



**GREENSHAW**   
HIGH SCHOOL

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# A Warm Welcome



“ Students learn well and this is mirrored in their very encouraging examination results and in inspectors’ judgements on classroom practice.” Ofsted

In this booklet and through our website we try to give you a glimpse of the life of Greenshaw High School. Words are not enough to represent the energy and commitment of the school at work or the enthusiasm of young people gaining confidence and success. Nevertheless, we hope we have provided enough information for you to sense the flavour of what Greenshaw has to offer young people and their families.

At Greenshaw, we have a tradition of combining both high expectations for all our pupils and a curriculum that is forward-looking and appropriate to the needs of the 21st century. Throughout its history, Greenshaw has been popular with parents of children of all abilities and there continues to be a large demand for places. We are proud of our success as a genuine comprehensive school and of our reputation for providing a dynamic secondary education within a happy and caring environment. We believe in ensuring all members of the school respect each other, take responsibility for their actions and forge strong relationships with each other. Crucial to this is the establishment of a strong partnership between home and school.

During recent years, over £4 million pounds has been invested in providing additional specialist accommodation. We look forward to an exciting future as Greenshaw develops its roles as a Specialist and Associate Training School.

I am incredibly proud of the achievements of the staff and students at Greenshaw and would be delighted to welcome you to visit the school in action. If you would like to visit, please telephone the office for an appointment.

**William Smith – Headteacher**

# Our Vision

We are a forward looking school without limits; a dynamic community; welcoming to all; a family which values the journey and the destination.

We all take responsibility, we believe in each other, strive for success and lead by example.

We are ambitious, sharing an exciting vision, building lives for the future.

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# Pursuit of Excellence

Lessons at Greenshaw are rigorous, lively and interesting. Pupils are taught by well-qualified teachers whose aim is to stretch every youngster and give him or her the chance to experience success.

For some subjects, pupils are grouped by ability and for others there is a range of abilities in the same class. All learners are expected to aim for excellence, to complete classwork and regular homework and to achieve the targets that are set and communicated to them and their parents.

There is provision for children with special needs. Those who are gifted are provided with extension work, additional advanced assignments and the opportunity to attend a Summer School.

Some pupils are supported by the Learning Support and Speech and Language Departments. Pupils who wish to learn a musical instrument may have tuition from one of the team of peripatetic teachers who teach regularly at the school.

Specialist facilities allow us to make use of the latest technologies and resources. We have a music centre, studios for art, drama and dance, a gymnasium, a sports hall, a multi-gym, ten dedicated IT rooms, ten science laboratories and a learning resources centre. In addition, all classrooms are equipped with computers and interactive whiteboards. All pupils have their own user area on the computer network and we are a lead school in the use of our Managed Learning Environment to support extended learning at home.





Dear Students,  
You are rightly proud of Greenshaw. You think it is a good school and we agree with you. Your able headteacher and staff want the best for you and are determined that you will make fast progress over your time in the school. You make a very positive contribution to this ambition. Because you enjoy school, you behave well and work hard. You make good progress by Year 11 and reach standards that are above national figures. Ofsted



“It was obvious that both you and [the staff] were hugely committed and caring – and it’s been a while since we’ve come across people who love their jobs so much.”

Healthy Schools researchers



# Leading the Way

## A Mathematics & Computing Specialist School

Thanks to our Mathematics and Computing specialist status we are able to employ extra staff and resources. All pupils achieve qualifications in mathematics, statistics and information technology. Their skills in numeracy and IT are further developed by activities in every subject across the curriculum. We share with partner schools and other local organisations our expertise and facilities in maths and IT.

All students start a Digital Applications course in Year 9 and complete the equivalent of one GCSE by the end of this first year, adding a second by the end of Year 10. They also have the opportunity to opt for the full Diploma in Digital Applications course, which is equivalent to 4 GCSEs. The course provides an excellent foundation for understanding the use of modern information communication technology. The wealth of ICT resources at Greenshaw supports the work of students within the ICT curriculum and across all subjects.

## Training School

Staff at Greenshaw aim high in all that they do and are supported in their day to day work and their professional development. We are a learning community and believe that members of staff should have a thorough induction and a challenging programme of training and development. By taking part in courses, seminars and meetings, our staff keep up to date with the latest thinking and practice in education. This enables them to provide the best learning opportunities for the pupils of the school.

# Care & Guidance

All children who join Greenshaw belong to one of our four Houses and are placed in a tutor group belonging to that House. They see their tutor each day for registration and to have the opportunity to seek help or advice.



The House system is one of Greenshaw's distinguishing characteristics and it is at the centre of the outstanding care provided for every child. The Heads of House have responsibility for overseeing the welfare of all the pupils in their House. They monitor children's progress, attendance and behaviour by working with parents, teachers and the individual child's tutor. The House system allows easy contact between home and school and a quick response to matters of concern.

During the year there are several inter-house competitions such as the swimming gala, the cross-country competition and the school athletics championship.





