

TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Equipping students for a future in which they have the academic qualifications, character skills and high self-esteem to make decisions that lead to long, happy and content lives.



Thank you for your interest in joining us here at Torquay Girls' Grammar School where students "are encouraged to become the 'history makers' of the future" and where students "are courageous in their choices, often challenging gender stereotypes." *Ofsted 2023*

We have been educating bright students from Devon for over one hundred years now. The outcomes for young people who come here are excellent and our academic results place us as one of the top schools nationally for both attainment and progress. Through careful balancing of tradition and identity with high expectations and a modern curriculum, our students go on to top universities, apprenticeships and employment opportunities,

However, these facts do not convey the real essence of our school, which is more about a way of thinking. It is about helping our pupils to believe they can achieve anything and giving them the skills and high self-esteem to do so.

We are high achieving and proud of it; we are not afraid to celebrate the elite whether in the sphere of academia, sport or the arts. However, because we know that students work better when they are happy and relaxed, we also have an enormous amount of fun. Our strong house culture means that students are involved in activities like our whole school sponsored walk from Brixham back to Torquay, and the House Shout where students and staff compete in their Houses to sing a song to the rest of the school.

We believe that students here are 'history makers' of the future, and the curriculum enables them to develop their character skills and self-esteem, alongside their academic success.

Our extra-curricular opportunities, including trips and clubs, help develop the character skills in our students. These skills include leadership, aiming high, staying positive, creativity, problem solving, speaking, listening and teamwork and were recognised by Ofsted in 2023 "opportunities for pupils to lead and volunteer are exceptional". We want our young people to have lots of fun and experiences during their time at TGGs and our curriculum is designed with that in mind. Trips locally to Plymouth Marine Aquarium, Bodmin Jail, Morwellham Quay, Paignton Zoo, Exeter, Plymouth and Torquay Theatres, River Dart Country Park, Torquay dry ski slope and many more. Trips nationally to London Houses of Parliament, Bude Adventure, Bristol, Manor House Activities Okehampton, Tate St Ives, Lake District, Cambridge University, Oxford University and various geological sites, amongst others. Further afield, we have seen our students trek across glaciers in Iceland, lay wreaths at the Menin Gate during trips to the Belgian battlefields, ski down slopes in Italy and France, visit the United Nations HQ in Switzerland, and get an insight into life for holocaust captives in Auschwitz, Poland. These are just some examples of the many stimulating off-site activities, with more varied and exciting opportunities being added in the future.

We are proud of our pastoral system where we get to know all our students well. Staff respond quickly and efficiently to ensure that they feel happy and secure, as recognised by Ofsted in 2023 "*relationships between pupils and staff are highly supportive*" and "*the school's high ambition for what pupils can achieve academically is balanced with a focus on them becoming a well rounded person.*"

As the only state, selective girls' school in the area and one of a small number of schools nationally that have recently been judged as Outstanding in every Ofsted category, Torquay Girls' Grammar School is a truly exceptional choice for the education of your child.

I encourage you to apply and wish you every success.

S. J. Forster

Ms S Forster
Headteacher



“My first term at TGGs has been amazing. I am the happiest I have ever been at school. It was easy to make friends and lessons are absolutely wonderful” - Year 7 Student



We know that moving up to secondary school can be a big step, and because of this, we make a big effort to ensure that it is a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Linking incoming Year 6 students with a Year 7 buddy who will write to them, having an Induction Day where they can meet their teachers and the other pupils, and providing 'get to know you activities' once here, all help make them feel at home.

Despite many being the only student from their Primary School, it's not long before they feel settled and comfortable and part of our TGGs family.



“Pupils fulfil their potential at this school. Teaching is highly effective due to the expert knowledge of staff. Teachers use their knowledge to inspire pupils.” - Ofsted



At TGGs we believe that effective teaching and learning is at the heart of our mission to inspire and empower our students to reach their full potential. Through a dynamic and student-centered approach to education, we strive to cultivate critical thinking skills, creativity, collaboration, and resilience in our students, preparing them to thrive in an ever-changing global landscape.

Our dedicated team of staff are passionate professionals who are committed to creating engaging and inclusive learning environments that cater to the diverse needs and interests of our students. They employ a variety of instructional strategies, technologies, and resources to facilitate active learning, knowledge centred content delivery, and real-world connections in the classroom.

Ultimately, we will ensure that, because of great teaching, our students achieve the very best academic outcomes to support their future pathways and provide them with the confidence, resilience and choice we would want for our own children.



