

HELLESDON HIGH SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE



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WELCOME...



...to our school and to the beginning of an alliance aimed at ensuring every student, no matter what their starting point, enjoys, achieves and succeeds throughout their education with us.

At Hellesdon High School we provide a great variety of academic, social and cultural opportunities in order to challenge our growing people every day. We pride ourselves on our excellent pastoral support programme that offers consistent wrap around care for our students to be able to thrive, both academically and emotionally. This, coupled with an effective partnership between our school and our student's families and communities, are the foundations underpinning our student experience.

Learning is at the heart of all we do. Through our diverse curriculum and high quality teaching, we ensure the talents and abilities of every student are catered for, allowing them to excel academically and to also develop the skills that will prepare them for life beyond school.

Tom Rolfe & Mike Earl

Principals

OUR VALUES

ENJOY

We will enable everyone to realise their potential and enjoy life to the full.

We are a caring community where concern is shown for the safety and welfare of others.

We will always try to provide a friendly learning atmosphere so that no-one feels left out.

Nobody should feel like they don't belong here: everyone who walks through the school gates is an equal.

Hellesdon High School is a place where everyone can be someone.

ACHIEVE

We will help everyone to express and develop their individual interests, skills and gifts.

We will develop the lively and enquiring minds of students to appreciate and seek worthwhile human achievements.

We will help everyone to develop and achieve their own goals, with no target too small or too large.

We strive to make sure everyone achieves by ensuring everyone has equal chances in everything they do.

We use education to transform the opportunities of our community and to enable everyone to fulfil their potential.

SUCCEED

We promote success by offering an inspirational, innovative and creative curriculum.

We help students to succeed by challenging them and supporting them throughout their time here.

At Hellesdon High School students are prepared for adulthood and the outside world.

We will develop enthusiastic, confident learners who aspire to do their best.

We celebrate diversity and give everyone the opportunity to become successful and do well in this changing world.

ADMISSIONS

Hellesdon High School follows Norfolk County Council's applications and admissions procedures. Our intake number for each year group is 250. If we are oversubscribed for places in Year 7, the Local Authority administered appeals system comes into operation.

The applications procedure and oversubscription guidelines are available online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions. The school's admissions criteria is published on our website: www.wensumtrust.org.uk/hellesdonhigh-admissions

For queries regarding places for students in Years 8-11, please contact the admissions team at Norfolk County Council on: admissions@norfolk.gov.uk.

Prospective students and their families are invited to contact the school to arrange a visit, by emailing us on principal@hellesdonhigh.norfolk.sch.uk.

TEACHING & LEARNING

- THE HEART OF OUR SCHOOL



At Hellesdon High School, our guiding principle is to offer a quality education to every student. We believe that a quality education is one rich in knowledge from a broad range of subjects. This prepares our students to be life-long learners and helps them to achieve success.



We are equally ambitious for learning in all subjects, and for all students. In lessons, we spend time making sure that our students don't just know the important content of the curriculum, but can also remember it later and apply it to new situations or contexts. We assess each student's knowledge at key points in the year to help us to understand what they can remember, and what they need to learn next. This assessment takes a variety of forms - from a quick quiz in class or teacher observation, to a practical demonstration or a formal exam.

Hellesdon High School is committed to an evidence informed approach in our classroom practice, based around explicit teaching of new ideas followed by high quality practice. This approach will give our students the best possible chance of making excellent progress during their time with us.

In Years 7, 8 & 9 students study a common curriculum comprised of timetabled lessons in Art, Computing, Drama, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Maths, Music, PE, PSHE, RE, Science and MFL (French/Spanish).

In Years 10 & 11 students study a broad core of subjects including English, Maths, Science, PE, and PSHE and four additional subjects allocated through the options process. All students must study a humanity subject to GCSE and approximately 50% of each cohort are directed to study a language at GCSE (as part of the options process in Year 9).

In Year 12 students will be able to select from a range of subjects. The option choices are designed to allow students the maximum possible opportunity to progress towards either Higher Education or a career in a suitable profession.

CARE AND SUPPORT

In years 7 to 11 students are assigned to a tutor group. Each tutor has an oversight of the academic and pastoral welfare of the students in their tutor group. They meet the group each day, develop the vital link between home and school and encourage and monitor progress. There is an increased level of academic support and guidance offered to tutees in Year 10 and 11, as they face their GCSE exams.

We invite new Year 7 parents/carers to an Information Evening before the start of the school year, as well as a 'Meet the Tutors' Evening in the Autumn Term and a Parents' Evening later in the year. Parents' Evenings for all other year groups are held on an annual basis.

In order to provide an excellent standard of pastoral care, students are allocated a house; a 'school within a school'. Each house is led by a Head of House, who coordinates the work of the tutors and has overall responsibility for the progress of students within the House. The Heads of House are supported by Pastoral Support Officers. Heads of House generally stay with their students as they move through the school, to ensure continuity of care and support.

We place high value on the importance that wellbeing plays in a child's capacity to learn. We have a dedicated Wellbeing Coordinator who works closely with external agencies, as well as our staff, to engage the right support for students.

