



Merchant Taylors' School

Ambition | Character | Excellence



Welcome to our family

Welcome to Merchant Taylors', a proud family of independent schools where ambition, character and excellence are the cornerstones of everything we do.

Our reputation for excellence, whether it be in the classroom through our academic and enrichment provision, on the sports field or in the performing arts, has been well-established for more than 400 years and we are honoured to be recognised as one of the most forward-thinking independent schools in the North.

Pupils at Merchant Taylors' have access to a wealth of opportunities to enable them to be aspirational for themselves, to hone their individual talents and to develop their skills and character to enable them to operate as global citizens in today's society.

Our extraordinary staff nurture and support our pupils on their journey through Merchant Taylors' by ensuring that their emotional needs are supported in tandem with their growth as independent learners who are curious, compassionate and able to face any challenges they may encounter.

As a result, our pupils tend to perform well above the national average in external examinations and many go on to study at top universities in the UK and beyond, while many others pursue successful careers in fields such as sports, broadcasting or the arts.

Merchant Taylors' pupils enjoy a lifelong connection to school. We have one of the most active and dynamic alumni networks in the country, which comes together regularly to mentor aspiring pupils, share career advice with younger alumni, take part in professional networking, support the school's bursary fund or simply to socialise with fellow alumni across the broadest range of year groups, all founded on a shared love and admiration for their school.





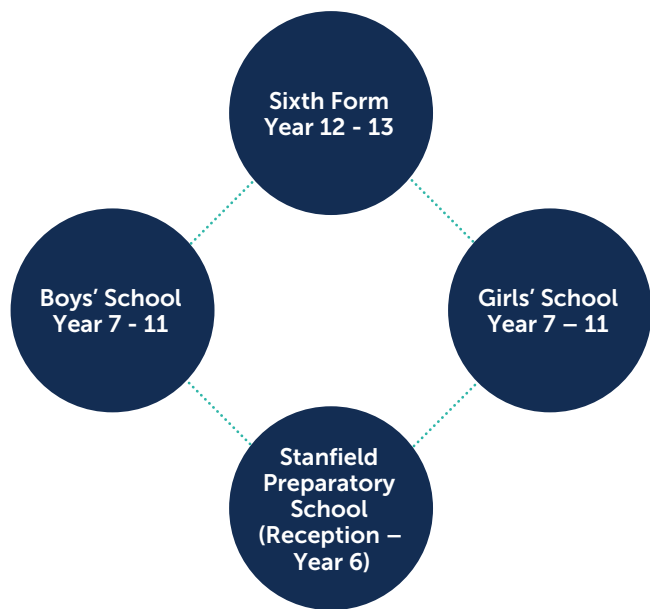
Mrs Tao at CCF camp

Introducing the 'Diamond Model' of learning

This is a time of exciting change at Merchant Taylors', as we embark on a new chapter of our centuries-long evolution. As part of a recent strategic review of school life, it was decided that the foundation would in future adopt the 'Diamond Model' of learning.

This approach aims to give pupils the best of both worlds by combining the benefits of a co-educational and single-sex learning environment at different key points in their educational journey.

At Merchant Taylors' Foundation, this will comprise the co-educational Stanfield Preparatory School, single-sex Boys' School and Girls' School and a new co-educational Sixth Form in September 2024.



Our 'Diamond Model' of learning

We are committed to ensuring parity in our provision of educational and pastoral care across each of our schools and Sixth Form, and to develop a culture of greater alignment, ensuring resources and investment are targeted to meet our strategic priorities.

The transition to the Diamond Model is part of our wider strategic plan for the school, called Investing in Potential. If you would like to learn more about this plan, it is available on our website at www.merchanttaylor.com/strategy.

I am delighted you have shown an interest in our wonderful school. I hope you are able to learn much more about the Merchant Taylors' family in this prospectus and through our friendly admissions team over the coming months.

My team and I look forward to speaking with you in the near future.

Kind Regards

**Mrs Claire Tao
Executive Head**



About Us

For more than 400 years, Merchant Taylors' has endured as the finest foundation of schools in Merseyside.

A commitment to academic excellence for girls and boys is combined with a passionate focus on nurturing the whole person that every child has the potential to become.

Children learn in a co-educational environment throughout their time at Stanfield Preparatory School. From Year 7 our curriculum is tailored to the benefits of single-sex education, with opportunities for girls and boys to grow together throughout their Merchant Taylors' journey via enrichment activities such as drama, music and the popular Combined Cadet Force.

This is especially true at Sixth Form, where a variety of co-educational courses are delivered at both senior school sites. Our Sixth Form will become fully co-educational from 2024.

We believe in giving children every chance to broaden their horizons, harness their ambition and take the first steps to a successful, happy life.

We are proud of our history, dedicated to our students and excited for the next 400 years. We hope you and your family will join us.

Academic Excellence

With class sizes much lower than the national average, we can offer a unique experience in the classroom which successfully prepares our pupils to enter the best universities, apprenticeships and the world of work. We offer a balanced

curriculum, combining traditional and new subjects, whilst those who need it are offered individual support.

Constant investment in our educational provision enables high quality teaching and with focused monitoring, we aim to sustain the Schools' reputation among the North West's top academic schools.

Sporting

At National, County and Club level, our boys and girls excel, with some going on to compete professionally. Many enjoy sport for the sheer pleasure of taking part. We participate in a wide range of sports and have numerous teams across the school; rugby, hockey, netball, football and cricket to name but a few.

Performing Arts

Our pupils benefit from a diverse range of activities including dance, drama and music. Pupils can find their niche and participate either through performance or by helping to support and manage behind the scenes. We have many choirs and bands across the school and recent major joint school productions have included 'Hairspray', 'Little Shop of Horrors' and 'One Man, Two Guv'nors'.

"A perfect environment for a child to develop both socially and academically"

Parent Satisfaction Survey

Our Heritage

The Merchant Taylors' Schools were founded in 1620 by John Harrison, citizen and Merchant Taylor of London. The Guild of Merchant Taylors' in London is one of the twelve great City Livery Companies that have survived from medieval times.

The Merchant Taylors' Company was originally an association of citizens controlling the craft of tailoring; over the years members' interests spread into commerce and philanthropy.

We are proud of our historical links to the Company, and continue to welcome visitors from the Company every year. We are a famous family of Schools with an enviable reputation and we are determined to remain true to the guiding principles of our founder: to provide an academic education to pupils from the surrounding area.

1620

John Harrison (Merchant Taylor) founded Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby on the current Senior Girls' School site

1878

Boys' School moved to present site

1880

First sports day held

1888

Girls' School founded on 1620 site

1890

Old Boys' Association founded. School Song adopted

1976

End of Direct Grant; Schools return to Independent status

VISIT OF THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK
Centenary Year
12th February 1988

1988

Girls' School celebrates 100 years since foundation. Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson visit School.

2008

Liverpool 08 Capital of Culture Year celebrations. Senior Girls' School 120th birthday and Old Girls' Association 75th anniversary

2009

Completion of the Vitreum entrance and art gallery at the Senior Girls' School

2011

Ian Robinson Sports Centre opened

In 2020 we celebrated the 400th anniversary of the founding of Merchant Taylors' Schools.



1892

The first boarding house for boys opened in Rossett Road by J H Milton



1910

Local Board of Governors takes over administration from Merchant Taylors



1915

Cadet Corps formally constituted

1944

School takes on Direct Grant status



1956

Memorial Gymnasium opened Stanfield established



2014

Completion of the multi-million pound redevelopment of our Primary School, Stanfield



2015

Royal Celebration of 100 years of Schools' Combined Cadet Force



2016/17

Schools receive 'Excellent' ISI reports'

2020

Merchant Taylors' School 400th anniversary



Merchant Taylors' School

Wellbeing

Concordia Parvae Res Crescunt // Small Things Grow In Harmony

Our historic motto is the bedrock of a Merchant Taylors' education.

