



Tupton Hall School is a large 11-18 comprehensive school with 1480 students on roll. It is ideally placed, benefitting from expansive grounds in the village of Tupton. Being just south of Chesterfield provides easy access to major motorway routes, the cities of Derby, Sheffield and Manchester and the idyllic Peak District and Sherwood Forest. Students and staff benefit from a modern and superbly equipped building maintained through a PFI contract. The school's legacy of specialist status in Sport and ICT has ensured that learning environments are ICT equipped and sporting facilities are unrivalled county wide.

This is an exciting time to join the school, as we have recently become a partner in the high achieving Redhill Academy Trust, which comprises of 10 secondary schools and 5 primary schools in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

Tupton Hall has a large catchment area, which includes the parishes of Clay Cross, Grassmoor, North Wingfield, Pilsley, Tupton, Wingerworth, Stretton and Ashover. The intake can be described as truly "comprehensive" in both background and ability. The school enjoys a strong reputation in the area, and although there are ten primary schools designated within our cluster, in recent years the school has welcomed students into Year 7 from over 15 primary schools.

The school expects students to work hard, get involved in school life, behave well, and demonstrate a sense of care for others. Students are mainly taught in all ability groups in Year 7 and 8 although there is some setting in English and Mathematics. Wider approaches to ability grouping becomes more common in Years 9 -11. Students who make slower than expected progress are given support in the classroom with some students being withdrawn from lessons to receive further support and help. The school has fully developed and effective inclusion policies and practices whilst remaining committed to the highest expectation of student behaviour and conduct in and around school. The Aspire and Link Centres are focal points for Inclusion and Extended Services provision.

At the beginning of the 2020-21 academic year the school moved to a vertically organised pastoral system where students are placed into small 'all years' tutor groups in order to further personalise our pastoral and academic support and guidance for them. The school House system has been revitalised and now involves inter-house competitions across all areas of the curriculum. A Personal and Social Development Programme is delivered both in lessons and in 'Challenge time' to support the holistic development of every student at the school. There is an excellent variety of enrichment activities on offer for all students, including sporting activities, music, drama, off site visits, foreign tours, as well as many clubs.

In September 2020 the school's academic faculty areas will be English, Mathematics, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Humanities, Expressive Arts, Technology, PE and Social Sciences. Each area has a Faculty Leader who is responsible for the leadership and management of that area.

Students join our very successful Sixth Form from Tupton Hall and other nearby 11-16 schools. We offer an extensive range of traditional and contemporary 'A' Level courses together with leadership development programmes such as the HSLA and CSLA qualifications. Many students progress to university with others accessing higher level apprenticeships or work place opportunities.

The best way to experience the tangible 'buzz' at our school is to visit. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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