



Jane Austen COLLEGE

Prospectus





Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you to our prospectus, and give you a small flavour of life at Jane Austen College. Our school motto is that “exceptional learning leads to greatness”, and we believe that by working together we can make sure your child learns exceptionally well over the coming years.

We teach a rigorous academic curriculum, and take huge pride in the intellectual efforts of our students. We believe that with the right teaching and the right amount of effort, our students can all be successful following this curriculum. It may not always be an easy journey, but the rewards of that hard work will last for the rest of their lives.

We have very high standards for behaviour, and believe that all students can reach these standards. Excellent behaviour is essential for creating an environment where everybody can learn. We are more ambitious for our students than just expecting them to behave in

class: we want them to be polite and welcoming young people with a strong sense of right and wrong, and who have the confidence to impact the world around them.

We provide a wide range of enrichment activities through our electives programme and our Vitae Days. Every student is expected to participate in our rich range of electives, which broaden their horizons and give them a rounded school experience.

For your child to meet these ambitious expectations we will need to work together.

We will play our part by providing the best possible schooling we can. We ask our families to join with us in partnership, and to support and challenge our children to achieve their best at every opportunity.

We look forward to you joining our school community, and to getting to know you over the coming years.

Summer Turner
Head of School





“We believe that our high standards of academic aspiration, behaviour, and extracurricular activities set up all children to succeed”

About our college

Since opening in September 2014, we have established ourselves as one of the city's most popular and top-performing schools.

Our 2018 A Level results saw 88% of grades at A*-C, making us the top state school in Norwich and joint with one of the city's top independent schools.

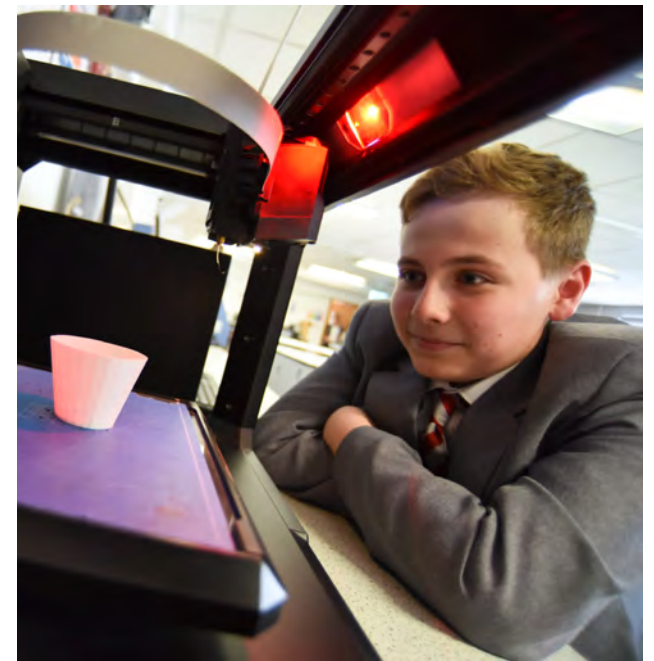
Our vision centres on setting our standards high and making sure we meet them – families like yours deserve nothing less.

This means that we do expect a lot of our students, but that we also give them a lot in return. We expect our students to work hard through to the end of our extended school day, to be polite and caring to others at all times, and to invest in their extracurricular activities to get the most out of school life. In return we offer excellent lessons that follow a carefully developed curriculum; a pastoral system that looks after every

child; and a wide range of high-quality electives that offer students the chance to try dozens of new experiences as part of the school day.

Students benefit from this approach whether they are joining the school in Year 7, or our sixth form in Year 12. Our sixth form is partnered with Sir Isaac Newton Sixth Form, a specialist maths and science school, which allows us to focus on our specialism in the arts and humanities. This partnership gives our sixth form students access to top-flight teaching in whatever subjects they choose.

Our wide, traditional curriculum is combined with exciting extracurricular electives to give our young people the best possible opportunities. We work closely with our local and national organisations, including theatres, galleries, drama groups, and museums to widen horizons and ensure our students enjoy the fullest cultural life.





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Our approach to learning

Our approach to the curriculum makes sure that students receive a high-quality education. English, maths, science, humanities and languages are given more curriculum time to ensure a broad foundation for learning.

