

Background information (General)





THE SCHOOL

The Peterborough School is an independent day school for boys and girls from Nursery to Sixth Form.. It is a Church of England school owned by the Woodard Corporation, known as Woodard Schools, the largest group of Church Schools in England and Wales. The Peterborough School is led by its own board of governors known as the School Council.

The School was founded in 1895, as a girls' school and from September 2010 the School expanded to allow the admission of boys, becoming the City's only independent co-educational school for pupils aged 4 to 18. To reflect this change, the School's name was changed to 'The Peterborough School'. The School ceased to offer boarding places from September 2013, to allow the boarding house to be converted into classrooms for day pupils. The School's new Sports Facility, including fitness suite, climbing wall and state-of-the-art sports hall marked a significant investment in the advancement of sport at The Peterborough School. Most recently all Science laboratories have been refurbished and a new outdoor recreational area established for the Senior School. An additional Science laboratory was created in 2015 along with the refurbishment of the Food Technology Room. The Art and Design Department has been enhanced with a new Art-Textiles studio and Graphics Room. The Senior Library and Sixth Form accommodation was completely renovated in Summer 2018.



AIMS

The aim of The Peterborough School is expressed simply to *“Unlock the potential of each and every child”*

The School’s main strategic goals are to promote pupils’ **Learning** and **Wellbeing**, underpinned by its five core values:

- **Hope** – a confident expectation of success in the future
- **Compassion** – be kind to each other
- **Community** – we have a real sense of community spirit in School; we look out for each other and celebrate each other’s success whilst supporting in times of need
- **Justice** – we have high expectations of behaviour in School and a belief in doing the right thing
- **Wisdom** – children work to develop both intellectual and personal development; we believe in an holistic education here at TPS

The School will develop, nurture and achieve:

- * **Academic Excellence**
- * **Passion for Learning**
- * **Confidence**
- * **Teamwork**
- * **Creativity**
- * **Leadership**
- * **Spiritual and Moral Values**

in a stimulating learning environment and will enable pupils to achieve success in an ever-changing world, from Nursery to Sixth Form and beyond.....

The Peterborough School is made up of three sections, The Nursery, The Preparatory School and Senior School, which includes the Sixth Form. There are currently over 440 pupils in the School with the equivalent of an additional 57 children in the School's Nursery, which is full.

The School is situated on the western approach to the City Centre, within 15 minutes' walk of the train station, within 45 minutes of London, and a short drive from the main parkway and the A1. The beautiful 13-acre campus setting provides an oasis in which children can learn and grow up, while enabling access to the amenities of Peterborough. The Governors recently acquired an additional acre of adjacent land which provides onsite secure parking for staff, and they are currently exploring additional opportunities for further expansion. The School has a variety of excellent facilities and has invested heavily in recent years. ICT is an area of recent development, and the campus has Wi-Fi access throughout and all teachers are provided with a touch screen laptop to enhance their practice. Pupils have easy access to computing facilities and all Senior School pupils have access to a device.

GENERAL INFORMATION



The School was last inspected in November 2019. The inspection was a full Regulatory Compliance Inspection, and I am pleased to report that the School was found to meet all the requirements of the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and of the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage. Additionally, it is always encouraging to see our School being recognised for the achievements our pupils make, and the work our teachers deliver every day. We are delighted that all areas of our Registered Early Years Foundation Stage were deemed Outstanding and that we have achieved this highest grading in every inspection since 2011.

The pupils received so much praise from the inspectors, especially pertaining to their learning, personal development, and behaviour. In our last Quality Inspection, the inspectors said that "Pupils make good progress as their learning needs are very well known" and "From the youngest age, pupils' positive attitudes to learning are a strength of the school and play a key part in their learning." and "Pupils' achievement in extra-curricular activities are excellent, especially in light of the size of the school". The full report can be found online on the School's website: thepeterboroughschool.co.uk/inspectionreports

The School achieved the National Association for Able Children in Education award; assessors were particularly impressed with the leadership of this important aspect of School improvement as well as the broad range of curriculum opportunities, which we provide to meet the needs of individuals.

Examination results are excellent at GCSE and A Level, with A Level results in 2019, 2020 and 2021 being the best ever recorded. In 2021, 69% of all examinations were at A* or A and 92% of all grades were at A* to B. Similarly, the Preparatory School pupils achieve exceptional results at Foundation Stage, Key Stages 1 and 2, well above the national average.

There is also an emphasis on sport, art, music and drama with a number of pupils achieving county, regional, national and international success. A vast range of extracurricular activities are also on offer, from Scouting, DoE, fencing, tennis and dance to art. The School runs Music and Sports tours, and there is an annual ski trip in addition to regular cultural visits to European cities. The pupils are supported by a strong pastoral care system, which includes a school counsellor, Study Buddies and Peer Mentors and the gifted and talented and individual needs of the children are well catered for.

INSPECTION AND RESULTS





WOODARD SCHOOLS

The Peterborough School is a charity and a company limited by shares wholly owned by the Woodard Corporation. Woodard is one of the 20th largest charities in England and Wales. As a Woodard School, The Peterborough School shares an educational vision which empowers, celebrates diversity and adds value to a child's development.

Founded in 1848 by Priest and educational visionary, Nathaniel Woodard, the schools provide the highest academic standards with an unrivalled effective and supportive environment, where each individual is valued and encouraged to give of their very best.

Young people from all faiths and traditions or none at all, flourish in the rich, diverse culture of our schools, enabling them to lead full and creative adult lives.

Today, Woodard Schools have a sense of 'faith, unity and vision' that has never been stronger. A Woodard education values both the spiritual and moral development of each person, giving strength, confidence and respect for others.

The Woodard family of schools provides many inter-school opportunities, the sharing of best practice, e.g. through the Woodard Bursar's network, and a strength and expertise within education. Woodard Schools offer a rich variety of extra-curricular activities, professional teaching and effective pastoral care.



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Why work at The Peterborough School?

You will find that all colleagues are friendly and helpful, and we seek new staff who will promote the School's caring ethos whilst striving to enable each child to achieve their very best.

We are committed to staff development: this will take place firstly in the form of induction and other professional development opportunities to consider how best to develop your career.

There are many benefits to a career at The Peterborough School. The School is a very pleasant place to work, set in a beautiful campus. Class sizes are purposefully small with motivated and well-behaved pupils.

- Happy, friendly children
- Small Class Sizes
- Dedicated and approachable colleagues
- Supportive parents
- Competitive rates of pay/School Salary Scales
- 50% fee reduction for Teaching Staff
- Pension Scheme
- Opportunities for professional development
- Teachers provided with own touchscreen laptop
- Excellent working environment
- Uniform provided
- Good quality lunches (free of charge)
- Tea and Coffee making facilities for break times
- Free use of School's Fitness Suite/Gymnasium
- Campus Setting close to the City Centre.
- Free onsite parking



HOW TO APPLY

A fully completed application form, together with a letter explaining why you are interested in this the post, should be sent to:

HR Advisor
The Peterborough School,
Thorpe Road,
Peterborough,
PE3 6AP

Applications may be made via email to hr@tps.ch.co.uk.

If you would like any further general information please contact the School, via **01733 343357**.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants will be required to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

The Peterborough School is an equal opportunities employer.

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