We understand that when parents send their children to school, they want above all else to know that they are safe and happy. We also understand that every child has their own individual needs.

That's why we make every effort to ensure each of our boys and girls is welcomed into a warm, secure environment where they receive a high level of care and feel supported to expand their own personal horizons.

Merchant Taylors' children are nurtured gently by our skilled and experienced staff at every stage of their education to become the best they can be, equipped for a successful life in the 21st Century. In addition to well-planned PSHE programmes, we encourage all students to participate in a wide variety of enrichment experiences that help them to build confidence and develop teamwork and leadership skills.

The Independent Schools Inspectorate highlighted the strong relationship between staff and pupils at Merchants Taylors' Schools and that's something we are very proud of.

We want our children to look back on their school days with happy memories and enjoy lifelong bonds of friendship.

Learning support

We have specialist learning support staff at every school site, experienced in helping girls and boys with a variety of special educational needs who may require extra input or support to help them achieve their full potential.

We believe in a pupil-centred approach and liaise closely with children, their parents and teachers to ensure we provide a bespoke learning environment for every pupil in our care.

Our approach takes a variety of forms, including specially-designed individual lessons, small group work, support within the classroom and specialist advice and support for class teachers. Therapists and other external agencies are also consulted where appropriate.





Academic Excellence

Academic excellence is at the heart of what we do at Merchants'. Based on more than 400 years of tradition and scholarship, yet inspired by a progressive mindset towards academia, we aspire to be an excellent community of learners.

This applies to students and teachers as we challenge ourselves to be inquisitive, motivated and emboldened lifelong learners. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field or stage, or in debating with friends, the quest for enlightenment and understanding is never ending.

We choose to deliberately and explicitly cultivate an understanding of what great learning looks like. Through our attitudes to learning, which pervade assessment, reporting and classroom practice, our belief in a growth mindset and the development of proficient study skills, we aim to equip students to be able to think and work independently.

Discourse in education is frequently dominated by the limited and disingenuous notion of knowledge versus skills; the reality is far more nuanced. Knowledge is foundational and necessary yet students require the skill set to use and test that knowledge judiciously – with increasing contextual and disciplinary precision – and the learning habits to develop their understanding further. This is why our attitudes to learning encourage knowledgeable communication as well as promoting academic risk-taking and enquiry.



The school's curriculum has been developed to cultivate the habits and aptitudes for 21st Century academia and the world of work. Its flexibility and breadth allows students to gain a wide range of intellectual experiences, while also being able to specialise and play to their strengths as they move through the school. The added benefit of this specialisation is that, over a number of years, it builds students' ability in making the right academic choices.

These decisions are informed by inspirational teachers and the guidance that pupils, and their families, receive on careers and university application. With so many subjects, as well as wider qualifications, available there is scope to shape each pupil's academic programme to suit their interest and expertise.

Mr Jonathan Andrews
Academic Director
Merchant Taylors' School

Digital Learning

Digital Literacy

At Merchant Taylors', we never stop learning, and in recent years we have invested significantly in our digital learning technology to ensure that pupils receive an excellent, forward-thinking education.

Today's world requires a new focus on digital learning, innovation, critical thinking and problem solving. A key theme of our five-year Strategic Plan is to be a School that is forward-thinking and adaptable and, as such, we are committed to developing our curriculum model and how we deliver our lessons in the classroom and beyond.

Accordingly, from September 2022 we will begin to roll out our Devices Strategy for all senior school pupils, meaning that every pupil in Years 7-11 will have their own 1:1 device by September 2023.

The aim of this new approach is to further enhance the digital literacy and skills of all Merchant Taylors' pupils, supporting our efforts to become a Microsoft Showcase School in the coming years.

Remote Learning

Our investment in digital learning came to the fore during the Covid-19 lockdown period, when the majority of our children were unable to attend the school site for many months, except for the children of key workers.

We were able to quickly provide online teaching and support every day to every pupil who remained at home, across all year groups including primary school, thereby minimising any interruption to their education.

Our dedicated staff delivered up to 500 live sessions per day, ranging from whole-class lessons and tutorials to formal assessments and one-to-one support.

We were delighted with the level of engagement among pupils and we have also spent time reviewing our technology to find further areas for improvement. We are proud of our remote learning capability and we have great confidence that we are well-equipped to help pupils handle any future challenges we may face together.

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Algebraic Methods

Example

Split $\frac{6x-2}{(x-1)(x+1)}$ into partial fractions by: substitution equating coefficients

a) $\frac{6x-2}{(x-1)(x+1)} \equiv \frac{A}{x-1} + \frac{B}{x+1}$

$\frac{6x-2}{(x-1)(x+1)} \equiv \frac{A(x+1) + B(x-1)}{(x-1)(x+1)}$

$6x-2 \equiv A(x+1) + B(x-1)$

$x=3$ $6(3)-2 = 4A$
 $16 = 4A$
 $A = 4$

$x=-1$ $6(-1)-2 = -4B$
 $-8 = -4B$
 $B = 2$

$\frac{4}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x+1}$

b) $\frac{6x-2}{(x-1)(x+1)} \equiv A(x+1) + B(x-3)$

$6x-2 = A(x+1) + B(x-3)$

$x \rightarrow 6x-2 = Ax+A + Bx-3B$

$6x-2 = A+Bx + A-3B$ ①

$6x-2 = A+Bx + A-3B$ ②

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$4B = 8$

$B = 2$

$6x-2 = A+2x + A-6$

$6x-2 = A+2x + A-6$

$6x-2 = 2A+2x-6$

$4x+4 = 2A$

$2x+2 = A$

$A = 4$

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Broader horizons

Enrichment & co-curricular activities

We believe that every Merchant Taylors' student should receive an education that is uniquely and distinctly enriching.

By promoting and satisfying their intellectual curiosity, we aim to develop young women and men who are independent lifelong learners, as well as helping them to acquire the knowledge and skills that will enable them to lead happy, healthy and successful lives when they leave school.

We therefore pride ourselves on being able to offer opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom, that reach beyond those offered by most other schools.

Students are encouraged to challenge themselves and others, stretch the boundaries of what is possible, develop their own character and broaden their personal horizons.

We understand every child has individual needs and ambitions and our wide range of clubs, courses and activities offer each of them the opportunity to explore a variety of interests and discover their passion.

Enrichment

At Merchant Taylors', academic enrichment is available to all students. It is not restricted to selected children or particular year groups.

Academic enrichment is provided through challenging, stimulating sessions that do not focus on a specific subject, as it aims to complement the work of the various departments.

Students learn important academic skills including critical thinking, group research and debating, teaching them how to identify and evaluate appropriate sources, investigate issues independently and present their findings.

In the Sixth Form, students have a timetabled weekly enrichment lesson and a programme of lectures and workshops, delivered by both internal and external speakers. Pupils may opt to undertake the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is particularly valuable preparation for undergraduate courses at university.

Co-Curricular

A key element of the enrichment provision at Merchant Taylors' is the wide range of events and activities that regularly take place outside the classroom, usually during lunchtime or after school.

All students are able to choose from a wide variety of sports including hockey and gymnastics, in addition to more traditional offerings such as cricket and netball, with a full programme of fixtures providing competitive opportunities for pupils of all abilities and appropriate support for those who reach an elite level in a particular sport.

Another important element of the co-curricular programme is the Combined Cadet Force (CCF). Merchant Taylors' has the largest CCF contingent of any school in the North West and a large number of pupils take part each week, developing discipline as well as valuable teamwork skills. The CCF culminates in the Annual Inspection early in the Summer Term.

In addition, an extraordinary number of clubs and societies meet every week, often run by the students themselves. These range from the Drama Club to Debating Society to the Comics, Anime and Gaming Society. During lunchtime, you will find students playing chess, designing clothes, engineering an electronic device or learning a new language.



External Visits and Speakers

Our pupils' education is further enriched through exciting off-site educational visits and thought provoking guest speakers.

