



GREENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL

I hope that this prospectus gives you a glimpse of life at Greenshaw High School. The text and photographs will afford you some sense of the school at work, and I hope we have provided enough information for you to sense the flavour of what Greenshaw has to offer young people, as well as our values as a school.

What may not come across fully in these pages is the quality of relationships that lies at the heart of our school: we know that learning is most successful when students are happy and confident, and that is central to how we approach our day to day work. At Greenshaw, we have a tradition of combining high expectations for our students alongside an individualised approach to each learner.

We do not believe that any individual's ability is fixed, but rather that the height of potential attainment for each person is unknown, especially when allied to a strong work ethic and excellent guidance.

Over the years, Greenshaw has been popular with parents of children of all aptitudes, and there continues to be a large demand for places at our school. We are proud of our success as a genuinely comprehensive school, and our reputation for providing a dynamic education within a happy and caring environment.

Each year we have a large number of students in Year 13 going on to some of the best university courses in the country, but we are proud of each one of our students, regardless of their ultimate destination.

As a diverse and harmonious school community respect for each other is central, and we expect all youngsters to take responsibility for their actions and forge strong relationships with each other.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of the staff and students at Greenshaw and would be delighted to welcome you to visit the school in action. If you would like to visit, please telephone the office for an appointment.

Nick House Headteacher

Nick House



Our vision

- We are a forward looking school without limits; a dynamic community; welcoming to all; a family which values the journey and the destination.
- We all take responsibility, we believe in each other, strive for success and lead by example.
- We are ambitious, sharing an exciting vision, building lives for the future.



Pursuit of excellence Lessons at Greenshaw are rigorous, lively and interesting. Students are taught by well-qualified specialist teachers whose aim is to stretch

each learner, and give him or her the chance to experience success.

All learners are expected to aim for excellence, to strive for their best and to achieve the targets that are set and communicated to them and their parents. There is excellent provision for children with special needs, some of whom are supported by our Learning Support and Speech and Language Departments. Students who attain highly are provided with extension work, and often have the opportunity to attend a range of activities in conjunction with local universities.

Specialist facilities allow us to make use of the latest technologies and resources. We have an all-weather sports pitch, music centre, studios for art, drama and dance, a gymnasium, a sports hall equipped with an eight lane climbing wall, a multi-gym, a number of IT suites, specialist science laboratories and a reading lounge. In addition, all classrooms are equipped with computers and interactive whiteboards. All students have their own user area on the computer network and we are a lead school in the use of our Managed Learning Environment to support extended learning at home.

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Dear students,

Your school's culture of high expectations and the staff belief in you provide you with an excellent platform for learning and help and prepare you successfully for life beyond school. You told us you feel safe and your behaviour in and around school and positive attitudes to learning in lessons are outstanding. You make good progress because you are well taught and have a good range of options from which to choose. You have an outstanding team of leaders in the school whose support for your learning is exceptional.

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"It was obvious that both you and [the staff] were hugely committed and caring – and it's been a while since we've come across people who love their jobs so much."

Healthy Schools
Researchers

Leading the way

Greenshaw High School benefits from leading national educational networks

Greenshaw High School plays a pivotal role in the development of education across the country. This is through various networks including Partners in Excellence (PiXL) and more locally, The Greenshaw Learning Trust. This brings opportunities for staff and students, and enriches our daily life through staff development, sharing best practice and student enrichment with a range of activities. These activities include support for access to the very best universities including Oxford and Cambridge, innovative practice in raising attainment at GCSE and A level, and celebrating success with students from across the country. These networks also bring international opportunities for students and staff as we develop links with two schools in India.

We are a school that prioritises staff training and development. Staff at Greenshaw aim high in all that they do and are supported in their day to day work and their professional development. We are a learning community and believe that all members of staff should have a thorough induction and a challenging programme of training and professional development. We view ourselves as lifelong learners. By taking part in courses, seminars and conducting research projects both at school and in collaboration with other institutions, teachers and support staff are up to date with the latest thinking and practice in education. This enables them to provide the best learning opportunities for the students of the school.







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"There is a high level of engagement with parents and carers, demonstrated through their strong support for parents' evenings and other events and strengthened by effective communications between home and school."

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Partnership with parents

We know from experience that the support of parents is of great importance to the success of their children. We send home a half-termly newsletter, and a range of booklets that give information about the curriculum are available on our website.

Assessment information is shared with parents each term, by means of a schedule of reports and meetings with subject teachers, and we welcome parents' questions, comments and suggestions. Parents have access to live attendance and assessment information through the Learning Gateway within the website.



