

Background information





BACKGROUND

The Peterborough School is an independent school with nursery for boys and girls from 6 weeks to 18 years. It is a Church of England school owned by the Woodard Corporation, known as Woodard Schools, the largest group of Church Schools in England and Wales. The Peterborough School is led by its own board of governors known as the School Council.

The School was founded in 1895, as a girls' school and from September 2010 the School expanded to allow the admission of boys into Years 7 and 12, becoming the City's only independent co-educational school for pupils aged 4 to 18. To reflect this change the School's name was changed to 'The Peterborough School'. The School ceased to offer boarding places from September 2013, to allow the boarding house to be converted in to classrooms for day pupils, which is now completed. The School's new Sports Facility, including fitness suite, climbing wall and state-of-the-art sports hall marked a significant investment in the advancement of sport at The Peterborough School. Most recently all Science laboratories have been refurbished and a new outdoor recreational area established for the Senior School. An additional Science laboratory was created in 2015 along with the refurbishment of the Food Technology Room. The Art and Design Department has been enhanced with a new Art-Textiles studio and Graphics Room. The Sixth Form accommodation has been completely refurbished and there are plans to expand the area available for the Sixth Form.



AIMS

The aim of the School is held within the Articles of Association of the Woodard Corporation, which are to promote and extend education.

The aim of The Peterborough School can be expressed in terms of its Vision and Mission Statement to:

"Unlock the potential of each and every child"

The School will develop, nurture and achieve:

- * Academic Excellence
- * Passion for Learning
- * Confidence
- * Teamwork
- * Creativity
- * Leadership
- * Spiritual and Moral Values

in a stimulating learning environment and will enable pupils to achieve success in an ever changing world, from six weeks to Sixth Form and beyond.....

The Peterborough School is made up of three sections, The Nursery, The Preparatory School and Senior School, which includes the Sixth Form. There are currently over 440 pupils in the School with the equivalent of an additional 56 children in the School's Nursery, which is full.

The School is situated on the western approach to the City Centre, within 15 minutes' walk of the train station, within 45 minutes of London, and a short drive from the main parkway and the A1. The beautiful campus setting provides an oasis in which children can learn and grow up, while enabling access to the amenities of Peterborough. The School has a variety of excellent facilities and has invested heavily in recent years. ICT is an area of recent development and the campus has WIFI access throughout. Pupils have easy access to computing facilities and all teaching staff have an iPad to support their teaching.





The School was inspected in October 2017. The pupils received so much praise from the inspectors, especially pertaining to their learning, personal development and behaviour. The inspectors said that “Pupils make good progress as their learning needs are very well known” and “From the youngest age, pupils’ positive attitudes to learning are a strength of the school and play a key part in their learning.” and “Pupils’ achievement in extra-curricular activities are excellent, especially in light of the size of the school”. The School’s Early Years provision was rated Outstanding in every category.

Inspectors went on to say that “In line with the school’s aims, self-confidence and self-esteem are outstanding across the entire age range”, “The school fully meets its aim of developing, nurturing and achieving leadership”.

More success was bestowed upon the School in October 2017 when the School achieved the National Association for Able Children in Education award; assessors were particularly impressed with the leadership of this important

aspect of School improvement as well as the broad range of curriculum opportunities, which we provide to meet the needs of individuals.

Pupils continue to celebrate in all external examinations at both GCSE and A Level. In September 2016 the School put in place a new A Level curriculum, with three A Levels at its core, the Extended Project Qualification, and a programme of volunteering and leadership development opportunities. The School has invested in the Sixth Form with increased teaching allocation to each A Level subject. The development of the Sixth Form is a key priority of the School in the future.

Computer Science has very quickly become a strength of the School with an outstanding 88% of GCSEs at A*. Students learn to programme and have designed apps for mobile devices. Pupils attended the Think Computer Science event at Duxford, winning the Microsoft programming competition and they were among the first schools to try out the new BBC Micro:bit computers.



WOODARD

The Peterborough School is a Woodard School and shares an educational vision which empowers, celebrates diversity and adds value to a child's development.

Founded in 1848 by Priest and educational visionary, Nathaniel Woodard, the schools provide the highest academic standards with an unrivalled effective and supportive environment, where each individual is valued and encouraged to give of their very best.

Today, Woodard Schools have a sense of 'faith, unity and vision' that has never been stronger. A Woodard education values both the spiritual and moral development of each person, giving strength, confidence and respect for others.

Young people from all faiths and traditions or none at all, flourish in the rich, diverse culture of our schools, enabling them to lead full and creative adult lives.

The Woodard family of schools provides many inter-school opportunities, the sharing of best practice and a strength and expertise within education. Woodard Schools offer a rich variety of extra-curricular activities, professional teaching and effective pastoral care.





STAFF

You will find that all colleagues are friendly and helpful and we seek new staff who will promote the school's caring ethos whilst striving to enable each child to achieve their very best.

We are committed to staff development: this will take place firstly in the form of induction and other professional development opportunities to consider how best to develop your career.

There are many benefits to a career at The Peterborough School. The School is a very pleasant place to work, set in a beautiful campus. Class sizes are purposefully small with motivated and well-behaved students.

- Good transport links
- Campus setting
- Small class sizes
- School Salary Scales
- Teacher or occupational Pension Scheme
- Subsidised School lunch
- Free use of on-site fitness suite



Sport at TPS

The Sports Department at The Peterborough School is directed by the Director of Sport, Mr Steve Roberts. The School has expanded its sports facilities in recent years, with a new, state-of-the-art Sports Facility opened in 2012 by Dame Katherine Grainger DBE. The facility includes a four badminton court sized hall, climbing wall, fitness suite, storage areas and departmental base.

Last year was another impressive year on the sports field with pupils of all ages experiencing notable success, which we celebrated at our Sports Presentation Evening in June. Last year, we again produced league Champion teams, tournament Champions, County Triallists, County Academy Netballers, Regional Triallists, Regional Competitors, County Medallists, County Champions, National School Games Qualifiers, National Qualifiers, National team medallists, National Champion teams and International Performers. Our girls also enjoyed a memorable Netball Tour to Manchester, training with Manchester Thunder.

In the Concept 2 National Rowing Championships all teams who entered finished in the top three for the Eights or Fours, the highlight being the Year 9 and Year 10 girls claiming gold and becoming National Champions.

Our Sports Scholars have performed at an exceptional level in individual sports, representing England and Great Britain in Golf and Swimming respectively recently.

Netball continues to be a key strength within both the Preparatory and Senior Schools. The Preparatory School enjoyed a very successful year, with teams in all age groups claiming impressive victories. In the Senior School, the girls dominated the District Leagues and Tournaments. The Under 16 team deserve particular recognition for qualifying and representing Peterborough at the Cambridgeshire County Championships.