Every year, a considerable number of off-site visits enable our pupils to visit other parts of the world and experience different cultures, including trips to Shanghai, Malawi and NASA in Houston, Texas.

External speakers provide detailed insight into a range of different topics and issues, ranging from stem cell technology to rock guitar and comedy scriptwriting.

Students always have the opportunity to put their own questions to our speakers, in order to tap in to their expert knowledge.

Many of our external speaker guests are former Merchant Taylors' students themselves and their personal story allows students to enjoy an extra dimension of interest and aspiration.

Mr Jonathan Green
Co-Curricular
& Community Director
Merchant Taylors' School



Stanfield Preparatory School

Girls & Boys
4-11

"The overall achievements of the pupils are excellent. From the EYFS onwards, pupils are high achievers. They receive an excellent education in line with the school's aim to enable all pupils to realise their academic and personal potential."

Independent Schools Inspection



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Stanfield Preparatory School is a place where young minds can grow and explore; a happy environment where each child is encouraged to shine in their own individual way and where they are encouraged to challenge themselves and not be afraid to make and learn from mistakes.

Our co-educational school combines the very best of our highly qualified teaching staff, our excellent facilities and our unwavering commitment to a first-rate primary education.

Every child who joins Stanfield Preparatory School goes on their own personal journey of discovery and development as independent learners, but they are never alone in that journey. They are supported by an unrivalled team of academic and support staff who will stimulate and nurture their curiosity to help them reach their full potential.

They will also be surrounded by a group of peers who understand how to look after one another and whose vibrant, caring personalities make our school such a lovely place to be.

Ultimately, children at Stanfield Preparatory School leave here equipped with the knowledge, confidence and spirit of endeavour to succeed in the next stage of their education at our senior Boys' School or Girls' School.



A first-class education

We combine traditional teaching methods with an innovative approach to challenge and inspire young minds by nurturing creativity and encouraging independent thinking.

Our aim is to educate the whole child and this is underpinned by excellent academic attainment and dedicated pastoral care, where we encourage our pupils to develop a 'Merchants' Mindset'. Staff are experienced and their dedication to and understanding of each pupil ensures the best atmosphere for them to grow.

We excel at teaching the basic skills combined with a breadth of learning. Our children are educated to have an enquiring mind and to be self-motivated and we believe in the correct balance between work and play – pupils should be stretched but never stressed.

The curriculum encompasses all subjects relating to EYFS, Key Stage 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum, usually reaching well beyond its basic requirements. As an independent school, we also enjoy the freedom to develop our own schemes of work appropriate to the needs of our pupils.

Boys and girls are often at different stages of learning and development, so we make sure that we are able to take care of each child's specific needs and interests.

**We encourage our
pupils to develop a
Merchants' Mindset**



A Word From Miss Lynan

Stanfield Preparatory School is a happy, caring place where eager young minds are encouraged to approach life with a sense of confidence, curiosity and joy. As children take their first steps on the Merchant Taylors' journey, we want them to develop a lifelong love of learning that will set them in good stead for future years.

Our children are gently nurtured in a secure environment, where they spend their formative years exploring their independence and creativity. We encourage them to develop the confidence and resilience to take risks, try new things and be the best they can be. We delight in seeing our children develop their personalities and build new relationships.

Together, we share an incredible pride in our school, and we would be thrilled if you could join us.

Miss Elizabeth Lynan
Headmistress
Stanfield Preparatory School







Adapting to a changing world

We know that learning never stops and throughout the Covid-19 lockdown we were able to minimise disruption to our children's education through a variety of online platforms that included live lessons with teachers.

We are proud of our remote learning capability and it gives us great confidence that we are well-equipped to help pupils handle any future challenges we may face.

Preparing our children for life

A child-centred approach

There is nothing quite as wonderful as a child's expression when he or she grasps a new concept for the first time, or experiences that moment of awe and wonder.

Stanfield Preparatory School is a happy, hardworking environment where girls and boys are carefully nurtured to achieve their potential. Many opportunities are available for children to work together to achieve success, both individually and as part of a team.

From the moment they arrive, children are encouraged to be confident, find activities to enjoy and develop a high level of self-esteem and fun.

We encourage all children to try new things. Through an extensive co-curricular and enrichment programme, we open as many doors as possible for all our pupils, coaxing even the most reluctant children to have a go. It is good to push forward the boundaries, whilst working within a safe and secure environment; this is how we grow as individuals.



An independent state of mind

Children are encouraged to develop their individual talents and have a love of life. We want our pupils to have a passion for independent learning which goes far beyond the classroom, so we offer them opportunities within our bespoke curriculum for creative thinking, individual learning and adventure.

We invite visitors, guests and speakers into school and the children enjoy a programme of school visits which help to bring learning to life. We aim to provide our pupils with memorable experiences that will inspire future learning.

The flourishing house system, extending to the very youngest pupils, encourages good discipline and work habits. The weekly house assemblies provide leadership opportunities for the older children who award younger pupils with merit badges and other special achievement certificates.

As they progress through the school, our children become sufficiently self-assured to push the boundaries for themselves and respond positively to the pace of learning set by the teachers. Excellent resources support well planned teaching, delivered with imagination, and allow for a wide range of learning styles.



A world of opportunities

Performing Arts are a strength of our school. Specialist music lessons, and a variety of peripatetic instrumental teaching, enable regular concerts and high calibre productions to take place throughout the year. Themed activity days enrich the curriculum and allow opportunities for the whole school to get involved.

School trips and visitors to school are organised termly for each year group. We believe in extending learning beyond the classroom as part of our commitment to deliver a rounded curriculum.

Trips form an important part of life at Stanfield and include academic day trips, visits to theatres and museums, as well as residential breaks including ski trips for the older pupils.

Space to grow

Our school is a vibrant, modern space full of colour and life. The personalities of our children ooze from every corner and we are extremely proud of the environment we have created for our pupils.

Following a major £5 million redevelopment, our school boasts state-of-the-art teaching rooms, an outstanding unit for our pupils in Reception, a specialist Art and Science room and a Music studio.

In addition to our large playground and our spacious hall, the children use the joint school facilities including the magnificent Sports Centre and playing fields at the Boys' School, the extensive sports ground at Hall Road and the AstroTurf at the local Northern Club.

We have recently completed a major renovation of our playground and outdoor space at Stanfield Preparatory School. This includes a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) as well as a sensory and wildlife garden and stage area for performances. Den building and physical activity areas will enable us to take learning outside of the classroom, allowing the children to engage in imaginative play which will help develop confidence, social interaction, cooperative play as well as their listening, language and communication skills.

In terms of primary school facilities, we know Stanfield is second-to-none.





Vegetable Patch

Aprons

Gloves



In June 2021 our new playground and outdoor space at Stanfield Preparatory School was completed. This renovation has seen a total transformation of the space in our Primary School, which now includes a multi-use games area, a sensory area, an amphitheatre and climbing wall.



Sports and activities

Our strong co-curricular programme teaches children leadership and teamwork skills as well as developing their talents. An extensive programme of clubs, including chess, Mandarin and Ukulele, take place across the year, so there is something for everyone.

Children are encouraged to pursue competitive sports from a young age and our junior boys regularly reach national finals in rugby and football, playing against schools all over the country, while our junior girls have reached the finals in swimming and biathlon.

There are many other sports and activities on offer as part of our extensive co-curricular programme, including tennis, badminton, basketball, golf, cross-country, as well as groups such as Eco Warriors and Podcasters.

Unlocking potential

Part of the Family

Our children benefit from a huge range of resources and facilities that are shared across the Merchant Taylors' family.

In sharing facilities with our Senior School, we offer many extras that are not available to the majority of primary schools. Not only do we use their science laboratories for exciting projects, or the kiln for pottery, but we also share teaching expertise across the curriculum.

We maintain close relationships with the Senior Girls' and Boys' Schools to ensure a smooth transition at Year 6.

