Imagine what’s possible...
“The school’s commitment to equality of opportunity is demonstrated by its determination to give all students the chance to excel and achieve their potential.”

Ofsted 2014
We’re passionate about nurturing exceptional, independent thinkers who are happy and confident individuals, equipped with the skills and knowledge to be the best they can be.

Whether it be opening minds through exciting opportunities or opening doors by maximising outcomes, we want to give our students the very best preparation for life.

As well as helping develop outstanding individuals, we aim to create a supportive environment that gives our students the confidence to learn and work as part of a community, collaborating with and caring about those around them.

At Newton Abbot College we ensure that we maximise life chances for our students, challenging everyone to imagine what’s possible.

Paul Cornish, Principal
“The drive for excellence shown by leaders and managers has strongly improved teaching and accelerated students’ progress,” Ofsted 2014
“Students achieve well. They make good progress and reach above average standards by the end of Year 11.” Ofsted 2014

Who we are

We’re a highly successful 11-19 secondary college in the heart of Newton Abbot, Devon.

Ofsted have given us the seal of approval, judging all elements of what we do as good.

We are proud of our academic performance. Examination results have been excellent year-on-year and have placed us in the top 10% of schools nationally. Student outcomes are the best locally and above average nationally.
Academic success matters to us, but we also work hard to make learning enjoyable, personal and life-long.

We are a college steeped in tradition, heritage and discipline, where good manners, respect, hard work and excellent attendance are vital. But this doesn’t mean we’re inflexible or resistant to change. It means we have high expectations, and we are proud of what we stand for.

We are passionate and committed to giving our students the very best start in life.

**Expectation**

We expect a lot from our students and we encourage them to expect a lot from us. Both staff and students are challenged to be the best they can be: constantly striving to do more, reach higher, go further.
“The school makes detailed and accurate analysis of its performance at every level. Students are set challenging targets. Leaders make very good use of this information in order to identify where extra help and support is needed.”
Ofsted 2014

Case study:
Teacher: Claire Cowan

“What impressed me most when I joined the College was the focus on making sure students can’t become invisible and underachieve. We have rigorous systems in place to ensure that no student can fall through the gaps. That is why all our students make such good progress whatever their academic ability.”
Individuality

Our students are individuals. We encourage them to be creative thinking young people and we aim to build their confidence and independence in the context of a supportive and caring college community.

We deliver high quality teaching which recognises the abilities of all students and we provide an ethos that is student-centred, where each and every child is encouraged to thrive within a caring and supportive environment.

“Students’ achievement is celebrated regularly. This promotes self-belief and encourages students to achieve the best they can.”

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Inspiration

We are innovative, inspirational and passionate about what we do and create an environment that fosters the same attributes in our students.

This stimulating learning environment for our students, engages them in challenging and interesting activities that make learning enjoyable, bring subjects to life and make them relevant.

We enrich the learning experience by inviting in experts in their fields, such as artists, scientists and musicians, to help involve and inspire students in their subjects. This gives them greater understanding and a new perspective on what they are learning.
We foster a strong sense of community and belonging. Each student is a member of one of four houses and part of a tutor group. Tutors are the first point of contact for parents, meeting with students every day. While Heads of House offer dedicated, full-time pastoral expertise and support.

A caring college community means we don’t tolerate bullying. Our students feel incredibly safe, knowing who to report issues to and knowing that matters will be dealt with quickly and effectively.

“Students’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is promoted exceptionally well. This enhances the harmonious atmosphere and ethos of mutual respect in the school.” Ofsted 2014
Case study: Student: Amber Mold

“Newton Abbot College is an outstanding college which has supported me since day one. I have been offered many opportunities to help me develop and improve my skills.

The teachers here are passionate about their subjects and know how to support us to improve. They are always welcoming and encourage us to be the best we can be, whether it is during lessons, or in revision sessions or in clubs before and after college.”

The students feel like one big family where they can rely on each other for support and development in their education.

The College is the perfect choice if you are looking for a school which will support your child and help them achieve the best they possibly can as both an individual and academically, whilst enjoying an inspiring, safe and friendly environment.
“The school’s learning and enrichment days add to students’ engagement in their studies by offering different and challenging ways to learn.”

Ofsted 2014
We provide our students with a broad and rich experience. We put a great deal of emphasis on clubs and activities that lead to a wider sense of learning.

Opportunities for our students beyond the classroom help them to develop as well-rounded individuals as well as supporting their core learning experiences.

These activities range from drama, music, theatre and art clubs to using the photographic studio and state-of-the-art sports hall and swimming pool.

Beyond the college gates we offer extra-curricular events such as overseas expeditions, skiing, water sports, participation in the Ten Tors Challenge and Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.
Imagine what’s possible...

Our vision is to help students flourish as outstanding and independent thinkers, ready for a life of learning.

We aim to achieve this by creating a collaborative and caring environment that inspires students to be the best they can, while instilling in them the vital skills, attributes and attitudes that enable them to reach their full potential.

Imagine what is possible for your child. Let Newton Abbot College help to make it happen!
"I was very anxious about the transfer to secondary school. My son attended a very small primary school and I was worried about how he would manage the change to a much bigger school. I thought he would find it very daunting.

The transfer process was managed very well. There were visits organised before September and he was very excited when the time came to start. He was particularly keen to get involved in the many and varied clubs on offer.

On the first day of term we were both anxious. My son looked very grown up in his new uniform. By the end of that day, he and I both realised that when the time came there really was nothing to worry about. The mixed age tutor group that he joined meant that he immediately got to know older children who were able to help him settle quickly and deal with any issues if necessary.

We had heard great things about the College from other parents and this influenced our decision to send our son here. We are now very glad that we did!"