



The
Peterborough
School



Joining Year 7 in September 2026



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share this information pack with you as you begin to explore the next stage of your child's educational journey. While Year 7 may still feel some way off, we know how quickly time passes, and we want to ensure you have every opportunity to get to know our Senior School well in advance.

This pack is designed to provide you with key information about life in our Senior School and to support both you and your child through this important transition. Our aim is to make the move to Year 7 as smooth and reassuring as possible.

We would be delighted to welcome you to The Peterborough School. Our Admissions Team is pleased to offer individual tours of the Senior School during the school week, tailored to suit your schedule and interests.

To arrange a visit, please feel free to contact us at Admissions@tps.ch.co.uk.

Scan to book a tour



We look forward to helping you explore all that our Senior School has to offer and to supporting you throughout this exciting stage of your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Meadows

Mr Meadows



DATES TO REMEMBER

2025 Autumn Term

Sat 27th September
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

School Open Day - [Register for Open Day here:](#)



Apply for a School place by completing our online School Application Form and the Registration Fee of £100

[Scan QR code for School Application Form](#)



Thu 6th November
6:30 pm - 8:00pm

Year 7 Open Evening - Parents and students are invited to join this event, hosted by our current Year 7 Students and teachers giving you an insight into life in our Senior School, and guidance through our admissions process. Please note that tours of Senior School are not available on this evening

[Register for Open Evening here:](#)



Fri 12th December

Deadline for:

- Scholarship Application Form
- Evidence for Drama and Music, additional Sport and/or Woodard All-rounder Scholarship Application Forms (if applicable)
- Bursary Form to the Bursar (if applicable)

2026 Spring Term

Sat 17th January

Entrance Tests, Scholarship interviews and auditions, and Individual Interviews with a Senior School member of staff

Fri 30th January
Tue 3rd March

Place, Scholarship and Bursary offers made
Deadline for place acceptances to be returned to the School

Summer Term

Thu 18th June
Tue 23rd June

Familiarisation Day
Year 7 Welcome Evening for parents and students

2026 Autumn Term

September

Year 7 induction in School prior to first day of term





WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE US FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

Our Values

At TPS, we are committed to providing a carefully balanced education to all our students. We believe that education is not just about academic achievement, but also about developing a strong sense of character, ambition, and family values. To this end, we have developed a unique educational framework which encompasses the four elements of **Family, Ambition, Character, and Excellence.**



Our School Culture and Community

We aim to unlock the potential of each and every child, meaning that all our work is pupil-centered and has a real focus on the individual. Our small class sizes mean that students are well known by all their teachers, and the students know they have a voice and are valued within the School community.

Academic success

Innovative lessons and small teaching groups enable students to make excellent progress and achieve success, often exceeding levels expected of them. We regularly see students achieve a positive increase from their predicted grades to actual examination results. Each student's progress is closely monitored to ensure they are working well and we set individual targets which are frequently reviewed.



YEAR 7 HIGHLIGHTS

Although starting Senior School can feel daunting, we know students joining us in Year 7 settle in very quickly and start to enjoy the many and varied opportunities from the start of term. Please find below an outline of some of the key activities Year 7 students take part in, as well as an indication of the extra-curricular activities to which they have access.

Team Building

During the Autumn Term, we place great importance on helping our Year 7 students settle in—not only by familiarising them with the school environment and daily routines, but also by encouraging them to form new friendships and develop a strong sense of family. To support this, we take students off-site for a dedicated day of team-building activities designed to boost their confidence, strengthen peer connections, and introduce valuable skills beyond the classroom. This trip is consistently a highlight of the Year 7 calendar, often fondly remembered by students as they progress through Key Stage 3.

Independent Learning Projects

In addition to team building, we are committed to nurturing leadership skills throughout the year. During their first year in Senior School, students will have the opportunity to independently research, design, and deliver a project. Working in small, mixed groups of Year 7 and 8 pupils, they will present their work to an audience of parents, teachers, and invited guests at a special evening event. A panel of judges will evaluate the presentations, and the winning team will receive a prestigious award, presented at our annual Speech Day.

Year 7 STEM Day

Year 7 students are tasked with designing an AI-inspired invention for everyday use in the home.

They work on developing both a prototype and a presentation, which they pitch to A Level Business students and teachers. As part of the challenge, they must also justify the pricing of their product, encouraging both creativity and commercial awareness. Previous innovations have included the *Smart Shower*—featuring automated average shower times, temperature regulation, and voice-activated drying—and the *Fridget*, a smart fridge assistant that suggests healthy recipes based on its contents.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Year 7 students have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities, available during lunchtime and before and after school.