Merchant Taylors' is a family in every sense and being a pupil here offers a lifelong connection that will never leave you. Our alumni network is incredibly strong, with former boys and girls supporting each other, as well as current pupils, with academic support, careers advice and financial assistance.



Senior Girls 11-16



Merchant Taylors' Girls' School is a unique and vibrant community, where pupils of all ages are encouraged and nurtured to forge their own individual and exceptional path.

Our talented, dedicated and forward-thinking staff create an educational environment that is stimulating and challenging. They aim to carefully develop every pupils different talents so that they are prepared for life beyond school.

We believe that each pupil can achieve their aspirations through hard work, a tailored approach to teaching and learning, and a supportive academic environment.

Our co-curricular programme offers many opportunities to develop life skills and encourage friendships across the year groups. We have the largest CCF contingent in the North West, which is attended in equal numbers by both boys and girls and epitomises the collegiality and comradery of life at Merchant Taylors'.

Girls can take part in more than 30 extra-curricular clubs, ranging from Art Club to the Medical Society. Our aim is to always enrich each pupil's academic experience through fun and engaging activities that help them to develop their own pathway.

We are renowned for our pastoral care and our understanding of the issues our students face in the 21st Century. We regularly welcome outside speakers and we work closely with our families to ensure that we are acting together to provide the best possible environment for each pupil. Providing a holistic education and supporting a child's happiness and wellbeing are paramount to their academic and co-curricular success.

Our school community is closely knit and we are immensely proud of our links to former pupils, many of whom regularly attend our events and offer their valuable experience and advice to current pupils throughout the academic year, as well as offering financial support to our bursary funding.

I hope that you and your daughter enjoy finding out more about the school and I look forward to welcoming you into the Merchant Taylors' family very soon.

Mrs Bridget Ward
Headmistress
Merchant Taylors' Girls' School





Extensive Enrichment

Our enrichment programme is extensive and impressive. We have an exciting calendar of music and drama events. Each year there are joint productions within the family of Merchant Taylors' Schools, a Drama Festival, Art Exhibitions as well as Choral Concerts, Recitals and Master Classes, opportunities for talented and skilled performers to give their best.

Our PE department entuses pupils to participate and excel in a range of individual and team sports. We dominate the local leagues and provide competitors at county and national levels in many sports. Merchants' girls are renowned for their wholehearted participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme with many progressing to Gold Award. Our girls also hold senior positions within the joint Merchant Taylors' Combined Cadet Force Contingent and have gone on to win awards nationally.

Developing Potential

We believe education should offer opportunities for life, so we provide a broad, balanced curriculum to maximise our girls' potential, extending choice for as long as possible. We support our pupils through tailored careers advice, enabling them to make informed choices about their career aspirations.

All-round activities are designed to develop well-rounded individuals – caring, confident citizens who 'learn by doing' and in doing so, have fun! We strive to balance tried and tested principles with current trends in educational thinking.

By marrying the needs of tomorrow's workplace with today's educational provision, we have created a school ready and able to embrace the challenges of a technological, global village, to help our pupils find their successful place within it.

At GCSE, 1 in 3 results awarded grade 8/9 (equivalent of A*)



Our Independent Learning programme aims to develop life-long independent learners who can cope easily with the vagaries of exams, take on extended projects at A Level and make the transition from school to university with ease.

The junior inspire programme is part of the enrichment curriculum at Merchant Taylors' Girls' School. It is available to all pupils in Year 7 to Year 10 who wish to take part. In Year 7 - Year 9 students are taught the skills needed to be successful life-long learners, including:

Critical thinking

Internet and library research skills

Developing arguments

Debating

Primary and secondary data collection

Data presentation skills

Report writing

Referencing

Presentation skills

Year 10 pupils will be allocated a group of Year 7, 8 or 9 pupils to mentor as they work to complete their debate arguments (Year 7), group presentations (Year 8) and extended projects (Year 9).





A broad and balanced curriculum

When education is enjoyable, the girls learn more, they give more and in return achieve more.

We seek to provide each pupil with a broad and balanced academic curriculum which enables them to thrive and be the best they can be. From Year 7, the girls are introduced to many new subjects to ensure that they each have the opportunity to find something which inspires them and encourages them to develop a lifelong passion for learning.

Strong and personalised pastoral care

Pastoral care is a priority to ensure that each girl is able to flourish. Form tutors, head of house and the pastoral team work collaboratively with each other to ensure a smooth and happy transition through each section within the School.

Peer mentoring, a strong PSHE programme and counselling support, all help to further embed the provision for the girls.

“The School aims to create a happy, caring environment within which pupils are educated to the fullest sense so as to realise their full potential”

ISI Inspection



Career development

The School is committed to offering full support for parents and pupils. Our dedicated Careers Advisor provides support and advice for pupils, and their parents, from Year 7 to Sixth Form and encourages the girls to think outside the traditional career paths. We increasingly promote a wide variety of career options such as creative, digital and military vocations.

To help pupils make an informed decision we have numerous activities including an Annual Joint Careers Fair, working careers lunches and dinners, questionnaires, careers visits and employability sessions. We also have guest speakers who discuss specific careers and other options such as a gap year, apprenticeships and studying in Higher Education abroad. We are keen to involve our alumni and current parents in this process and to make good use of the wider Merchant Taylors' community.

Senior Boys

11-16





**Thank you for your interest in Merchant Taylors' Boys' School.
Our school proudly combines an emphasis on traditional educational
values with a caring and forward-thinking approach.**

Those values include personal excellence in academic study. Naturally, success looks different for each boy and our highly-motivated, specialist teaching staff encourage all of our pupils to develop a love of learning, pursue their passions and strive to become the best version of themselves.

Respect and empathy are also central to our approach, as they underpin all of the personal interactions between boys and with their teachers. Our tailored system of pastoral care emphasises the importance of these qualities and provides bespoke support to pupils as they move through the school.

We understand that busy boys are happy boys, which is why we work so hard to provide a stimulating range of activities outside the classroom – a variety of sporting, musical, cultural, dramatic, intellectual and adventurous opportunities abound here.

We are also a highly-progressive school, always seeking to improve what we do for the pupils in our care. Future developments include new, improved sports facilities at Hall Road, the provision of 1:1 electronic devices to all pupils over the next two years and even closer collaboration across the wider Merchant Taylors' School as we adopt a 'Diamond Model' of education.

