



# HELLESDON HIGH SCHOOL




## Enjoy Achieve Succeed

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FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES



A group of five school children, four boys and one girl, are walking along a paved path outside a school building. They are all wearing white short-sleeved shirts and striped ties. The boy in the center is wearing black trousers, while the girl in the foreground is wearing a black skirt. They are all smiling and looking towards each other. The background shows a school building with large windows and a glass-paned extension, a green lawn, and a black metal fence. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

“A revised curriculum is now in place across the school. It is well designed to ensure that the knowledge and skills that pupils acquire develop well over time.”

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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.

Hellesdon High School and Sixth Form is an ambitious and caring school. We provide a great variety of academic, social and cultural opportunities designed to help our young people to enjoy, achieve and succeed in all aspects of their life.

Learning is at the heart of all we do. Through high quality teaching, we ensure every student's talents and abilities are catered for, allowing them to not just excel academically but also to develop skills which allow them to become more independent in their learning and in preparation for life beyond school.



Helen Watts  
Executive Principal



Mike Earl  
Principal



Allison McLellan  
Vice Principal

Thank you for taking the time to consider Hellesdon High School for your child.

I am proud this high school is part of the Wensum Trust. Our vision is to offer a unique relational approach to education to develop the whole child, both academically and emotionally, by focussing on three key areas - mental health and wellbeing, learning and achievement, and careers and life skills.



Daniel Thrower  
CEO, Wensum Trust





# Our School Values

## Enjoy

### Hellesdon High School & Sixth Form

- Will support everyone to enjoy life to the full by offering a wide range of opportunities and experiences.
- Is a safe and caring community, where the mental health and wellbeing of all is prioritised.
- Provides an opportunity for all students to have a sense of belonging.

## Succeed

### Hellesdon High School & Sixth Form

- Promotes success by offering a curriculum that is rich in knowledge, coherent in sequence and based on a broad and balanced range of subjects.
- Helps students to succeed by challenging them and supporting them to become enthusiastic and lifelong learners.
- Defines success wider than examination results.
- Prepares students to become active, successful citizens in our community and the wider world.
- Celebrates diversity and gives everyone the opportunity to become successful and do well in this changing world.

## Achieve

### Hellesdon High School & Sixth Form

- Will help everyone to express and develop their individual interests, skills and gifts.
- Is committed to every student making excellent progress at every stage.
- Strives to make sure everyone achieves by ensuring everyone has equal chances in everything they do.
- Uses education to transform the opportunities of our community and to enable everyone to fulfil their potential.





# Our Commitment to Teaching & Learning



At Hellesdon High School, our core principle is to offer a quality education to every student. We believe that a quality education is one rich in knowledge, coherent in sequence and based on a broad and balanced range of subjects.

- In lessons, we understand students learn best when they are taught new ideas and new vocabulary explicitly, and are then given opportunities to practice.
- We spend time making sure that our students don't just know the important content and key vocabulary of the curriculum, but can also remember it later and apply it to new situations and contexts.
- We assess each student's knowledge at key points to help us to understand what they can remember, and what they need to learn next.

## What subjects do we offer across our school?

### Years 7, 8 & 9

Students study a broad and balanced three-year common curriculum of Art, Computing, Drama, Design & Technology, English, Geography, History, Maths, Music, PE, PSHRE, Science and MFL (French/Spanish).

Students study a two-year common curriculum of English, Maths, Science, PE and PSHRE. Four additional subjects are chosen through the options process in Year 9.

### Years 10 & 11

### Year 12 & 13

Students are able to select from a wide range of subjects. The option choices (including both A-Levels and vocational courses) are designed to give our students the best possible continuity and progression towards either higher education, apprenticeships or their chosen career.

# What care and support do we have in school?

## Tutor

In Years 7 to 11 students are assigned a tutor group. Each tutor has an oversight of the academic and pastoral welfare of the students in their tutor group. They meet each day to develop the vital link between home and school and encourage and monitor progress.

