

Prospectus



**Handsworth
Grange
Community
Sports
College**

**Believe
& Achieve**

Contacting School

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When visitors arrive at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College they should enter the school site via the entrance off Handsworth Grange Road and make their way to the main reception. Once at reception all visitors to the school are signed in and given a visitors' badge to wear while they are on site. The wearing of badges is for security purposes. When the school is closed the answer machine is on and any messages left will be dealt with on the next working day.



Dear
Parents
and
Friends...

Welcome to Handsworth Grange Community Sports College.

Why choose Handsworth Grange Community Sports College?

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the staff, pupils and governors to welcome you to Handsworth Grange Community Sports College. There have been many changes to the school over the past two years, not least the change of name. Our new name reflects our commitment to the community we live in and to our Sports Specialism.

We believe that the values of sport such as teamwork, competitiveness and co-operation can be used in all areas of the curriculum and that pupils can develop self esteem and high aspirations through the medium of sport.

Our second specialism is ICT and we have recently upgraded our facilities and our ICT infrastructure. All our pupils take some form of ICT qualification and our results in this subject area are outstanding.

Over the next two years the school will get a major refurbishment as part of the city's BSF (Building Schools for the Future) programme, which will give us buildings and facilities fit for the 21st Century and beyond.

Finally, our out of school hours provision and the opportunities we offer our pupils are amongst the best in the city. We have fostered a strong ethos of caring and community and this comes across in all we do. Our school motto is Believe and Achieve and we believe that by working together with parents and carers all our pupils can achieve their maximum potential. Don't just take my word for it come and visit us and talk to our pupils.

Anne Quaile
Headteacher



**A strongly
improving
school**

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As a Sports College we aim to meet the needs of all pupils through the additional opportunities that having specialist sports college status provides us with. Similarly, our second specialist subject of ICT allows us to develop ICT across the curriculum to equip our young people with the necessary skills to succeed in life. As a Specialist Sports College, we have created a culture and ethos that enables all our pupils to achieve to the best of their ability. Every pupil is encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities in order to raise aspirations, and we use the culture that is gained from success in sport to promote success in all subjects.

We are able to run a number of projects through our specialist status that enhances the education of our pupils. These include: Junior Athlete Education Programme, Multi Skills Clubs, Gifted and Talented Academies, Coaching in the Curriculum, Sports Council, Active Lunchtimes, Dreams and Teams International link with Uganda and the Sports Centre Community Development Programme. In addition we are very proud of our Sports Leadership and Coach Education opportunities that are offered throughout the year groups. We now offer the BTEC First in Sport at Diploma and Certificate level, GCSE PE and Sports Leadership as an option in KS4.

In addition to this our specialist status enables us to:

- extend the range of sport and ICT provision available to pupils which meets their needs and interests
- raise the standard of teaching and learning in the specialist subjects and use the good practice from specialist status subjects to improve teaching and learning in other subject areas
- develop values of fair play, leadership, citizenship and responsibility
- develop the knowledge, self esteem and confidence of pupils to enable them to follow an active and healthy lifestyle
- provide access to facilities and education opportunities for all the whole community

Specialist Sports College Status at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College

Our core values are:

Achievement
Aspiration
Commitment
Confidence
Determination
Excellence
Enjoyment
Fairness
Teamwork
Respect



Specialist subjects contribute to whole school improvement

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Every Child Matters

At Handsworth Grange Community Sports College we work together to ensure that our School policies and procedures support our pupils and their families. The first point of contact for all questions should be your child's form tutor; if the matter is not resolved you should contact the Head of Year, the appropriate Key Stage manager, a member of the Leadership Team or the Chair of Governors. Telephone numbers can be obtained from the school office. You also have the right to approach the Local Authority (0114 2735722).

Pupil Support Team

The Pupil Support Team is overseen by the Headteacher. The team is divided into two smaller teams – Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) and Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11) who are skilled to deal with the demands of each Key Stage. Each Key Stage is led by a Key Stage Manager, and every year group has a dedicated Head of Year, with a link to a named member of the leadership team. The Key Stage teams are part of a much larger Social Inclusion Team that supports pupils and families.

Attendance & Punctuality

It is vital that your child is in school to learn and make progress. Any pupil who has two or more late marks recorded against their name will be placed on an attendance card which is monitored by their tutor for one week. Persistent lateness will be followed up by the tutor with contact home. Parents are asked to phone school to report the absence of their child and the school will phone or text parents on the first day of absence if parents haven't already contacted school.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The excellent work done by our SEN department is widely recognised throughout the city. Please contact our SEN department for further information.