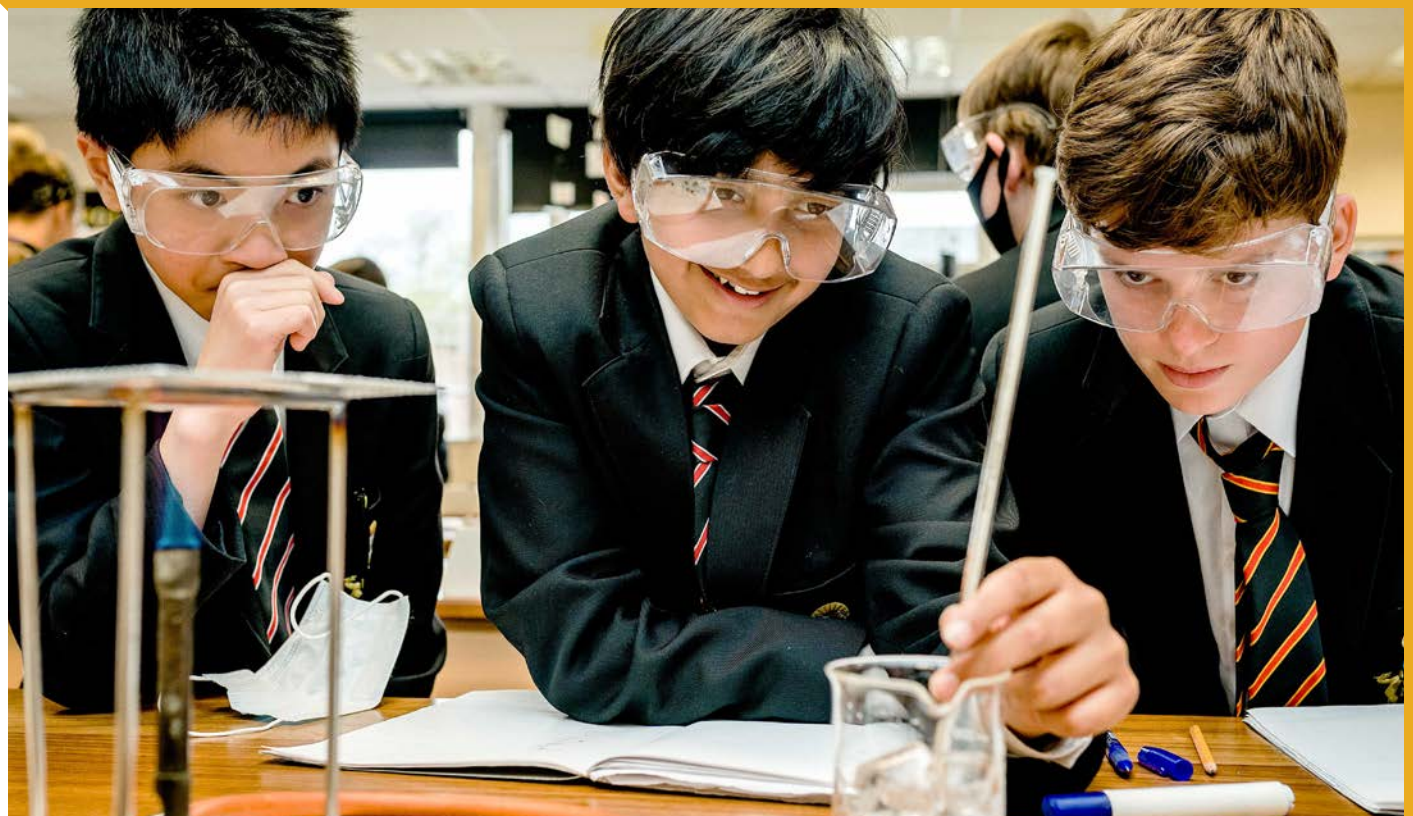
Boys who attend our school invariably make a lifelong connection that endures well beyond their years with us. We are proud of the support our former pupils provide to current pupils and their families, from careers support and mentoring to fundraising for bursary places to ensure that as many boys as possible are able to experience a Merchant Taylors' education, regardless of their financial circumstances.

This is an exciting time to join Merchant Taylors' Boys' School. Our prospectus provides a host of valuable information but there is no substitute for paying us a visit and hearing directly from pupils and colleagues about what has continued to make our school so special for more than 400 years.

Please do contact our Admissions team to arrange a personal tour or to attend one of our Open Events. I look forward to meeting you and your family and welcoming the next generation of Merchants' boys.

Mr Deiniol Williams
Headmaster
Merchant Taylors' Boys' School

We understand that
busy boys are happy boys





Supporting boys' needs

In general, boys like to be adventurous and active in their learning. They love spontaneity and the opportunity to express an opinion. In science they cannot wait to do practical work. In art and drama they can be wonderfully imaginative and creative. Whatever the subject, they are eager to ask questions and to take risks. We teach in ways that suits. Our boys respond maturely whether its understanding literature, singing in the choir, acting on stage, reading a poem in an assembly or playing for the 1st XV rugby team. Outside the classroom our boys benefit enormously from the close links with Merchant Taylors' Girls' School. Many travel on the same bus and see brothers,

sisters and friends throughout the week at the various combined activities. A lot of our drama and music productions are combined. Our CCF meets weekly, with some 300 girls and boys working and learning together, and our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme takes boys and girls on adventure training in the UK and overseas. So, our boys have the best of both worlds!

Being a good sport

Sport is a strength at Merchant Taylors'. With expert coaching and excellent facilities, boys thrive on the opportunities to compete and develop their talents in team and individual sports. We enjoy a national reputation for cricket and regional reputations for rugby and

hockey whilst our rowing goes from strength to strength. Summer sports include cricket, athletics and tennis. Football is offered in the Spring Term with several fixtures against strong opposition. Being a good sportsman, in every sense, is the philosophy that underpins our games. Not all boys are naturally good at sport but we cater for everyone. We offer a wide range of opportunities including hiking, climbing and orienteering which ensures that all boys can take part and feel a sense of achievement.





Curriculum

Merchant Taylors' Boys' School has a dynamic and creative curriculum ensuring that our pupils are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. We have maintained our high standards in the 'hard sciences', maths and English, but have made progress in the whole area of personalised learning. Increasingly we want our boys to develop an ownership of their own progress and learning; being honest and candid about their performance, and reluctant to accept mediocrity.

Unobtrusive & strong pastoral care

Pastoral care is a priority and all boys are well supported by their tutor and the Head of Year. New boys are helped to settle in quickly through our Sixth Form Peer Support Programme.

Success follows success

Our pupils consistently produce some of the strongest results in Merseyside, and in the North West. Our year by year results put us amongst the best schools in the country. Pupils regularly go to study at top universities including Oxford and Cambridge.

Career development

The School is committed to offering full support for parents and students. Our dedicated Careers Advisor provides support and advice for pupils, and their parents, from Year 9 to Sixth Form and encourages the boys to think outside the traditional career paths. We increasingly promote a wide variety of career options such as creative, digital and military vocations. To help pupils make an informed decision we have numerous activities such as an Annual Joint Careers Fair, working careers lunches and dinners, questionnaires and careers visits to employability sessions. We also have guest speakers who discuss specific careers and other options such as a gap year, apprenticeships and studying in Higher Education abroad. We are keen to involve our alumni and current parents in this process and to make good use of the wider Merchant Taylors' community.

Our Friday afternoon activity programme is known as TENDO, which means 'to stretch, aim and extend'. This new enrichment programme has been designed to ensure that all members of the school can be involved and activities take place every two weeks in line with our new two-week timetable. Our aim is for all boys to enjoy and be challenged in a range of activities involving intellectual, physical, creative and emotional experiences. The dynamic range of activities includes topics as diverse as Norse Mythology, Debating, Badminton and Ceramics.

Whilst we continue to focus well over 90% precious curriculum time on the core business of examination preparation, we believe there are huge potential gains in offering a portfolio of activities which can develop 'soft' skills such as leadership, problem-solving and creativity.



Sixth Form

Boys & Girls

16-18







Our Boys' and Girls' Schools have their own Sixth Form, based on separate sites, with an average of 250 pupils across both schools. As part of our five-year strategic plan, we intend to create a fully co-educational Sixth Form by 2024, building upon the many opportunities for joint teaching which already exist.

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum, in a caring environment where pastoral care is at the forefront of our small tutor group engagement.

The curriculum allows for some joint teaching across the Sixth Forms, while outside the classroom there are lots of opportunities for the schools to come together through extra-curricular activities such as drama, music and the Combined Cadet Force. A Sixth Form education at Merchant Taylors' Schools brings together everything that is best about a post-16 education. There is an extensive range of opportunities: academic, co-curricular and social.

A Level study is a rigorous, challenging and fulfilling experience and never has there been a better time to be a Sixth Former at Merchant Taylors'. Whether already part of the school community or seeking to enter our Sixth Form from elsewhere, we are pleased to welcome hungry minds and independent learners and can offer, in turn, the very best academic experience and an impressive history of achievement. Our A*-B rate remains unrivalled in the area, with over two thirds of students from last year's cohort achieving A*-B grades in between three and five subjects. You can also be assured of the high quality teaching from enthusiastic, caring subject specialists who teach in small class sizes.