“ The teachers are very friendly, If I need help I know where to go ”  
Ella R - Y10

“ I feel very well supported and safe in school ”

Max S - Y11

Each year group has a dedicated non-teaching Head of Year, who is responsible for the overall wellbeing, behaviour and pastoral progress of students in that year. They will work closely with form tutors and other support staff to ensure a cohesive and nurturing environment. Our Heads of Year are supported by our Teaching Key Stage Leads who will oversee behaviour and academic progress within their Key Stage working closely with the Heads of Year to support students to achieve their potential.

**Head of Year**

**Head of Key Stage**

## Transition to Year 7

We invite new Year 7 students for three days of transition at our school in July. We also invite 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.

We hold an annual trip to Eaton Vale Activity Centre in September for our new Year 7 for a team building day, where they engage in a range of fun activities designed to help students get to know each other.

“ Transition days helped me work out the layout of the school and taught me where to go for my subjects which really helped ”

Finley F - Y7



## Wellbeing

We have a dedicated Wellbeing Coordinator who works closely with external agencies, as well as our staff, to engage the right support for our students. We have a small team of experienced wellbeing workers, including two counsellors and a youth worker who can support students one to one with mental health difficulties.

“HHS has a very welcoming approach, they have supported me through a difficult time and made me feel comfortable and supported. The school arranged wellbeing support to help me through a recent bereavement”

Phoebe A - Y11

Excellent attendance plays a vital role in your child's personal and academic development. We place great importance on attendance and we aim to work closely with families to ensure that attendance does not become a barrier to achievement and success.

## Attendance



## Our School Community

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, to engage in and be part of the learning community.



# What does our school offer?

At Hellesdon High School we understand that learning is not limited to the classroom. We are committed to providing our students with a large range of trips, visits and events in order to support their academic and personal development.

We are also extremely proud of the links we have built with Norwich Theatre, North Walsham Rugby Club, Norwich City Community Sports Foundation, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, The Mental Health Support Team and Royal Shakespeare Company, all of which allow us to provide unique and exciting opportunities to our students.

In addition to our international trips, we also arrange regular visits to universities, music events, subject conferences, sporting events, art galleries, theatres and lots more. We aim to provide our students with the opportunities to be inspired and amazed by the world around them.



## What's on in school ?

Our dedicated staff offer students a great number of extracurricular clubs during and after the school day. Our students can expect a full whole-school extracurricular programme that is updated and added to every term. Our extensive clubs list includes: sports, gaming, literacy, theatre, music, games, puzzles and graphics.







“Pupils benefit from an ambitious curriculum and lessons that build on what they already know. Pupils are well supported to access learning. They enjoy many of their subjects and appreciate the help that adults give them.”

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# What is our SEND provision?

At Hellesdon High School we pride ourselves in our inclusive approach to education, ensuring that every student's needs are met through our Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision. Our dedicated team of staff work closely with teachers, parents/carers and external specialists to create personalised learning passports tailored to each student's needs. Through this effort we aim to provide a supportive environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Our SEN provision includes a wide range of support, we believe in early intervention to address difficulties effectively. We conduct regular assessments, track progress, make adjustments as needed, celebrate achievements, fostering a positive learning journey for every student.

We promote a culture of acceptance, respect and understanding, where diversity is celebrated. Our SEN provision is integrated into our curriculum and extracurricular activities, ensuring every student has equal opportunities to enjoy, achieve and succeed.

We have additional days of transition for our SEN students.

## Hellesdon Sixth Form

Your next step

For students joining Hellesdon High School in Year 7 we talk about a seven year journey with us. As an 11-18 school, Hellesdon Sixth Form is therefore a natural next step for Hellesdon students when they progress beyond Year 11.

Our Sixth Form offers a wider variety of Post-16 choices at both A-Level and Level 3 Vocational courses (BTEC, OCR Technicals and NCFE).

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# Admissions

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

The applications procedure and over subscription guidelines are available online at:  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions).

The school's admissions criteria is published on our website:  
[www.wensumtrust.org.uk/hellesdonhigh-admissions](http://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 by emailing: [admissions@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@norfolk.gov.uk).

Prospective students and their families are invited to contact the school to arrange a visit by emailing us: [principal@hellesdonhigh.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:principal@hellesdonhigh.norfolk.sch.uk).



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