



Hele's School

A great place to learn. A great place to grow.



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Why Families Choose Hele's

At Hele's School, we combine high aspirations with high levels of support and enjoyment. We believe that every child should be valued, supported and challenged to achieve their very best in a safe, inclusive and inspiring environment.

Academic Excellence

An ambitious curriculum, expert teaching and high expectations ensure students develop the knowledge, skills and qualifications needed to succeed in further education, employment and life beyond school.

Exceptional Care and Support

Strong relationships sit at the heart of our community. We are committed to ensuring every child feels safe, happy, known and valued, enabling them to thrive both academically and personally.

A Wealth of Opportunities

From sport, music and performing arts to leadership, academic enrichment and wider personal development, students are encouraged to discover new passions, develop talents and broaden their horizons.

Character and Values

A school with heart. Our culture is built on three simple expectations:
Committed
Respectful
Safe
We help young people develop confidence, resilience, integrity and a sense of responsibility towards others.

Preparation for Life

Whether progressing to university, apprenticeships or employment, Hele's students leave as confident, capable and compassionate young people, ready to make a positive contribution to the world around them.



Preparing Young People for Successful Futures *(Hele's School Provisional Outcomes 2026)*

84%

4+ English & Maths
Significantly above 2024/25 national figure of 65%

64%

5+ English & Maths
Significantly above 2024/25 national figure of 45%

16%

7+ English & Maths
In line with 2024/25 national figure of 17%

52.15

Attainment 8
Significantly above 2024/25 national figure of 46

36.47 (B-)

A Level Average
Points Score

>95%

Move on to education, employment or further training

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Exceptional care alongside high expectations.
Personal growth and happiness matter **as much** as academic achievement.





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.

Welcome

EMMA CLAPHAM
Headteacher



Hele's School
Our Values

RESPECT

COMPASSION

RESILIENCE

ASPIRATION

Hele's Exceptional Alumni

Employers want Hele's graduates because they leave with the **skills, attitude and experiences** to make a **difference**.

“I say with my whole heart that I was so incredibly lucky to have gone to Hele's School. It is the most wonderful place with the most brilliant teachers and members of staff. As I now begin my medical career after studying at Barts and the London School of Medicine & Dentistry, secondary school feels further and further away. I do feel sad that I won't ever have that experience again, but I am SO glad that I had it at Hele's.”

Dr Kelly Armstrong
Hele's School, 2015-2021



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Important Dates

Plymouth deadline for school applications
31st October 2026.

Parents/Carers will be notified on
1st March 2027.

Open Mornings

Monday 28th Sep - Friday 2nd Oct 2026

An opportunity to see the school
in action during the school day
and visit classes.

Pre-booking is essential

Please sign up via the QR code



Discover new passions.
Develop new skills.
Create new opportunities.





Admissions

Admissions to the school in Year 7 are coordinated by Plymouth Local Authority. The admissions scheme allows parents to apply for up to three secondary schools and list them in order of priority. Each applicant receives a single offer of a secondary school place. Offers are made on the same day every year throughout the country (March 1st, or the next working day should this fall on a weekend or Bank Holiday). Occasionally, places become available in other year groups and we are then able to consider additional students. A large number of students from other schools and colleges join the Sixth Form each year, as we offer an extensive range of courses, which allows for bespoke combinations of subjects. A separate Sixth Form prospectus is available from Reception or our website.

Visiting and Contacting Us

Any prospectus can only give the briefest of details and nothing can replace a visit so do contact us to come and see us at work.

Headteacher

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Special Educational Needs

At Hele's School, all teachers are teachers of pupils with SEND.

We are committed to delivering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our students, whatever their needs or ability.

For more information,
please contact
SENDCo
Mrs Byrne.



Every child valued.
Every child challenged.
Every child supported.





