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Y7 | Y11 HIGH STORRS SCHOOL



School Prospectus

We are High Storrs.
We are here to learn, succeed and thrive.
We are respectful, safe, and responsible.

TOP 10

Ranked in the top ten
state and grammar schools
in the North of England

The Times - 2023
Parent Power League Tables

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Welcome to High Storrs School

A high achieving, fully comprehensive school for students aged 11-18. Do come along, meet the team and discover for yourself why High Storrs School has been described as 'an unforgettable experience' by our students.

Consider our academic success, combined with an exceptional Performing Arts programme and a wide range of extra-curricular activities, and you can understand why our students are proud to be part of High Storrs School.

Pastoral care is strong at High Storrs and is built around our house system. We see our four houses as 'schools within a school' with trained and experienced staff supporting students to achieve all they can. They also provide extra help available for those who encounter barriers to learning and other challenges. All staff in school uphold high expectations for respectful, decent, and kind behaviour.

Our listed school building has been a key factor in creating an environment which is conducive to learning. This is complemented by the new building, comprising Design & Technology



workshops and the Learning Resources Centre, as well as modern dance studios and a large sports hall.

Our Alumni are blazing the trail for today's students, with achievements in many different fields. We count sports champions, successful television, film and theatre actors, MPs, entrepreneurs, scientists and several OBEs and CBEs among our former students, demonstrating what can be achieved with encouragement of all round ability and special talents.

Claire Tasker
Headteacher

Nurturing individual potential

Discover more...



Success for all

Our outstanding teaching staff are passionate about developing the knowledge and skills of the next generation. We work hard to ensure success for all; this is realised by personalising the curriculum so that everyone gets the most out of their time at High Storrs. Wherever your talent lies, our aim is to nurture and develop it.



Bring learning to life

We offer several out of school educational opportunities and, in recent years, we have been pleased to bring learning to life through visits to Westminster (Politics), Spain (Spanish), France (History) and Greece (Classics). Students can also benefit from an array of enrichment activities and after-school clubs including science, technology, sports, gardening and music.



A chance to shine

Performing Arts are important to our students because they build confidence, develop creativity and encourage teamwork. Our school productions and dance performances are of an exceptionally high standard. They give our students the chance to shine and enjoy great critical acclaim.



Excel in sports

Our students also excel in the sports world. Our school boasts some of the best athletes and cross-country runners in the region, as well as successful cricket, football, netball and rugby teams.

✓ High achievement & progress

This is secured through outstanding teaching, the celebration of achievement and the development of excellent learning behaviour.

✓ Excellent citizenship

Students and staff are encouraged to identify with a school that respects and nurtures its population. In essence, High Storrs is a happy and productive place to learn and to work.

✓ A learning community

A great education opens doors for young people and we work hard to enable our students to achieve and succeed. This necessitates high levels of staff reflection and learning to ensure we meet the needs of all our students.

✓ Creativity, leadership & accountability

Staff and Governors understand their leadership role and have high expectations of all in school. High quality training and robust systems promote accountability and leadership opportunities for staff and students.



I feel safe at High Storrs because I see all the other students getting along and the atmosphere is really friendly...



Strong relationships with families are key to our work in school. We welcome and encourage regular communication between home and school.

Working in partnership

We have strong links with our partner primary schools and offer a popular Summer School for Year 6 pupils.



Our new starters already feel part of the High Storrs family by the time their first day comes around.

Making a difference

Our High Storrs family

House system

Our House system, gives those from every year group in the school the opportunity to get together and share experiences and ideas.

Older students are encouraged to act as mentors for younger ones in the same House to ensure a smooth transition into our school.



Tutor groups

Vertical tutor groups mean that the same groups are kept in place throughout the main school, ensuring a safe environment and lasting friendships.



Y8 onwards

In the second term of Year 8, students begin to personalise their curriculum and choose the path most suited to their pace and abilities. To balance the demands of GCSEs and to further develop learning behaviours, the majority of our students sit one GCSE at the end of Year 10 (some take two). They learn so much from taking a first GCSE in, for example, Classics, Art, History, English Literature, Dance or Drama, and build upon this as they complete all other GCSE courses in Year 11. Our teaching staff are always on hand to help students make the best choices and maximise the opportunities presented to them.

