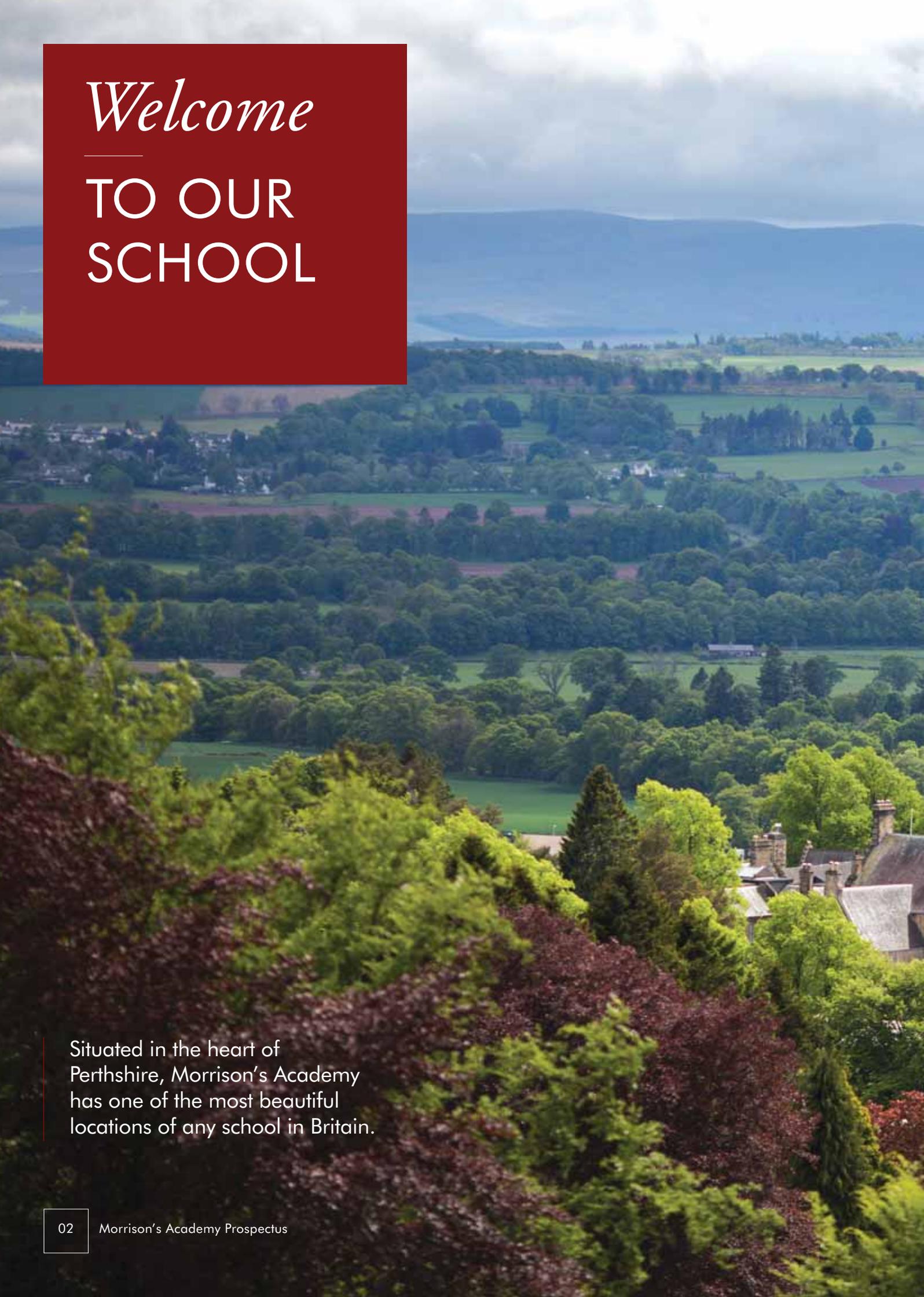


MORRISON'S ACADEMY

Crieff, Perthshire





Welcome

TO OUR
SCHOOL

Situated in the heart of Perthshire, Morrison's Academy has one of the most beautiful locations of any school in Britain.



“Morrison’s makes
great young people.”

Parent

Welcome

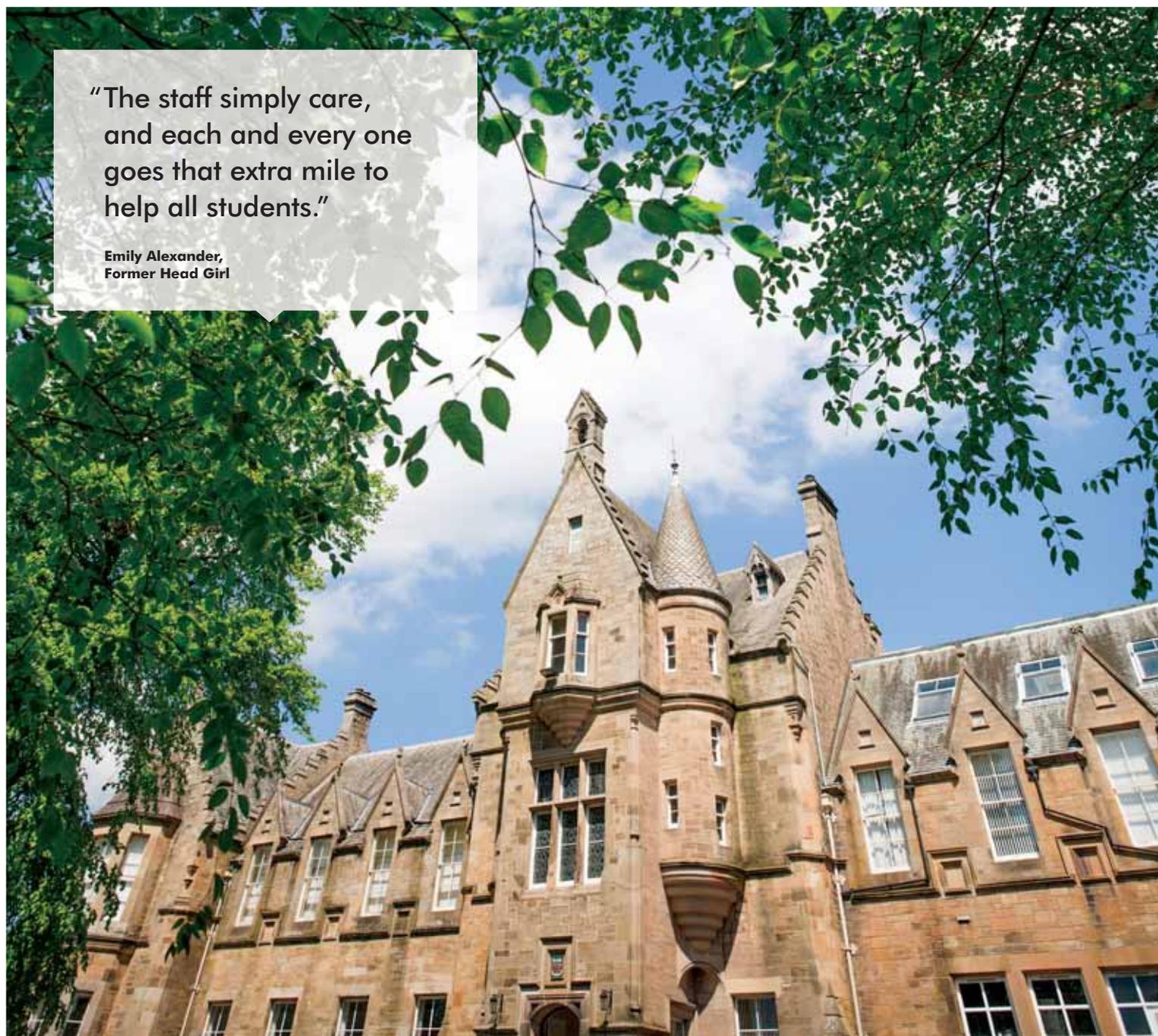
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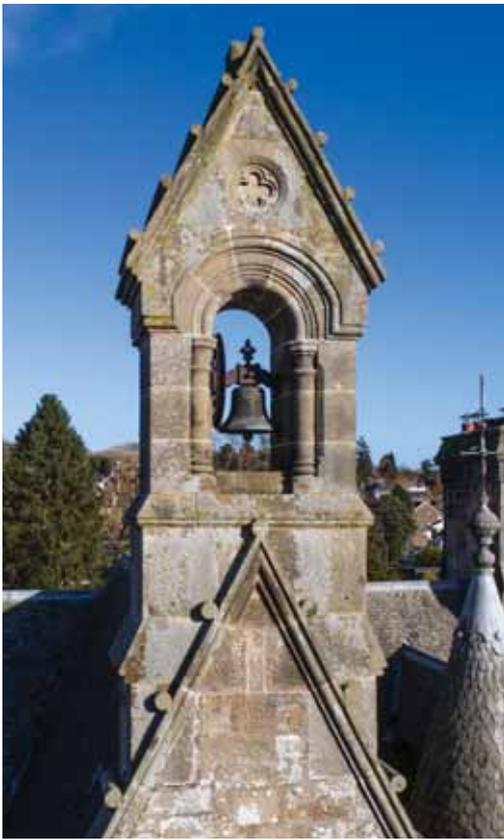
Generations of Morrisonians have benefited from the school's rich choice of academic, artistic and sporting experiences, going on to make their mark on the world as Olympic athletes, groundbreaking scientists, award-winning actors, adventurers, professionals and entrepreneurs.



"The staff simply care, and each and every one goes that extra mile to help all students."

Emily Alexander,
Former Head Girl





Our long tradition of academic success for boys and girls from 2 to 18 continues today with a contemporary Scottish curriculum and an educational ethos that blends outdoor and experiential learning, digital technology and rich classroom environments to create a truly personalised education for each and every child.

