

# Introduction

From the Headteacher, Nigel Willingham

It is my privilege to introduce the St Clement's High School prospectus. I trust it will help you gain an insight into a school which has a strong focus on academic achievement and progress within a caring, small school environment.

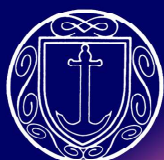
St Clement's is a friendly school at the heart of its community. Teachers pride themselves in knowing the students as individuals and visitors frequently comment on the friendly, ordered atmosphere and the politeness of our students.

St Clement's High School works within the West Norfolk Academies Trust. This means our students benefit from working in a close, mutually beneficial partnership with Springwood High School, Marshland High School and Smithdon High School. The Trust has a clear, strategic vision for the future, based on four key areas;

- World class standards of student achievement
- Strong community engagement
- Excellent standards of Teaching and Learning
- World class resources for our school community.

Our school was inspected by Ofsted in 2023 and we were proud to be judged as Good in all areas.

***"Pupils value the community ethos of this small school" Ofsted 2023***



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# Pastoral Support

## ***"Pupils feel well supported" Ofsted 2023"***

St Clement's is a small and caring school where we aim to get to know each child as an individual. Every student is placed in a year based tutor group and they meet with their tutor each morning. Each year group is assigned a Pastoral Support Officer based in the centre of the school. The PSOs are available to help students with any issues that might arise during the day and parents can also contact them directly with any queries or concerns they may have. The pastoral team work closely with tutors and Heads of Year to ensure our students are getting the support they need to be happy, healthy and successful in school.

## ***"Pupils demonstrate good levels of respect for people with disabilities and of a different race or religion" Ofsted 2023***

The relationship between home and school is really important to us and to aid good communication all teachers are available by appointment every Thursday after school to meet with parents. This means any concerns can be quickly addressed. Support for homework can be found at the homework club which runs every day until 4.30 in the Library.

## ***"Adults have high expectations of how pupils should behave and what they should achieve" Ofsted 2023***

Students earn achievement points across the school which lead to Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum awards. At each level students receive a badge to wear on their blazers. Additional badges can be earned through exceptional effort and achievement in specific subjects. Students are encouraged to participate in student voice opportunities such as the student council, and the students have driven a number of practical projects over recent years. In year 11 students can apply to be prefects and senior prefects. Currently the senior prefects are leading work on diversity, wellbeing and the environment.



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# Teaching & Learning

***"Leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum" Ofsted 2023***

St Clement's High School has a great team of staff who work closely together to ensure the highest quality of teaching and learning. They work hard to ensure that students make progress in every lesson. In the lower school students are taught in a combination of ability sets and mixed ability groups. Students are then guided through the options process at the end of Year 9 and begin their chosen GCSE courses at the beginning of Year 10.

***"The teachers are knowledgeable and confident in adapting their explanations to help to help students understand" Ofsted 2023***

While we are a small school we offer a broad range of GCSE and equivalent courses alongside the core subjects of English, Maths and Science, including...

- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- Citizenship
- Music
- Drama
- Design and Technology
- Hospitality and Catering
- Business Studies
- Retail Business
- French
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Information Communication Technology
- Fine Art
- Photography

The majority of students will study Combined science, while the top scientists in each year take Triple Science and gain specific GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.



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# Creative Arts

The Arts are recognised as a strength of the school and we are keen for students to foster their creative talents. In recognition of the excellent opportunities offered by the school in this area, the school was awarded the Gold Artsmark in July 2020.

We are fortunate to have a well-equipped Drama studio with a sprung floor. The teaching in this area has been recognised as outstanding and the GCSE course is extremely popular. Several students have recently progressed to study at some of the country's leading Drama schools.

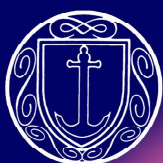
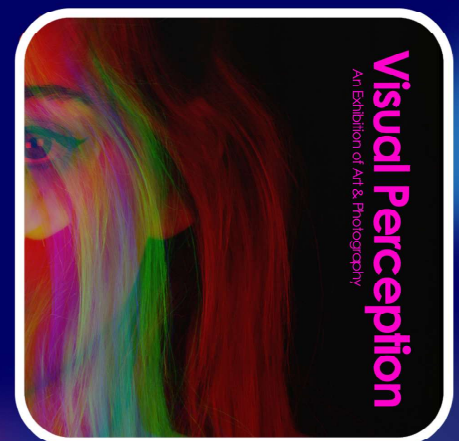
Each year we hold an exhibition of Art and Photography to showcase the final pieces from the GCSE courses and display the work of the younger year groups. Students enjoy the freedom to work on large scale pieces and work in the fully equipped photography studio and dark room. The grades achieved in Art and Photography at GCSE have long been recognised as outstanding and a visit to our permanent gallery space is often a highlight of school tours.