All students take part in *Book Buzz*, where they practise and perform short readings from a selection of texts—and each receives a free book, courtesy of the Book Trust. For those with a passion for reading, the *Carnegie Shadowing Group* offers the chance to review shortlisted books and contribute to discussions that help determine the next Carnegie Medal winner. A diverse selection of clubs is offered each term, including lunchtime and pre and after-school sports open to all. The *Dungeons & Dragons Club* has become a Thursday lunchtime favourite, while *Gardening Club* plays a key role in keeping our school grounds vibrant and welcoming. Students who enjoy music can join the Senior Choir or participate in one of our many instrumental ensembles. The annual School Musical is another much-anticipated highlight, showcasing student talent across the arts.

Many of these activities are featured in *The Grapevine*, our student-led newspaper, which celebrates the creativity and achievements of our school community. And with so many clubs and societies to choose from, students are always encouraged to start their own if they have a new idea.

The first year of Senior School lays the foundation for academic success, and these enriching experiences ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive—both in and out of the classroom.





LIFE IN YEAR 7

What is it like to be in Year 7?

“It is great to be given more independence as the teachers and your family start to treat you more like an adult rather than a child. Although you still get support from so many people, I feel like I have grown up a lot now that I have gone through a year at Senior School.”

What sort of things do you do in Year 7?

Year 7 spend a day outside of the classroom completing a variety of team building exercises allowing you to meet different people from each Form. It is a great way to learn more skills as well!

“It was a great way to meet new friends!”

“It was fun! One of the activities, which was like skiing, was awesome!”

“I really enjoyed it, it was probably my favourite Year 7 trip”

What fears did you have before you started and how has this improved?

Friends

“I was worried that I wouldn’t make friends as they might not like my personality, but you just have to be yourself and people love me!”

Being Organised

“Make sure you have all of your books for the day in your locker - and don’t pack everything because you will rip your bag!”

Getting Lost

“Don’t worry about getting lost, there are plenty of people to help.”

“You do need to know which rooms you are going to, but you can follow everyone else and if you plan out your day, then it is easy.”

Homework

“I thought that there was going to be too much homework, but it is totally manageable and I still get to do all of my clubs outside of school and relax when I get home.”

Feeling Worried at School

“There are always people to talk to and support you. The teachers are very open to any conversation and you can talk to your friends as well, because they might be feeling the same. There are also Sixth Form Peer Mentors who are great to talk to - they were Year 7's once too!”



SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES



Scholarships

Scholarships are prestigious awards offered in a variety of fields to recognise pupils who perform at an exceptional level and applications are accepted from both internal and external candidates. Parents are asked to complete the online **Scholarship Application Form** if you wish your child to be considered for a Scholarship, so we have confirmation of your intentions.

We request that completed forms are submitted by **Friday 12th December 2025**. We strongly advise you to discuss the Scholarships with your child prior to completing the forms. If parents do not submit a Scholarship Application Form we will assume you do not want your child to be considered for a Scholarship. If parents are unsure about entering their child for any of our Scholarships we strongly encourage you to seek advice from your child's Form Tutor or our Admissions Team.

There is no limit to the number of Scholarships that pupils can be entered for, however, we ask that you carefully consider how well your child will cope with the additional pressure of multiple entries.

Scholarships are awarded on conditions of academic progress, good behaviour and that the pupil remains at the School until the end of the Upper Sixth, (or Year 11 for the Hannah Warner Art Scholarship).

Early withdrawal from School will result in recovery of the whole scholarship awarded.

Bursaries

The Governors of The Peterborough School are committed to broadening access to the School by offering means-tested financial support for the payment of school fees to eligible parents/guardians. These bursaries may be awarded as a discount on fees payable, depending on the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of applicants. All bursaries depend on the financial support that the school is able to offer.

The award of a bursary is by exception. Bursary awards are subject to repeat testing of parental means and may be varied upwards or downwards, depending on circumstances. Awards are made on the basis of a confidential scale of awards which sets out award levels in relation to a family's financial circumstances (eg. their savings, investments and realisable assets as well as their income, the size of their family, any other persons dependent upon them and like factors). If you are considering applying for a bursary, you must make an appointment to speak to **Mr Dharamraj**, the Bursar on Bursaries@tps.ch.co.uk or call 01733 343357 to discuss financial support and request a Bursary Application Form. The completed Bursary Application Form must be submitted to the Bursar by **Friday 12th December 2025**.