"Merchant Taylors' is like a little college where my daughter is thriving in her education"

Parent Satisfaction Survey

We offer bespoke UCAS preparation, with Russell Group at the forefront of applications and Oxbridge preparation for those with the credentials to pursue their passion for courses at Oxford or Cambridge. The schools have an impressive track record of placing its students in leading Higher Education institutions; with many students accepting places at Oxbridge. We have exceptional provision for those wishing to take alternative career paths, with many students achieving apprenticeships with blue chip company schemes across the Sixth Forms.

The Schools' Sixth Forms are not vast, impersonal institutions; parents can expect regular communication and students are continually held accountable for their work rate and attitude. The high quality of teaching here is exacting, knowledgeable and tailored; classrooms are a safe, open space, where students excel, whilst being encouraged to stretch their knowledge, observations and skills. We will not allow our A Level students to become 'lost' when confronted with greater freedoms. We treat them with respect whilst expecting a degree of maturity and self-sufficiency. Smart business dress is the order of the day; there is a Sixth Form Common Room and other freedoms to mark the distinction between life in the Sixth Form and in the rest of the School.







A World of Opportunities

We provide a variety of enrichment opportunities to enhance the experience of our Sixth Formers.

Our Futures Programme and Aspire Programmes include pathways in a range of topics, including Finance & Accounting, Law, Languages, Sport, Healthcare and STEM subjects.

The Oxbridge Programme provides bespoke support for students applying to Oxford or Cambridge University, such as applications advice, mock interviews and the Oxbridge Breakfast and Symposium.

You can also take advantage of a wealth of leadership and extra-curricular activities.

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| Competitive Sport | Drama | Mock Trial Competition |
| Work Experience | Olympiads in Science & Mathematics | Working Lunches |
| Apprenticeship Advice | Extended Project Qualification | Duke of Edinburgh |
| Networking Breakfast | PSHE | Prefects |
| School Council | Formal Dinners | Alumni Network |
| Music | Sign Language | Combined Cadet Force |

Sport at Merchant Taylors'





Sport is an integral part of school life for many students at Merchant Taylors’.

We value the physical, social and mental wellbeing benefits that sport and fitness can deliver and we are passionate about providing opportunities for every pupil at every age to participate in and enjoy sport.

Sport is also an important way for pupils to develop valuable skills such as teamwork, problem solving, discipline, communication, resilience and mutual respect.

From any early age, we aspire to drive sport, health and fitness forward, providing pathways for excellence from EYFS to Sixth Form. We work hard to develop a culture where every pupil is positive and enthusiastic about being active through a range of inclusive and inspiring programmes.

Opportunity and excellence

Our school has a proud pedigree of team and individual success across a range of sports, including cricket, rugby, hockey and football. We have developed a number of elite athletes who have gone on to pursue professional sporting careers at club, national and international level.

We enjoy close relationships with local rugby and cricket clubs, county organisations and national bodies. We are the only Regional Development Centre for Lancashire CCC in Merseyside and Gary Yates, former Lancashire Academy director, leads our cricket coaching. Sale Sharks host regular rugby training camps at school and several of our boys are part of the development squad at different age groups.

These connections help us to develop young talent and support them to expand their sporting horizons beyond school.

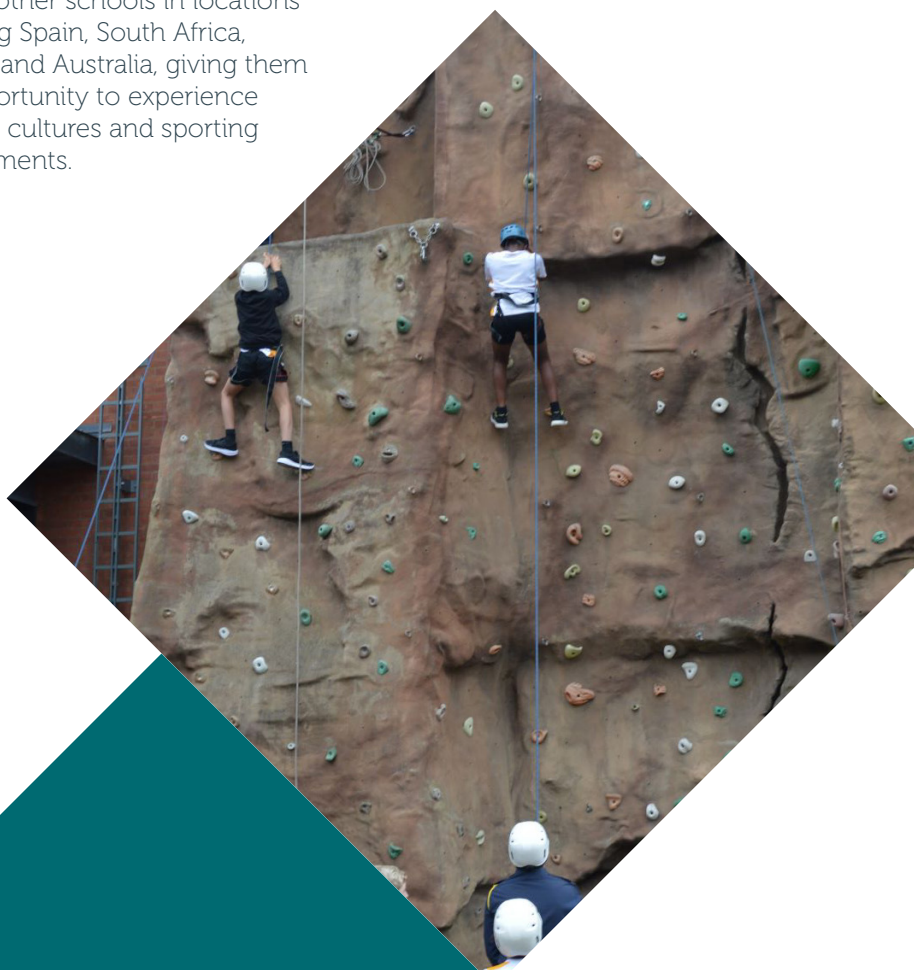
In addition to sports offered in school, we support our pupils with wider sporting interests by giving them the freedom to pursue their sporting ambitions. We regularly have pupils competing at national competitions in sports such as skiing, cycling and climbing.

We also arrange annual overseas trips for our sports teams to play against other schools in locations including Spain, South Africa, Canada and Australia, giving them the opportunity to experience different cultures and sporting environments.

Facilities

Our excellent facilities and green spaces underline our efforts to give every student a chance to discover and maximise their individual sporting ability.

In addition to the sports facilities at each of our school sites, which cater for sports including tennis, basketball, netball, cricket and rugby, we have a number of facilities that we believe truly set us apart as a school.





Ian Robinson Sports Centre,

located at the Boys' School, is used daily by boys and girls of all ages. It comprises a contemporary fitness suite, gymnasium, dance studio and indoor sports hall, combined with teaching classrooms for Physical Education and other studies.

Hall Road sports ground is a large expanse of playing fields located near to the coast at Blundellsands. It has an iconic place in the hearts of Merchant Taylors' students, past and present. Girls and boys take part in a variety of team sports here, including rugby, hockey, cricket, athletics and football, with many matches often taking place simultaneously.

As part of the 2021 refurbishment of the outdoor space at Stanfield Preparatory School, we have a state of the art **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)** which allows our pupils to play a multitude of different sports and games.

We also enjoy special relationships with partner venues such as The Northern Club in Crosby, where pupils have access to its high-specification hockey and cricket pitches. Meanwhile, our rowing teams train at Runcorn Rowing Club on the River Weaver and our First XV rugby team plays night matches under the lights at Waterloo RUFC.

If you enjoy sports or you are open to exploring new sports, our excellent staff and infrastructure will help you every step of the way.

**Patrick Roberts
Director of Sport,
Health and Fitness
Merchant Taylors' School**



Combined Cadet Force





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Merchant Taylors' is proud to have the largest voluntary cadet contingency in the North West, comprising more than 270 girls and boys.

Our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) comprises Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force sections and provides a unique opportunity for girls and boys to grow together through a range of activities and pursuits.

