

Prospectus



Newton Abbot College





Welcome

At Newton Abbot College our mission is to provide the best possible educational experience we can for all our students.

An experience that supports, challenges and inspires them to achieve their potential and develop into well-rounded, kind, resilient and responsible young people, who have a deep love of learning and a curiosity about the world in which they live.

We passionately believe that all students can make exceptional progress, inside and outside of the classroom; and are constantly encouraging them to be the very best version of themselves, always looking to better what they have achieved before.

We have the highest expectations of our students and ourselves – and make no apologies for this – because we know that aiming high ensures we deliver the best quality lessons that inspire and engage; and ensures that our students achieve beyond what they thought was possible, which in turn enables them to develop a self-belief and resilience that will guarantee their success in future life.

At Newton Abbot College we treat all individuals with care and compassion, creating a supportive and collaborative environment that gives our students the confidence to play their part in creating our college culture and community. Being a student at Newton Abbot College is about making the most of the opportunities we offer; embracing and embodying our values of courage, perseverance, kindness, respect, achievement, hard work, resilience and aspiration on a day to day basis; and most importantly, being happy!

Mrs Amy Grashoff
Headteacher

“Pupils have a strong moral conscience and understand the consequences of their choices.”

Ofsted, 2019

Our mission and values

Our mission is to provide all our students with the best possible educational experience we can.

What drives us?

- Having high expectations and standards in all we do.
- Delivering high quality lessons that inspire and engage.
- Creating and maximising opportunities and outcomes.
- Treating all individuals with care and compassion.
- Creating a strong culture and college community.

- **Courage**
- **Perseverance**
- **Hard work**
- **Achievement**
- **Kindness**
- **Respect**
- **Pride**
- **Aspiration**



"Pupils are respectful of each other and adults. Their behaviour is consistently of a high standard."

Ofsted, 2019

Courage and perseverance

We encourage and support our students to be resilient and determined and to never feel defeated.

We aim to build a strong sense of independence and confidence in our students, coupled with a can-do attitude, giving them the courage to aim high and dream big, believing that anything is possible as long as they are prepared to persevere and view each set back as a learning experience from which they will only achieve more from next time.

We nurture a strong sense of self-belief in our students through high-quality teaching that inspires and challenges; our Values curriculum; our Raising Aspirations programme; and our enrichment calendar that allows each child to discover new talents and be successful outside of the classroom.

We offer a comprehensive pastoral support provision to ensure that every student is supported to develop these two key attributes; recognising that every student is an individual who will grow as a young person in their own way.



Hardwork and achievement

We have the highest expectations of our students and our staff so together we can be the best possible versions of ourselves.

Both staff and students are challenged to be the best they can be, constantly striving to do more, reach higher, go further. We work hard to deliver high-quality lessons that make learning enjoyable, personal and challenging so that our students develop a love of learning that carries them forward in life. We are innovative, inspirational and passionate about what we do and create a stimulating learning environment for our students that engages them by bringing subjects to life and making them relevant in the context of the real world. We enrich the learning experience by inviting in experts in their fields, such as artists, scientists and musicians, to help involve and inspire students in their subjects.

Academic achievement matters to us, but so does success outside of the classroom and we pride ourselves on offering our students an extremely exciting and diverse enrichment programme that gives them the opportunity to develop their artistic, technological, scientific and sporting talents, with the possibility of competing at regional and national level.

We are passionate and committed to giving our students the very best start in life.

Kindness and respect

We are proud of our caring and compassionate college community; and work hard to ensure that every person is treated with kindness and respect.

We care deeply about each and every one of our students and want them to feel fulfilled, confident, happy and safe within our college community. We ensure this by having a very high level of pastoral care, so every student is valued, listened to, and cared for so that they can thrive. Through assemblies, our Values curriculum and tutor time, we promote our college values, which in turn nurture a strong sense of community, trust, respect and belonging.

Each student belongs to a tutor group within their year group. Tutors are the first point of contact for parents/carers and meet with their tutees at the start of every day. Each year group has a teaching and non-teaching Head of Learning who provide pastoral support and expertise and academic challenge and expectations.

A caring college community means we don't tolerate bullying. Our students feel incredibly safe, knowing who to report issues to and knowing that matters will be dealt with quickly and effectively.

We have the highest expectations of how our students and staff treat each other and believe wholeheartedly in the importance of good manners, so that together every member of our community is treated with kindness and respect.



Aspiration and pride

We encourage our students to be aspirational in their ambitions; and to take pride in everything they do.

In return we open their eyes to the world around them; give them the confidence to believe anything is possible; and a platform of opportunities from which to fly.

It is important to us that our students take pride in their work, their achievements, their appearance and the college and its environment and recognise the invaluable contribution they make to our college community. We support students to recognise how their day to day actions speak volumes and are influential in defining their future; so that together we set aspirational goals and take pride in the small steps we take each and every day to reach them.

We reward students on a daily, weekly and half termly basis for their attendance, for demonstrating the college values, and for their achievements, through tutor, Head of Learning and Headteacher's awards. We also celebrate a Student of the Month and a Team of the Term, as well as hosting termly Awards assemblies and annual Arts and Sports Awards.