Religious Education

Religious education lessons follow the Sheffield agreed syllabus. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from R.E. on religious grounds. Please contact the Headteacher for more information.

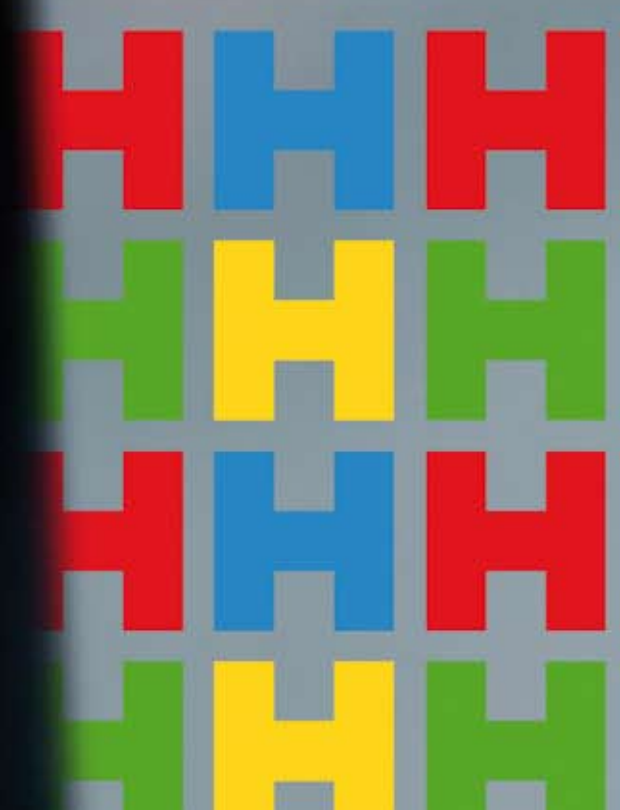
Sex Education

Sex education has a key role to play in the preparation of students for adult family life and the building of secure relationships. It is taught in the context of personal and family relationships by focusing on emotional and moral aspects as well as on purely biological facts. It is taught in a number of subjects across the curriculum with additional input from the school nurse and other outside agencies. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of sex education lessons and should contact school if they have any concerns.



**Students
needs are met
appropriately**

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School Uniform

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all Handsworth Grange Community Sports College pupils. Our code of dress has been established with safety in mind as well as suitability for work and general presentation.

Uniform

- Black blazer with school logo
- Black trousers or appropriate length skirt; kameeze or shalwar
- White short or long sleeved button shirt
- School tie
- Black shoes (not trainers)
- Black or neutral tights, black or white socks
- Optional extra : Dark grey school v-neck jumper

Please Note: All school uniform items are available to purchase from Pinders Schoolwear, The Market, Crystal Peaks Shopping Centre.

Inappropriate Items

- Jeans
- Leggings
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Casual and fashion clothes
- High heeled shoes
- Flip-flops
- Trainers
- 'UGG' style boots

Jewellery

Jewellery, especially earrings, can be dangerous and may get lost at school. Jewellery cannot be worn during Physical Education lessons.

If jewellery needs to be worn the following is acceptable:

- One watch
- One small ring
- One small stud in each ear

Equipment

All pupils should bring the following equipment for learning to school on a daily basis. All of the equipment below is available to buy from the school Business Box:

- School bag big enough to hold an A4 folder
- School Planner
- Pencil case filled with: pens, pencils, rubber, ruler
- Scientific calculator (available to buy from school Business Box)

Timing of the School Day

8.50 - 9.50 Period 1

9.50 - 10.50 Period 2

10.50 - 11.05 Tutorial

11.05 - 11.20 Break

11.20 - 12.20 Period 3

12.20 - 1.05 Lunch

1.05 - 1.10 Afternoon registration

1.10 - 2.10 Period 4

2.10 - 3.10 Period 5

3.10 Dismissal

Lunchtime

We try to ensure the safety of all our pupils at lunchtime. We prefer pupils to be on site so that parents and staff know that they are safe. Therefore, during the lunch hour, pupils may:

- 1) Go home for a meal.*
- 2) Eat a school meal or snack in the dining-room.
- 3) Eat their own sandwiches in the dining room.

* Parents or carers who would like their children to go home for lunch need to provide written permission. When this is received by school, pupils will be given a pass to go home at lunchtime.