Our rural campus allows ample opportunities for outdoor learning and the chance to be part of an engaged local community.

Education at Morrison's Academy is a truly collaborative process. As a parent, we encourage you to take an active role in your child's education, and we make this easy with regular reporting, parent information evenings, and updates through our online parent portal.

Our small but vibrant school community hosts a wealth of knowledge and experience, and everybody is invited to bring theirs to the table: you could find yourself running a co-curricular club, serving (or eating!) pitchside bacon rolls at weekend sports fixtures, or inspiring pupils at one of our careers networking events. With numerous social events, receptions and our biennial Summer Ball, our parent community is supportive and friendly, and always ready to welcome new families to the fold.

It's this inclusive spirit that we believe encourages every child to discover their individual talent, be curious about the world around them, and establish values and interests they'll hold for life.

We're open throughout the academic year and welcome visits at any stage. Come and meet us and see for yourself how our passion for learning inspires curiosity and encourages every child to strive for their highest.

The adventure begins

NURSERY

2+

Our children are happy and content as they develop as individuals, and interact with their peers and adults in social and formal settings.



“The staff are – without exception – fantastic.”

Nursery Parent

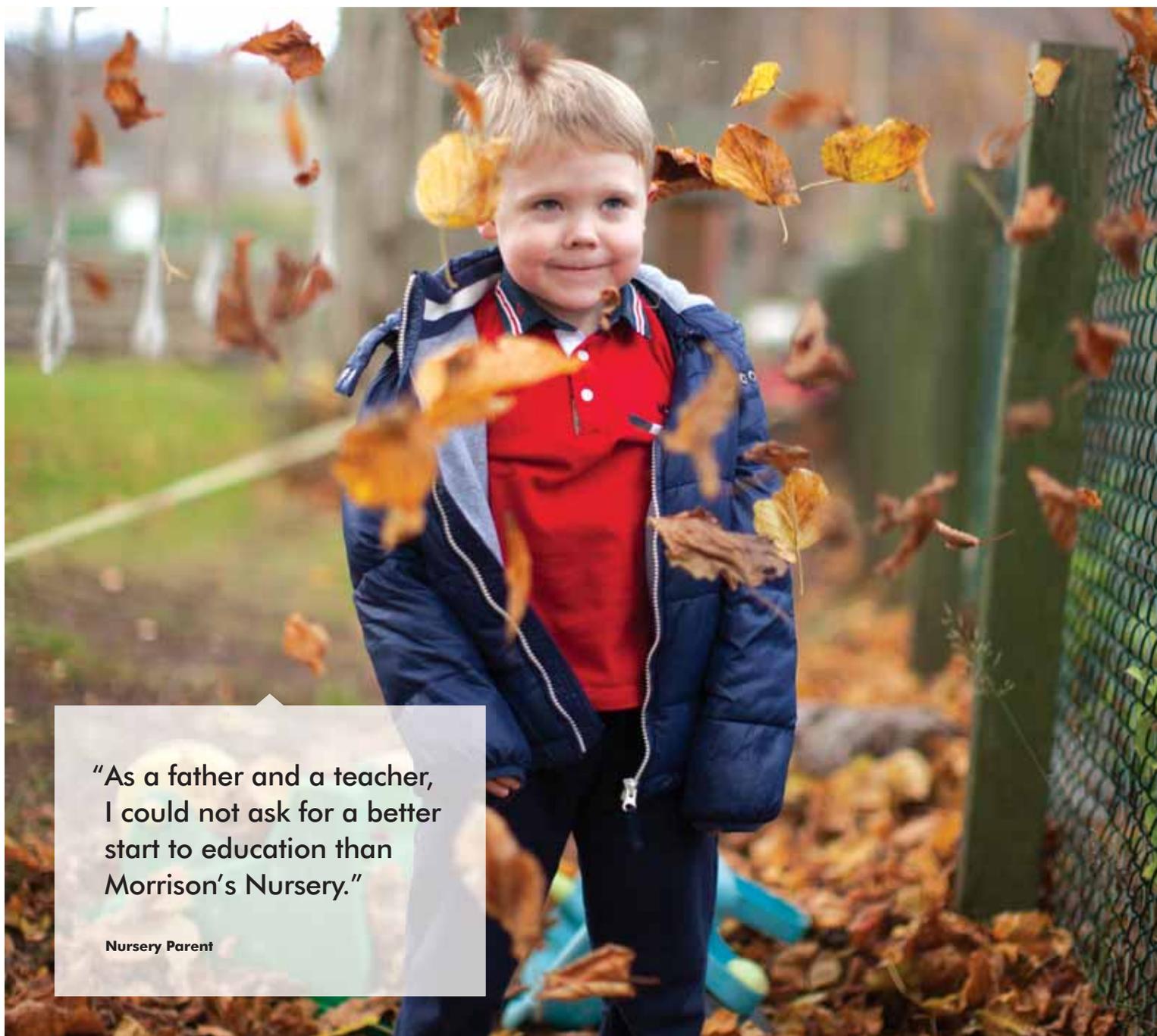
The adventure begins

NURSERY

2+

Our learning journey starts at age two in our welcoming Nursery.

Days at Nursery are challenging, fun and engaging, with ample opportunities to investigate, explore and imagine through spontaneous and planned play.



**"As a father and a teacher,
I could not ask for a better
start to education than
Morrison's Nursery."**

Nursery Parent

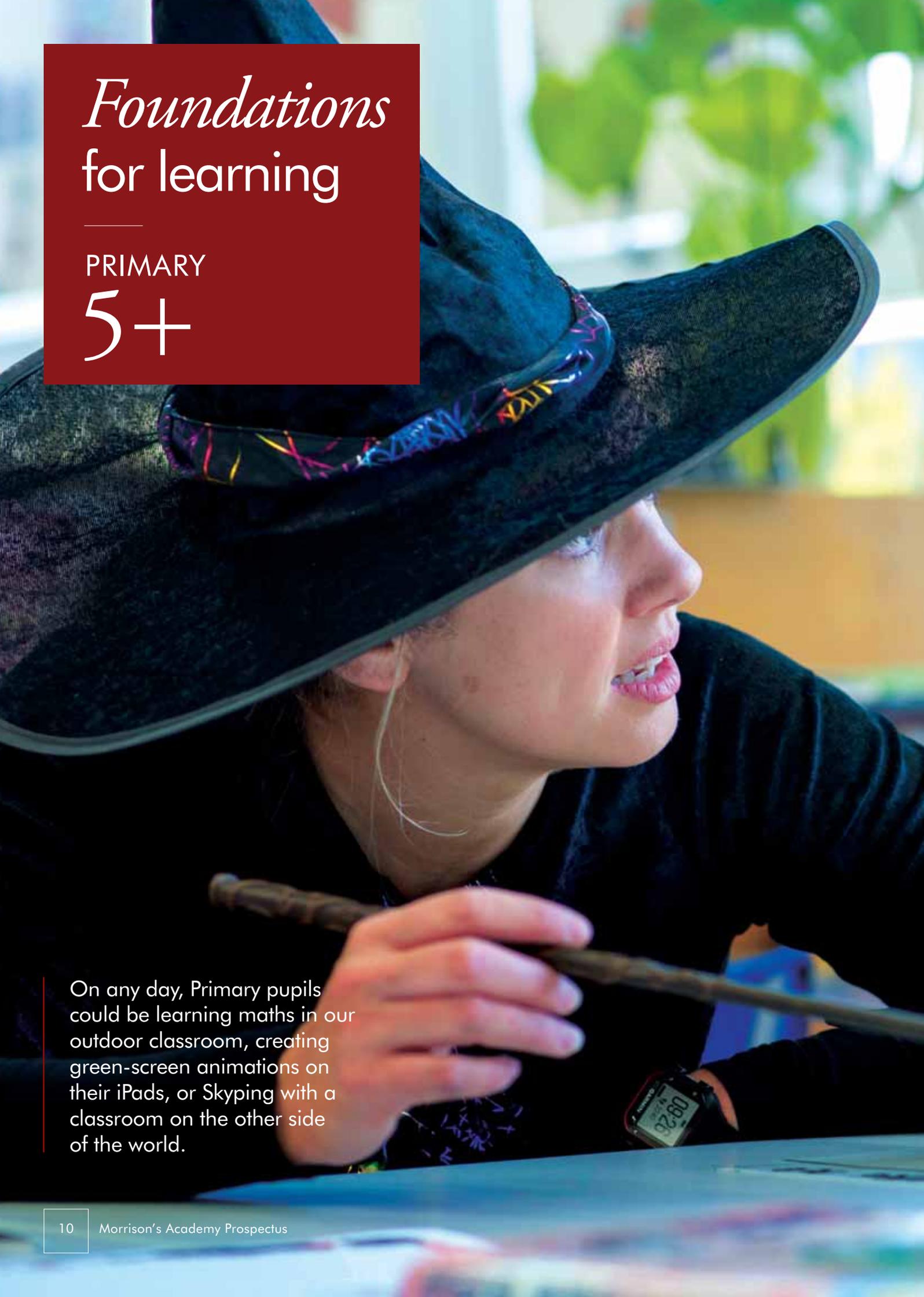


From the moment they join us, our children become active members of the Morrison's family.

Our personalised approach blends outdoor learning, age-appropriate digital technology and rich, varied environments in our purpose-built building to create a truly personalised experience for every child.

Our children are happy and content as they develop as individuals, and interact with their peers and adults in social and formal settings.

