

PROSPECTUS

2020-21

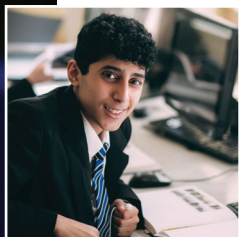


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Welcome

We are a school with very high expectations of, and for, our pupils; only their best is good enough.

We provide pupils with opportunities to shine through excellent teaching and innovative practice, a vibrant extra-curricular provision and a curriculum that challenges and inspires from the start of year 7 until the end of year 11.



Engagement

We ensure that our pupils are outward facing and enjoy a full range of experiences and opportunities whilst they are at St James. We help develop open minded, receptive and kind people, who embrace new ideas and change and who enjoy life, wanting to explore it by experiencing new things. Between years 7 and 11, every pupil partakes in the following:

- representing the school
- visiting an art gallery, going to the theatre or attending a world class sporting event
- engaging with politics by visiting the Houses of Parliament, meeting a politician, contributing to Student Voice, or taking part in a mock election
- presenting to an audience, performing in a school production, or taking part in a debate
- engaging in the school's extra-curricular programme
- completing meaningful work experience with a local employer; preparing their CV, taking part in a mock interview and learning about financial products and money management
- volunteering or raising awareness and/or fundraising for a charity
- reading widely to broaden their knowledge of literature, current affairs and world issues.

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High Standards

We are consistently one of the highest performing schools in Devon. More than 70% of our pupils complete the English Baccalaureate, a suite of academic qualifications that includes English, maths, science, languages and humanities. As a result, we see some of the highest numbers in Devon invited to join elite post-16 programs, such as the Exeter Maths School and the Reach Academy.

Year 11 Outcomes 2019*

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English	15%	76%	Music	50%	100%
Maths	18%	70%	Physical Education		100%
Art	13%	79%	Performing Arts	40%	100%
Biology	23%	96%	Photography	13%	83%
Chemistry	27%	96%	Physics	32%	100%
French	15%	71%	Spanish	26%	74%
Health and Social Care	16%	100%			

High Prior Attaining Pupils

Students who are identified as being very able are pushed and challenged through a rigorous and aspirational curriculum during their five years with us, ensuring that they achieve the very highest grades. We work closely with Exeter College and the University of Exeter to ensure our students move to the further and higher education of their choice.

Rewarding Success

Achievement and success is highly valued at St James and praise and encouragement is at the heart of our behaviour policy. Pupils are rewarded with merits for high quality work, for excellent effort, for representing the school community and for kindness. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum badges are awarded when they hit significant milestones.

Headteacher Awards

A member of staff can nominate any pupil for this award and it is given in recognition of exceptional achievement. Miss Skinner personally presents pupils with their award certificate and a small gift.

*NB: Pupils did not sit GCSEs in 2020 and, therefore, all attainment data related to 2019.



The Arts

Art and Photography

The arts are core to our curriculum and are the beating heart of our school. All pupils partake in the arts and are given the opportunity to take the full range of arts qualifications at KS4. We have a photography and media suite as well as art studios and a gallery where we exhibit the work of our pupils.

Drama, Dance and Music

We are lucky to have an amphitheatre, a drama studio and a theatre with full rigged lighting so that our pupils can perform their drama, musical and dance productions in a professional setting. We perform to the public regularly, including staging a musical annually. Our pupils also benefit from regular theatre visits and extra-curricular drama workshops run by Exeter University.

The St James Canon

We celebrate great literature at St James which is why we dedicate twenty minutes each day to reading together. Our canon books explore issues within our culture, provide opportunities to understand our heritage, expose the aspects of society that we should challenge, allow students to explore other cultures, celebrate diversity and allow students an insight into the wider world. Throughout their time with us, pupils will read all 22 books, ensuring they leave us as young people who have an understanding of their place in the world; an empathy for others and a love of reading.

Kindness

We value kindness at St James and work to be kind in all of our interactions and we engender the same in our pupils. This means that we utilise our curriculum to explicitly teach pupils to develop integrity, empathy and compassion. As part of this, we offer a support network for our pupils so that they feel safe and happy.

Tutors

Every pupil is in a tutor group and each tutor group meets every day. The tutor is the student's first point of contact for support in school and tutors therefore build excellent relationships with the pupils in their groups. Tutors are also the most regular point of contact for parents.

Heads of Year

Every year group has a Head of Year. The Head of Year is responsible for the support and welfare of pupils and supports them in being kind people and effective learners. They monitor the academic and pastoral progress of every pupil closely to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

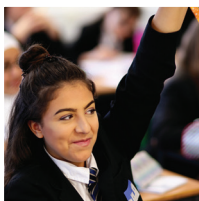
Pupil Reception

Our pupil reception team offers support to pupils and their families and monitors attendance and uniform.

Specialist support

We have a range of specialist support to help pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. This includes teaching assistants, an inclusion team and mentors.

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