



Prospectus



*Where every
individual belongs,
is valued, and thrives.*

Welcome *to Thomas Keble School*



“ Pupils feel happy
and safe at school.

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Every student belongs, is valued, and thrives through opportunity, strong relationships and high expectations.

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Thomas Keble School. Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a family makes, and we believe every young person deserves a school where they are known as an individual, supported to grow in confidence, and challenged to achieve their very best.

Thomas Keble combines the breadth of opportunity often associated with a much larger school with the warmth, care and sense of belonging that come from being part of a close-knit community. We are proud of our exceptional facilities, dedicated staff and well-rounded curriculum, but what truly defines us are the relationships that sit at the heart of school life. We know our students well, celebrate their individuality, and work closely with families to help every child succeed.

High standards, compassionate pastoral care and outstanding teaching create an environment in which students flourish academically and personally. Beyond the classroom, a rich programme of clubs, trips, leadership opportunities and enrichment activities ensure every student can discover new interests and develop their talents.

At Thomas Keble, success is measured not only by excellent outcomes, but by the confident, ambitious and compassionate young people we help prepare for life beyond school.

Steven P Shaw,
Headteacher

Thomas Keble Curriculum

The Thomas Keble curriculum is broad, balanced and ambitious; it is designed to help every student thrive.

Our curriculum is designed with students at its heart. We believe every young person deserves access to a broad, ambitious and inclusive education that develops powerful knowledge, nurtures curiosity and equips them to flourish in an ever-changing world. Throughout Years 7 and 8, all students study a broad and balanced curriculum, with some specialisation introduced in Year 9 to allow greater depth of learning. Students make further curriculum choices for Years 10 and 11. Most subjects are taught in mixed-ability groups, reflecting our commitment to inclusion, high expectations and the belief that every student can achieve excellence.

We are rightly proud of our excellent academic outcomes for all students, not just a few. As a comprehensive and inclusive school, we see strong outcomes not as an end in themselves, but as a symptom of a thriving school culture.

We prioritise exceptional teaching, expert pastoral support and a curriculum that inspires students to learn.



“ Leaders have designed a broad and ambitious curriculum.

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We work closely with families to ensure every student makes excellent progress from their starting points, often achieving far more than they ever thought possible.



We take a broad view of curriculum: the knowledge students learn, the experiences they enjoy, the values they develop and the people they become. Through educational visits, clubs, leadership opportunities, careers education and extracurricular activities, students broaden their horizons, discover new passions and develop the confidence, character and resilience to flourish as learners, citizens and future members of their communities.



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Pupils are polite
and respectful.

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Thomas Keble Values

Our REACH values shape who we are: fostering belonging, character, achievement and community every day.

Our REACH values are the foundation of everything we do. They shape our culture, guide our decisions and define the expectations we hold for ourselves and each other. More than words on a wall, Respect, Excellence, Ambition, Compassion and Honesty are brought to life through the everyday actions of our students, staff and wider community.

Our values help create a school where every individual belongs, is valued and thrives. They shape how students learn, how they treat one another and how they contribute to school life. Whether welcoming visitors from across the world, leading charitable and environmental projects, representing the school in sport, producing exceptional creative work or standing up for what is right, our students demonstrate REACH in action every day.

These values provide a shared language and a common purpose. They help us build strong relationships, maintain high standards and foster a culture where kindness, ambition and integrity sit alongside academic achievement. Together, they ensure that success at Thomas Keble is measured not only by what students achieve, but by the people they become.



Thomas Keble Learning Environment

Our exceptional facilities create inspiring environments where every student can learn, create and thrive.

Thomas Keble School is proud to provide some of the finest learning facilities in the region. As one of the first 50 schools nationally selected for the Government's School Rebuilding Programme, our state-of-the-art campus has been designed to support outstanding teaching, learning and enrichment opportunities for generations to come.

Our purpose-built learning environment combines inspiring teaching spaces with the latest technology. Students benefit from specialist IT suites, purpose-built computer rooms, mobile laptop and iPad provision, and a dedicated iMac music technology studio. Creative subjects are housed in exceptional facilities, including a professional-standard theatre with tiered seating, a fully equipped drama studio, and modern Design Technology workshops featuring 3D printers, laser cutters, advanced textiles equipment and industry-standard food technology facilities.