- Purpose-built colourful and bright Nursery with extensive outdoor play areas
- Flexible sessions between 8am and 6pm 50 weeks of the year
- Emphasis on outdoor learning in inspiring garden surroundings
- Input from specialist teachers in a range of subjects including modern languages, science, sport and music
- Regular activities using Morrison's Academy campus facilities
- Highly qualified, experienced and dedicated staff
- Integrated programme for the transition to Primary School
- Social opportunities for families to engage with the Nursery
- Caring members of our local community
- Holiday Club
- Partner Provider for Nursery in Perth & Kinross with 1140hrs



Foundations for learning

PRIMARY

5+

On any day, Primary pupils could be learning maths in our outdoor classroom, creating green-screen animations on their iPads, or Skyping with a classroom on the other side of the world.



“Quite frankly-
we loved it.”

Good Schools Guide



“Science in the secondary school is my favourite lesson. You get to do lots of activities like using the Bunsen burners!”

Oliver, P4

Foundations for learning

PRIMARY
5+

Morrison's Academy Primary School is a hub for lively and engaging learning. Bright, rich classroom settings, engaging multimedia resources and outdoor learning in our enviable Perthshire environment help to create a truly personalised learning experience for every child.





- Small, dedicated classes
- Forest School embedded into the curriculum
- Frequent day and residential trips
- Specialist teachers for music, PE, drama, art and STEM
- Ambassadors for Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing
- Through-school 'Learning for Life' programme developing real-life skills
- Wraparound care, holiday club and camps
- Integral Support for Learning at the heart of teaching

Our passionate and inspiring staff ambassadors for Literacy, Numeracy, Health & Wellbeing and STEM spark true enthusiasm for learning in these core academic areas. Balancing these with our extensive creative subjects, taught by both class teachers and specialists from the Secondary School, gives every pupil the freedom and guidance to explore their interests. Small, non-composite classes regularly come together to participate in interdisciplinary tasks and collaborative projects across year groups.

Pupils also develop the thinking skills, empathy and confidence they need to be themselves, work together with others, and thrive as individuals. Our friendly, inclusive school community supports every child's education, with pupils, parents and staff all working together through the Parent Portal and Class Dojo, as well as regular newsletters, information evenings and Sharing the Learning days. We have high expectations of ourselves and of each other, nurturing a culture of aspiration, courtesy and mutual respect. We are always learning, developing and improving, incorporating the best methods and developments in teaching practice to establish the foundations for lifelong learning.

"We're so fortunate in terms of our location. We really look forward to taking the learning outside whenever possible."

Primary teacher



Transitional year

TO SECONDARY

11+

A photograph of two young women in school uniforms sitting at a table. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a white shirt and a dark striped tie. The woman on the right has dark hair pulled back and is wearing a dark sweater over a white shirt and a dark striped tie. They are both looking towards the right side of the frame, where a laptop screen is partially visible. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Transitional pupils build on the wide and varied foundations established earlier in primary, with the same experiential learning and digital tools that will be a core part of their classes in the secondary school.

“I have had a great taster for what is yet to come.”

Transitional pupil

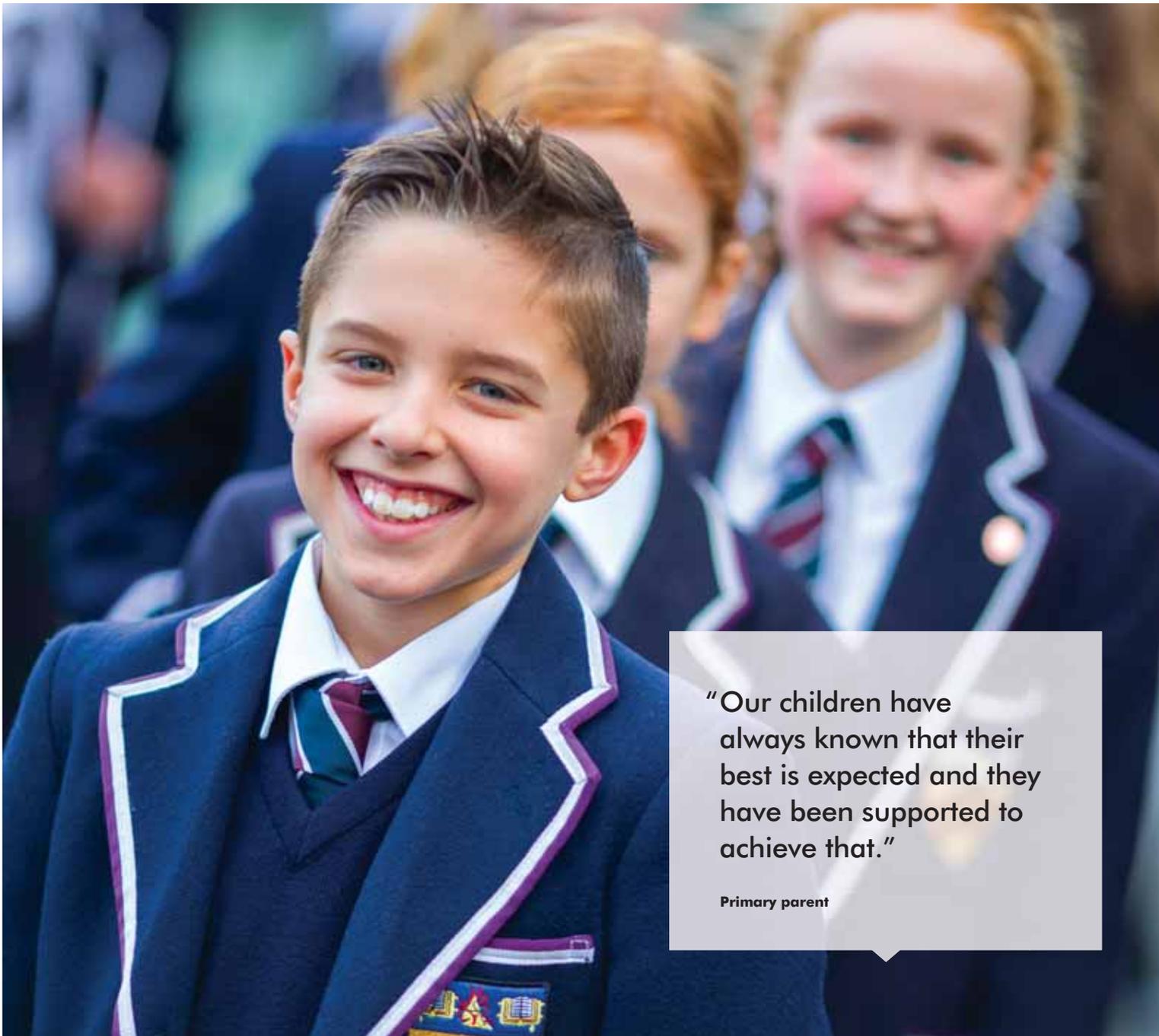


Transitional year

TO SECONDARY

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The final year in the Primary School deepens and broadens our pupils' educational experiences to create a seamless transition into the Secondary School that takes place across the whole year. The majority of the curriculum is taught by specialist teachers in their secondary classrooms, with classes returning to their primary teachers for Maths and English.



"Our children have always known that their best is expected and they have been supported to achieve that."

