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#### Hele's School

POST 16 PROSPECTUS



#### Welcome





I take great pleasure in welcoming you to Hele's School! We are a school with a tradition of academic excellence, high aspirations and a big heart.

Our mission is to support and challenge each individual, adult or child, to be the best they can be. We have a 'no excuses' philosophy based on growth mindset principles, which reinforces our belief that we can always improve, and that nothing is impossible.

I am extremely proud to lead a dedicated and enthusiastic team of staff who are passionate about working with young people and are committed to ensuring that those entrusted in our care get the best life chances possible. Everything we do is shaped by our determination to ensure that every student has a positive and memorable experience of school; that they thrive, flourish and, crucially, are happy.

Please do take the time to explore our website, Facebook and Twitter pages to find out more about us, and don't hesitate to contact us should you require any further information about our school. Better still, come and see us for yourself! We delight in showing people our school and rest assured that a very warm welcome awaits you.

We look forward to working with you in partnership in the future, and to welcoming you to Hele's School.

Justine Mason - Principal

## Passion for Learning

For over three hundred years, Hele's School has been associated with a tradition of educational excellence and personal achievement.

We are a dedicated and enthusiastic team who are passionate about education and are committed to creating the best possible life chances for young people in our care.

Our teaching is driven by the belief that every student should have a happy and inspiring experience of school and we focus on continually developing our classroom practice to ensure that we deliver challenging and stimulating lessons.

We aspire to be an outstanding learning community with the spirit of discovery at our heart, where endeavour and creativity are nurtured, and dreams and ambitions are fulfilled.





### A Vibrant Curriculum

Post-16 students experience a vibrant, rigorous and modern curriculum, which supports and challenges each person to achieve their full potential, both in and out of the classroom.

A broad range of courses and enrichment activities are offered to encourage students to develop new skills and interests, including A-Levels, Cambridge Technical awards, BTECs, and vocational qualifications.

We promote a growth mindset, a commitment to lifelong learning and a constant quest to improve. Recognising and celebrating effort, as well as achievement, is something we hold dear.

# A Community of Individuals

We believe that excellent pastoral care and relevant and informed careers advice and guidance are an entitlement for all. Students are involved in alumni workshops, enterprise activities and Higher Education conferences to encourage each individual to explore possibilities and achieve their goals and aspirations.

We are a community with high standards, and each individual - staff or student - is expected to act as an exemplary role model to others; this is evident in positive attitudes and an environment that promotes care, wellbeing, and personal achievement.

Our students thrive in a supportive environment, which enables them to learn and grow together. Everyone at our school is proud to be associated with Team Hele's.





### A Classroom Beyond the Classroom

Our Post-16 offer provides opportunities to develop potential not only in traditional academic ways but also through discovering ability in creative, technological, recreational and vocational areas too.

Post-16 students seize plentiful opportunities to develop and grow their leadership capacity through acting as House Captains, Mentors, Sports Leaders, and Subject Volunteers, as well as through participation in the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The Junior Leadership Team, composed entirely of Post-16 students, works closely with the school community and the Senior Leadership Team around action planning for continuous school improvement.