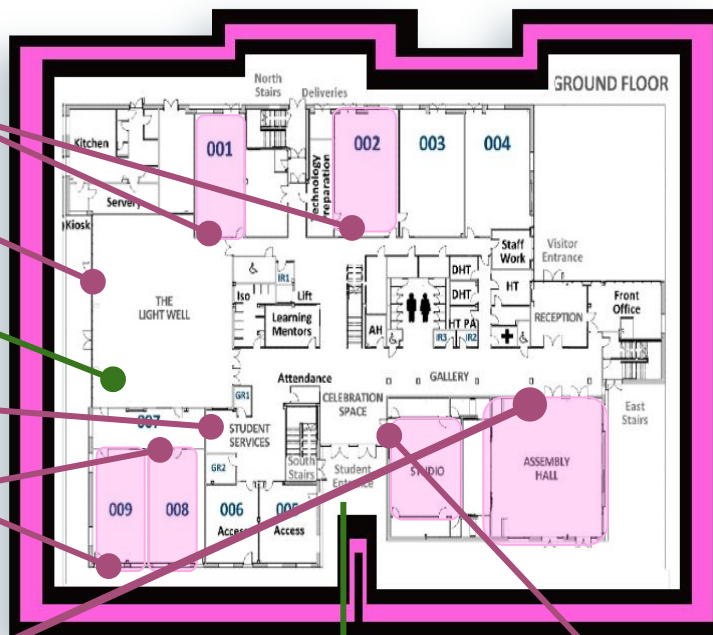


GROUND FLOOR



Technology

Making TGS Keyrings
& demo equipment

Lightwell

Refreshments & cake

PE & Sport

Demonstrations
on the astro-turf

Transport

Display about routes

Food Nutrition

Icing cupcakes

WELCOME PRESENTATIONS
by Mrs Helen Yapp
Head Teacher
5, 6 and 7 pm

PE & Sport
on the astro-turf

Dance
Performances

FLOOR THREE



English

Sensory boxes, art into
writing, inference detection,
book doctors

Film Studies

Meet students, star in a film

Textiles

Batik cold water dying

**RPE: Religion,
Philosophy & Ethics**
Ethical dilemmas

Art & Design

Developing sketchbooks, still
life drawing and painting

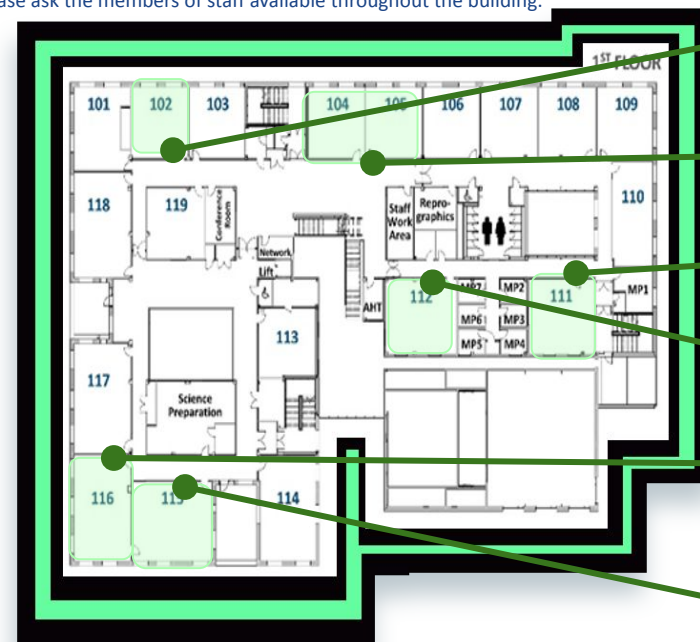
Photography

Creating images without a
camera

3D Design & Graphics
Creating 3D shapes in clay and
elements of design

All areas of the school are open for you to explore.
Highlighted rooms contain special activities for you to take part in.
Toilets are available on all floors, and if you have any questions
please ask the members of staff available throughout the building.

FLOOR ONE



**PSHE: Personal, Social,
Health Education**
Life Skills

Maths

Maths murder mystery,
problem solving

Music

Demos & mixing

Drama

Performances

Biology

Microscopes, dissection
& coordination test

Chemistry

Flame tests, making rubber
bands, elephant's
toothpaste, screaming jelly
babies & slime making

Geography

Rock ID quiz and can I find
where I live on a map?

Spanish

Cafe, students & games

French & German

Cafe, music & online
learning, intro to film

IT & Business

Computers & activities

History

Meet the ancestors

Classics

Meet the emperors

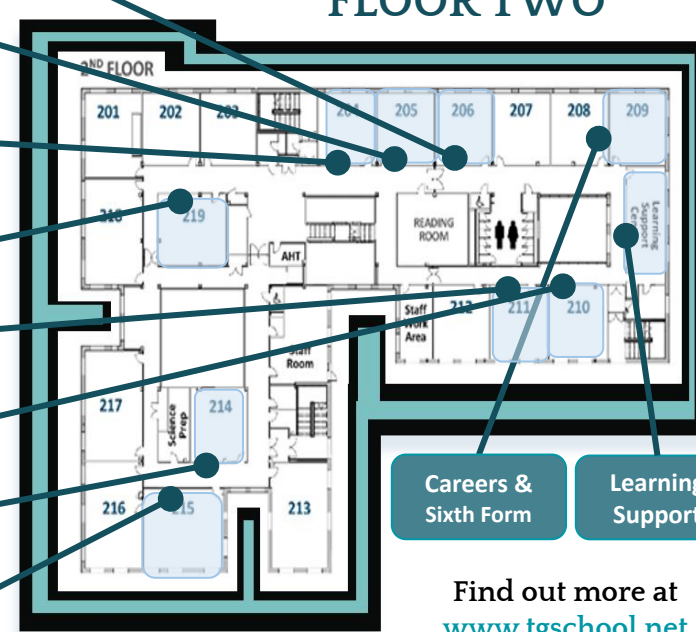
IT & Computing

Interactive gaming

Physics

Light, sound, magnets,
& electricity.