Primary parent

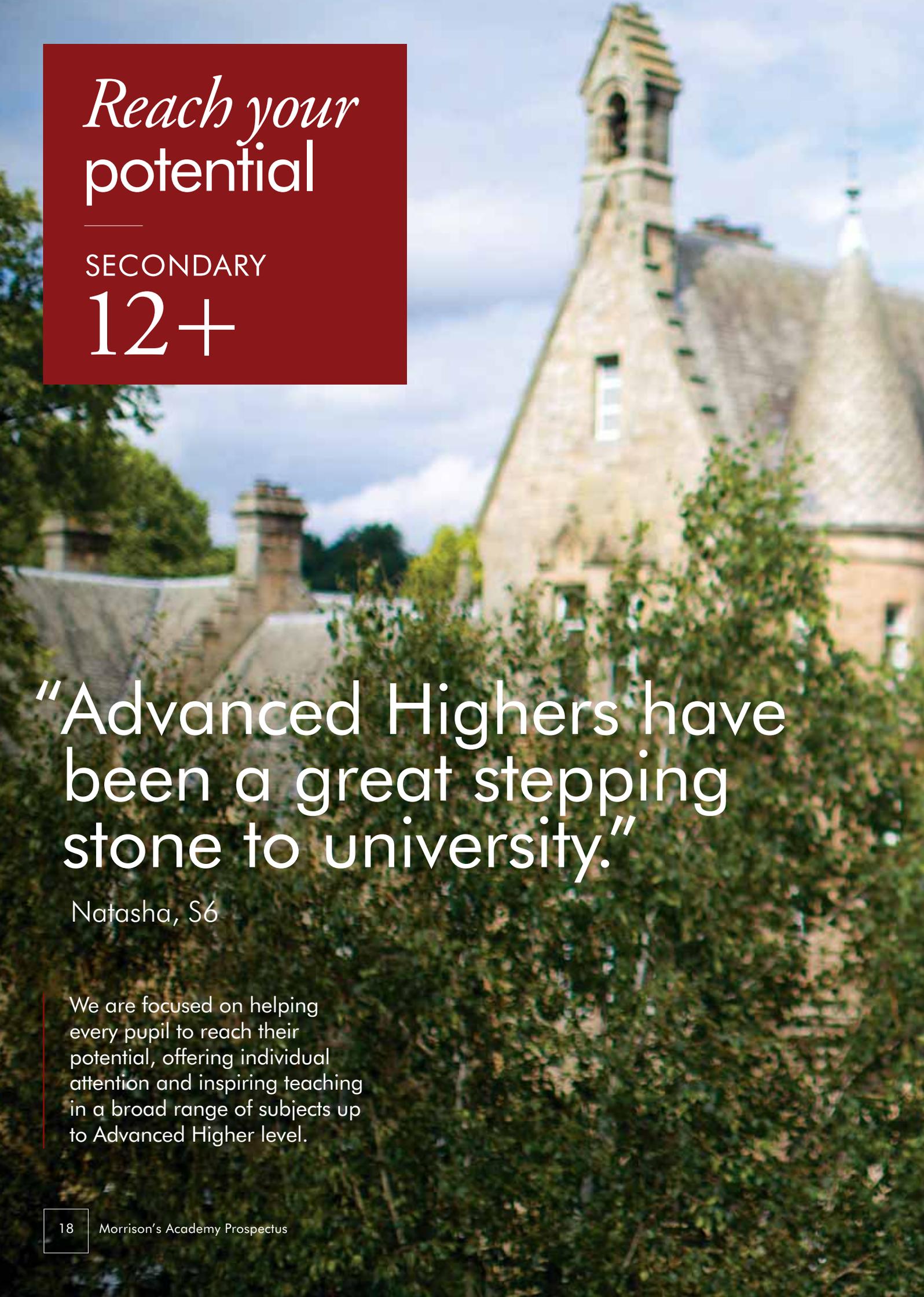


Throughout the year, there is an increased focus on reflective learning, preparing pupils to enter our Strive for the Highest programme when they move up into S1. Transitional pupils build on the wide and varied foundations established earlier in primary, with the same experiential learning and digital tools that will be a core part of their classes in the Secondary School. They also take a greater responsibility in the Primary School's Big Rich Tasks, supporting younger pupils in these cross-curricular, through-school activities.

The wide range of co-curricular activities, including music, drama and sport, allow Transitional pupils the opportunity to represent the school in regular productions, performances and fixtures. This is especially valuable for those pupils considering applying for one of our Academic or Music Scholarships. Open annually to pupils entering P7 and S1, every scholarship is tailored to each scholar's area of study, with expert mentorship, support and encouragement to excel in their chosen field.

At the end of the summer term, our schedule of Transitional activities takes pupils outside the classroom with a variety of outdoor activities, team-building and problem-solving exercises, cementing friendships and building the self-assurance, personal connections and curiosity that enables every pupil to enter Secondary School with confidence.

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- Continuation of established Primary School learning
 - Specialist teaching in the Secondary School
 - Use of the whole school campus facilities
 - Academic and Music Scholarships available
 - Launch of every pupil's Strive for the Highest programme
 - Continued, seamless transition to Secondary School
 - Opportunities for leadership and school representation



*Reach your
potential*

SECONDARY

12+

“Advanced Highers have
been a great stepping
stone to university.”

Natasha, S6

We are focused on helping every pupil to reach their potential, offering individual attention and inspiring teaching in a broad range of subjects up to Advanced Higher level.



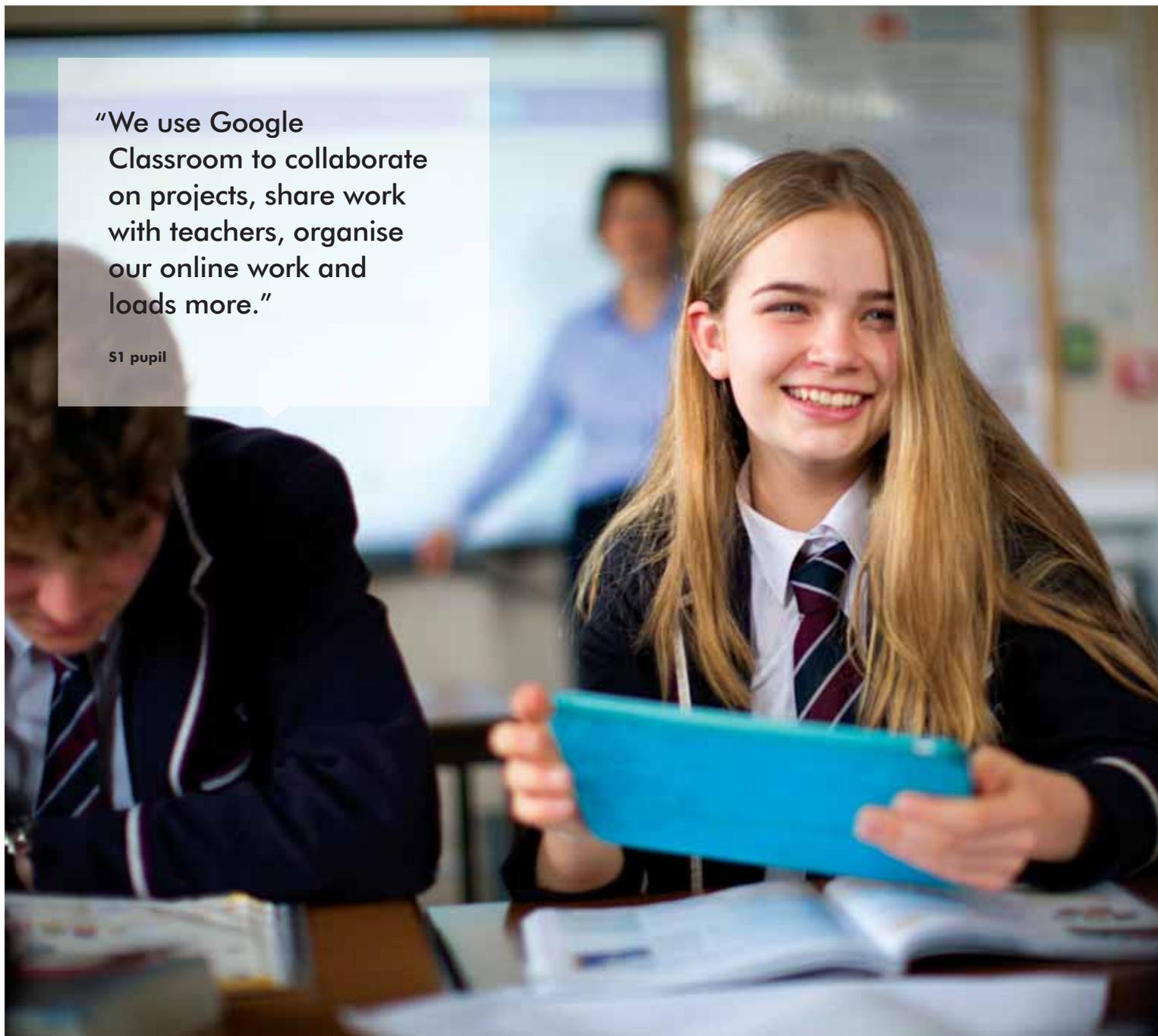
Reach your potential

SECONDARY
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Our modern, Scottish curriculum and dynamic and varied teaching methods support pupils to fulfil their academic potential and encourage every individual to strive for their highest. Morrison's Academy has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, and our energetic and committed teachers are truly invested in the success of their pupils.

"We use Google Classroom to collaborate on projects, share work with teachers, organise our online work and loads more."

S1 pupil



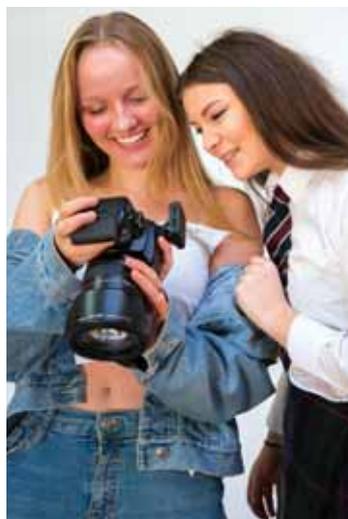


We are focused on helping every pupil to reach their potential, offering individual attention and inspiring teaching in a broad range of subjects up to Advanced Higher level. At each stage, heads of year, form teachers and subject teachers work closely with pupils and parents to support every child in making the right subject choices for their future.

The school's wide range of subject choices and co-curricular activities offers every pupil the opportunity to excel. Our unique 'Learning for Life' and 'Strive for the Highest' programmes allow each individual to explore and reflect upon their own learning. We encourage our pupils to bring their own tools with our comprehensive Bring Your Own Device policy (BYOD) or choose from our suite of laptops and tablets, allowing everyone to create their own ideal learning environment.

In S1–S6 the integrated 'Strive for the Highest' programme draws out independent learning and builds emotional intelligence, empathy, creativity and life skills.