“The school’s high ambition for what pupils can achieve academically is balanced with a focus on them becoming a well-rounded person.” - Ofsted

Each student has a dedicated form tutor who they see every day. All students belongs to a House, which becomes a big part of their identity throughout their time at the school. “The long established house system is a source of inspiration for younger pupils who aspire to take on the mantle of house leadership. “ - Ofsted

Our wider pastoral team includes Heads of Year who work with a team of dedicated professionals available to pupils as needed during their time at TGGs. This includes school counsellors, academic mentors, student services and the SEND team who collectively support our students. We know we can only achieve the best possible academic success when our students are healthy and happy.

The TGGs structure is deliberately focused on creating a supportive, caring environment and as a result we have nurtured thousands of students through the barriers that come with 21st century Britain, both by caring for them and by getting them to care for each other.



“Thank you on behalf of my daughter. Her experience at TGGS has been nothing short of inspirational. We couldn't have chosen a better school for her.”

- TGGS Parent



We actively encourage our students to express themselves through the creative arts. They join our drama clubs or take part in our whole school productions. Musically, we have weekly ensemble rehearsals, including a variety of instrumental and vocal groups. We also have string, wind and brass ensembles. There are plenty of performance opportunities, including our Year 7 Concert, the annual Carol Service and Summer concert, alongside inter-house music competitions and opportunities to perform within the local community. We have also developed close links with the local community by performing in St John's Church for our annual Carol Service, as well as providing music for Rowcroft Hospice to include in their annual memorial events.

Artistic students can create their masterpiece in our lively Art Department whose walls and halls are testament to their talent.

“The school takes a deliberate approach to pupils’ moral development and character. Opportunities for pupils to lead and volunteer are exceptional.” - Ofsted



There is simply not enough time to engage in all of our extra-curricular activities:

the clubs, the societies, the trips, the competitions, the house events, the clinics, the lectures, the social activities, the public speaking, the quizzes, the concerts, the charitable activities, the assemblies, the plays, the dancing, the singing, the photography, the cooking, the selling, the voting, the school council, the tournaments, the festivals, the fairs, the picnics, the debating, the tours, the conferences, the circuit, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Ten Tors, the enrichment, the volunteering, the elections, the auction, the challenge days, the sponsored walk, the games and the fun...your problem will be trying to fit it all in!

“Team sports are important because you are supported by the people around you; you have a chance to help and to be helped”

- Year 7 Student

At Torquay Girls' Grammar School we strive to inspire an active generation to enjoy Physical Education, through our varied and challenging curriculum. We aim to develop students' physical competence and confidence and their ability to perform in a range of activities. With our competition standard astropitch, modern sports hall, pitches and courts, we have the facilities to nurture sporting talent.

We provide a wealth of opportunities to have fun and make friends through a variety of activities such as yoga, cricket, football and netball. We take part in local, national and regional competitions in a number of sports. We also celebrate students' participation through a gymnastics and dance evening, and a sports award evening.





We are supporting our young people to be history makers of the future whether that's leading a multi-national company, managing a Healthcare trust or directing the village drama production.

There are many leadership opportunities available to them such as becoming Heads of Houses, Student Council representatives and Academic Hub Leaders. There are also opportunities for leadership in outdoor education with Ten Tors and DofE, and Outdoor Education Ambassador roles. Students have received advice from successful businesswomen, practised networking with high powered executives and debated leadership styles. We are proud to welcome back former students into school, as part of our extended alumnae network, to inspire our younger cohorts. We know that it says so much about how special our school when our students keep coming back to inspire and support new generations as they pass through our gates.



“Pupils are encouraged to become the ‘history makers’ of the future. When planning their future careers, they aspire for professional lives and positions of responsibility.”

- Ofsted

“I have found that teaching staff are always really helpful and willing to give up their time if we are struggling with any concepts from lessons or with coursework.” - Sixth Form Student

After Year 11, our students move into our outstanding Sixth Form and from there go on to take up places in the top universities across Britain, Europe and America, or find employment with top companies.

We know that they value, above all, the fantastically friendly and supportive atmosphere of our Sixth Form. Numerous trips to places such as New York, France, Germany, Poland, Kenya and London really help students to bond, and create a sense of fun that withstands the stressful time of examinations.

Full details of our inspiring Sixth Form (one of the highest performing in the country) can be found in our Sixth Form Prospectus which can be viewed on our website or is available on request.





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