

St Dunstan's School

Glastonbury



Prospectus





Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership



Mr Alun Williams
CEO and Executive Headteacher

It is a privilege to be the Executive Headteacher and CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership (MNSP).

Our aim as a multi-academy trust is to ensure all children have the opportunity to attend a good or better school; we believe through close collaboration, our work towards this goal is more effective. Children, staff and all those associated with the schools in the MNSP benefit from a sense of shared responsibility for the welfare and progress of children. As a group of schools we are stronger and have already seen some outstanding improvement as a result of our work together. Children and staff have benefited from increased opportunities and I have no doubt that our partnership will continue to grow, optimising life-chances for all our children.

St Dunstan's School has a great future. I have been very impressed by the positive attitudes of the children and the sense of community at the school. St Dunstan's is now graded 'good' in all areas by Ofsted and has outcomes well in excess of national averages. It is a fabulous school for the community of Glastonbury.



*"Empowering every child to
maximise their academic
potential."*

Headteacher's Welcome



Mr Paul Balkwill

Headteacher, BA (Hons) PGCE, NPQH

I am incredibly proud to lead this school and community. At the heart of everything we do lies a commitment to high expectations combined with a genuine care and regard for each individual. We are deeply committed to empowering every child to reach their full academic potential, inspire positive change within the community, and confidently step into the world, ready to make a lasting impact.

Our students are happy and enthusiastic; they show genuine pride in their work and consistently strive to be the best they can. The school's warm, friendly and welcoming culture is something that makes this place a special place to work and to learn.

As a parent myself, I understand how crucial it is to choose the right school for your child. You want a supportive environment where they are challenged and valued. At St Dunstan's School, we firmly believe that every child deserves an inspiring education that prepares them to become the very best version of themselves and successful young individuals. This is a school where every child matters and is supported to succeed.

St Dunstan's School is very successful in lots of different ways. I am sure when you visit us you will see why so many parents in the area choose St Dunstan's School for their child.



"There is a strong sense of community within the school."

Ofsted February 2024

Inspire, Educate & Empower

Our School Vision

St Dunstan's School is more than just a building; it's a place where futures begin and ambitions take root. Every day, children walk through our doors, carrying with them the promise of hope and limitless potential. As a school, our goal is to educate, inspire and empower every student to fulfil their goals and aspirations.

We aim to provide a high-quality education that cultivates well-rounded accomplished individuals, fully prepared to forge their own paths and make a positive impact on the world around them.

Inspire: Students are encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

Educate: Students are taught to be successful, knowledgeable and well-informed young adults, who achieve strong outcomes.

Empower: Students are able to shape their own path and positively influence the world around them.



*"St Dunstan's School knows its pupils well as individuals."
Ofsted February 2024*

A Culture of High Aspiration



Our Values

Our core values are the very heartbeat of our school. We don't just teach these values; we encourage our students to live them, fostering a real sense of belonging.

Truth: the foundation for trust and mutual cooperation, built upon honesty, fairness, and integrity.

Resilience: facing challenges, learning from setbacks and moving forwards.

Ambition: focus, concerted effort, and belief in yourself and others to achieve a goal.

Community: demonstrating connection, kindness and respect towards everyone.

Kindness: actively showing empathy and compassion, always striving to help others.



"The school has a clear vision to create pupils who are aware, engaged, active and able to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world."
Ofsted February 2024

Confident & Ready to Thrive

Transition

The journey to secondary school is a pivotal moment. We have crafted a unique transition experience that ensures every child steps into their new chapter feeling confident, connected and ready.



A smooth transition requires more than just a warm welcome. That's why our comprehensive programme is designed to foster familiarity and build confidence:

- **Build Connections:** Join our dynamic Activity Days and gain valuable insights from the supportive mentorship of our older Sports Leaders.
- **A Taste of Tomorrow:** Our dedicated Year 6 Induction Day in July lets students experience new lessons and make initial friends. This is followed by an essential Information Evening for both students and parents.
- **September Launchpad:** Year 7 students benefit from a two-week introduction programme designed to help them fully immerse themselves in school routines, ethos, and the secondary environment.

Our pastoral team visits all incoming Year 6 students at their primary schools during the Summer Term, engaging with their current teachers to ensure we understand each child's unique needs and strengths.



At St Dunstan's School, Year 7 students engage in a team-building experience with their new tutor at the start of Term 1. This activity aims to create a supportive tutor group and strengthen new friendships beyond just having fun.

"Shaping the citizens of tomorrow, today."

"Our students embody our expectations in work, appearance, and attitude."



"Pupils take on leadership roles in their houses and in the student council. They feel empowered to help others."
Ofsted February 2024



"Where high expectations meet genuine care for every child."



