



FOUNDED IN 1487

STOCKPORT
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

“ The pupils’ overall achievement and their learning, attitudes and skills are outstanding. Pupils are exceptionally well educated and the school fulfils its aim to enable boys and girls from a wide range of backgrounds to realise their potential which gives them the best possible start in life.”

ISI Inspection 2011



A commitment to excellence

Stockport Grammar School has very high academic standards. We are committed to ensuring that children are both happy and successful, achieving their full potential through the provision of a broad and balanced academic curriculum.

We seek to serve the needs of girls and boys rather than to dictate them, working with their interests and aptitudes.

A wide range of subjects is offered at examination level and careful guidance is provided to ensure that your child is able to follow a programme of study tailored to his or her ability and aspirations.

Classroom teaching is of the highest quality. Lively teaching motivates, engages, enthuses and inspires. Girls and boys learn much from each other; they are encouraged to express their ideas confidently and to enjoy discussion and debate.



A spirit of enquiry

We resist the temptation to define the quality of education simply in terms of examination grades.



We want our girls and boys to be creative and flexible thinkers, with high self-esteem and an awareness of the needs of others. In addition we hope to foster a love of academic work for its own sake. Learning should be enjoyable.

We want to enable girls and boys to achieve considerable academic success without being subjected to undue pressure. Small class sizes help teachers to focus on the needs of every student. Learning is designed to be stimulating and challenging.

Our teachers are energetic and innovative in their approach and are dedicated to educating children rather than simply teaching their subject. Children acquire and sharpen the skills necessary for independent learning, ensuring that academic progress is supported and monitored at every stage.



"I love the community feel here... Through all the activities on offer, I've been able to make friends in all the year groups. The way older pupils support and mentor the younger ones is really great... And it is thanks to my hockey teacher that I was put forward for England trials and have been playing for the England U18s squad ever since."

Sixth Form pupil





“I am delighted with the school and my children’s progress here.”

Senior School parent



A community of individuals

Every child makes a unique and special contribution to the health and vigour of our school.

The school is a warm and happy community in which girls and boys are encouraged to build confidence in their own talents and develop a sensitive understanding of the views and needs of others.

Whilst it may be difficult to measure the benefits of co-education in quantifiable terms, the most important elements in life are rarely measurable. Through learning and working together, girls and boys receive the very best start in what is, after all, a co-educational world.



A sense of **belonging**

We want girls and boys to enjoy school – to explore and expand the boundaries of their potential and to participate in all that is on offer.



An experienced team of tutors provides a high level of support to each boy and girl to ensure that they flourish and develop the qualities of initiative, leadership and responsibility so important in converting examination qualifications into success in life.

Senior students are trained to support and guide younger pupils through working as mentors and in leading the House system. We attach great importance to the forging of a strong partnership between school and home. Our Christian Foundation welcomes students of all faiths and none and we value the diversity that this brings.

Central to our work is the high quality of our pastoral support and care. Families appreciate the warmth of relationships between teachers, students and their parents, which ensures that your son or daughter will be known as an individual.

“I love school because I can be with my friends and I’m allowed to be myself and be happy.”

Third Year pupil



"I came to a Maths competition here when I was in Year 5 at primary school and I fell in love with the beautiful grounds and old buildings, and everyone seemed so friendly. When I started school, the First Form Friends helped us settle in really quickly and my form teacher has been brilliant! And the lunches are amazing....."

First Year pupil



A spirit of adventure

A broad education cannot be confined within the walls of a classroom.



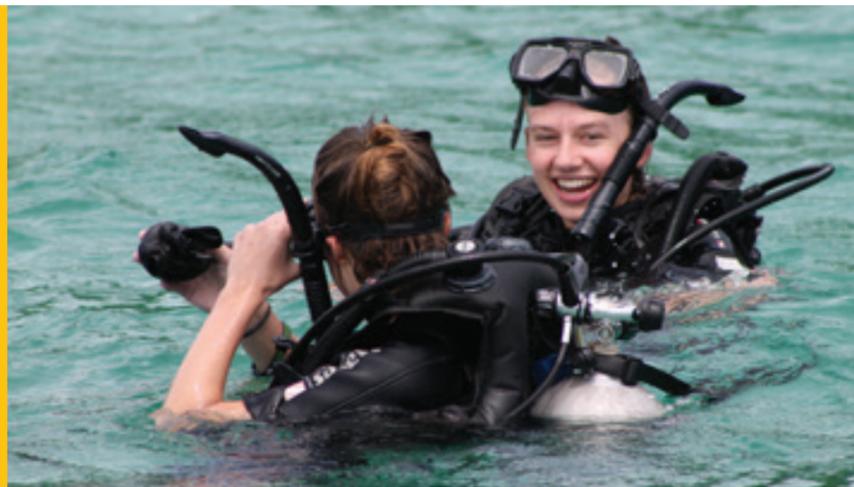
Our excellence in academic study is complemented by an extensive range of extra-curricular activities. Girls and boys take full advantage of a multitude of cultural and sporting opportunities.

