



St John's College
Grove Road South, Southsea, PO5 3QW

An independent, co-educational, day and boarding school for ages 4-18

Background Information:

The School

St John's College, Southsea, is a busy independent day and boarding school for boys and girls. The College is split across 3 sections: Lower, Middle and Senior Schools.

Academically, St John's College is a wide ability school, welcoming all children who will be able to benefit from the broad and balanced curriculum on offer. Our aim is to realise the full potential of each child, no matter what that may be. Our results are consistently excellent and we have recently topped the local value-added table for non-selective schools.

Of course, we do not believe that education should be limited to the academic curriculum. We also focus on identifying and nurturing other interests and talents, for instance in sports, the performing arts, technology and so on. The wide range of activities on offer is designed to enable and encourage children to experiment, to challenge themselves and sometimes even to surprise themselves.

St John's College is an inclusive school. True to the spirit and vision of our Founder, St John Baptist de la Salle, we welcome children from across a broad and diverse social range. We believe that this truly enriches the communal experience of all. Also many of our pupils come from overseas – and of course they bring to our community all the richness of their various cultural backgrounds. Currently we have children from 15 different nationalities registered at the school.

Pastoral care is given very high priority at St John's College. Every child, day or boarding, is a highly valued individual member of a truly supportive community. Through our personal tutorial system, we aim to know our pupils very well and so are able to direct and assist them effectively in all aspects of their learning and personal development. Relationships throughout the school are mutually respectful and sustaining.

Though we are a closely knit community, we are also an outward-looking school, always aware of the need to equip our pupils to meet the challenges, present and future, of life beyond school. We are likewise always sensitive to our place within and duty towards the wider community. St John's College has a long tradition of service to its neighbours – local and further afield. We work hard to instil such a sense of duty in all our young people. We wish them to leave us prepared to be true citizens of the world.

St John's College is a Christian school in the Lasallian tradition. We seek, individually and in community, to live the truths of Christian faith in every aspect of school life. Gospel values are at the heart of everything we do, and we are always seeking to consolidate and develop this ethos. This does not mean, however, that we are narrow or exclusive in our attitudes. We welcome pupils and staff of any denomination, those who adhere to other faiths, and those who have no formal religious affiliation. All are equally valued. All that we expect is that those who join us will share our core values and will actively support and help develop our ethos.

Academic Results in 2019

At A Level the College achieved an overall pass rate of 94% (A*-E) with 90% of students gaining entry to their preferred choice university.

Of the GCSE cohort of 59, 73% achieved five pass grades including English and Maths with 84% of exams graded 4 or above. Results were very pleasing with 8% of exam results in the 9/A* position and 33% in 9-7/A*A bracket comparable to previous years.

Co-Curricular Activities

We place a strong emphasis on co-curricular activities in both parts of the school. There is an expectation that our teachers support this in a proactive and positive way; non-teaching staff are also encouraged to participate wherever they can.

Our Performing Arts Department has developed well this year with numerous activities for the children to engage with. Our sports provision is splendid - we have a Sports hall and forty acres of playing fields at Farlington and a small all-weather surface with lights on the College campus. We are very competitive in our major games (netball, rugby hockey, cricket and athletics).

Staffing

In managing the school's staff the Head of College is supported by the Bursar, Deputy Head Pastoral and Deputy Head Teaching and Learning, along with Head of Middle School and Head of Lower School. They are assisted by Heads of House and Heads of Faculty.

There are also over 70 Support staff in the school, some of them part-time, who report to the Bursar.

Staff are highly committed to their continuing professional development and attend INSET courses regularly. Academic and Boarding House Parents take part in an annual Staff Professional Review.

Professional Associations

The Head of College is a member of the following:

- Boarding Schools Association (BSA)
- The Society of Heads
- ASCL

The Bursar is a member of the following:

- Independent Schools' Bursar's Association (ISBA)

The Governors are members of the AGBIS.