We strive to give all pupils an exciting and relevant experience both inside and outside of the classroom. To become confident with their skills and ideas, enabling them to take ownership of their work and progression and ultimately to fall in love with the aesthetics of the visual world.

Together Music, Design and Technology, Drama, Art and Photography form the Creative Arts Faculty with the aim of developing our students' self-expression and creative skill.



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
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Council England



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# Extra-Curricular Opportunities

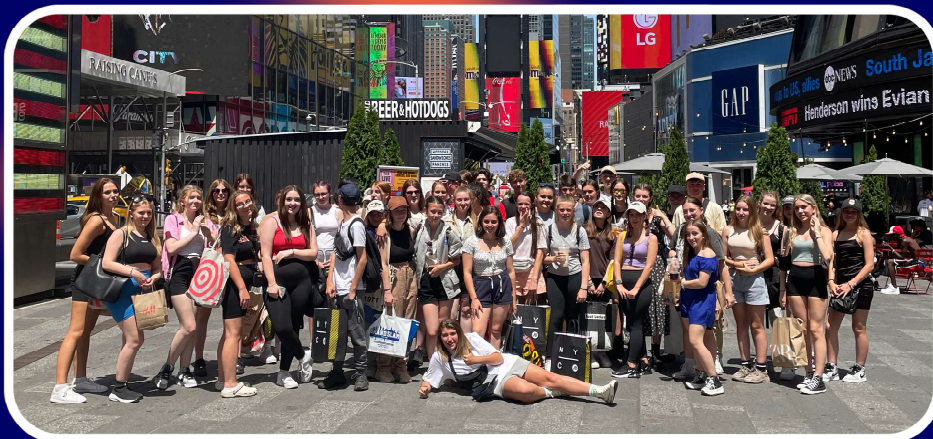
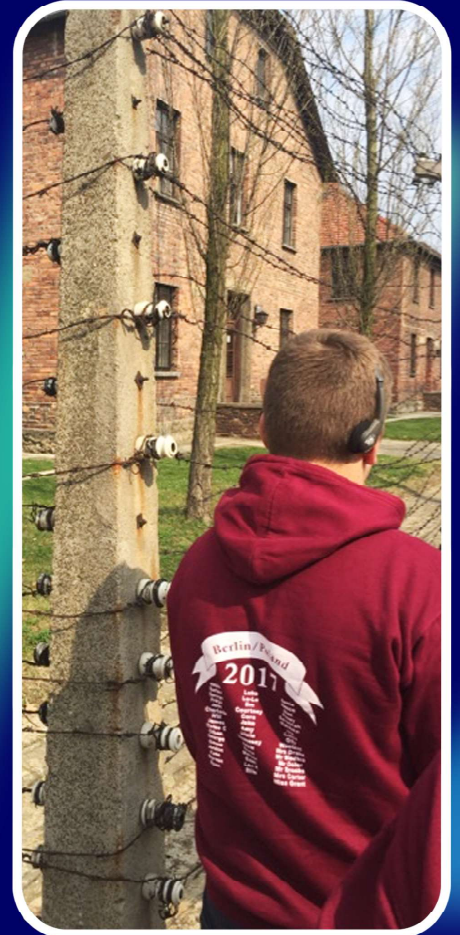
Although academic progress is at the core of a successful education it is also vital that every student is engaged in the other areas of school life. In addition to all our sporting opportunities St Clement's High School offers a full range of extra-curricular activities.

Those students with a particular interest in Science and Technology may take the opportunity to become involved in the Technology Tournament, or demonstrate their scientific knowledge at such events as the British Aerospace Science Roadshow.

At St Clement's we believe school trips provide a great opportunity for active learning and foreign residential trips can be a great way to broaden students' horizons. Bi-annual ski trips to Austria have been a popular feature of our calendar for many years. The Creative Arts trip to New York has become a regular event and in 2019 our students made the 6000 mile Journey to Japan. These longer trips sit alongside our annual History and Language visits to France and Germany. Each year we have groups visiting the Houses of Parliament, West End theatres and national galleries.

Students with a musical interest may take up peripatetic lessons with a full range of instruments. A range of seasonal clubs such as the popular Christmas Cake Club occur throughout the school year.

For the more adventurous students the Duke of Edinburgh scheme provides an opportunity for them to pit their wits against the elements and prove they can rise to any challenge.



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