



# Welcome to Hugh Christie School

 The Place To Be.....





We are



We are proud of our school and our achievements.

We value the precious opportunity to learn and value those who are here to teach us.

We believe in equality and recognise that everyone has the right to be happy here.

We care about our school, our community, our friends and our families.



## Ofsted Report 2017

Ofsted inspected Hugh Christie in December 2017 and judged it to be 'good' in all areas.

They stated:

The school has an "ethos of respect".

"Pupils are happy and show a desire to learn".

"Teachers know pupils well and are committed to improving their achievement".

"Pupils are confident, know how to be successful and encourage each other to do well".

"Extra-curricular opportunities are extensive".

*The full report is available to view on the school and Ofsted websites.*

  
**Ofsted**  
Good School

2017

# About us

Hugh Christie is a school for boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 18. We are proud to be a fully inclusive school.

We serve Tonbridge and most of West Kent with excellent transport links.

The school has a distinctive ethos with a friendly and focused atmosphere.



## Proud of our success

The school caters for children with a wide range of abilities, including those who have passed the Kent Test.

We are very proud of the achievements of our students.

Headlines from 2018:

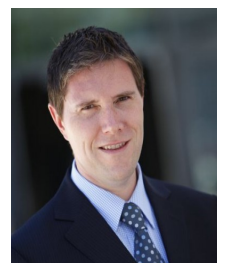
- The progress of our Year 11 (when taking their background into account) was positive and above average for similar Kent schools.
- The proportion of Year 11 achieving the EBACC qualification was the highest compared to similar Kent schools.
- Over two thirds of A levels (or equivalent qualifications) were awarded grades A\*, A, B and C.

## The Leadership Team



Mark Fenn is Head of School and is responsible for the curriculum, behaviour and achievement. He has a Master's Degree in Educational Management and has been at the school since 2002.

Jon Barker is Executive Principal of the Tonbridge Federation. This partnership works to enhance the quality of education at Hugh Christie and within the other schools involved. Jon has been at the school for fourteen years and is also a Hugh Christie parent.



# The Hugh Christie Curriculum

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, tailored to the needs of our students. We have twenty four lessons every week, each lasting one hour.

## YEARS 7 AND 8

### THE REAL CURRICULUM

When they join us in Year 7, your child will be placed in one of three ability streams for most of their lessons.

Children who are exceeding expectations in Maths and English at the end of primary school are placed in our High Achievers Stream, studying English, Maths, Science and Humanities (History, Geography and Religious Education).

Most of the remaining children study the REAL curriculum (Relevant Engaging Active Learning) for ten lessons a week in Year 7. This is mainly with one teacher (supported by specialists) who delivers English, Science and the Humanities subjects. This really helps children with the transition between primary and secondary school.

The few children in need of intensive additional support are taught in a small nurture group with a strong emphasis on helping them improve their literacy skills.

Maths is taught in ability sets.

In addition, all students will study Design and Technology, (including Computing) Art, Performing Arts (Drama and Music) and Physical Education.

Students study either German, Spanish or REAL EXTRA (a course that helps them to further develop literacy skills and general knowledge) depending on their ability.

Students will also have five Personal, Health and Social Education (PHSE) and Citizenship education days in both Year 7 and 8.





## Years 9 to 11



Students continue in ability sets for Maths, English Language and Literature.

Our high achieving students study the separate Sciences (Biology, Physics and Chemistry) with the remainder of the students taking core Science qualifications.

From Year 9, students will reduce the number of subjects they study and begin to specialise.

Many students will continue to study a Modern Language, History and / or Geography.



Students can choose from a range of subjects such as Art, Photography, Design and Technology Drama, Music, History, Geography, Business Studies, Sociology and Sport Studies.

One-to-one and small group interventions continue to help students improve their literacy and numeracy skills.



All students also participate in Physical Education, Religious Education, Personal, Social and Health Education (PHSE), Citizenship and Work Experience.

# Sixth Form



Hugh Christie has a large and successful Sixth Form offering a wide range of traditional Advanced Level, International Baccalaureate and other professional qualifications suited to the needs of our students.

The school also operates a Football Academy in collaboration with Tonbridge Angels.

Over half of our leavers go to University.

If you would like more information about joining our Sixth Form, visit our website [www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk](http://www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk)



## A sense of belonging

Parents highly value the strong care and support we provide for their children. We have high expectations for behaviour, smart uniform and politeness; this ensures learning takes place in a calm and purposeful environment where every child can be happy and fulfil their potential.

Students will belong to three communities as well as the whole school; they will be members of an Advisory Group, a Year Group and a House (Coe, Attenborough or Angelou).

Students will have an Advisor and a Head of Year whom will remain with them throughout Years 7 to 11.





# Our Learning Journey

Whilst success in exams is important, Hugh Christie believes in developing the whole person. We do this by providing a range of exciting opportunities both outside of and within the normal school curriculum called the Learning Journey. This enhances the learning experience for all our students and includes visits, school productions, sports teams, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and a Student Leadership Programme to name but a few.

We encourage all our students to participate in the Learning Journey so they develop their Curriculum Vitae. This will provide them with a real edge over others when applying for opportunities elsewhere in the future.



## Where can Hugh Christie take you?

Tim O'Brine -First Class Degree in Marine Biology, George Comley - actor,  
Trevor Lipscombe -Professor at Oxford University, Kendal Papworth -Army,  
Alice White - Secondary School teacher, Richard Walters -Radio DJ,  
Sophie Shrubsole -History Degree from Birmingham University and local councillor,  
Tom Wakeman-Degree in Architecture and property developer,  
Leanne Saunders-First Class Honours Degree in Nursing,  
Roxanne Frost -First Class Degree in Performing Arts ,  
Simon Lark-Young Engineer of the Year, James Brown -Degree in Music and pianist,  
Hannah Lord -Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice,  
Dame Kelly Holmes-Double Olympic Champion, Clare Packer -Electrician ,  
Sarah Newell -Consultant Dietician, Sophie Battell -Hairdresser and business woman,  
David Flack -First Class Degree in Meteorology, Christopher Coleman -accountant,  
Michael Fenner-London Ambulance Service , Sarah Sharp -Degree in History, Teacher and  
Subject Leader, Andy Titterrell -Professional rugby player for England and coach,  
Richard Parker—Journalist.

# Our fantastic facilities

Learning takes place in an attractive, modern and safe environment with specialist facilities for Art, Performing Arts, Design and Technology and Science.

The Howard Library contains an excellent selection of books to encourage students to develop a love of reading.

Our sports facilities are excellent comprising of a large indoor sports hall, tennis courts, all weather pitch and multi-purpose games area.



Getting to us is easy

We are located just north of Tonbridge High Street.

The school is served by an excellent public bus network with stops across West Kent directly to and from the site.

For more information or to arrange a visit:

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