Active Lunchtimes

During lunchtimes our staff and pupil Activity Leaders help to run a wide range of activities that are designed to keep our pupils entertained, active and safe over the lunch period. Pupils who have an active pass are able to participate in organised activities or loan equipment to use in their lunchtime. Activities include football, cricket, basketball, fitness, table tennis, skipping, badminton, rounders, circus skills, dance mats, pool and many more.

My First Impressions

Library

My favourite room in Handsworth Grange Community Sports College is the library. There are lots of good books to borrow. There are also computers in the library which I have used to finish homework that I couldn't do at home. The computers can be used at lunchtime and books can be borrowed or returned during lunch break. *James Keller*

The Building

There are actually 3 buildings, the Sports Hall, the old building and the new building. Finding my lessons for the first few weeks was very hard; the older children were very kind and told me where to go. *Roshni Rahman*

School Dinners

My first day here I had school dinners and chose the beef dinner (Sunday dinner). My goodness it was magnificent! Succulent beef, crispy potatoes, creamy mash and small round peas topped off with thick brown gravy. Other options were; cheesy tomato pizza and the vegetarian cheese flan. *Ben Clarke*

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College is a great place to be. One of my favourite things about the dinner hall is there is a variety of things to buy which are all worth buying such as the pizza, pasta and drinks, plus it is a great place to chat with your friends. *Alexandra Daly*

Lessons

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College is a specialist sports college and if you don't like sport we're a specialist college with ICT. If you don't like that either there are plenty of good lessons like music and technology. Drama is fun if you're imaginative. *Jacob Edley*

The lessons are great, you can do cooking where you can make things like pizza and what's better is you can eat them. *James Keller*

Sport

I can see why Handsworth Grange Community Sports

College is a sports college. The sporting equipment is BRILLIANT also the teachers. My PE teacher Miss Barnes is the best, she taught my PE group really well and still is. PE is probably my favourite lesson here because you use the best of facilities, professional gym equipment with TV screens on them. *Hannah Hobson*

Firstly my PE lessons are super. You can do all sorts like football, a big favourite, rugby, badminton gymnastics and cricket, but the best has to be the brand new fitness suite. The facilities are better than any other gym I have seen. They have muscle building machines, treadmills, cross trainer and bikes. You can join school clubs such as cross country rugby or football teams. The more clubs you attend or join the more rewards you get. *Reece Eaton*

Handsworth Grange Community Sports College specialises in sport. It does not matter if you're not a good runner or if you can't kick a ball, Handsworth Grange Community Sports College will find your sporting talent. We do a variety of different sports from cross country running to table tennis.

There is an absolutely enormous sports hall with a rock wall and a fitness suite. There are sport clubs every break so you are always busy and never bored. *Isobel Grant*

First Days

It may seem big, old and scary but that's what gives the school its characteristics. The classrooms are quite plain but the teachers are awesome.

Everyone has teachers they like and teachers they don't like. It's the same here. Whether you like them or not all the teachers are helpful, very supportive and amazing at teaching.

Coming to Handsworth Grange Community Sports College is a good decision to make and I'm sure if you come here you will learn lots, make loads of friends and last but not least have fun. *Imogen Pass*

On my first day I was petrified but as soon as I walked in with my uniform on I felt like part of

the school. If you're worried about getting lost around the school, don't be, because teachers, peer mentors and all the pupils will tell you where to go. *Kelsey Palfreyman*

Compared to primary Handsworth Grange Community Sports College is big! The first impressions might be a bit scary but once you get used to it it is actually brilliant and nothing is really worth worrying about. Once you're settled you'll probably know your way around in a week, may be 2 depending on how comfortable you feel when moving around.

If you need any sort of help there are lots of people to talk to like teachers and peer mentors. I prefer peer mentors because they are Y9s.

I have now gone past the first term and am as happy as can be. *Ashley Coe*

My first two weeks

Day one was scary but I was excited. I woke up at 6am in the morning, when we got to school we had about an hour with our tutors. Then we had our first lesson with Miss Berry in English. I got lost when trying to find Art and Science but it was better than I thought especially when all the teachers help you.

The rest of the week was awesome I've done so many subjects like Maths, English, Music, ICT, PE and Technology. I hate PE but the 2 lessons that I did were so cool I know I like it now. Technology is awesome you get to use some dangerous machines but it is not dangerous when you actually use them because the teachers help you.

Week Two – I now know where all my lessons are off by heart. I've settled in and I know all my teachers very well.

