



Northstowe

Secondary College



“Where we
know you and
value you”

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About Northstowe Secondary College

Welcome to Northstowe Learning Community. We are delighted you are considering our school for your child's secondary education. We pride ourselves on our inclusive ethos where we know, value, and support every child. The secondary school is part of all-through provision from primary to post-16. Through our broad, rich, and challenging curriculum with extensive opportunities outside the classroom, we pride ourselves in delivering an exceptional learning experience for our students. We are located on a state-of-the-art campus with excellent facilities at the heart of Northstowe town and encourage you to visit us and see for yourself what our school has to offer.



Claire Mills | Principal

We are proud to be a part of the Meridian Trust, a successful multi-academy trust founded on its commitment to people and communities.



As a part of the Trust, we share these core values:



Valuing people



The pursuit of excellence



Achievement for all



High-quality learning environment



Extending the boundaries of learning



Our Vision

An unrelenting passion to focus on the learning journey and experience of every individual, keeping the child at the heart of all that we do.

We aim to deliver, promote and inspire high quality educational provision in schools at the heart of their communities so that:

- ★ Every child is a successful learner, a confident individual and a responsible and employable citizen.
- ★ Our school is a hub for community activities, a centre for extended services and a source of immense pride for students, their families and other local stakeholders.

The Northstowe Way

We have a clear identity, rooted in high expectations, of what it means to belong to the Northstowe community.



Our Values

Kind students who care about each other, the community and the wider world.

Curious students who want to find out more and are open minded to find creative solutions.

Hard working students who practise, preserve and keep going even when things are challenging.

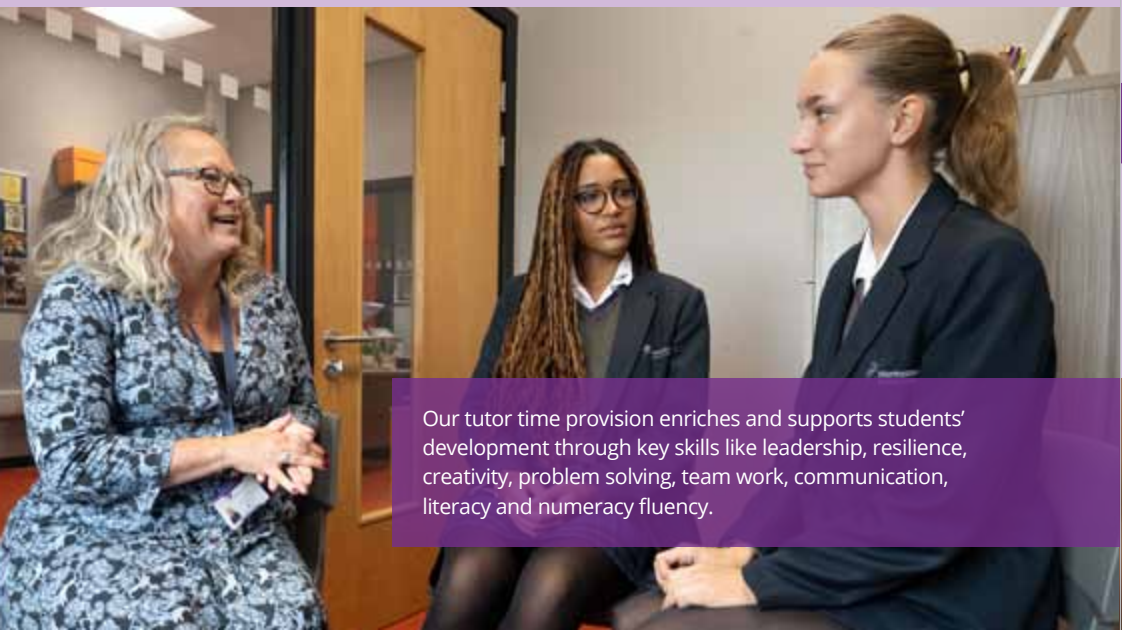


“Expectations are high for both behaviour and how well pupils achieve.”

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Our Pastoral Care

Our house system with vertical tutoring and small form groups allows our tutors to focus more on each individual. Our tutors, senior tutors and student support assistants make up some of the key trusted adults for your child at school. Students also receive one to one academic mentoring with their tutor each term.



Our tutor time provision enriches and supports students' development through key skills like leadership, resilience, creativity, problem solving, team work, communication, literacy and numeracy fluency.

Curriculum

We want students to enjoy their learning at Northstowe and be proud of who they are and the things they achieve.

Our curriculum is broad, enriching and academically rigorous, designed to stretch and inspire. We know each student differs and support them to be a successful learner and confident individual.



Fluency

Removing literacy and numeracy barriers and introducing a wealth of academic and cultural vocabulary.

1

Inspire

Curiosity through a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum, rich in experiences and knowledge.

2

Practice for Progress

Retrieval of knowledge and development of mastery concepts.

3

Achieve

Opportunities to develop skills, knowledge, values, attitudes and attributes, ready for their next steps.

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“Pupils are respectful of each other and their teachers.”

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Curriculum

We provide opportunities to develop the values, attitudes and attributes that will serve them well in future education, the workplace, and their life; and to celebrate and support their progress and achievement along the way, so they leave KS4 with the best possible qualifications and a wealth of knowledge.



Subjects at Key Stage 3



English



Maths



Science



History



Geography



Ethics



Art



Music



Drama



PE



Design
Technology



Food and
Nutrition



How to thrive

A specifically designed curriculum that teaches students skills to develop their resilience, to enable them to deal with life's challenges and to thrive. If students are able to think more accurately and flexibly about different or difficult situations then they will be more likely to solve problems effectively; keep things in perspective, not give up and enhance their optimism and confidence.

Extending the boundaries of learning

Success

We have earned the **Silver 'Learning Outside the Classroom Mark'** awarded by the UK LOTC charity – this is testament to our commitment to providing learning experiences that reach out beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Careers

High quality careers education, information advice and guidance, alongside a level 6 qualified careers advisor. Personalised pathways enable students to secure experience of the wider world of work.

Leadership

All students will have the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. This may be by holding a formal role, getting involved in an event or participating in consultations about their school.



PLEDGES

A programme designed to encourage students to develop their character through activities both in and out of school. There are bronze, silver and gold levels in the following:



PARTICIPATION PLEDGE



LEADERSHIP PLEDGE



EXCELLENCE PLEDGE



DIVERSITY PLEDGE



GIVING PLEDGE



ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGE



SERVICE PLEDGE

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

More than 50 different clubs, trip and visit opportunities alongside extra-curricular awards. We create positive and memorable experiences.



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