

Tonbridge Grammar School

Our **Pupil Premium Promise**



Tonbridge Grammar School
aims that students eligible
for the *Pupil Premium*:

- 📖 Achieve the best that they can, with their attainment and progress at least in line with other students;
- 🗣️ Fully participate in the life of the school.



TONBRIDGE
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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An IB World School with Academy Status



Our vision:

Tonbridge Grammar School is a centre of excellence for learning where students and staff are encouraged to be the very best they can be in a nurturing and kind community.

Our enriching, academically ambitious curriculum promotes intellectual curiosity and personal growth, preparing students to mature as responsible global citizens. Our exceptionally dedicated staff support **every** student to success.

We are committed to promoting educational aspiration and supporting social mobility - making a positive difference to the life chances of students at and beyond the School.

The School receives Pupil Premium funding for students who fall into the following categories:

- ☉ Pupils who qualify for free school meals, or have done at any time in the past six years.
- ☉ Pupils who have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- ☉ Looked After Children (LAC), or pupils who have been adopted from care.



HOW IS THE SCHOOL HELPING ELIGIBLE PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS?

The School has revised its admission arrangements, resulting in the availability of 15 Pupil Premium places. These are for girls eligible for *Pupil Premium* with a selective assessment through the Kent PESE 11+ Test, resident in any of the following three local council areas: Tonbridge & Malling Borough, Tunbridge Wells Borough and Sevenoaks District. Full details of our admissions policy and procedures are available on our website.

HOW DO WE HELP ELIGIBLE PUPILS GAIN ENTRY TO THE SCHOOL?

We offer our *Horizons Programme*: afterschool activities for local primary school pupils **in Years 4 and 5**, identified by their school to have the potential to sit the Kent Test for grammar schools. Eligible pupils will be in receipt of the *Pupil Premium Grant*. The aim of the programme is to provide opportunities for eligible pupils to gain familiarisation of the skills required for the 11+ test.

The sessions include activities that support the development of:

- Higher level numeracy and problem solving skills;
- Higher level comprehension, literacy and verbal reasoning skills.

Pupils will be able to practise applying these skills to a range of questions based on the Kent 11+ test.

WHAT WILL TGS PROVIDE TO ELIGIBLE STUDENTS GAINING A PLACE?

- Confidentiality: Assistance is given automatically with the minimum of fuss so that no family can be identified as receiving support.
- Support with the cost of travel to school, equivalent to the KCC Travel Saver Pass.
- A grant of £100 per year - for compulsory school uniform.
- A grant of £50 per year - for basic school sports kit.
- A contribution towards one international trip.
- Increased access to IT through the loan of a laptop.
- Free essential equipment for lessons - e.g. a calculator, lab coat for Science and apron for Design Technology.
- Free lessons to learn to play a musical instrument. This includes loan of an instrument.
- Free essential school trips: e.g. trips to theatres, museums and field trips which form part of teaching subjects in the curriculum.
- Free residential trips in the UK in Years 7 and 9.
- Free access to booster classes where there is an identified need.
- Free access to individual advice and guidance in relation to career planning.

The above applies to students while in receipt of *Pupil Premium*.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Details of our Pupil Premium Strategy can be found on the TGS website www.tgs.kent.sch.uk