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Academic Scholarships

We offer a range of Academic Scholarships awarded to students on the basis of their performance in the Entrance Tests and school assessment data. The amount of annual fee remissions for these awards usually ranges from 10% to 30%, depending on the candidate's overall score. Candidates must be present on the Entrance Tests Day – no late applicants will be considered for Academic Scholarships. It is advised that only pupils who are predicted Exceeding Expected Levels by the end of Key Stage 2 National Tests are entered for an Academic Scholarship. The Admissions Team will request any relevant information from your child's school, so no action is required by parents.

Art Scholarship

The Hannah Warner Scholarship is awarded to a child wishing to enter Year 7 who shows outstanding promise or ability in Art and Design. The Scholarship is worth 12.5% annually in fee remission and tenable until the end of Year 11. It is reviewed for Sixth Form and continuation of the award is dependent upon the Scholar continuing with their study of artistic subjects at A Level. Those who apply for the Hannah Warner Scholarship are required to present evidence of work they have done at home or at school and to discuss it with the Head of Art, including any sketchbooks. This session will comprise a practical element and an interview with the Head of Art.

Drama Scholarship

The Drama Scholarship is awarded to a student entering Year 7 who demonstrates exceptional promise and ability in Drama. The Scholarship is worth 10% of annual school fees and includes a weekly Speech and Drama lesson.

Applicants should exhibit:

- A strong talent for performance and creative expression
- The ability to infer and interpret character
- Expressive and confident delivery of dialogue
- A genuine enthusiasm for drama, supported by active participation in extra-curricular activities such as drama clubs or theatre schools
- Experience performing before an audience



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Candidates must submit evidence of their performance history by **12th December 2025**, along with a reference from their drama or theatre club. The reference should confirm the applicant's suitability for the scholarship and detail their past performances.

Auditions will be approximately 10 minutes in duration and conducted by the Head of Drama and a Speech and Drama teacher. Candidates will be asked to:

- Perform a prepared monologue from a prescribed list
- Complete an improvisation task
- Answer questions about their chosen monologue and their broader interest in drama

Music Scholarships

Music Scholarships, each worth 10% of fees annually plus a weekly music lesson, are open for application for all pupils entering Year 7.

Music Scholarship candidates may perform one or two instruments and or sing. One piece per instrument/vocal. If the candidate is performing on only one instrument, they may choose to perform two pieces of a contrasting nature, if they wish.

- Candidates must play a scale from either the Grade 3 syllabus, or the grade syllabus they are currently studying. If the scale asked by the examiner is unfamiliar to the candidate, the examiner will ask the candidate to play a scale of their choice.
- Candidates are required to undertake some aural exercises, which will include singing. Candidates will be asked a few questions about how they wish to contribute to music making within the school, including membership of music ensembles.
- Candidates are asked to bring two copies of the sheet music for their piece(s) to the audition, as well as a copy of the accompaniment for the pianist. A legible photocopy of the instrumental part for the examiner is allowed.



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Sport Scholarships

There are two Sport Scholarships available and these are available to pupils who are playing or competing at County level or above, and who have great ambition and potential. Candidates should demonstrate a firm commitment to their chosen sport(s) as well as their sportsmanship. The Scholarship, which is in the form of a grant worth up to £1000 annually, is awarded to further the recipient's ambition in sport and may be used for a number of different activities including coaching in one or more sports, equipment, sports summer camps etc.

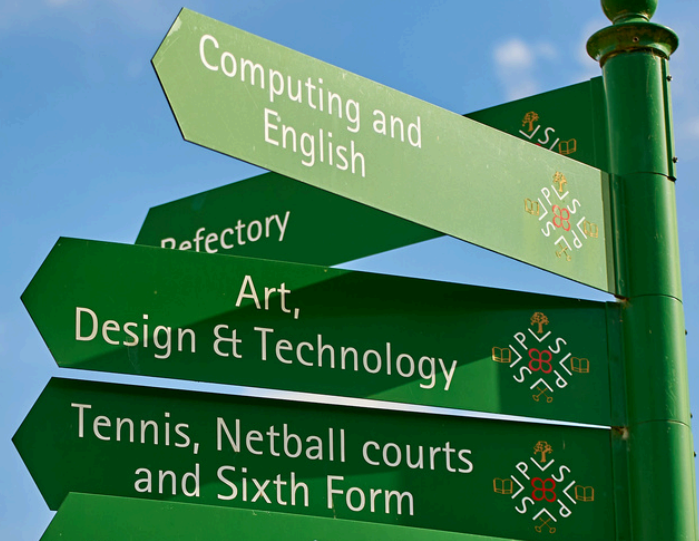
Those who apply for the Sport Scholarship will meet with the Head of Sport and be asked to provide evidence of their excellence in sport. Pupils who are entered for the Sport Scholarship will need to complete a supplementary Sport Scholarship Application Form and are asked to submit it in advance of the **12th December 2025** deadline.