Equality and diversity are part of the core values at Hellesdon High School. We have been awarded a Stonewall Bronze status, which recognises the ongoing work we do in tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and celebrating diversity. We are also a Norwich School of Sanctuary and are committed to helping our students, staff and the wider community to understand what it means to be seeking sanctuary. We extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the community and we are proud to be a place of safety and inclusion for all.

We expect and encourage our students to behave sensibly, to show respect for others, to work well in class and to take pride in their appearance by wearing their uniform correctly in school, as well as on the way to and from school - in other words, to engage in and be part of the learning community.

SEND Provision

The school policy for students with Special Educational Needs follows the Government's Code of Practice. Early identification of children with Special Educational Needs allows our students to make good progress. Our SEND policy and SEND information report can be found on our website. We meet with Year 6 teachers and students in the term before they join us at Hellesdon High School and work together to arrange appropriate support. Advice is provided which supports the work of departments within the school and a team of Learning Support Assistants work with students who need extra help, both in the classroom and on a more individual/small group basis through a range of intervention programmes. We have regular discussions with parents/carers of students with SEND regularly across the academic year to review the provision we have put in place. We have a diverse curriculum designed to meet the needs of all our students. To find out more, please visit the SEND section of our website: www.wensumtrust.org.uk/hellesdonhigh-send





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Developing Talents and Spreading Wings

Learning does not just take place within the classroom. It is wonderful to see students trying new activities or developing skills and talents across the wide range of opportunities on offer at Hellesdon High School. Performing Arts are popular and our annual school musical gives students of all ages and abilities the chance to work and perform together. Our links with the Norwich Theatre Royal also extend opportunities for our students in the Performing Arts and encourages creative learning, arts and culture into the curriculum.

The school employs professional peripatetic tutors who deliver one to one lessons on a range of instruments. We also offer extracurricular opportunities to be part of music ensembles, including keyboard and guitar club, Year 7 choir and our School of Rock club. The school is also proud of its Opening Night Ensemble (O.N.E.), a performing arts club that challenges students to sing and dance at a range of events. We encourage a wide interest in the arts with opportunities to get involved in things such as event promotion, online media and event

photography, choreography, leading arts education workshops and backstage light and sound crew.

We have a number of teams who enter local and national competitions and all students have the opportunity to be voted onto our School Council. We have also achieved a 'Healthy Schools' status and are licensed to deliver Duke of Edinburgh awards. Getting involved in DofE is a fantastic opportunity for young people to broaden their skills and prepare themselves for adulthood. We also work with local groups on community projects and the World Challenge programme has granted students the opportunity to work in Namibia, Amazonia, Borneo and India. We also support and visit the Emmanuel Grace School and Children's Home in Andhra Pradesh, India. Our staff also offer a wide range of clubs and activities at lunchtimes and after school... there is something for everyone!

Sport and Physical Education

We are fortunate to have excellent indoor and outdoor sporting facilities which are used and enjoyed by students, staff and the wider community. Our extensive playing fields are supplemented by a floodlit all-weather pitch, 5 tennis courts, an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and a superb sports hall.

Student participation in sport is high. We have over 35 competitive teams that compete locally and nationally, including rugby, football, basketball, cricket, netball, athletics and golf. The provision for Physical Education in the curriculum is supplemented by specific 'Highest Performers' programmes and extra-curricular clubs such as swimming, table tennis and badminton.

We also run an extensive House Match Sports programme facilitated by our staff and sports leaders who also lead competitions and festivals for over 1500 primary students.

Our expertise and commitment within Sport and Physical Education is recognised through our partnerships with both North Walsham Rugby Club and Norwich Community Sports Foundation.



HELLESDON HIGH SIXTH FORM



As an 11-18 school Hellesdon High Sixth Form is the natural choice for Hellesdon High students when they progress beyond Year 11. We are large enough to be able to offer a wide variety of post-16 courses, at both Advanced Level and BTEC, but small enough to support and challenge all students effectively. We are also the Educational Partner for the Community Sports Foundation, offering Advanced Level courses linked with a sport/football programme.

Students who join Hellesdon High School in Year 7 have plenty of contact with Sixth Formers throughout the years and will be encouraged and guided to make an application to the Sixth Form during Year 11. Details of the Sixth Form and the application procedure are given in a separate prospectus. You can download your copy from the Sixth Form section of our website: www.wensumtrust.org.uk/hellesdonhigh-sixth-form or a copy can be obtained on request by contacting the Sixth Form Reception on 01603 254324 or by emailing: sixthform@hellesdon.net



For more information on our school, please visit our website:

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“Our Trust is a family of schools with a shared vision. We are all passionate about helping each and every child to be safe, healthy and successful, regardless of their background or early life experiences.

Children deserve an outstanding education that prepares them, both emotionally and academically, for their next steps in the world. We get to know every child as a unique individual and work together with families to support their individual needs. Our Trust also draws on the community relationships and partnerships that we have established to provide a wealth of inspiring experiences in order to nurture confident learners and happy, resilient young people.”

Daniel Thrower

CEO, Wensum Trust

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