- Excellent academic results
- Extensive co-curricular activities and opportunities
- Scottish curriculum delivering SQA National 5s, Highers and Advanced Highers
- Unique to Morrison's Academy 'Learning for Life' and 'Strive for the Highest' programmes
- Approachable and passionate specialist subject teachers
- Calendar of local, national and international trips and excursions
- Careers support embedded into Secondary School 'Learning for Life' programme
- Clear, open communication about your child's education through the Parent Portal, regular reporting and parents' evenings



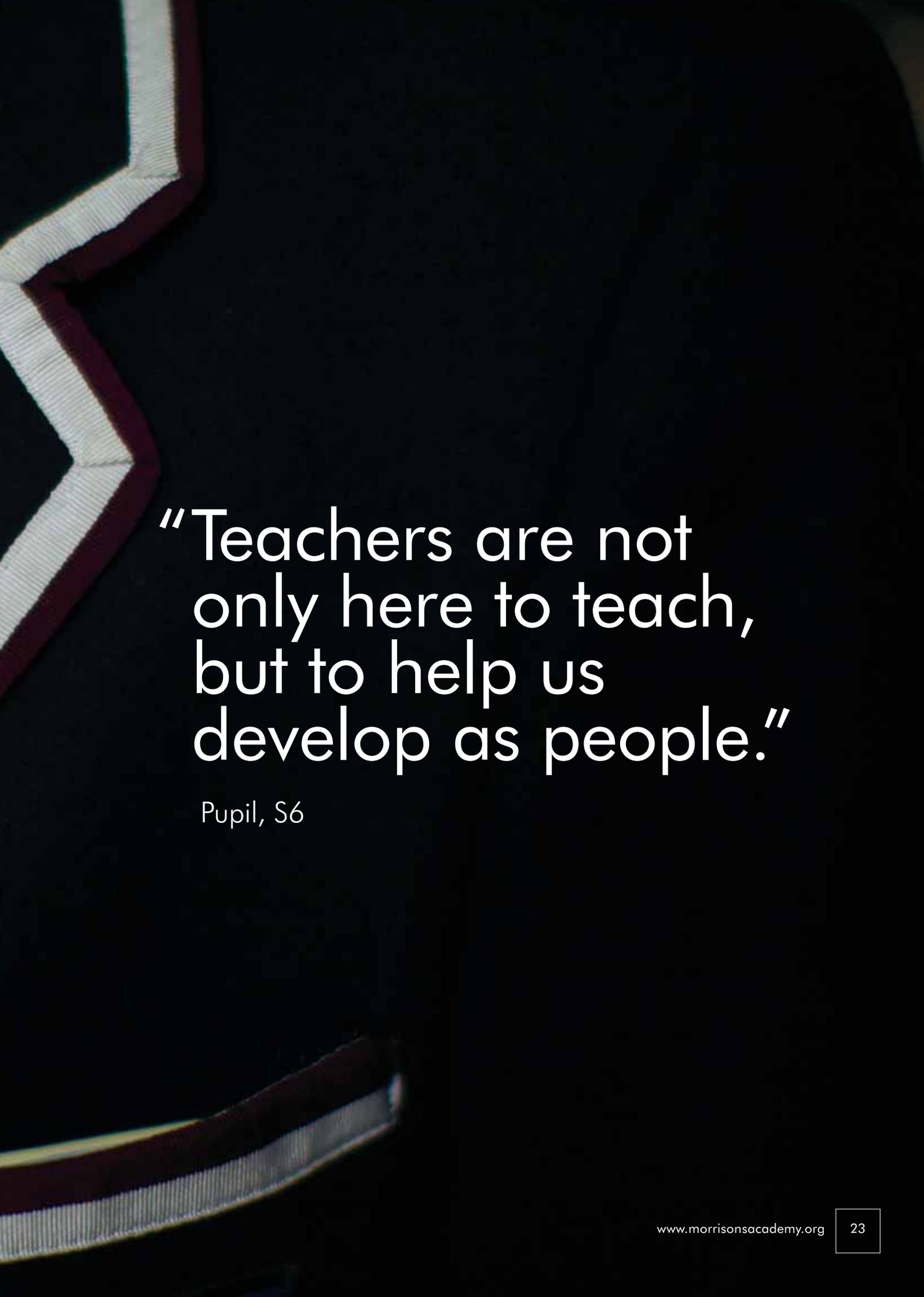
Highest standards

SIXTH YEAR

16+



Alongside academic study, the focus for the year is leadership and service.



“Teachers are not
only here to teach,
but to help us
develop as people.”

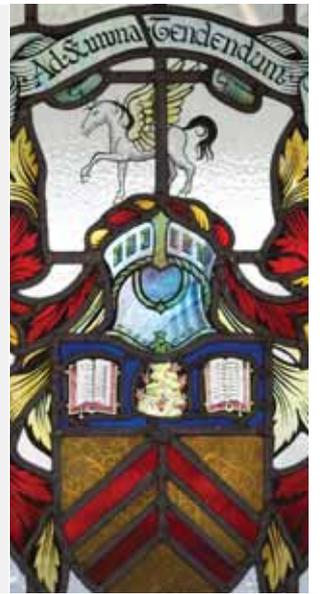
Pupil, S6

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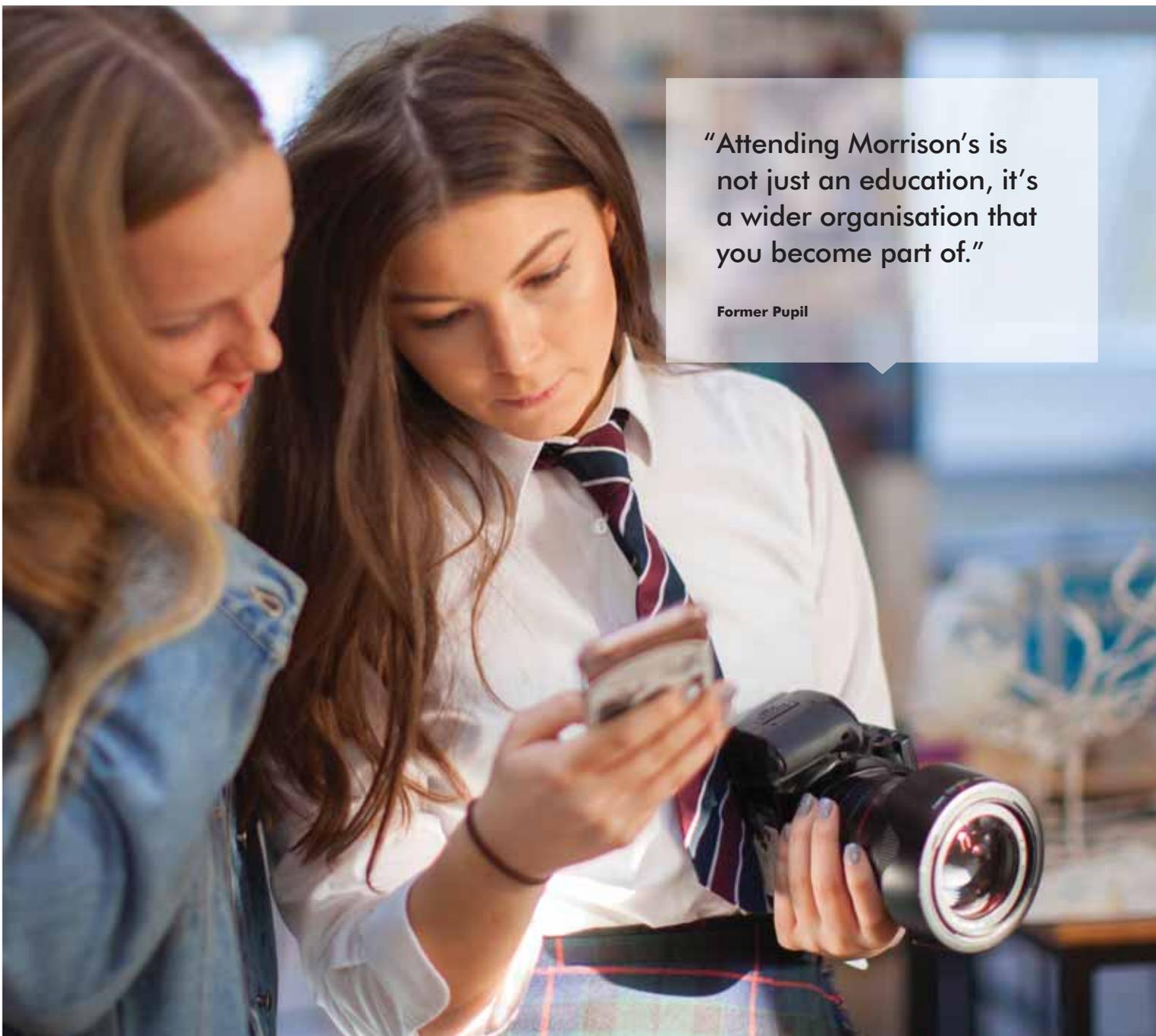
16+

By the time they leave us, Morrisonians are confident, considerate individuals ready to make valuable contributions in a fast-moving world.



"Attending Morrison's is not just an education, it's a wider organisation that you become part of."

Former Pupil





A wide-ranging SQA Higher and Advanced Higher programme nurtures academic enquiry in a collegiate atmosphere, and an increased focus on developing essential skills for life and work in a safe and supportive environment facilitates a successful transition to life after school.

Alongside academic study, the focus for the year is leadership and service. Our Head Boy and Head Girl lead a team of house officials, and all S6 pupils are invited to serve as school prefects.

Opportunities for volunteering and a wide range of co-curricular activities ensure all pupils embark upon a balanced and meaningful programme in preparation for further study and the world of work.

Pupils are invited to become ambassadors in a variety of subject and co-curricular areas across the school. Every pupil benefits from the close support of a dedicated S6 Tutor, as well as a UCAS adviser.

The year begins with a residential orientation in August and concludes with a celebratory fortnight of events in June, planned by the pupils themselves in anticipation of their next chapter.

Morrisonians leave our school with high aspirations and the confidence and ability to achieve their goals. More than that, they become part of an active, inclusive former pupil network whose members support one another in all areas of life and work.



Steeped in history

THE
MORRISONIAN
CLUB

“The Morrisonian Club
is a rich, global tapestry
of individuals.”

Development Office

Morrison's Academy has been
educating young people in
Perthshire for over 160 years.



MORRISON'S
ACADEMY

1909-1926

MORRISON'S
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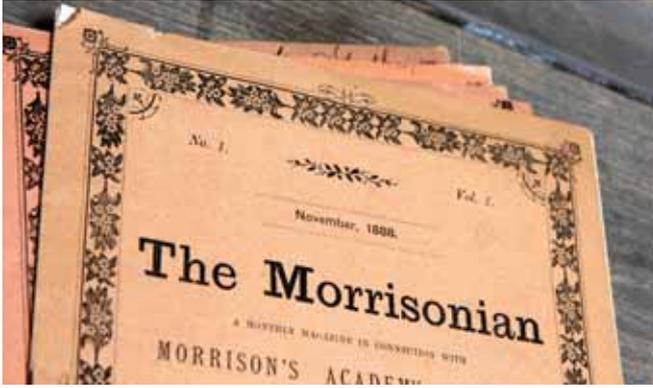
Morrisonians have led the way nationally and internationally in their fields as physicians, business leaders, politicians, entrepreneurs, actors, teachers, adventurers, authors, artists and athletes.