"Leaders promote the importance of pupils attending school regularly. They track pupils' attendance closely and work with families to support when required." **Ofsted February 2024**

Year 10 Parents



"The school works with pupils and their families to plan future education and training opportunities." **Ofsted February 2024**



"Pupils develop their talents and interests through a range of extra-curricular activities." **Ofsted February 2024**



Nurturing Every Child to Flourish

Pastoral Care

We believe academic achievement and excellence flourishes when it is built on well-being and a strong sense of belonging. This is why pastoral care is the very heartbeat of our identity, ensuring your child receives personalised, empathetic care and expert guidance.

From their first moment, your child is warmly welcomed into a tutor group, instantly building a sense of community and belonging. The form tutor is your child's dedicated champion. They guide and monitor students, holding them to the highest expectations while providing academic and pastoral support for holistic success. Tutors are on hand to track student progress and work closely with teachers to identify those who may benefit from intervention, mentoring or guidance.

Beyond the tutor group, each year benefits from the expert oversight of a Head of Key Stage, working seamlessly with our Pastoral Support Team. This structure allows us to partner effectively with parents and families, forging strong community relationships. It also helps us uphold our high expectations for attendance, punctuality, behaviour, and appearance, working together with families to overcome any challenges along the way.



"St Dunstan's: Where every child feels seen, supported, and ready to thrive."

Igniting the Curiosity of Every Learner

Teaching & Learning

Our dynamic approach ensures that all students, regardless of their starting point are empowered to understand and shape their world. All lessons follow a carefully designed Learning Cycle that is a proven framework intended to support all students to progress, building knowledge over time. It's flexible and adaptable, allowing our teachers to tailor support and challenge to meet diverse needs, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Our lessons and the curriculum are designed to stretch and challenge students of all abilities. High-achieving students are given opportunities both in and outside of the classroom to extend their thinking and make rapid progress. We are committed to continuously developing our subjects and courses to challenge, extend, and inspire our students.

As a proud member of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, we collaborate with our partners to ensure all students receive the best possible teaching and curriculum. This collaborative and inclusive approach not only helps us unlock a student's full potential but also provides the tailored support and understanding that empowers every learner to achieve.



"Pupils learn what makes each subject unique."
Ofsted February 2024

Unlocking Every Student's Potential

Curriculum Offer

From the moment they step through our doors, every student dives into an ambitious, expansive academic curriculum. Our curriculum is broad, balanced and varied, securing a strong knowledge across all subjects at Key Stage 3.

As students transition into Key Stage 4, they begin to choose a more personalised learning pathway. Alongside our rigorous core subjects, they select from a diverse array of GCSEs and alternative qualifications.

Our curriculum goes beyond the basics; it's designed to exceed the National Curriculum. The curriculum aims to cultivate informed, well-rounded, and intellectually curious students. We champion the creative and technological alongside the traditional disciplines, providing opportunities for every student to discover and develop their unique talents.

At the heart of everything is literacy. Our Reading programme is designed to turn every student into a confident reader, providing them with the essential skills they need to succeed in every lesson and throughout their lives.



"The school has developed a vibrant culture of reading. Pupils and adults read together regularly, sharing the love of story."
Ofsted February 2024

Cultivating Global Citizens

Personal Development

Our comprehensive Personal Development Programme ensures education extends beyond academic studies, nurturing well-rounded individuals ready for an evolving world. We actively foster cultural competence and global awareness, promoting a deep appreciation for diversity and interconnectedness.

All students receive a five year programme of Personal Development. This combines PSHE, Careers education, Citizenship and British Values. At each stage students receive age appropriate information, advice and guidance to help them to navigate the complexities of modern society, relationships and adult life. This approach supports all students to become compassionate, capable, and globally aware citizens.



"Pupils value their personal, social and health education lessons as an opportunity to prepare for adult life."
Ofsted February 2024

Building Successful Students

Positive Culture & Enrichment

Our positive culture is built on a simple foundation: good behaviour, high standards, and clear expectations. This creates a happy and productive learning environment where every student can thrive. To achieve this, we believe in actively celebrating success in all its forms, from academic breakthroughs to personal triumphs and acts of kindness. By recognising and championing every student's achievements, we foster confidence, build self-esteem, and empower them to shine.



The enrichment offer goes far beyond the classroom, immersing students in curriculum-focused trips, inspiring university visits, and invaluable insights from leading experts, including those in STEM. But the learning doesn't stop there. We offer an array of extra-curricular opportunities—from dazzling drama productions and captivating theatre trips to school bands, art workshops, and curriculum competitions. With competitive sports teams and an array of student leadership opportunities, every student can find their voice and hone their skills.



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The Arc

The Autism Resource Centre

The Autism Resource Centre (ARC) is a specialist resource base providing a personalised curriculum for a small number of pupils, formally agreed with the Local Authority.



These students have a diagnosis of autism and an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) and mainstream education has been seen as insufficient to meet the needs of the individual. The learning is tailored to an individual's exact needs and ambitions.

The ARC building was completed in September 2023, within the grounds of St Dunstan's School. Students have blended learning opportunities with some lessons taught by specialist staff in the base as well as attending some mainstream lessons and other activities.



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"Preparing students to make their mark on the world."



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