FLOOR TWO



**Careers &
Sixth Form**

**Learning
Support**

Find out more at
www.tgschool.net

Quality of Education



Your child at the heart of their curriculum

We personalise young people's education, putting them at the centre of their own learning, to ensure that each student achieves their full potential.

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of all young people and help them fully enjoy their education. We provide the necessary challenge and support that helps all students develop. We offer four distinct learning pathways to reflect students' different interests, skills and ambitions for the future.

All students follow a strong core of 27 lessons a fortnight covering Mathematics, Science, English, Physical Education, Personal Social & Health Education (PSHE), History, Geography, Religion, Philosophy & Ethics (RPE), Technology (which includes computing), Art, Music, Drama and at least one modern foreign language. A further three lessons a fortnight are tailored according to students' choice of pathway.

Some students will choose our **Grammar** curriculum pathway. This provides a traditional Grammar School curriculum with an emphasis on academic study. Students will study Latin & Classics and a second foreign language. In Year 9 they have the opportunity to complete a project qualification.

Our **STEM** curriculum pathway provides additional time to study Technology and Science.

Introduced in 2022, our **Arts** pathway provides further opportunities for students to develop their creativity through extra lessons in Art, Drama and Music or Dance.

Each pathway meets the requirements of the national curriculum and enables young people to start a learning journey personalised to them. The choice of which pathway a student will follow will rest solely with parents & students. Student groupings in all of our pathways are organised based on students' prior attainment, which is reviewed regularly.

A small number of children who have not yet developed the necessary skills to access a typical secondary school curriculum will work with dedicated staff and be taught for much of their day in a specialist nurturing environment. This **Access** provision supports students in their development to help them then access the same levels of learning as their peers.

Ofsted's most recent report on the school praised these curriculum pathway choices as 'innovative' and recognised that 'as a consequence, pupils are well prepared to make choices for Key Stage 4 study'.

Preparing for work, apprenticeships or university

After three years in Key Stage 3, students can tailor their curriculum by choosing 4 courses from over 25 different subjects. These 4 optional courses are studied alongside Maths, English Literature & Language, Science and PE.

All students will study at least one of History, Geography or Religion, Philosophy & Ethics. The majority of students will also choose at least one additional language from French, German, Spanish or Latin.

Subject choices in Years 10 & 11 are not limited by the pathway followed in Years 7 to 9.

Following two years in Key Stage 4, many students then make a seamless transition into our bespoke Sixth Form. Students benefit from smaller groups, with specialist teaching in over 20 different subjects. This provides students with the strongest, personalised support to make the final steps towards work, apprenticeships or university.

This seven year journey provides all students with matchless opportunities for development through academic study and the widest range of additional activities.

You can find more information about our curriculum and Sixth Form on our website.

Your child's success

Students at our school consistently demonstrate very high levels of performance. They make progress significantly above local and national averages, across the full range of subjects. We are one of only 5 secondary schools in Suffolk to have achieved above average progress scores every year since the introduction of new GCSEs.

The exceptional performance of students in Sixth Form not only places us as one of the top 3 Sixth Form Providers in Suffolk, but also prepares students for the most prestigious universities.

The widest range of experiences & opportunities

As well as our broad and ambitious timetabled curriculum we also offer a wide range of after school enrichment activities, competitions and trips, supported by small tutor groups who meet each morning.

Every day after school there are extra-curricular clubs which go beyond the topics covered in lessons, for example medical technologies, comedy, Duke of Edinburgh, creative writing and sports. Each term there are over 80 different after school activities for students to choose from. Other after school co-curricular activities support students' learning by offering support for homework, handwriting or to address specific areas in which individual students need to improve.

There are also sports teams to represent and the opportunity to perform each term through our strong programme of drama, dance and musical events.

We have a full programme of trips, including day visits to theatres, museums and conferences. We have overnight trips in the UK, including for Year 7 students a bushcraft experience in the summer term. There are also overseas cultural and sports trips to Europe, America and further afield.

We understand that each student is also part of a community, locally, nationally and globally. These activities help them to become outstanding citizens and contribute greatly to the society in which they live.

Personal support for every part of your child's journey

Throughout your child's time at Thomas Gainsborough School students are supported by their form tutor, who remains with them throughout Years 7 to 11, their Head of House who supports their academic progress and involvement in competitions and community activities. There are also specialist teams of learning mentors and learning support assistants to support individuals.

We have high expectations of ourselves, and also of our students. This includes an expectation of good attendance to school, exemplary behaviour and a full commitment to school life & learning.