Our Morrisonian community is a vibrant and engaged one, with regular gatherings, school visits and reunions around the world.



Morrison's Academy, Crieff.



All pupils when they leave school become lifelong members of The Morrisonian Club. The Club supports the school, maintaining existing bonds and forging new ones within the extended school community, by encouraging Former Pupils to share advice, opportunities and experiences with current pupils, students and professionals at all stages of their life – wherever they may be in the world.

MEET THE MORRISONIAN CLUB

Jim McGregor, Club President (2018)

Jim started at Morrison's Academy in Primary 1, returned in 1970 to teach Physical Education and was latterly Careers Master before his retirement in 1997. Jim and fellow former pupil Carol (née Lawson) married in 1966 and both their sons, Colin, a former RAF pilot, and Ewan (OBE), a BAFTA-winning actor, attended the school.

■ In the forces...

Air Vice-Marshal MacGregor
Air Vice-Marshal Rimmer
Group-Captain Wilfrid George
Gerald Duncan-Smith

■ In the sciences...

Dr Elizabeth Bayne
Dr Jane Dunbar
Sir Andrew McCance
Dr Stuart Reid
Prof. Craig Sharp
Dr Jack Watters
Mr Graham Duguid

■ In the arts...

Kieran Dodds
Jack Greenlees
Denis Lawson
Ewan McGregor OBE
Dr Barbara Rae
Anna Robbins

■ In Westminster...

Dr Gavin Strang

■ In Holyrood...

Mr Alexander Stewart

■ In industry...

Sir Ross Belch
Ian Callum
Muir Moffat

■ In sport...

Emma Carrick-Anderson
Nairn MacEwan
Eve Muirhead
Judy Murray OBE
Fiona Pennie
Simon Taylor

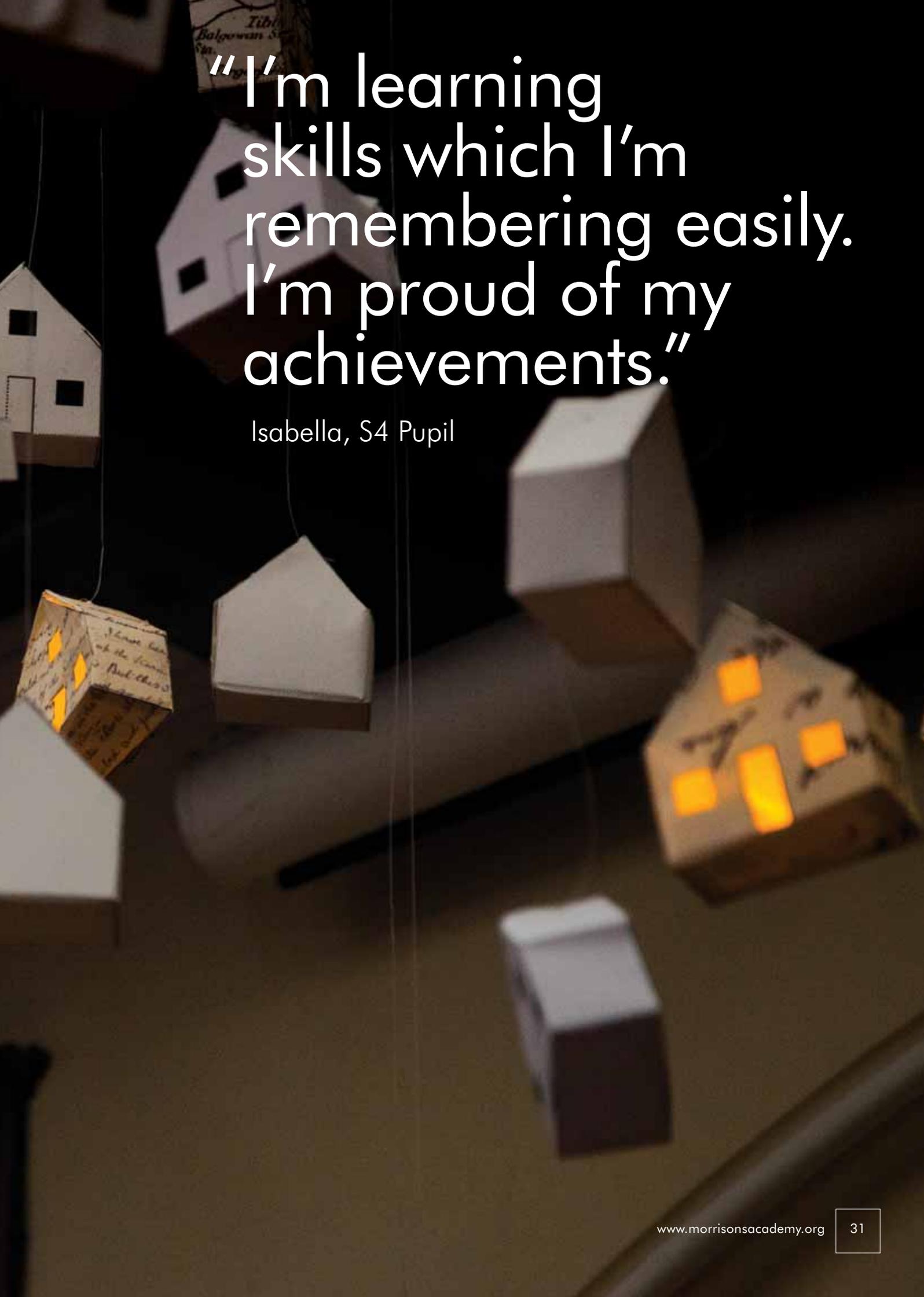
And many, many more...



Strive for the highest

ACADEMIC

Whatever their passion, there's room at Morrison's Academy for every pupil to excel.

The background of the page is a dark, slightly blurred photograph of several paper houses hanging from thin strings. The houses are made of white and brown paper. Some houses have small windows that are illuminated from within, casting a warm, yellow glow. One house in the foreground has handwritten text on its side. The overall atmosphere is warm and creative.

“I’m learning skills which I’m remembering easily. I’m proud of my achievements.”

Isabella, S4 Pupil

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We take a personal approach to education, and we truly believe that, with the right support, encouragement, and range of choices, every one of our pupils can discover their talents.



In our school's 160-year history, Morrisonians have led the way in the arts, sciences, humanities and sport, and this commitment to personal excellence continues today.



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MODERN LANGUAGES

Learning a new language at Morrison's Academy engenders an international outlook and a true understanding of different cultures around the world. French lessons from age three make the most of this critical period of development for language learning. Through the school, foreign films, interactive classes, food tastings, exchanges and trips make for a truly immersive learning environment, preparing young minds for a lifelong love of language, travel, and exploration.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

We're extremely proud of the fact that many of our former pupils have gone into the world of business, as directors of large corporations or entrepreneurs in their own right. During their time at school, our business management courses, Young Enterprise projects, and participation in national competitions, such as the Real Business Challenge, equip pupils with the analytical and practical skills and spirit of enterprise they need to excel in a real business environment. Morrison's Academy is the first school in Scotland to partner with the Peter Jones Foundation and establish a Peter Jones Enterprise Academy.

SCIENCE

From Nursery upwards, STEM subjects are central to a Morrison's Academy education. Whether exploring how and why the world works in the natural sciences or learning to engineer a better one in the STEM suite or in the computing department, our young scientists develop a deep and lasting curiosity for the scientific world around us.

MATHEMATICS

Morrison's Academy's mathematics department has an innovative approach to teaching maths. This interactive learning environment, with online textbooks, adaptive courses, intelligent assessment and increased one-to-one teaching time ensures no child is left behind, whatever their ability. Learning in this connected, collegiate atmosphere breaks down traditional barriers to learning, and practical relevance to everyday life makes maths at Morrison's real, applicable, and usable.

