



STOCKPORT GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

An exciting, challenging and supportive environment





#### Thank you for your interest in Stockport Grammar Junior School.

We believe that children thrive when their natural enthusiasm for discovery is encouraged in an exciting, challenging and supportive environment where each child is given every chance to do their best. Stockport Grammar Junior School is a happy, inviting place where the children in our care grow to become confident learners.

Established in 1487, Stockport Grammar School has a long and distinguished history, reflected in our commitment to provide a broad education which lays strong foundations for a lifetime of learning. Through a rich and challenging curriculum, high quality teaching, excellent facilities and an extensive range of opportunities outside of the classroom, we help each child to develop their skills and talents for a lifetime of success. Our strong links to the Senior School bring many benefits, including access to superb facilities, collaborative teaching and a feeling of security, confidence and continuity for the children. Girls and boys join the Junior School from the age of 3. Our state-of-the-art Nursery provides a fantastic start to Stockport Grammar - a safe and stimulating environment.

It is impossible to describe all the things which make our school special but those who visit the school quickly reach their own conclusion as they see busy, happy children, both at work and at play. Please contact the school office on 0161 419 2405 to arrange a visit and I will be delighted to show you around our school.



Matthew Copping - Head

### Your child We want your child to be happy and feel secure.

We encourage each child in our school to grow up with confidence, to succeed without fear of failure and to be busy and full of enthusiasm for all areas of school life. Our academic standards are high, but without undue pressure.

A supportive school community is at the heart of our success, and we want all our pupils to be well-mannered and to show kindness and respect to others. "Stockport Grammar School is a vibrant and welcoming community where the values of respect and tolerance sit at the core of its ethos."

"Children in the early years benefit from a nurturing classroom space and outdoor learning environment which is well designed to support children in their development."

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## Exceptional Nursery Provision

#### A confident start to their learning journey.

Our Nursery is led by a full time teacher, assisted by our experienced and well qualified team who together provide a purposeful atmosphere in which children can develop essential skills such as language development, pencil control and letter and number recognition. There are, in addition, specialist Music and Modern Foreign Languages lessons, regular sessions in the Junior library, Dance and PE in the school hall and weekly swimming lessons in the school pool, again taken by specialist teachers.

# Learning and Teaching

Children come to school with a great curiosity, a sense of enquiry and a willingness to explore which, as teachers, it is our privilege to encourage and develop. We place great emphasis on each individual, seeking to discover and build upon each child's way of learning.





- "All the teachers here are amazing and help me achieve my best."
- "We are not just a school, we are family."
- "I've loved being in the Junior School Orchestra as I've made many friends and I've improved tremendously on the violin."
- Year 6 pupils





### The following subjects are given timetabled lessons:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science
- Humanities
- Music
- Modern Foreign Languages (French, Spanish, and German)
- Art
- Information and Computer Technology (ICT)
- Design and Technology
- Physical Education
- Games
- Swimming
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Religious Education



There are specialist teaching rooms for ICT, Science, Music, Art and Design and Technology and a well-stocked and well-used library.

The Junior School has its own all-weather surface and shares an all-weather pitch, swimming pool, sports hall and extensive playing fields with the Senior School.

Homework is set regularly to support and reinforce learning at school. It varies in type and quantity depending on the age of the children. Junior pupils use a homework diary which enables regular communication between parents and teachers.



- "Science is really interesting because we do experiments."
- "I like this school because we have lots of fun."
- "I like going to the swimming pool and I like getting wet."

Year I pupils





#### Our Junior School Values:

- Enthusiasm
- Resilience
- Curiosity
- Respect
- Togetherness





We believe that children grow in confidence when they are part of a happy school community, and that this is the best environment for learning and for the development of the personal skills they will take with them on their journey through life.

Your child's form teacher will get to know your daughter or son very well, taking primary responsibility for your child's welfare and progress in school, and maintaining close and frequent contact with you. All of us in school are readily available to meet parents.

Parent consultations are held twice a year and reports are produced at regular intervals.

The school employs two nurses who provide support to children with both minor ailments and more serious medical conditions.

Working throughout the Junior and Senior Schools, the nurses provide continuity for pupils of all ages.

Each child is allocated to one of the four houses for sporting, music and other competitions and to provide opportunities for social links throughout the school. Children remain in the same house as they progress to the Senior School.





Stockport Grammar Junior School pupils enjoy an extensive range of extra-curricular activities both in lunchtime and after-school clubs.

Music, drama and sport are strong. Over half of junior pupils are learning to play a musical instrument. Infants and juniors gain confidence through performing in regular orchestral, singing and drama productions.

Teams compete against other independent and maintained schools in a range of sports. Specialist sports teaching develops children's abilities and enjoyment from a young age, encouraging healthy attitudes and an appreciation of the benefits of teamwork. Residential trips, educational visits and guests in school further enrich the children's lives. Before and after school care is available and holiday clubs are run during most holidays. "SGS Junior School is an outstanding school and I am delighted with the quality of teaching, the caring attitude of the teachers and the overall environment for learning and personal development."

"Our daughter loves going to school and I think that sums up everything."

Parental Survey





- "In the junior school, teaching is stimulating and elicits enthusiastic responses from the pupils."
- "In the early years, well trained staff continuously evaluate their practice to maximise learning opportunities for the children and to ensure that children are happy and thriving."
- "Pupils make good progress from their starting points and teachers use assessment data well to plan learning that meets the needs of pupils."

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#### Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make.

We are very proud of all that our children achieve in this friendly and busy school. Words and pictures can only provide a small insight, so we hope you will visit us to experience for yourselves, what makes this a special place.



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