Enrichment and Community Sports

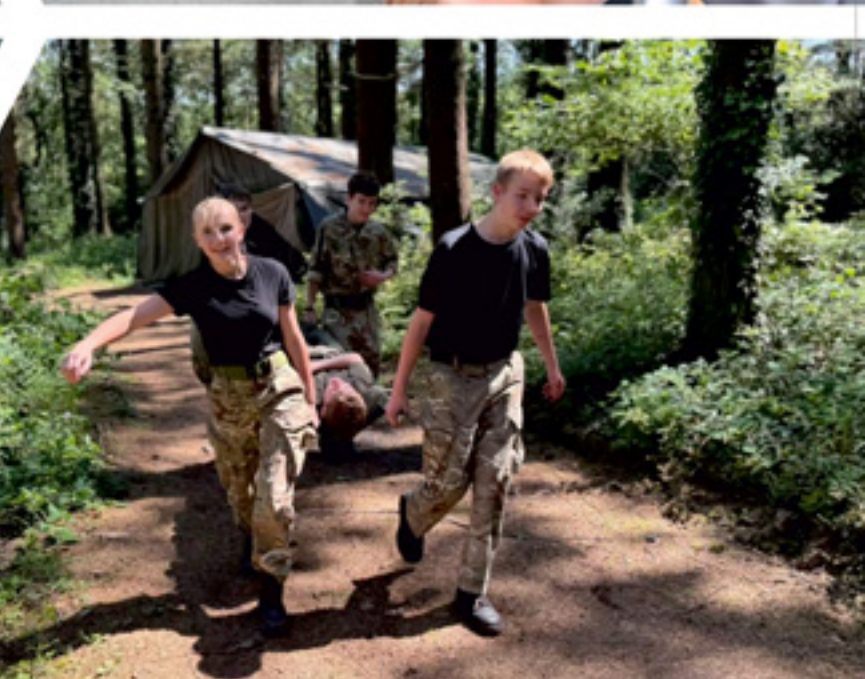
Ancient Greek
Animé/Manga
Art
Badminton
Band
Basketball
Book Club
Combined Cadet Force
Chess Club
Darts
Dodgeball
Duke of Edinburgh
Dungeons and Dragons
Eco Club
Fitness Suite
Futsal
Football
Latin
Netball
Origami Club

Rhythm and Soul Choir
Rugby
Songwriting and recording
Table Tennis
Ukuele

Community Sports

Available after 5pm

Badminton
Basketball
Clubbercise
Dance Class
Football
Netball
Power Bounce
Rockfit
Roller Derby
Running Club
Tennis
Toshi Ryu Karate



More than lessons.
More than qualifications.
More than a school.





Hele's School Celebrates Best Ever GCSE Results in 2026

Hele's School is celebrating the best GCSE results in its history, with students achieving exceptional outcomes across a broad range of subjects and building on a performance that was already significantly above national averages last year.

The outcomes reflect the school's continued commitment to high academic standards, excellent attendance, strong pastoral support and an ambitious curriculum that enables young people to thrive.

"We are absolutely delighted with these outcomes. Last year, our students achieved results that were already well above national averages, so to see a further substantial improvement this year is truly remarkable.

These results are a testament to the hard work, resilience and ambition of our students, supported every step of the way by dedicated staff, supportive families and governors who share our belief that every child can succeed."

Emma Clapham, Headteacher



We educate for life.





Hele's School Celebrates Fantastic A Level Success and Continued Sixth Form Improvement

Students at Hele's School are celebrating another year of excellent A Level results, with the school achieving its strongest Post-16 outcomes in recent years.

The results reflect the hard work, resilience and determination of students, alongside the commitment of staff and families who have supported them throughout their Sixth Form journey. This year's success continues a sustained trajectory of improvement in Post-16 outcomes and demonstrates the strength of the school's inclusive and ambitious Sixth Form provision.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have achieved. An average grade of B- is a milestone for the school, a fantastic accomplishment for a fully comprehensive school and reflects both the talent of our young people and the exceptional support provided by our staff. These results are about so much more than grades; they represent resilience, determination and personal growth. Every student has their own story and we are delighted to celebrate their success."

Emma Clapham, Headteacher



Pathways to success in a changing world: university, apprenticeships and employment.