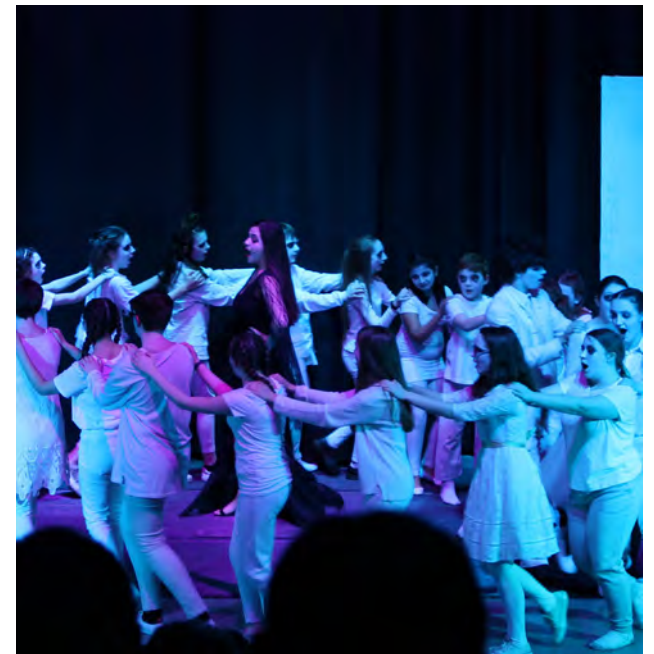
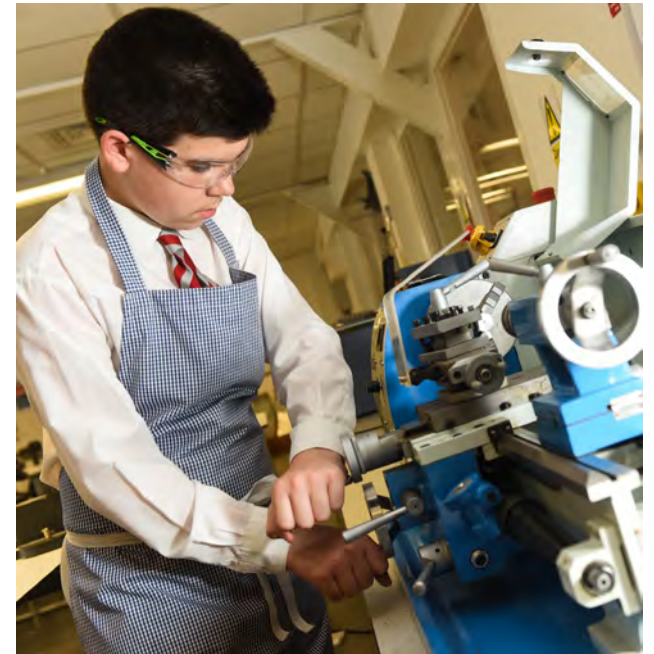
Students also have lessons in philosophy, technology, art, music and physical education, and all students study a language until at least 16.

Each day starts with form time or assembly. Form time is a daily session where students meet with their tutor. In form time, students explore current affairs and discussion topics, as well as reflecting on their progress and setting their own targets. Tutors get to know their students well as individuals so they can provide excellent pastoral support and care.

During the day, students engage in a wide academic curriculum, attending five hour-long lessons and benefiting from the best teaching. Throughout, our English specialism ensures students are taught to read and write to the highest standards.

We have the option for our students to choose a slightly longer school day to include time for independent study with teacher support on hand. This means that at home students can focus more on family time, and students can, if they wish, do their independent study with access to teachers. This supported independent study time instils a love of learning and scholarship.

Our optional extended day also provides time for electives, so that students can pursue extracurricular activities and build their wider character and resilience.





Jane Austen College
The Addams Family Musical

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Unique opportunities

School should be about so much more than just lessons. We place a high value on culture and the arts, and experiencing the joy of sport, both individually and in teams.

Our optional extended day allows students to choose 'electives' to enhance their academic timetable. These create opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, and communication skills as well as helping students develop their individual passions and interests.

Recent examples of electives have included:

Athletics, boxing, chess and strategy games, choir, computer games design, contemporary dance, creative writing, cricket, debating society, drama groups, football, forensics, netball, rugby, politics, STEM club (science, technology, engineering and maths) and school newspaper.

Students in Key Stage 4 can also take part in our Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

The best facilities

The College is based in an impressive historic building: Claxton House, on Colegate. An important part of Norwich's heritage, the former shoe factory has been sensitively refurbished to house everything a modern schools needs.

From IT suites and science labs to music studios and art rooms, we enjoy a superb and inspiring environment for our students. The perfect place for students to learn and grow.

To keep our students fit and active, we have sports and dance studios and a well-equipped fitness suite in our main building. We also have a £2m four-court sports hall on the edge of the city centre at Hall Road for students to enjoy a wide range of team and individual sports. Our students also regularly take part in competitions with other local schools.





Supporting our students

Pastoral care is crucially important, and we work in close partnership with students and parents to support our young people at every stage.

Our pastoral team is organised by year group. Each year group has two Heads of Year: one teacher and one non-teacher who is available to support students full-time. Together they guide students through their school career.

We also have a house system, through which students come to know peers in other year groups and compete in school competitions to build a sense of strong house spirit. Our whole pastoral team works hard to prevent bullying and keep our school a safe and respectful place

We work in close partnership with our parents and provide regular updates on student progress. Each term, parents receive either a report home or are invited to a parents' evening, although our teachers and form tutors are happy to discuss student progress at any point throughout the year. Our fortnightly newsletter keeps parents updated and throughout the year there are regular opportunities for parents to be involved in college life, such as concerts and sports events.

Keeping our students safe

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our young people. To achieve this we ensure the continuous development and improvement of robust safeguarding processes and procedures that promote a culture of safeguarding within our staff and volunteers. We expect all our staff to undertake a full enhanced DBS check.



Apply for a place

Applying for a place is straightforward and follows the same Norfolk County Council process as other local secondary schools.

We don't have a catchment area because we want our school to be open to any family which shares our unique ethos, so you can apply to Jane Austen College even if you live in the catchment area for another school.

We hold open evenings and tours during the year to allow students and parents the chance to experience the college for themselves; please visit our website at janeaustencollege.org for details.





inspiration trust

Jane Austen College is part of the Inspiration Trust, a not-for-profit charity twice ranked as the country's top comprehensive schools group for pupil progress to GCSE.

Our schools follow a knowledge-rich curriculum, structured by traditional subjects, to ensure systematic and thorough teaching for all.

We also offer the widest range of sporting and cultural opportunities to our young people, and encourage them to play an active role in their school and the wider community.

Our family of schools work together to ensure that all students have access to the very best teaching expertise, exceptional facilities, and extracurricular activities to excite and broaden young minds.



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