ENGLISH

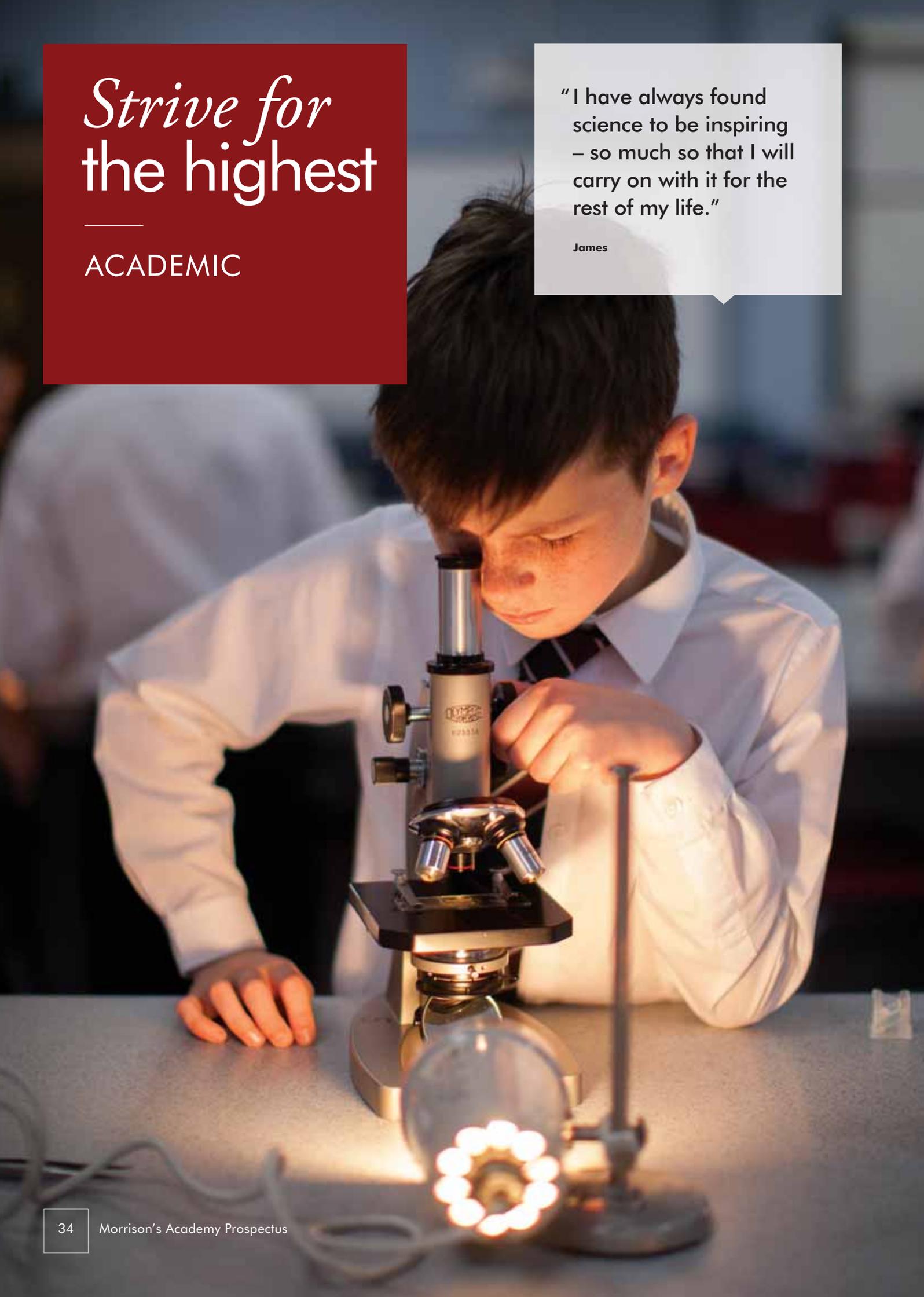
Our English teachers are truly passionate about reading and writing at all levels. Studying English language and literature today is about more than words: in a rapidly changing world, freedom and eloquence of expression are crucial for anyone who wants to connect with global society. We celebrate a rich heritage of great authors and classic texts whilst challenging our readers with vital contemporary writing, creating individual and collaborative projects between pupils and staff that lead to outstanding academic results. Theatre, debating, book clubs and regular author events bring the written word to life.

Strive for the highest

ACADEMIC

"I have always found science to be inspiring – so much so that I will carry on with it for the rest of my life."

James





“Languages have given me the confidence to travel to another country and not only be able to speak the language, but also to understand the culture.”

Katie, Former Pupil

HUMANITIES

In geography, history and modern studies, our pupils cultivate a deeper understanding of their world. Whether studying the processes that shaped the Grand Canyon, the global legacy of the Atlantic Slave Trade, or the fate of human rights protestors in China, they learn to challenge preconceptions and confidently express their own findings. These courses take the learning beyond the classroom, into Grampian rivers, Californian deserts, Belgian battlefields, Scottish castles and national museums.

SPORT

The PE department is a fun, friendly and challenging place where pupils can get involved in sport from Nursery all the way through to S6. Our PE staff are passionate about instilling a love of team and individual sports and enabling everyone to commit to an active lifestyle now and in the future. Our on-site facilities include a games hall, large gym, fitness suite, seven outdoor tennis courts, climbing wall and bouldering room; our beautiful off-site sports campus at Dallerie has 45 acres of playing fields and an all-weather pitch set against the backdrop of the stunning Perthshire hills.

VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN

Our award-winning art and design department teaches a wide range of techniques and disciplines, from fine art and sculpture to design, fashion and photography in our beautiful, light-filled studios. We are one of the few schools in Scotland to have our own kiln and darkroom, allowing an experience akin to art school. With exceptionally high marks year after year, Morrison's artists are incredibly successful, with many going on to study at art school.

PERFORMING ARTS

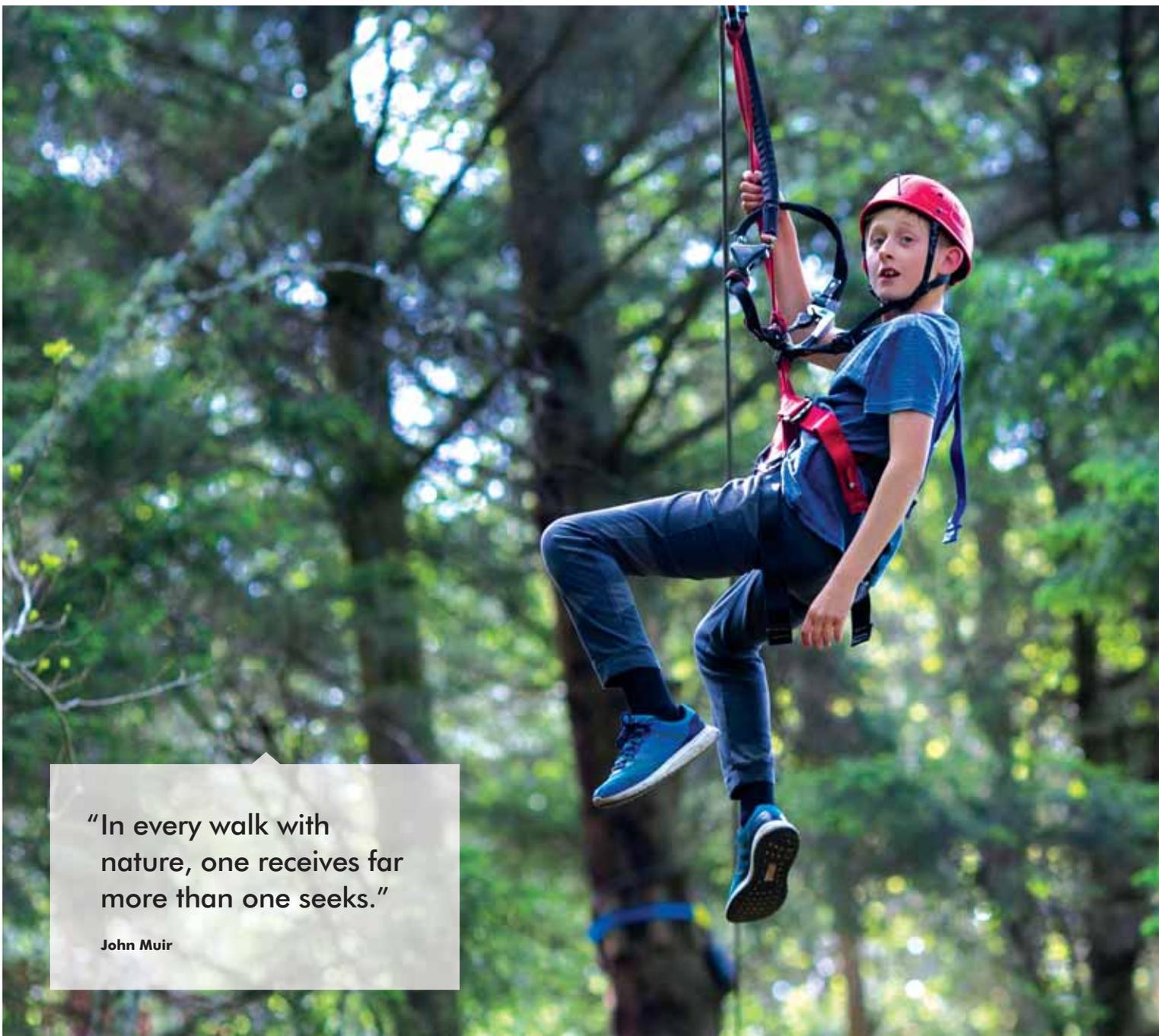
Morrison's Academy's young musicians and actors are inspiring. With over half our pupils taking instrumental lessons from Nursery through to S6, you can hear music every minute of the day. The music and drama departments organise shows, recitals and plays throughout the academic year, and our pupils perform and compete at the highest level. A recording studio, performance hall, practice rooms and suite of instruments can all be found in our Ferntower Building. Our passionate teachers and network of visiting coaches, instructors and musicians help pupils discover their own talents, with many choosing to study at conservatoires or universities around the world.

Learning for life

OUTDOOR & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The 'Learning for Life' programme is unique to Morrison's Academy.

Diverse experiences and opportunities beyond the curriculum foster self-esteem, confidence, social skills, independence, decision-making, and an awareness of individual strengths and capabilities.



"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than one seeks."

John Muir



The programme encourages debate, teamwork, presentation skills and personal education, covering a myriad of topics from nutrition to sustainable development, citizenship and careers, all delivered through the four core elements: Outdoor & Experiential Learning, Personalised Learning, Digital Citizenship and Life Skills.

Nestled as we are in the foothills of the Scottish Highlands, every day at Morrison's Academy is designed to make the most of the incredible natural resources on our doorstep.

Outdoor learning is embedded into the curriculum, whether in our outdoor classroom, extensive campus grounds, or through regular trips and excursions into our local environment.

Rain or shine, we can be found undertaking expeditions to earn a Duke of Edinburgh Award, volunteering to support local environmental causes as part of a John Muir Award, team building in the treetops or simply facilitating classroom learning in a real-world setting.