Pupils can choose to join the CCF from the age of 13, with equal numbers of girls and boys invariably taking part each year.

CCF training encapsulates the life skills that young people need in order to prosper in society, offering first-hand experience of teamwork, resilience, problem-solving and leadership.

Cadets gather after school once each week and also enjoy all manner of trips at weekends and during school holiday. These excursions include training camps, assault courses, rifle ranges, glider and light aircraft training, visits to naval vessels and night exercises.

All sections take part in an annual Inspection Day at school, attended by parents and families, where members of the armed forces visit school to recognise their achievements.





Such is its popularity, CCF plays a pivotal role in daily life at Merchant Taylors', bringing together pupils with a range of interests and backgrounds in pursuit of a common sense of purpose and endeavour.

Indeed, our Old Boys and Old Girls often speak of the enduring legacy of CCF throughout their careers, recalling the opportunities for leadership, camaraderie and equality that comes from working alongside male and female peers and experiencing failure and success in unison.

Merchant Taylors' CCF is yet another reason why our school is such a special place for children to pursue their passions and develop their personalities.



The Merchant Taylors' Family

When children join Merchant Taylors', they have a chance to create a lifelong connection to school.

The Merchant Taylors' alumni community is quite unique. Even in the context of other independent schools, the dynamism and passion of our former pupil network sets it distinctly apart from the majority of its peers.

Through a variety of activities and engagements, our Old Boys and Old Girls come together with a shared passion and admiration for their school, doing all they can to support the next generations of Merchant Taylors' pupils and their families.

Professional guidance

When a school has thrived in excellence for more than 400 years, it is little surprise that it should produce countless examples of personal and professional success across a broad range of industries, careers and locations.

Proud and thankful of their former school, countless alumni give their time to help current pupils via a range of video seminars, in-person visits, workshops, mentoring and work experience, delivered through our Concordia Connects programme.

Pupils enjoy hearing from experienced professionals based around the world, specialising in sectors such as medicine, law, drama, music or engineering, while we also have a large number of successful entrepreneurs who are happy to inspire others with the story of their own business journeys.

Bursary and financial support

Every year, we offer bursary support to pupils joining the school who would not otherwise be able to attend. This programme of funding would not be possible without the generous donations and pledges of our former pupils.

This incredible support transforms the lives of young girls and boys and gives them an opportunity to experience what a Merchant Taylors' education is all about.

During the pandemic, our wider school community of alumni and current parents came together to contribute to the Concordia Fund, which was set up to provide immediate relief to those families who were struggling to pay their school fees due to the financial challenges caused by lockdowns.





Events

Throughout the year, the school works in tandem with members of the Old Boys' Association and the Old Girls' Association to coordinate a calendar of events across the UK and beyond, attended by former pupils and current and former members of staff.

We host annual formal dinners in London, York, Cambridge and Oxford, as well as in Crosby, while a number of more casual social events take place in Liverpool and London. Events also take place in locations such as New York and Paris, while alumni are regularly invited to join us at sports, performing arts and CCF events at school.

While each event differs in its format, at the heart of each one is a common love for and commitment to Merchant Taylors' School, where guests aged 18 to 80 (and older) can find areas of shared interest, make future connections and enjoy themselves.

We are thankful to the Old Girls' Association, Old Boys' Association and the countless individuals who make these events and activities so successful.

Our community is our strength and our pride.



Community Engagement

At Merchant Taylors, we are proud to play an active role in our local community.

Pupils and staff understand and embrace the unique position we have at the heart of Crosby and surrounding areas and we actively encourage them to take part in a range of fundraising, volunteering and other engagement activities.

Our pupils and staff volunteer their time to support initiatives in partnership with organisations such as Marine in the Community, Netherton Community Centre and Cash 4 Kids. They also adopt specific charities to benefit from fundraising activity ranging from MUFTI days and ice cream sales to sponsored walks or endurance challenges.

At Christmas, our boys can be found singing carols at local nursing homes, while our girls are collecting advent calendars to be given to local children. As a school, we work closely with Waterloo Family Wellbeing Centre and donate 100 food hampers every Christmas to be delivered to families suffering hardship at a difficult time of year.

We also work alongside local sports clubs to support the development of younger sportspeople by providing access to our playing fields and other sporting facilities, as well as taking part in various fundraising initiatives.

We regularly open our doors to local school children to take part in pupil initiatives such as symposium conferences, careers fairs and co-curricular events and activities. We feel this kind of activity is imperative to give our pupils a greater understanding of the world in which we all live and to prepare them to become active, positive members of society in their lives beyond school.





Bursaries & Scholarships

Bursaries

Due to the generosity of donors, Alumni and many other supporters over the years, Merchant Taylors' Schools are able to provide financial assistance with fees to some parents/guardians who might otherwise not be able to afford a place at the Senior Schools.

The provision of Bursaries is a central part of the purpose of our school ethos. We have always looked to assist academically able boys and girls, whatever their financial circumstances, and to broaden access to our Schools.

Our Bursaries range in value, up to 100% of fees, depending on a family's financial circumstances. They are available to pupils applying for September admission at our Senior Schools, for Year 7 and Sixth Form (Year 12). Please note, many of our Sixth Form Bursaries have their own criteria.



All Bursaries are means-tested and are underpinned by a rigorous review process which includes a compulsory home visit.

If you would like to be considered for a Bursary please indicate this on your application form.

The dates for return of completed applications will be available from our Admissions Team and are generally aligned with the closing dates for applications to Year 7 and Year 12. The results of bursary awards will be made at the time of offer of a place at school.

Further information is available on our website. If you have any queries please contact the Admissions team on: **0151 949 9366** or email: **admissions@merchanttaylor.com**

Scholarships

Scholarships signify excellent performance and outstanding potential and many are awarded based on merit, irrespective of means Scholarships vary in value; they are awarded up to 10% of tuition fees.

Academic scholarships at Year 7 entry are awarded following the Entrance Assessment and a **Scholarship Day**, where boys and girls are selected for interview and asked to participate in a number of fun and challenging scenarios. Following this process, we award up to four scholarships per school each year.

All candidates for Year 7 entry also receive an information pack regarding the Art, Drama & Music Scholarships. Parents must apply for these highly competitive scholarships and meet the eligibility criteria, after which time children will be invited for an art assessment or a drama/music audition. Sport Scholarships are awarded at Year 9. Further information is available from our Admissions Team.

Bus Service

A comprehensive service of buses and coaches runs each morning and afternoon from all four of our schools. They cover a wide catchment area, currently including:

Aintree
Aughton
Aughton Mini Bus (Infants & Juniors only with Chaperone)
Birkdale, Ainsdale & Formby
Billinge / Rainford/Bickerstaffe
Knowsley
Lydiate
Maghull/Wigan
Parbold
Parbold / Mawdesley / Rufford Mini Bus (Infants & Juniors only with Chaperone)
Rufford & Southport
Rainhill/Prescot
Southport (Senior Girls)
Southport & Birkdale
Warrington/Widnes Express
Wigan, Orrell & Skelmersdale
Woolton, South Liverpool
Woolton, South Liverpool Mini Bus (Infants & Juniors only with Chaperone)

A number of our buses cater for our infants and juniors only and many have their own chaperone on board to give parents peace of mind.

All timetables are available on our website where you will also be able to view our interactive Bus Route Map to find your nearest bus stop. Details of costs are available to view in the Fees & Affordability section of this prospectus.

School Bus Fees

We use a number of bus and coach providers which ensures we have a comprehensive transport network available to all of our students.

Depending on where you live the cost of the bus service varies, more information on this is available upon request. There are options to use the bus service on a one-way facility only. For a full list of bus routes, from all locations, please visit:

www.merchanttaylors.com/admissions/school-bus-timetables/

Bus fees will be itemised separately on your fee invoice.





School Lunches

It is incredibly important for both our students and staff to receive wholesome, tasty food whilst at school.