"Newton Abbot College actively promotes a lifelong love for learning and enjoyment of arts through a range of experiences and opportunities."

Artsmark Platinum Award, 2022



Curriculum

Our curriculum is broad and balanced yet aspirational and personalised, with students studying all core and foundation subjects of the National Curriculum.

Our KS3 curriculum is knowledge rich and gives students a range of experiences and opportunities to help them develop into well rounded, curious life-long learners who are aspirational and determined to make the most of their strengths and talents. Most importantly, the KS3 curriculum contains real challenge and rigour, incorporating our college values and building the academic foundations for KS4, KS5 and further study. All students study either French or Spanish from Year 7 and continue with this language through to GCSE as part of our commitment to providing our students with the best educational opportunities and outcomes by studying the English Baccalaureate at KS4. We offer an extensive and ever-evolving range of clubs and educational visits and events to enhance our students' educational experience, as well as homework clubs and targeted intervention classes to support academic achievement.

We believe the lesson content of our curriculum is essential to developing the whole student. Personal, social and health education, including Relationship, Sex Education and Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development are taught in our Values lessons. Students are prepared for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life from as early as Year 7, through a progressive careers element of our curriculum that supports students to make informed choices about KS4 preferences and develop realistic yet ambitious aspirations.

The curriculum is allocated across a two-week timetable, in which there are 25 hours of lessons each week, all an hour long. The allocation per subject at KS3 is summarised below.

Curriculum

• English	8	• Music	2
• Maths	7	• Art	2
• Science	7	• Technology	2
• French or Spanish	4	• Religious Studies	2
• Physical Education	4	• Values	2
• Geography	3	• Drama	2
• History	3	• Computer Science	2

At KS4 students study a core curriculum of English Language, English Literature, Maths, Combined Science, Physical Education and Religions & Values (non-examined) in addition to choosing four option subjects, which include a language (for most students) and either History or Geography. Students can opt to study: Computer Science, IMedia, Drama, Art, Photography, Music, Performing Arts, Media Studies, Psychology, Health & Social Care, Public Services, Spanish, French, History, Geography, Triple Science, Business Studies, Food Nutrition, Design Technology, Further Maths, Statistics, and Philosophy, Religion & Ethics.





Enrichment

We offer our students the chance to experience the world around them; a world outside the classroom that is full of opportunities that will shape their development and future.

At Newton Abbot College we believe that enrichment opportunities are a vitally important part of every student's educational experience because they increase opportunities, maximise outcomes and improve life chances by developing students' confidence and creating positive mindsets. Our opportunities start immediately with the Year 7 residential which is a fantastic opportunity for students to push themselves, try new activities and develop lasting friendships.

Activities Week runs every year for all students in years 7-9 and offers an exciting opportunity for students to take on new challenges and experience different environments, such as surfing in Cornwall, abseiling in the Brecon Beacons and horse riding on Dartmoor.

All Year 10 and 12 students take part in a work experience placement so they can experience the world of work and recognise how college prepares them for the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in later life.

We invite all students to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Ten Tors Challenge as these amazing opportunities help develop students' resilience and stamina, and their team-building and map-reading skills.



We organise local, regional and national visits that inspire and engage young minds, for example, visits to the Eden Project and Paignton Zoo, London's West End and to the art galleries of Berlin. We host a programme of guest speaker events and workshops within college so that our students can be inspired about their future alongside developing an understanding of the issues that we face in the world around us.

Our Performing Arts concerts and productions are hugely popular and give students the chance to work backstage or be in the limelight – the perfect platform for any budding performer. We have a range of college bands that aspiring musicians and vocalists can join who rehearse together to perform at college events.

We have an annual calendar of life-changing, overseas opportunities that includes a skiing trip; visits to Spain and France; and expeditions to far-reaching destinations such as Borneo and Tanzania.

To ensure that all students experience the wider curriculum, our enrichment programme is carefully mapped so that we provide quality enrichment activities for all students. We continuously monitor engagement and uptake, so that a broad range of enriching activities are on offer.

"Pupils have access to several experiences that enrich their lives, both in the school day and as part of extra-curricular activities."

Ofsted, 2019



Creating a strong culture and college community

It's important to us that our students make a valuable contribution to their local community; that they are aware of the world in which they live and understand the need to look after others.

Over the last ten years, Newton Abbot College has played an important role in raising money for local and national charities and the determined efforts of our students and staff have enabled the college to make substantial annual donations to a variety of fantastic causes. We are proud to have supported many charities including Dartmoor Rescue, Place2Be, Julian House, Jay's Aim, Above Water and Devon Mind, raising over £85,000 in total since 2015.

Our charitable work underpins the ethos and values of the college. We encourage all our students to take part in fundraising activities and challenges throughout the academic year, including sponsored walks, cake sales, bike rides and skydiving.

We encourage our charities to work with and support our students, for example, students have recently completed CPR training with Jay's Aim and water safety training with Above Water.



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