Our campus extends well beyond the classroom. Set within our grounds are dedicated vocational learning spaces, including specialist teaching pods, a large greenhouse and growing area that support subjects such as Horticulture and Employability. In our wooded area, students can take part in Animal Club activities, developing responsibility, practical skills and a connection with the natural environment.





Sport and physical wellbeing are equally well served through our sports hall, dance studio, state-of-the-art fitness suite, new tennis courts, winter sports pitch, athletics facilities and ECB-standard cricket wicket.

Sustainability sits at the heart of our campus design. Air-source heat pumps, solar panels and energy-efficient systems provide much of the school's heating and power, helping create an exceptional learning environment that is ready for the future. Together, these facilities provide students with the resources, opportunities and experiences needed to flourish both now and beyond Thomas Keble School.

“ Pupils' behaviour is calm and friendly and disruption to learning is rare.

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“ Pupils are proud of the range of sports clubs available to boys and girls. These opportunities develop pupils’ confidence.

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Our Pastoral Care

Pastoral care at Thomas Keble fosters belonging, wellbeing and support, ensuring every student thrives.

At Thomas Keble School, pastoral care is at the heart of everything we do. We provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where every student is known, valued and encouraged to thrive. From the moment students join us, we focus on creating a strong sense of belonging. New students co-produce a ceramic tile that becomes part of a permanent display in the school, symbolising their place within our community. Each September, Year 7 students also take part in a sponsored community walk, reinforcing our values of belonging, connection and shared experience.

Every student is part of a tutor group led by a dedicated form tutor who provides guidance, encouragement and support throughout their school journey.

Tutors are supported by experienced Heads of Year, and our tutor team has ring-fenced time beyond the daily tutor period to provide additional pastoral support when needed. Students can also access help throughout the day via our dedicated student reception.

Complemented by a strong Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) programme and thoughtfully planned transition activities, our pastoral systems ensure that every student feels supported, empowered and ready to thrive.





“ Parents and pupils value the enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities at the school.

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Our Extra-Curriculum

Beyond the classroom, Thomas Keble offers exceptional opportunities for students to explore, achieve and thrive.

At Thomas Keble School, learning extends far beyond the classroom through an exceptional extra-curricular programme that enriches students' education and broadens their horizons. With over 50 clubs running each week, there is something for every student, from competitive sport and performing arts to debating, crafting, music, animal care and special interest groups. Our dedicated staff generously volunteer their time, energy and expertise to create opportunities that help students develop confidence, independence and curiosity.

Sport plays a central role, with clubs including football, netball, hockey, rugby, gymnastics, athletics, cricket, tennis, basketball, volleyball, dance, cheerleading and outdoor pursuits. Our teams compete successfully at local, regional and national level.

The performing arts are a particular strength. Students take part in annual dance productions, music showcases and ambitious school musicals, with recent productions including *Billy Elliot* and *Bugsy Malone*. These opportunities allow students to develop their creativity, confidence and performance skills while contributing to a vibrant school culture.

Students also benefit from an extensive programme of educational visits and residential experiences. Recent opportunities have included a netball tour to Paris, football and netball tours to Spain, a European ski trip, Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, GCSE Geography fieldwork in Swanage and a Spanish department trip to Malaga. Together, these experiences create lasting memories, strengthen relationships and provide a truly holistic education beyond the school gates.



Opportunity, community and Success

At Thomas Keble, we offer the opportunities of a large school with the personal touch of a small one, creating a community where every child can thrive.

Thomas Keble offers the breadth of opportunity often associated with a much larger school while retaining the close-knit, caring atmosphere of a smaller community. Our outstanding facilities, talented staff and engaging curriculum enable students to flourish both academically and personally. With more than 50 clubs each week, a wide range of trips and enrichment activities, and excellent pastoral care, every student is encouraged to discover their interests and ambitions.

At the heart of our school is a strong sense of belonging. We know our students as individuals, celebrate difference and build supportive relationships that help young people feel valued, confident and successful. Our House system and dedicated pastoral teams ensure that students are well supported throughout their journey.

High standards of behaviour, conduct and appearance underpin a calm and purposeful learning environment, while strong partnerships with families help every child thrive. As an inclusive, co-educational school, we are proud of the excellent progress our students make and the exceptional preparation they receive for future education, employment and life beyond school.







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