The dining rooms at both our senior schools have recently undergone a stunning refurbishment. In conjunction with our catering partner Chartwells Independent, we have plenty to offer students, including:

Creating fresh meals made with good honest ingredients

Catering for all food tastes and dietary requirements (menus are available on the school website)

Providing taster pots to encourage everyone to try new foods

Chef-led interactive food demonstrations

Themed menus tailored for each school – these may include international foods linked to language groups, energy foods to support rehearsals and instrument practice and traditional meals generally related to subjects such as history or music

Hosting of food committee meetings

Every day there are hot and cold lunch options for every boy and girl across the three schools.

Lunch is compulsory for all students from Reception to Year 11 and the costs are available to view in the Fees & Affordability section of this prospectus.

Lunch Fees

Lunch is compulsory for all students from Reception to Year 11. The costs, as of September 2022, are:

Senior Boys and Girls:

£229 per term/ £687 per year

Junior Boys and and Junior Girls:

£229 per term/ £687 per year

Infant Boys and Girls:

£221 per term/ £663 per year

Sixth Form students are permitted to leave the school premises during the day and can therefore choose to make their own arrangements for lunch or eat in the school dining room on a day-to-day basis using contactless payment.

A charge for half a term's dinner fees will be available to those pupils in Year 11 and Upper Sixth, sitting external examinations in the summer term.

Lunch fees will be itemised separately on your fees invoice.

Fees & Affordability

Tuition Fees

Merchant Taylors' is a fee paying day school and the tuition fees, as of September 2022, are as follows:

Infants (Reception - Y2):

£9,292

Juniors (Y3 - Y6):

£9,524

Senior Girls:

£12,810

Senior Boys:

£12,810

Sixth Form:

£12,810

We offer two options for the payment of fees via Direct Debit:

1. Termly payments

One full term's fees payable on

- 1st September
- 1st January
- 1st May

2. Monthly payments

12 monthly payments on the 1st day of each month commencing from September.

Sibling Discount

There is a sibling discount available of 10% for the 2nd and 3rd child, then 20% for the 4th child and each child thereafter.

Who to contact

If you have any queries about fees please contact our Finance department on **0151 949 9329** or email **fees@merchanttaylors.com**

*Please note, fees due for lunches and school buses will be added to your tuition fees bill. They will not come out of your account as separate payments but will be added together and split in to equal monthly or termly payments, depending on the Direct Debit Payment option you have chosen.





Not just term time... Wraparound Care & Clubs

We provide daily out-of-hours care for all pupils attending Stanfield Preparatory School.

Daybreak Club

Our Daybreak Club costs £6 for the morning, from 7:15am until the beginning of school (8:20am). We provide breakfast with a range of activities including games, arts & crafts, Lego, and free play.

Sundown Care

This runs from 3:30pm to 6pm daily. Cost is £10 per session per child, regardless of the duration of any given session.

Holiday Club

Typically, we offer a holiday club provision in every school holiday (except Christmas and Bank Holidays) for children aged 4 to 11.

Specialist Sports Camps

During each school holiday expert coaches provide training in sports such as cricket, rugby and football.

Encouraging confidence
in a supportive and
nurturing environment



Admissions

Entry into Merchant Taylors' can be at any age from 4 years to 17 years, but the most common entry points are Reception, Year 3, Year 7 and the Lower Sixth Form. All candidates are assessed and invited for interview.

We have a dedicated Admissions Team to help you throughout the process of your application, who are available all year round to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to call and request a prospectus and registration form and anything else you might require. You can also apply online at:

www.merchanttaylors.com/admissions

Infants (4 – 7 years old)

Entry into our Infant School is for boys and girls in the academic year following their fourth birthday. Assessments usually take place in the Spring term in a relaxed and happy environment. No formal skills are required but we are looking to assess their readiness to listen and to adapt to school life.

We understand that some children may choose not to cooperate on a particular day, but we will always give a child a second chance! The girls and boys will have the opportunity to spend some time in Stanfield Preparatory School before they start in September. This is always a more worrying time for mums and dads than for the children.

Juniors (7 – 11 years old)

At the end of Year 2 pupils for Year 3 entry are invited to spend the day at Merchant Taylors' during which time they will undertake a cognitive ability test to assess their current academic ability and potential. The test comprises verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning. All infant children at Stanfield Preparatory School automatically move through to the juniors.

Please note all children assessed and enrolled for Stanfield Preparatory School will automatically progress through to the Senior Schools without having to take the Year 7 Entrance Assessment.

Year 7 (age 11)

Following receipt of a completed application for entry to Year 7, candidates are invited to attend for our Entrance Assessment which takes place on a Saturday morning in November.

The assessment is a computerised cognitive ability test comprising verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning.

A confidential report from each pupil's current junior school is also requested.

Offers of places for September entry will be made to those pupils who reach the academic standard required.

The possible results will be:

The offer of a full fee-paying place;

The offer of a Bursary or Scholarship place;

The offer to go on a waiting list for a full fee-paying place;

No offer

Years 8 -11 (aged 12-16)

Applicants applying for places in Years 8-11 will, on completion of an application, be invited to attend a Taster & Assessment Day.

During the course of the day, they will undertake a cognitive ability test as well as attending some lessons, meeting staff and also spending time with pupils.

Candidates will also be invited for interview with either the Head or a member of Senior staff and a confidential reference will be requested from their current school.

Sixth Form (aged 16-18)

Both the boys' and girls' Senior Schools have Sixth Forms on site. Students are very welcome to join Merchant Taylors' from other secondary schools.

An Open Evening is held each year attended by the Headmistress or Headmaster, Head of Sixth Form and Heads of Departments. Current and prospective students and parents are invited to join us to find out more about A Level options and career prospects.

Offers are made dependent upon GCSE results. Sixth Form entry criteria and the subjects offered are sent to students' parents upon request.

You can reach the Admissions Team on **0151 949 9366** or email **admissions@merchanttaylors.com**.



External candidates

Applications for all ages are to be made through the Admissions Team. When you have subscribed to our mailing list, enquirers and candidates will be invited to open events and will be kept up to date with the Admissions procedures.

Learning support

In the selection process, every reasonable step will be taken to accommodate the needs of those with a specific learning difficulty or disability (LDD), any physical difficulties and those pupils for whom English is an Additional Language. Individual cases will be given further consideration before selection and may be interviewed.

Overseas students

The policy for overseas students is available on the website or from the Admissions Team.

Staff children

Pupils of staff in the Merchant Taylors' Schools will be subjected to the same selection process as siblings of current senior school pupils. They will be admitted, provided they do sufficiently well and can demonstrate that they will benefit from a place in the school.

This policy may be amended at any meeting of the governing body, in which case the revised policy would operate from the start of the following academic year.

Policies & Procedures

The following policies are particular to each of the Schools and therefore if you wish to view the policy, please contact a member of the Admissions Team on **0151 949 9366**. The following policies can also be downloaded from the school website, www.merchanttaylor.com or sent to parents on request.

Safeguarding Children and Child Protection Policy
Admissions Policy
Policy for pupils with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
Health and Safety Policy for Education Visits
The Complaints Procedure
Discipline and Exclusions Policy
Curriculum Policy
Policy for the Prevention of Bullying
Rewards and Sanctions Policy
The record of registration complaints under the formal procedure
ISI Inspection Report

For the following information, please visit the relevant sections of the website: www.merchanttaylor.com

Academic Performance Record Staff Register and Summary of Qualifications

The Chairman of Governors of Merchant Taylors' Schools is Mr Philip Marshall QC. He can be contacted via the Bursar's Office, Merchant Taylors' Schools, Crosby, Liverpool L23 0QP

Every Day is Open Day

There is no need to wait for an Open Day at Merchant Taylors'. We are happy to welcome families all year round. Just contact our Admissions Team who will be delighted to tell you more and arrange a tour of the Schools.



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