There are many flourishing clubs and societies. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Model United Nations organisation provide scope for personal development in terms of building confidence, a sense of responsibility and self-discipline.

The school places great value on its links with the local community. Girls and boys are encouraged to take part in our programme of Voluntary Service which extends their capacity to think for themselves whilst thinking of others.



The school's Outdoor Pursuits programme gives every student the opportunity to develop qualities of independence alongside an awareness of the beauty of the countryside. Our enviable programme of international and domestic educational visits supplements and extends the curriculum whilst helping your child to acquire a lifelong appetite for discovery and adventure.



A breadth of involvement

The school provides outstanding opportunities for each student to develop his or her creative talents, both in class and through involvement in a host of activities at lunchtime and after school.



The exceptional quality of our music is widely recognised. An extensive concert programme encompasses all styles of music from classical to jazz and rock. Although a large number of pupils learn a musical instrument, there is no need to be a prodigy to take part in music making and enjoy the exhilaration of performance.

Taking part in drama helps girls and boys to develop their skills and confidence as well as the capacity to work in a team.

A wide range of productions gives students of all ages the chance to discover and celebrate their enthusiasms and talents.



“I’ve had so many opportunities through being at this school, from the fantastic music tours to the amazing Physics trip to CERN... And I feel lucky to have been in the most supportive environment, where every type of personality and talent is nurtured.”

Sixth Form pupil



The study of art is an important feature of the curriculum and girls and boys are encouraged to pursue their interests and creativity. We offer a wide range of programmes in fields such as textiles, graphics, sculpture and photography. There are frequent exhibitions and overseas study tours. Education in technology and design provides the opportunity for girls and boys to extend their horizons and enhance their problem solving abilities. Our students have enjoyed notable success in national competitions.





Pupils enjoy a wide variety of other activities ranging from climbing and swimming to chess and fencing.

An appetite for challenge

There is sport for everyone here. The school has a fine sporting tradition of which we are very proud.

Considerable emphasis is placed upon participation, involvement and commitment in order to give all girls and boys the chance to represent Stockport Grammar School. Every individual can gain much from the experience of teamwork and leadership which sporting competition provides both during their time at school and in their adult lives.

We are fortunate to enjoy excellent facilities which provide the competitive environment for the very best athletes as well as for those for whom sport is simply good fun.

Our teams and individuals achieve considerable success in regional, national and international competitions. We like to win, but it is equally important to learn to lose with dignity and good grace if outplayed. The major team sports are rugby, soccer, cricket, tennis and athletics for boys and hockey, netball, tennis, athletics and rounders for girls. Pupils enjoy a wide variety of other activities ranging from climbing and swimming to chess and fencing.



A pride in the future and in the past

There is no typical Stockport Grammar School student. We offer an inspiring academic education and superb extra-curricular opportunities in a friendly and flexible environment focused on providing your child with an enjoyable and contemporary educational experience.

We educate girls and boys for the future by helping them to discover and nurture their individual talents whilst equipping them with the confidence, maturity and determination to embrace opportunities, pursue their personal goals and realise their ambitions.

Edmund Shaa, Lord Mayor of London and Court Jeweller to three kings of England established a school in his home town of Stockport in 1487. As one of the oldest schools in the country, we are very proud of our place in the history of the

region and the nation. The school retains very close links with the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, the patrons of the school.

Our active Parents' Association fosters close links between families and the school, which has been greatly strengthened by the generosity of parents with their time and expertise. A thriving network of Old Stopfordians offers many opportunities for students to remain in contact with the community of Stockport Grammar School throughout their professional careers.



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