by an increasing number of subject specialists who ignite their imagination and curiosity. This provides a seamless transition into Year 7 and the exciting challenges that the Senior School holds.



It is our intention to instil a love of learning in all of our pupils through a personalised educational experience. As well as core subjects, pupils become immersed in the International Primary Curriculum (IPC). IPC lessons offer an exciting and thematic 21st century curriculum which extends knowledge and skills and provides context and understanding in the wider world. IPC further supports the development of pupils' curiosity of the world around them; they enjoy exploring, investigating and thinking critically whilst being enthused by close connections with everyday life.

Our boys and girls are encouraged to be confident, self-motivated and keen to succeed, without detriment to their sensitivity to others and the community as a whole. We have a strong system of pastoral care, built upon a House System and understanding relationships with Form Tutors.



Pupils are given early opportunities to exercise their responsibility through the School Council and a range of other roles including Form, Sports and House Captains. They also take part in a wide range of charitable fundraising initiatives.

**“COMMUNICATION SKILLS
ARE A REAL STRENGTH
OF THE PUPILS. THEY
ARE INSIGHTFUL AND
PERCEPTIVE BEYOND
THEIR YEARS.”**

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Whilst academic rigour and challenge is at the forefront of our minds, we do not underestimate how important it is for your son or daughter to feel happy, secure and to enjoy an education which will inspire and excite them, draw out their unique abilities and open their eyes to an exciting world of wonder and discovery.



The provision for co-curricular activities on offer in the Prep School is incredibly diverse. There truly is something for everyone and you will be amazed at how much our children pack into their days! Examples include: Choir, Baby Ballet, Rock Band, Marvellous Maths, Recorder Group, Eco Club, Football, Fencing, Street Dance, Coding Club, Forest School, Running Club and much more.

We also offer extension clubs and Able, Gifted and Talented opportunities which run almost daily and provide the additional stretch and challenge so highly valued by pupils and parents alike.

Learning is further enhanced through a wide range of educational visits and residential trips which increase in duration as the children grow older. These play a crucial role in supporting IPC studies and are designed to demonstrate relevance and context for their lessons, bringing projects to life while encouraging an appreciation of the environment and world in which they live.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior School years are among the most memorable in every student's life.





The classroom experience at Teesside High School is different to other schools. Primarily, our classes are much smaller and this allows for much greater interaction between the teacher and students; a critical ingredient to ensure all students fulfil their potential.

We provide a supportive framework within which students can make informed decisions and choices. As they grow in knowledge and experience, they are able to progress towards their goals with maturity and confidence.

All students are stretched and taught to pursue a growth mindset; the belief that their abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work. We find that our students acquire a lifelong love of learning and a resilience that prepares them well for their future.

From the start of Year 7, we provide students with a wide choice of subjects encompassing not only core areas of study, but a great selection of creative arts, languages, humanities and science disciplines. We offer plenty of flexibility in GCSE choices, too, with the emphasis on informed choices and the pursuit of personal academic goals.

What sets us apart is our belief that every child matters. We are an inclusive school and children of all abilities flourish in an environment firmly focused on their individual needs, with inspirational teaching and learning and high quality educational resources.



THS SIXTH FORM

For students aged 16-18.

**"THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL,
PUPILS OF ALL AGES ARE
RESILIENT AND HAVE EXCELLENT
DECISION-MAKING SKILLS."**

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Our Sixth Form offers personalised learning in an inspirational setting. We have a track record of high achievement and our specialist staff aim to raise students' expectations and turn aspirations into reality.

THS Sixth Form students excel in a wide range of A-level and BTEC subjects whilst developing essential life skills through exceptional co-curricular opportunities and bespoke university and career application support.

Housed in our purpose-built Sixth Form building overlooking our wooded grounds and the banks of the River Tees, students benefit from small class sizes in seminar-style classrooms, a large common room, quiet study areas and conference style facilities suited for group work; a perfect pre-university environment which inspires our students to great success.


A rather unique feature of Teesside High School is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere where the Sixth Form, in particular, is a small, family-like unit. Unlike in larger environments, staff know all of our students very well, enabling us to offer outstanding one-to-one support and guidance.



We encourage all students to participate in our exceptional range of co-curricular opportunities to enrich their time in the Sixth Form. There is a variety of activities ranging from choir, orchestra, drama and film clubs to Duke of Edinburgh, charity fundraising and dance, for example. Physical Education is also an important part of the Sixth Form curriculum.

Contemplating your next step following Sixth Form study can be difficult and our staff are very much present at every step of your journey. Most of our students go to university, and are given individual guidance when making choices about courses. They receive a great deal of one-to-one support when completing their UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) applications and writing the all-important personal statements. We also support students in sourcing Higher Apprenticeships and career opportunities, too.

For students choosing to pursue careers in Medicine or courses at Oxbridge, we offer unique 'Pre-Med' and 'Oxbridge Preparation' enrichment programmes which provide further specialist support and guidance throughout a rather complex admissions procedure.



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SCHOOL EXUDES
A VERY SPECIAL
CHARM WITH A
REFRESHING LACK
OF ARROGANCE."**

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