“As parents, we would like to thank all the staff at Greenshaw for providing an excellent education and helping all three of our sons to become such well-adjusted young adults.”

Parent



“Thank you for your continued support and understanding. No-one could have worked harder with my daughter.”

Parent





# Partnership with Parents

The support of parents is of great importance to the success of their children. We make regular contact with parents so that they can establish a sensible routine, a healthy diet and a sense of the importance of schoolwork and homework. We therefore send home a regular, half-termly newsletter and a range of booklets that give information about the curriculum.

All students receive targets at the start of each year and these are monitored closely and reviewed by teaching staff and students' tutors through our academic tutoring programme. Assessment information is shared with parents each term, by means of a schedule of reports and meetings with subject teachers, and we welcome parents' questions, comments and suggestions. Parents have access to live attendance and assessment information through the Learning Gateway within the website.

Every parent is automatically a member of the school's Parents', Teachers' and Friends' Association. Led by a dedicated committee, the PTFA holds regular social and fund-raising events and contributes to the resources of the school.

# Sixth Form Opportunities

Greenshaw's sixth form gives young people the chance to develop as independent, responsible and self-disciplined young adults. The sixth form has grown significantly in recent years and has enjoyed considerable success. Most study GCE at AS and A2 level and are offered about 25 subjects from which to choose. Others follow courses leading to nationally recognised qualifications at Level Two in the National Qualifications Framework. In collaboration with local partner schools and colleges, we will be offering the new Diploma courses in Creative and Media and ICT.

Sixth formers follow a programme of personal, social and health education. They are given detailed advice about careers and further or higher education. Individual academic mentoring helps them to study successfully at a high level and to achieve or exceed their target grades. There is specialist study accommodation for students in our Sixth Form Centre with dedicated ICT resources. A separate sixth form prospectus is available on request from the school office.





“The 6th form offers a warm, welcoming and positive atmosphere, where students are treated with respect. The student-teacher relationship is friendly and 6th form staff are always ready to help.”

Year 13 student

# Enriching the Curriculum

Our curriculum is enriched by activities that make Greenshaw a dynamic and exciting place to learn. There is an extensive programme of educational visits offered to pupils from Year 7 to Year 13 that includes a study day at Dover Castle, a residential field trip to the Isle of Wight and a guided tour and lecture at Cadbury World in Birmingham. Trips to museums, art galleries and to the theatre to see plays and dance performances enhance pupils' understanding of their work in school. Visiting experts such as lawyers, professional dancers and journalists bring their knowledge of careers and employment into the classroom. There is a group of pupils working towards the Duke of Edinburgh award, supported by regular meetings in school and expeditions accompanied by teachers.

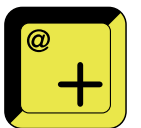
The school has an expedition programme. Teams of pupils work together to plan and fund-raise for challenges on other continents. Expeditions to Honduras, Ecuador, Morocco, Borneo and Peru have given pupils opportunities to meet people across the globe and understand the issues facing them.



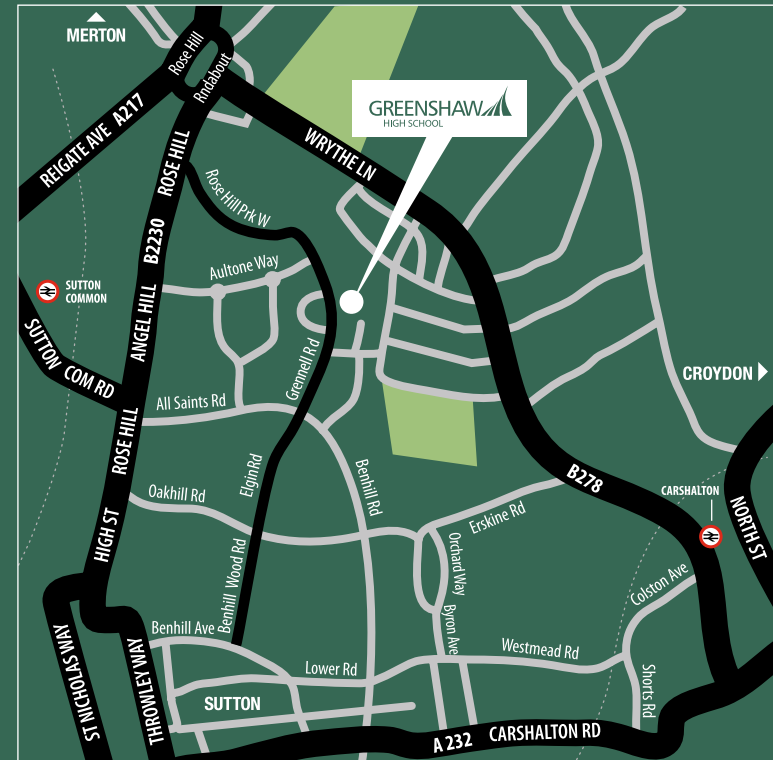


“My son has always enjoyed all the activities and opportunities available and we feel fortunate that he was able to attend such a good school.”

Year 11 parent



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