Advice to Year 6

There is no need to be scared when you come here. I bet you know everything within the first week. If you get bullied (which is unlikely) the teachers WILL sort it out 100% there's no need to keep it inside. School is great and most importantly have fun!!! *Reece Goudercourt*



Pupil Voice



At Handsworth Grange Community Sports College pupils views and opinions are valued. Sport and Student Councils are made up of pupils elected from all year groups and allow pupils a voice in the decisions that affect the running of the school.

Student and Sports Councils are working to improve the quality of teaching and learning, address environment problems, help with the appointment of new staff and to develop the sports specialism across the school.

All pupils work in partnership with teachers, governors, parents and the community to make Handsworth Grange Community Sports College a better place to learn.



Achieving your Potential

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During your time at Handsworth Grange Community Sports College your progress will be closely monitored. At the start of each term you will be set targets to achieve in all subjects, each term you will review the targets set and what you need to do in your work to succeed further. You will record all your results, targets and how to improve in a tracker booklet that is shared with home each term. Parents will receive a progress report home each term outlining your current progress and your attitude towards learning in lessons. There will also be a more detailed report completed by your teachers after your exam week each year. If your progress is good you will be rewarded, but if your progress is below the standards we expect, you will be monitored using a 'Raising Attainment Plan'. This involves a meeting between pupils, teachers and parents where concerns are discussed and an action plan agreed so that you reach your full potential.

Pupil Equipment

In order to achieve, pupils must be fully equipped and ready to learn. Pupils are expected to bring the following items of equipment on a daily basis:

- A bag large enough to hold an A4 folder (A hand bag is not sufficient)
- A pencil case containing at least 2 pens, a pencil, ruler, eraser, coloured crayons.
- The school planner.
- A calculator



The school works actively to promote equality of opportunity



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Mobile Phones, iPods and MP3 Players

The school discourages the use of mobile phones, ipods and MP3 players in school. Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones and MP3 players, but they must be switched off at all times inside the building and in lessons. Any mobile phones or MP3 players used inside school or during lessons may be confiscated until the end of the school day. Please note that the school can accept no liability if pupils are bringing expensive items of equipment, or large sums of money into school.

Behaviour for Learning

At Handsworth Grange Community Sports College we expect all pupils to behave in a manner which encourages and motivates all to learn effectively. Pupils who are not meeting our expectations may be set detentions, be required to attend parental meetings or be placed on target cards

in order to help them address their behavior and attainment issues.

Each term every pupil is graded on his/her attitude to learning in each subject every term using the following categories and is part of the data report that is sent home to parents:

Outstanding – Mature, thoughtful behaviour. Very supportive of others. Takes responsibility for their own learning and goes well beyond the minimum contribution expected in lessons.

Good – Makes a strong contribution to good learning, is responsible and responds to routine expectations, needs rare guidance on how to conduct themselves.

Satisfactory – Acceptable behaviour. The pupil does not interfere with the learning of others and doesn't waste time. They are able to work

on their own or in small groups effectively.

Inadequate – Frequently inhibits progress or well-being in lessons, through persistent low-level disruption or deliberate disobedience. Pupils are rewarded for good attitude to learning, academic achievement and attendance with house points, letters, postcards, certificates and phone calls home.

Expectations

The school will do its absolute best to support the needs and aspirations of every pupil working in partnership with parents or carers and, where necessary or appropriate, external agencies and support services. The school will strive to develop and maintain good communication with all its partners especially parents and carers. We are committed to providing and supporting every opportunity for parents to involve themselves in school.

The first page of the school's Home-School Agreement (HSA) states that: *The school is a community in which ALL members are expected to treat each other with respect, consideration and courtesy. The school is also part of a wider community and should strive to develop and maintain positive relationships and make a positive contribution.*

This Home-School Agreement sets out expectations which ALL in the partnership are expected to sign to indicate their commitment in working together to support the needs and aspirations of pupils,

parents, staff and the wider community.

The school is committed to developing and maintaining a shared responsibility, based on a positive partnership with all partners, to help pupils, in and outside of school, both now and in the future.

In summary, our expectations of all pupils are:

- To demonstrate respect, care and concern for everyone regardless of their race, colour, beliefs, gender, sexuality, physical and mental ability or family background; for their work, for the school, for their families, for themselves and for the local community.
- To strive to achieve and maintain good attendance and punctuality to school and lessons.
- To strive to maintain the school's uniform and behaviour requirements.
- To do their best to make the most of their talents and abilities, to develop their potential and to ensure they do not prevent others from doing so by disrupting teaching and learning.
- To work towards ensuring that no form of physical, psychological or emotional bullying takes place so that everyone feels safe, secure and happy in attending school.