With our team of Outdoor Education teachers, qualified Mountain Leaders and instructors in mountain biking, skiing, sailing and kayaking, we have the expertise to weave outdoor learning into our planned curriculum and the resources to allow freedom and spontaneity, turning our unpredictable natural environment into a true learning opportunity for the whole school.

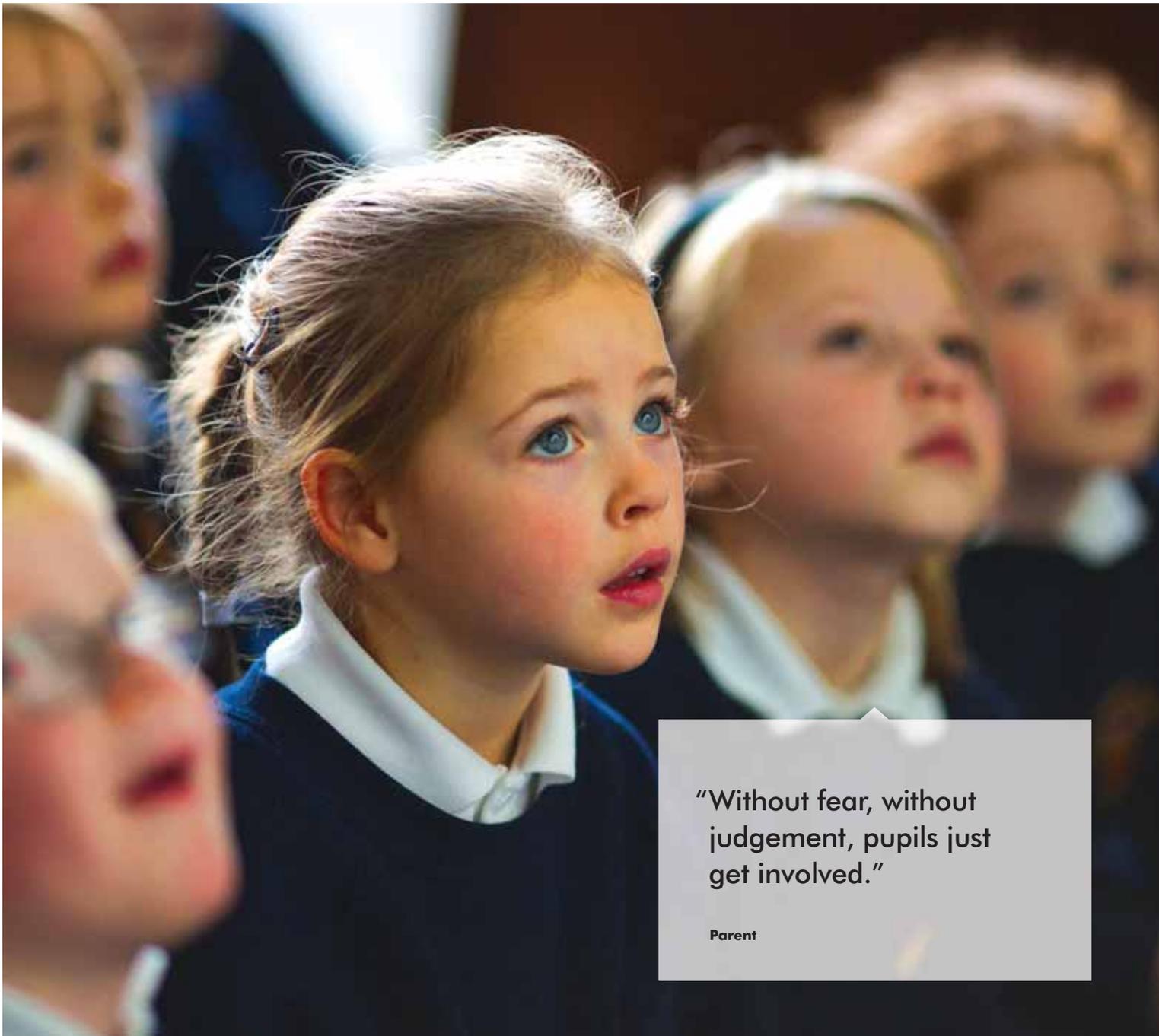


Learning for life

PERSONALISED
LEARNING

"Morrison's Academy is a happy school where children and young people feel safe and well cared for. Across the nursery, primary and secondary stages, children and young people are polite, friendly, articulate and confident ...Senior pupils play a key role in life of the school. As a result, there is a warm, family ethos across the school."

HMIE Report 2016



"Without fear, without judgement, pupils just get involved."

Parent



We want all our pupils to feel happy and secure at school, and to have all the tools they need to achieve their goals. Through our pastoral care, pupil support, and 'Learning for Life' programme, our school family is supportive and encouraging, offering effective guidance and personal development to foster an atmosphere in which all pupils feel well known, valued, respected and supported.

This culture of respect and ambition helps equip our pupils with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to build self-awareness, emotional intelligence and self-esteem. Empathy, tolerance, and concern for others, as well as effective team working and leadership, are all skills cultivated from Nursery upwards.

Our 'Strive for the Highest' programme in the Secondary School brings together team building, problem-solving and reflective journalling, helping pupils to learn about their own learning and how to connect with those around them. Our dedicated Pupil Support team is integrated into teaching at all stages to ensure that every pupil receives the personalised help they need.

Our qualified on-site nurses are available throughout the school day to help with injuries and sickness, and they manage chronic medical conditions with professionalism and compassion. Morrisonians leave our school with good morals and manners, and the tools they need to develop healthy bodies and minds.

It's this tailored approach that allows our pupils to become creative learners, equipped with the curiosity, commitment and self-motivation to encourage wider enquiry and deeper learning. They are engaged and driven young people, motivating and supporting one another every day.

Learning for life

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Morrison's Academy believes in responsible digital citizenship in today's connected age. Children now have at their fingertips almost unlimited access to digital content, resources, experts and communities, and much of our teaching is supported by web-based tools and resources that have changed the face of learning.



"A truly inspirational learning environment, with as much emphasis on the individual as the class's enjoyment as a whole."

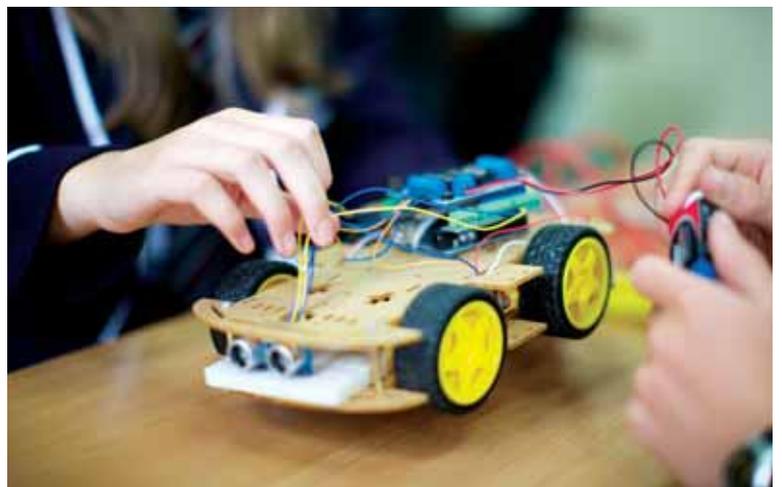
Parent



By effectively promoting the responsible use of such resources, we can deepen student learning and develop digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in pupils to prepare them for the technologically-driven world in which they will live, learn and work.

“From Primary, we’re shown how to make the most of digital tech to help us learn, but also how to use everything safely and responsibly.”

S5 pupil



Learning for life

LIFE SKILLS

Central to a Morrison's Academy education are our five values: Morrisonians are caring, connected, committed, confident and curious.

Through our 'Learning for Life' programme, our pupils develop a global conscience and the real-life skills essential to navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by an ever-changing world.

"This is very much a school at the heart of a country community."

Good Schools Guide





Whether supporting local events and causes, fundraising for national charities or volunteering overseas with our partner school in Malawi, pupil-led projects make an incredible contribution to the local community and beyond.

Our pupils are world citizens in the heart of Scotland: an outward-looking community of socially and politically aware individuals, with the self-knowledge and confidence to be themselves and respect others.

Our global community of friends and former pupils offers mentorship, networking, internships and careers advice, by visiting as guest speakers, supervising work experience, or facilitating community projects.

Above all, our pupils have the opportunity to take responsibility for themselves, lead and work together as a team, and learn what it means to participate in the world around them.



Diabetes UK
CARE. CONNECT. CAMPAIGN.



Discover your passion

CO-CURRICULAR



Our school's rich and varied co-curricular programme provides opportunities for all pupils to participate in a wide range of outdoor, artistic, academic, sporting, musical, dramatic clubs and activities.



Our passionate staff support our pupils through national schemes, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, the John Muir Award Programme, Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS), the Combined Cadet Force (CCF), and Young Enterprise.

Throughout the year, our co-curricular opportunities broaden minds, expand horizons, inspire, challenge, and enrich every pupil's experience.



**Combined
Cadet Force**

“As we go on to explore these interests in personal and (often) professional contexts later in life, we have constant reminders of the people who planted and nurtured them.”

Calum, Former Pupil



Our location



Perthshire is one of the most desirable areas in Scotland in which to live. Its population is increasing as families relocate from all over the UK to benefit from its superb quality of life.

Travel arrangements have been made for pupils living in Perthshire and Stirlingshire to make it easier for them to travel between home and school.

Contract bus services are complemented by school minibuses which provide transport for communities within one hour's drive of Morrison's Academy.

"This is a wee gem of a Scottish school hidden in the middle of Perthshire."

Good Schools Guide





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The Governors of Morrison's Academy, known as Morrison's Academy, is an independent school for boys and girls, founded in 1860. The School's Scottish Charity Number is: SC000458

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