Sixth Form Opportunities

Greenshaw's Sixth Form gives young people the chance to develop as independent, responsible and self-disciplined young adults. Students studying in our Sixth Form go on to study at some of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the country, both in established traditional courses and also increasingly in the creative arts.

The majority of students study three A Level qualifications with assessment being taken at the end of Year 13. The Sixth Form has grown significantly in recent years, and has enjoyed considerable success, having been in the top fifty England schools for value added since 2013.

Sixth Formers follow a programme of personal, social and health education. They are given detailed advice about careers and further or higher education. Individual academic mentoring helps them to study successfully at a high level and to achieve or exceed their target grades. There is specialist study accommodation for students in our Sixth Form centre, along with dedicated ICT resources. A separate Sixth Form prospectus is available on request from the school office.

"The Sixth Form offers a warm, welcoming and positive atmosphere, where students are treated with respect.

The student-teacher relationship is friendly and Sixth Form staff are always ready to help."

Year 13 student



"The Sixth Form is outstanding."

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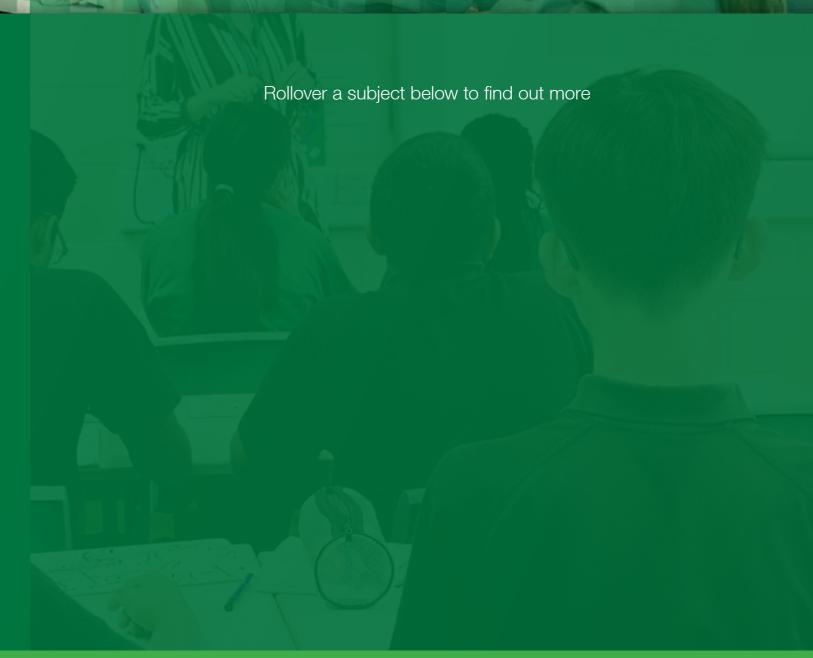
Enriching the curriculum

Our curriculum is enriched by activities that make Greenshaw a dynamic and exciting place to learn. There is an extensive programme of educational visits offered to students from Year 7 to Year 13 that includes a ski trip, residential field trips to the Isle of Wight and Wales, a classics trips to Athens, and a Year 7 trip to Boulogne.

Trips to museums, art galleries and to the theatre to see plays and dance performances enhance students' understanding of their learning in school. Visiting experts such as lawyers, professional dancers and journalists bring their knowledge of careers and employment into the classroom. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme is hugely popular, supported by regular meetings in school and expeditions accompanied by teachers.

The school has an expedition programme. Teams of students work together to plan and fund-raise for challenges on other continents. Recent expeditions to Nepal, Ecuador and Kenya have given students opportunities to meet people across the globe and understand the issues facing them.

Greenshaw's curriculum aims to deliver the principles of the vision statement by providing an inclusive, diverse and rich experience to equip young people with the knowledge, skills and capacity for growth that they will need in the future.







Higher education destinations Assessment School meals Discipline School uniform Pastoral care Communication Students with disabilities Students with special needs Exam results 2015 Admissions



The school day

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Registration	8.30
Lesson 1	8.50
Lesson 2	9.50
Break	10.50
Move to lesson 3	11.10
Lesson 4	12.15
Lunch	1.15
Move to lesson 5	1.55
Lesson 5	2.00
End of school	3.00

Wednesday

8.30	Registration
8.50	Lesson 1
9.50	Lesson 2
10.50	Break
11.10	Move to lesson 3
11.15	Lesson 3
12.15	Lunch
12.55	Move to lesson 4
1.00	Lesson 4
2.00	End of school