A full copy of the school's HSA can be found on the school's website and a hard copy will be provided for every parent, pupil and member of staff.

Further copies can be provided on request.

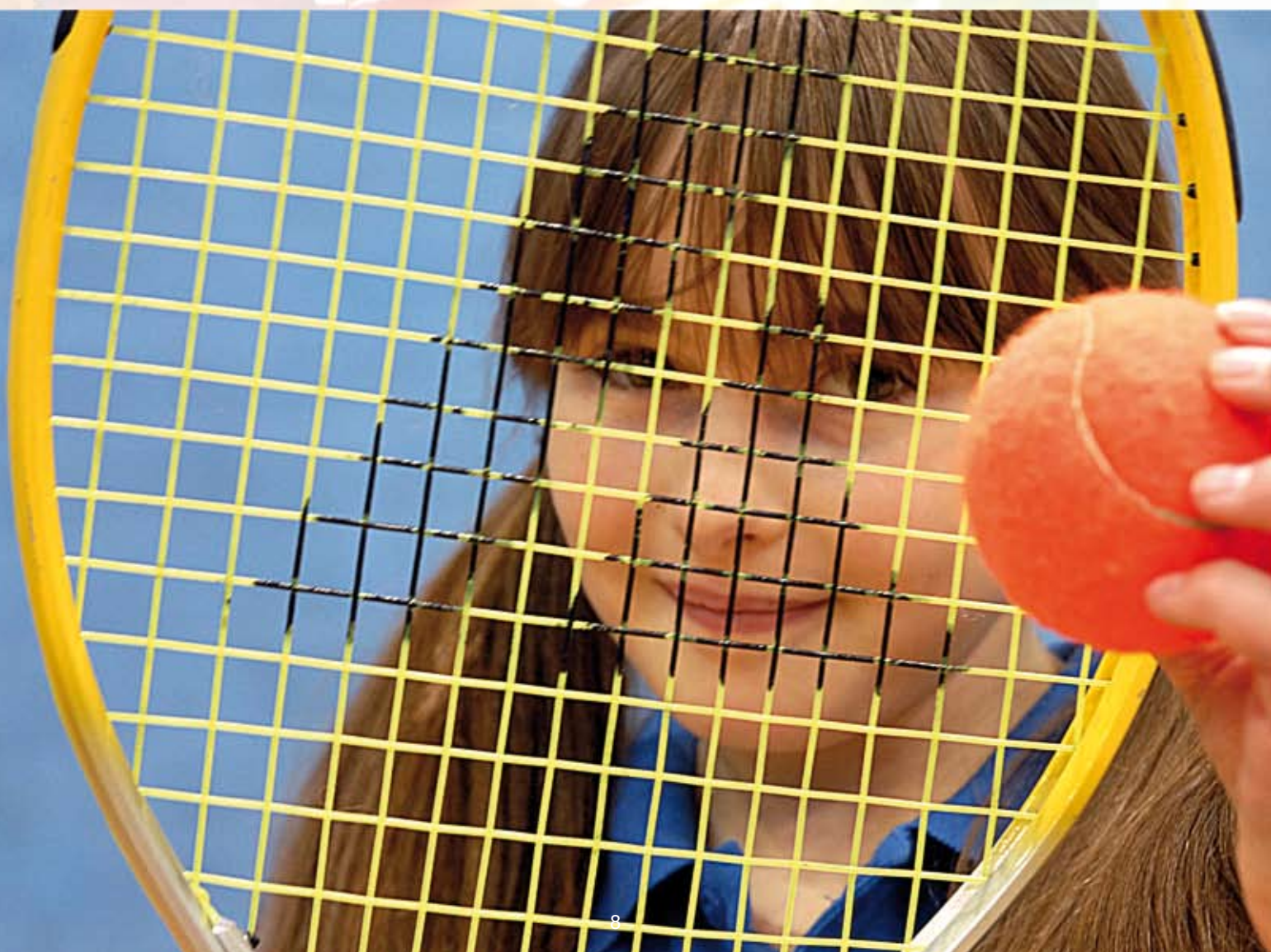


Lunchtime Activities

	Whole School	PE/Sports
Monday	ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES ICT Club Board Games Snooker/Pool Library – Break and Lunchtime Wii Club	Year 7 House Events BOYS Fitness
Tuesday	ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES ICT Club Board Games Y9/Y10/Y11 Connexions Support Library – Break and Lunchtime Wii Club	Year 8 House Events All Years Cricket
Wednesday	ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES ICT Club Board Games Snooker/Pool Library – Break and Lunchtime Wii Club	Year 9 House Events All Years Table Tennis
Thursday	ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES ICT Club Board Games Chess Club Snooker/Pool Library – Break and Lunchtime Wii Club	Year 10 House Events GIRLS Fitness MMA Martial Arts
Friday	ACTIVE LUNCHTIMES ICT Club Board Games Chess Club Y9/Y10/Y11 Connexions Support Library – Break and Lunchtime Wii Club	Year 11 House Events Inclusive Fitness Club