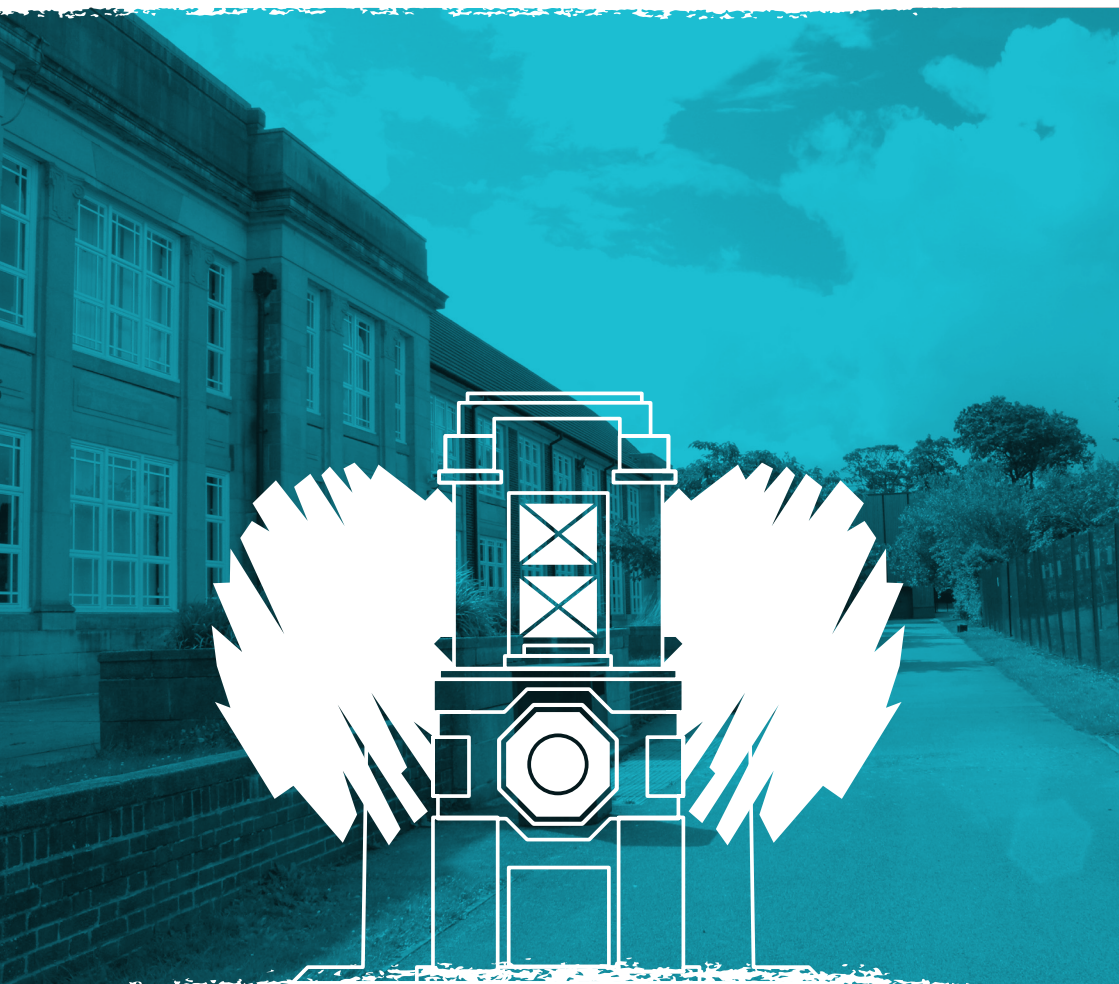


Y12 onwards

When it comes to moving up to Year 12, our close links with other schools in the area and excellent reputation mean we are glad to welcome many new students as well as welcoming back those who have progressed through the High Storrs family.

Around two thirds of our students progress into our popular Sixth Form - a great testament to their dedication to learning and our record for academic success. Other students chose Further Education or employment. Whichever path they select, we send them out into the world with knowledge and experiences that will set them up for life.

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