

Tonbridge Grammar School

supporting **every child** to be the very best that they can be



Available for students who:

Live in one of the following three local council areas:

- 📍 Tonbridge & Malling Borough, Tunbridge Wells Borough and Sevenoaks District.



Also meet one of the following criteria:

- 🍴 Qualify for Free School Meals or have done so at any time in the last six years (not including Universal Infant Free School Meals).
- 👮 Have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- 💙 Are Looked After Children (LAC), or have been adopted from care.

*Schools receive a **Pupil Premium Grant** to help them support each student who meets one of the above criteria.*





At Tonbridge Grammar School (TGS) **every** student is supported to be the very best they can be and we strongly believe that **no student should be excluded from any aspect of the education and activities that we offer**. In support of this, our admissions policy was changed to secure 15 places for students eligible for the *Pupil Premium Grant*.

We also offer a FREE programme of support to students. This booklet focuses on the support available to local Kent children in Years 4 and 5 and explains how to access it. It also details how this support continues throughout Years 7-13, should your child join us at Tonbridge Grammar School.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at office@tgs.kent.sch.uk. Please be assured that your enquiry and any support provided will be handled in the strictest of confidence.

Our free programme supports students who are:

in Years 4-5
and considering registering for
the Kent PESE 11+ test

in Years 7-11
at Tonbridge
Grammar School

in our Sixth Form
and whilst they are preparing for the
next stages of their education

How does our admissions policy support children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant in our area?

There are 15 *Pupil Premium* places available at TGS each year for local Kent students whose scores meet the grammar school threshold set by Kent, but whose score falls below the automatic cut-off for entry to TGS.

THE PLACES ARE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL KENT CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE LOCAL COUNCIL AREAS:

- Tonbridge & Malling Borough, Tunbridge Wells Borough and Sevenoaks District.



TO QUALIFY FOR ONE OF THESE PLACES STUDENTS MUST ALSO MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Qualify for Free School Meals, or have done at any time in the past six years (not including Universal Infant Free School Meals).
- Have a parent serving in the armed forces.
- Be a Looked After Child (LAC), or have been adopted from care.

In Years 4 & 5

Helping your child build skills and confidence for the 11+ Test

Horizons Programme

Our Horizons Programme offers **free weekly after school classes** run in association with *The Right Tuition Company* and *Aim Kent*. They offer opportunities for students to develop:

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

OPEN TO:

Local Kent girls and boys in Years 4 & 5 who have the potential to sit the Kent Test for grammar schools in the future and whose primary school receives a *Pupil Premium Grant* for them.

HOW TO ACCESS:

Via recommendation from your child's primary school. Take this booklet to your child's school to discuss with them if you think your child is eligible.

"This programme not only involved several activities and aspects of work to build confidence and skills for the 11+ test, but also developed wider school knowledge and even skills for life in general, such as logical thinking and decision-making".

Sixth Form student who supported the *Horizons* project

"Thank you for your help. I passed! I couldn't have done it without you".

Student who attended Horizons classes

"My child found the lessons she had last year within the Horizons Programme very useful and they helped her to pass the 11+ test".

Parent

Scholarships at the Right Tuition Company and Aim Kent

Tonbridge Grammar School works in partnership with *The Right Tuition Company* and *Aim Kent* who offer free places in their Year 4 and 5 tuition classes to a number of students who meet the entry criteria for TGS *Pupil Premium* places*.

HOW TO ACCESS:

Via recommendation from your child's primary school. TGS will contact head teachers with further information and application details.

** Note places are subject to availability and eligibility criteria.*

"I wanted to personally thank you for all the support and care you have given my child. The additional lessons provided by your team and the introduction to the Right Tuition Company has really boosted their confidence, ready for their next steps into Secondary Education".

Parent



In Years 7 & 11

Supporting your child throughout their time at TGS

Free support continues when your child joins TGS

Our *Pupil Premium Promise* pays for essential school clothing and equipment, books, music lessons, the loan of IT equipment, essential school trips, residential trips in Years 7 & 9, careers advice and booster classes (where appropriate and there is an identified need). It also pays a contribution towards one international visit.

OPEN TO:

All *Pupil Premium* pupils at TGS in Years 7-11, whilst in receipt of the *Pupil Premium Grant*.

HOW TO ACCESS:

Assistance is given automatically with the minimum of fuss so that no child or family can be identified as receiving support.

FIND OUT MORE:

Read more about our *Pupil Premium Promise* at: www.tgs.kent.sch.uk/supporting-every-child

"Pupils thrive because they are fully involved in school life. Almost all pupils attend extra-curricular clubs. They really enjoy the academic and social aspects of the clubs they attend".

Ofsted Report, 2019

"My child who is now at TGS likes the school very much and is enjoying every day there!"

Parent of *Pupil Premium* student

Some of the ways our *Pupil Premium Promise* is supporting students...

UK visits
to enrich learning



Co-curricular
activities
and instrumental
lessons



Widening access
to technology via
the provision of
laptops



Books
to support and
extend learning



Help with the
purchase of
essential school
uniform



Students benefited from **professional careers advice** from the Careers Service



In the Sixth Form

Enjoying the full Sixth Form experience

Sixth Form Promise

We commit to continuing support for students into the Sixth Form.

Our *Sixth Form Promise* was created to ensure that every student can benefit from the full Sixth Form experience and be involved in TGS school life.

We offer help with travel costs to and from school, free essential equipment for lessons, a grant towards clothes required by the Sixth Form Dress Code, loan of a laptop, free field trips that form part of the Sixth Form Curriculum, free careers guidance, contribution towards one international visit and contribution of up to £500 towards university or apprenticeship set-up costs when final pathway and destination is confirmed.

OPEN TO:

Students in receipt of the *Pupil Premium Grant* during Year 11.

HOW TO ACCESS:

Assistance is given automatically with the minimum of fuss so that no family can be identified as receiving support.

We also provide support to students whose financial circumstances change during their time with us in the Sixth Form, if funding allows. You can talk to us in confidence if you find yourself in this situation.

FIND OUT MORE:

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Thanking all those who support us



“We believe, based on first-hand experience, that financial difficulties should not limit a student’s life opportunities. If money is limiting self belief and ambition, we hope that the support offered by *Sixth Form Promise* will go a long way to ensuring that recipients can aim high and seize every opportunity without feeling constrained by financial circumstances”.

The Coen Family

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those that help us promote educational aspiration and support social mobility, including:

- The Debney Endowment Fund and Coen Family who have so generously made the *Sixth Form Promise* possible.
- Our Sixth Form students who give their time weekly to run the *Horizons Programme*.
- *The Right Tuition Company* who kindly donate scholarship places to students.
- *Aim Kent*, who provide additional places on their programme at other venues.



A snapshot of how the *Sixth Form Promise* is supporting students...



Travel to and from school

Travel cards



Widening access to technology

Laptops and scientific calculators suitable for A Level Mathematics



Learning outside the classroom

School trips to complement study



Books

Purchase of specialist texts

The images used within this publication have been selected to reflect everyday life at TGS and not because of any link with the 'Supporting Every Child' programme.



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