**The many
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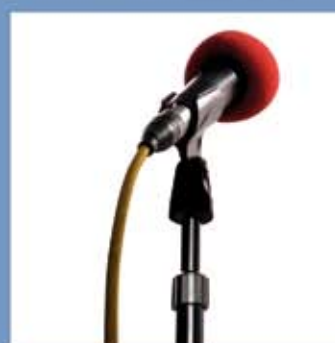


Extra Curricular Activities

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After School Activities

	Whole School	PE/Sports
Monday	Homework Club Wild Walks Club Science Club	BOYS Fitness Indoor Hockey Club Y9 KS3 Gymnastics Club Handball
Tuesday	Homework Club STEM Club	KS3 Trampoline Badminton ALL YEARS BTEC Preparation KS4 Dance Leaders Club GSCE Revision Club
Wednesday	Homework Club	KS4 Trampoline Y4 Primary School Trampoline Rugby Training GIRLS Fitness Club
Thursday	Homework Club G and T Music Club	GIRLS Football Club GIRLS Netball Club Sports Leaders Club Y8 Boys Football
Friday	Homework Club	BOYS Fitness



Teaching and Learning

At HGCSC we are a Specialist Sports College with ICT and we aim to reflect these specialisms in all areas of the Curriculum. Pupils develop self esteem and high aspirations through the additional sporting opportunities available and through the sporting pedagogy which is a feature of all the lessons taught. Similarly, a focus on the integration of ICT across the curriculum is helping to equip our pupils for life in the 21st century.

Our specialist status allows us to extend the range of sport and ICT and to run a

number of qualifications and extracurricular projects that enhance the education of our pupils for example, European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) in ICT and Sports Leadership in PE.

At KS4, all pupils will take a PE option and we offer a variety of sports qualifications to suit each individual's talents and aspirations.

Teaching and Learning is at the heart of what we do. We want all pupils to enjoy and achieve. At KS3 our pupils follow the same broad and balanced curriculum and staff are

encouraged to enrich pupils' subject knowledge with offsite learning such as theatre visits and field trips.

Key Stage 3

The KS3 curriculum includes the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities (History, Geography, Religious Education), PE, Design and Technology (Textiles, Food, Resistant Materials and Computer Aided Design), Expressive Arts (Drama and Music), Art, French and Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education.



The quality of teaching has improved
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Calendared Stop the Clock Days, when the whole school focus on a theme or aspect of learning such as Team Work or Healthy Lifestyles have become an additional aspect of our curriculum which allow a range of learning approaches and provide opportunities for deep and immersive learning.

Key Stage 4

At KS4, following extensive individual guidance, pupils personalise their curriculum through our Options Process. As well as a core curriculum which includes our specialism subjects, pupils can opt for a

variety of GCSE or vocational awards from traditional subjects such as History and Geography to more vocational subjects such as Health and Social Care or Business Studies.

A strength of our KS4 curriculum is the enrichment offered by our off site providers which allow us to offer courses to pupils with a strong commitment to a particular work sector such as Construction and the Built Environment or Vehicle maintenance and repair.

There is a strong pastoral ethos in the school that supports pupils in their learning and pupils have a strong relationship with their tutors. Our PSHCE programme in Year 7 focuses on the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) encouraging pupils to become successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens.

Finally, we work closely with our partner Primary schools to ensure that every child is taught according to their individual needs and to ensure pupils make a smooth transition from Year 6 to Year 7.







**Significant
improvements
in provision
demonstrate
the school
has a good
capacity
to improve**

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About our Prospectus

All information contained within this prospectus was correct at the time of going to press. Changes may occur in the organisation of the school and it should not be assumed that there will not be changes prior to the start of the next academic year or in subsequent years.

We have further information such as syllabuses, governors' reports, DCFS circulars or Ofsted reports available on request from the School Office. Please do not hesitate to ask. The receipt of this Prospectus does not constitute the offer of a school place which can only be offered by the Local Authority.

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