Woodard All-rounder Scholarships

A small number of Woodard All-rounder Scholarships are available to students who combine strong academic performance, as indicated by the results of their Entrance Tests, with clear potential in creative arts (music, drama, dance, art), sport or leadership. Applicants for Woodard All-rounder Scholarships will have an interview with the Headmaster, and any awards and fee remission (typically 10%) are at the Headmaster's discretion. Students are asked to provide evidence of their success prior to their interview, including certificates and references. Pupils who are entered for the Woodard All-rounder Scholarship will need to submit a supplementary form prior to the **12th December 2025 deadline**. If we have not received the completed form by this date, this could mean your child will not be considered for this Scholarship.

Please note: Each Scholarship application for Drama, Music, Sport or Woodard All-rounder is reviewed to ensure it meets our criteria and we will inform you whether your child will be offered an interview/audition or not. Any Scholarship values offered must remain confidential between parents and the School.

NEXT STEPS



Register Your Child for Entry to Year 7

Please complete the **School Application Form** available online in the Admissions section of our website, together with payment of the registration fee of £120. Both the form and registration fee must be received by **end of November 2025**. Once this is completed, you will be sent an acknowledgement of your application.

School Application Form:



Apply For a Scholarship

After discussing the options with your child, please complete the Scholarship Application form online and submit any required evidence to us by **Friday 12th December 2025** at the latest. Please ensure your child is registered with us prior to completing this form. Please feel free to discuss the scholarships with our Admissions Team on **Admissions@tpsch.co.uk**

Apply For a Bursary

Parents should request a meeting with the Bursar, Mr Dharamraj, as soon as possible. The School will assess the family's financial situation and take into account the student's potential. Awards offered remain confidential between the Headmaster, the Bursar and the parents. Bursary Application Forms must be submitted by Friday 12th December 2025.

To contact the Bursar, please email **Bursaries@tpsch.co.uk** or call the School Office on 01733 343357.

Look Around The Senior School

If you wish to visit the School, please contact our Admissions team on 01733 343357 or by email at **Admissions@tpsch.co.uk** to make an appointment. Visits can also be requested by completing the **Request A Visit** form on our website. Tours around the School usually last around 30-40 minutes, and we also schedule in an appointment with the Headmaster.

Find Out More

If you have any queries or would like us to provide additional information about joining Year 7, please contact our Admissions Team on 01733 343357 or by email at **Admissions@tpsch.co.uk**
Alternatively, please visit the Admissions section of our website.



MEET THE TEAM



Mr Adrian Meadows, Headmaster

I have been Headteacher of TPS, since September 2007. Previously, I was Director of Studies from 2003, and was responsible for improving the academic performance of the School. I gained a Physics Degree from Manchester and qualified as a teacher at Cambridge University. As Headteacher, I take responsibility for the overall leadership of the School and Nursery and enjoy seeing children of all ages develop and make progress. I am a governor at a local primary school and am a trained school inspector.



Mr Ross Cameron, Deputy Headmaster

I have been at TPS since September 2013 as Deputy Headmaster, and also teach History in the Senior School. I spent many years marking A Level History examinations for OCR; have previously been a governor at a primary school and a junior rugby coach, and currently sit on the Society of Head's Deputy Heads' Committee.



Mr Mark Pryor, Head of Pastoral Care

I joined TPS in 2020 and I lead the school in continuing to provide excellent pastoral care and guidance to pupils, staff and the wider school community. I have specific responsibility as the Designated Safeguarding Lead within the School. I also teach Mathematics across the Senior School up to and including Further Maths at A Level.



Mrs Brookes, Head of Key Stage 3

As Head of Key Stage 3, I have the day to day responsibility for the academic progress and pastoral care of students in my year groups and also teach English. I am keen to ensure that each student feels happy and secure in the first part of their journey into Senior School and as House Coordinator I also encourage keen participation in events and activities that secure points for each of the four Houses at the school: Mandela, Newton, Spencer and Eliot.



Mr Steve Dharamraj, Bursar

I joined The Peterborough School in 2019 as the Bursar, having served a full career in the Royal Air Force. I ensure the smooth delivery of the School's support services. I am also responsible for all financial matters, including fees and bursaries. In my spare time, I enjoy being outdoors; I am a keen runner and kayaker. I also volunteer with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme as an Expedition Supervisor and Assessor.



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