



Herschel Grammar School

Specialist Status in Technology, Science, Maths and Computing



Welcome to Herschel Grammar School

Herschel Grammar School is proud of the excellent academic standards our pupils achieve. The committed and caring staff work very hard alongside pupils and parents to ensure Herschel has a happy, safe and purposeful environment which supports our ambitious commitment to our young people.

We are dedicated to educating the whole child. We want our pupils to take responsibility and make a valuable contribution to the running of our school. We believe extra curricular activities are an important aspect of this ambition and the opportunities pupils have here are second to none.

Visitors comment frequently on how well disciplined, courteous and cooperative our pupils are. At Herschel they develop respect for others and concern for the environment.

Personal development, pastoral care and wellbeing are outstanding and it is this which gives all pupils the confidence, creativity and resilience to actively engage in our twenty-first century world.


Jo Rockall
Headteacher

“Pupils’ behaviour and attitude to learning are real strengths.”

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A young girl with her hair tied back, wearing a white school shirt and a green apron, is smiling broadly while painting a globe. She is sitting at a table with various art supplies like paint palettes and brushes. In the foreground, the back of another person's head is visible, looking towards the girl. The background shows a bright, well-lit art room with white tables and shelves.

*“The curriculum is broad
and provides excellent
opportunities for pupils to
develop personal qualities
and skills.”*

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Every Child *Matters*

A happy and calm school is the best environment in which to support pupils to succeed. We work hard to create a positive and supportive ethos, placing great emphasis on the successful transition between primary and secondary school. Our dedicated Head of Learning for Year 7 is key in ensuring our new Year 7's develop into the self confident and happy pupils we see further up the school.

Form tutors and Heads of Learning closely follow the development and academic progress of pupils providing timely support when required. We believe in working in partnership with parents and maintain regular contact through parents' evenings and our reporting system. We work quickly to involve parents where there are issues or concerns.

Herschel is a true community and we are proud of that community spirit. Our ethos is founded on mutual respect and understanding in which the contribution of each individual is valued. The PSHCE, Careers, Citizenship and Student Voice programmes are important vehicles for creating and reinforcing this ethos.

Teaching and *Learning*

Herschel Grammar School is above all a place of learning and our ultimate aim is for all our pupils to reach their full potential.

We are proud of our academic standards and believe pupils meet those standards by being fully engaged in, inspired by and curious about their learning. Our pupils learn to think independently and enjoy the challenges our teachers provide for them.

Our broad curriculum balances creativity and practical experience with traditional academic learning and is underpinned by high expectations of behaviour and work ethic. Specialist Status in Technology, Maths, Computing and Science both supports and enhances the curriculum.

“Pupils make outstanding progress and achieve excellent results.”

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*“Both our boys were
very happy and have received
an excellent education
at Herschel.”*

PARENT

*“Pupils regularly engage
in high level challenging
philosophical and
theoretical discussions.”*

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Extra Curricular and *Enrichment*

Herschel believes that education is not confined to the classroom and that young people learn a great deal from taking part in other activities within and beyond the school. These foster teamwork, leadership and the development of individual responsibility.

The fantastic outside sporting facilities include a floodlit astroturf , tennis courts and school field, whilst inside the sports centre we have six badminton courts, indoor cricket nets and a dance studio. These allow for an impressive range of extra-curricular clubs and sports teams and pupils of all age and sporting ability are encouraged to become involved in regular inter-form competition and in the school's sports day held at Thames Valley Athletics track.

“Your support and encouragement towards your students is second to none, and is greatly appreciated!”

PARENT

Pupils can also participate in drama, choir, orchestra and instrumental tuition.

There is an extensive Duke of Edinburgh award scheme and a range of residential visits both in the UK and abroad, including World Challenge. Recent trips have included Spain, France, Namibia, China, Egypt and Tanzania.

In addition there are reward trips, theatre visits, field trips, art exhibitions, competitions and much, much more.

*“Teachers are enthusiastic
and have excellent
relationships with their
students.”*

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“I have formed great friendships at Herschel, but most of all, I am proud to say I have developed into a mature young woman who I am proud to be, and I have to thank Herschel for giving me countless opportunities, continuous support and shaping me.”

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