

TEIGNMOUTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL



An inspiring all-through Academy
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"My daughter has gone from strength to strength since she started at Teignmouth Community School. She goes to school excited and comes home smiling."

Year 8 Parent

"Whilst we applaud the hard work Emily has put into making her GCSEs a great success, we also feel it is important to acknowledge the efforts of all the staff who have been involved with her, who have managed to fire her enthusiasm and thirst for learning"

Former Year 11 Parent

Welcome to Teignmouth Community School



On behalf of all who belong to our community, welcome to Teignmouth Community School, a mixed 3-18 all through school set in a magnificent location. Our prospectus will give you a flavour of what makes Teignmouth special – our shared values that underpin everything we do.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions made by parents for their children. This prospectus is one of a number of ways we provide information upon which to base that decision, and explains how you can find out more about us.

We are always delighted to arrange tours of the school at parents' convenience, just give us a call on 01626 774091 to make an appointment.

But for now, enjoy our prospectus.



"I was worried about having lots of homework and forgetting it for lessons, but it was ok because we have planners to write homework in"

Student

"I am very grateful to TCS as I believe all of the opportunities and guidance it has offered me has made me who I am today. I encourage everyone to take full advantage of everything on offer, as they are there for every student"

Student

"What I like most about the school is that it's full of extra opportunities outside lessons. You are sure to find a club that you could get involved in as there is such a variety"

Student

Principal Mr James O'Connell



This prospectus marks the beginning of a lasting relationship between school and home, the strongest of bonds in supporting your child throughout his or her school career with us, helping prepare for next steps beyond secondary school.

Ours is a unique learning community, committed to encouraging our students to reach far and aim high. We are passionate about learning in the classroom and outside of school, and about providing a secure, nurturing environment in which every child will thrive. From day one, we want our students to enjoy school, to be excited by their learning and committed to achieving their very best. We aim to build their confidence about the future, and we are dedicated to providing a safe, happy and supportive environment in which they will progress both as individuals and in collaboration with others.

For us, "learning" goes well beyond the diverse range of academic and vocational subjects and qualifications we offer, and the "curriculum" means more than lessons. These words describe the full breadth of experience available in our school: academic, social, sporting, recreational, and the importance of developing skills as well as acquiring knowledge. Long-term success is partly about establishing good life-long learning habits and characteristics early on, a strong sense of personal responsibility and a deeper understanding of the world around us. This is what we do. Young people need variety, breadth and depth of experience in order to grow: they need to test and stretch their understanding and broaden their minds. In this way, we want to equip our students with the skills they need to take their place as global citizens in a complex and changing world. Our role is to challenge and inspire your child in equal measure and to identify, celebrate and encourage his or her unique talents and achievements.

As you tour the site, you will see why we are proud of the high standard of our facilities and resources; indeed since becoming an academy we have continued to benefit from considerable sums in capital investment. But we are also proud of the atmosphere for learning and our mantra that every child has the right to learn. The calmness and purpose felt around the school site is frequently observed by visitors, and this reinforces the fact that the safety, well-being and happiness of your child is paramount at all times.

I hope this introduction gives you a flavour of what we are about at Teignmouth Community School. Working together we can achieve great things for your child. I look forward to meeting you.



"The school provides a good standard of education. The range of curricular opportunities and the care, guidance and support for students are outstanding."

Ofsted

"The school has developed highly effective partnerships which extend opportunities for students attending the school as well as those living in the wider community."

Ofsted

"The Principal and senior leaders display a passionate commitment to developing the school as a hub for these partnerships to extend provision further"

Ofsted

Vision and Transfer



Our site is spacious and attractive; our accommodation is spread out and wonderfully contrasting. Our school fields are vast and on our doorstep. We are acutely aware that Teignmouth Community School will be a larger school than any primary locally. We are clear about what it is we are trying to help our students achieve and we believe that our site contributes to that process. The sense of space that characterises Teignmouth provides students with a calm and productive working environment where learning can be personalised.

We recognise that young people must feel comfortable and secure in order to thrive and to achieve their potential. We will have acted from the knowledge and advice from primary school colleagues to encourage good working relationships across several mixed ability groups, where they will have opportunities to be with students they already know as well as to forge new friendships.





"The large school campus of new and older buildings is used very effectively to provide an excellent range of learning opportunities from the motor vehicle garage, hairdressing salon and farm area"

Ofsted

"We are extremely thankful to students and staff at Teignmouth Community School for raising funds for our charity. "

Local Charity

"In particular, I was amazed at the work of the sixth form students, the GCSE abstract art and ceramics. There is something very special being developed in the students in this department. It confirms the reasons we are all proud to be associated with the school."

Director

Partnerships and Opportunities



All members of Teignmouth Community School work hard to deliver high standards because we are ambitious for young people. Our Maths and Computing Specialist status has not only provided us with dynamic resources, it has encouraged us to link more closely with primary schools, secondary schools throughout Devon, and more recently with schools in Austria and Japan. It has also encouraged new links with a number of business and community groups who bring new and challenging dimensions to our work.

We want to match and even exceed the expectations parents have of their children. To help achieve this, we provide a fantastically rich variety of curriculum opportunities. Educational visits allow our students to look into contexts other than school to extend their learning. We host artists, novelists, poets, theatre groups and touring companies. Our activities programme at Key Stage 3 is typical of the variety of opportunities we offer our students. Teignmouth Community School has a reputation for the quality of its stunning drama productions, concerts, dance shows, art exhibitions and gymnastic displays.

We motivate students of all abilities to aim high. Students are encouraged to shape the direction of the school by exercising their 'voice'. Some go on to represent their year group on the School Council.





"School is joint best in County"

Headline from local newspaper

"We all did pretty good actually. On the arts front, the school was really good"

Muse

"Thank you very much for organising a fantastic trip to Austria. This was my son's first trip abroad and he was very nervous, but has now come home full of confidence"

Parent

"Your teachers provide you with an outstanding curriculum that meets your interests and needs".

Ofsted

Success and Care



Our induction process ensures students are well settled and allows them to get used to our expectations. Tutors remain with the year group through years 7 to 11, but the year group have a new lead tutor who oversees them to the end of each key stage. This system provides reassurance early on and allows a strong relationship to develop between the pastoral team, parents and students over a period of time. We have a very strong support system with plenty of experience and knowledge. The school has high expectations of all students. We have clear policies about issues such as behaviour and bullying. Everyone is taught through the Code of Conduct, that the school respects the individual's right to learn and achieve. Citizenship lessons provide opportunities for pupils to explore and understand changing relationships and maturities. At Teignmouth Community School, every child matters. We recognise that everyone associated with our school, and especially the students, flourish in an environment where their efforts are acknowledged. We look to reward progress for all our students at a local level, within the classroom but also at year group and key stage level. We recognise achievement in a number of ways.





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