



MONK'S WALK  

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SCHOOL

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EXCELLENCE  
FOR ALL

# MONK'S WALK

## SENIOR SCHOOL



*"Pupils enjoy school."*

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# WELCOME TO MONK'S WALK SCHOOL



*Monk's Walk School has a culture of high aspiration, high expectations and success. Our aim is to provide a safe, disciplined and caring learning environment in which our students can thrive.*

In leading Monk's Walk I have three key aims:

- Be ambitious for the achievement of academic excellence for every student
- Ensure that students enjoy their education. We provide a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for students to broaden their horizons and develop their joy of life – a vital part of our educational ethos
- Keep students safe and happy at school so they can learn effectively. Our students benefit from outstanding practice in the care, guidance and support we provide for them.

At Monk's Walk we believe that strong partnerships with parents are essential to a student's success. By sharing the same educational goals and working together, we are able to form the solid foundation needed to ensure the highest level of achievement for your son or daughter.

Our school aim is simple: Excellence for All.

Matt Grinyer  
Headteacher

# INSPIRING AMBITION

*At Monk's Walk School, we pride ourselves on the high standard of education we offer.*

We are a high attaining school where students with a broad range of talents can thrive. We believe our students achieve because they are challenged academically and given the support they need to succeed.





*“Where progress is particularly strong it is as a result of teachers’ deep subject knowledge, which they use to check pupils’ understanding, clarify their misconceptions and challenge their thinking.”*

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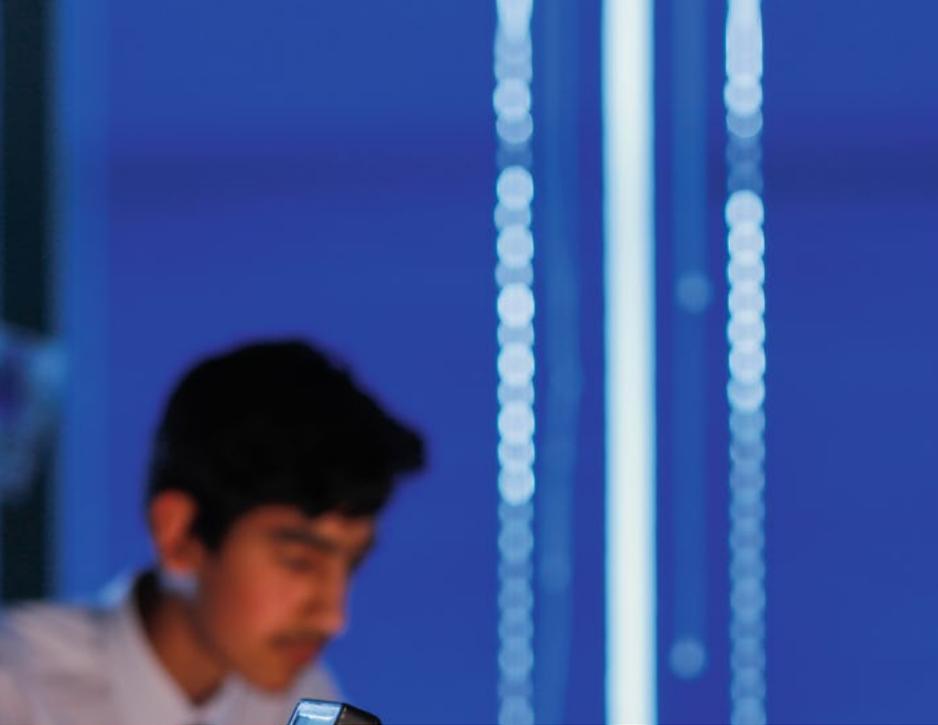
## ACHIEVING POTENTIAL

Our child is bright. What will you do to stretch them to achieve their full potential?

Our most able students are identified, stretched and challenged. We carefully monitor their progress. Expectations are high.

In 2023, the GCSE progress for more able students exceeded that of more-able students nationally.

In 2022/23 Post 16 students have gone on to Russell Group universities including Cambridge and to study a range of courses from medicine, to English Literature, Law and Engineering.



## EXTRA HELP

Our child finds some subjects difficult. How will you ensure that they get the help that is needed?

Some students require extra help and support and we see it as our duty to provide this.

Our Student Support Centre is equipped to meet individual needs. A small number of students require support in the classroom to guide them. Others benefit from closer adult support in smaller teaching groups.

*“You are committed to supporting all pupils, whatever their needs, and you work tirelessly to ensure that pupils receive the appropriate support to help them succeed at school.”*

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# ENJOYMENT & CREATIVITY & CHALLENGE

*Creativity and challenge are key elements in our teaching, providing students with opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and talents and, most importantly, to enjoy their schooling.*





*“Positive relationships  
between staff and  
pupils mean that  
pupils are confident  
to take risks.”*

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*“The vast majority of parents and carers said that their children are happy and well looked after at school.”*

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## SPORT

### Our child loves sport. What's on offer?

All of our students study PE within curriculum time. In addition, there is a wide programme of extra-curricular sport on offer and the opportunity to participate in competitive sport, as well as for fun or recreation. The school's house system provides many opportunities.

We aim to challenge our students through their participation in sport. Our students and teams are successful at local, county and national level.

Students are able to study PE at GCSE and A level.





## MUSIC

We have encouraged our child to do music. Will this be supported at Monk's Walk School?

Our music department has gained national recognition for excellence and innovation in the teaching of music through the Musical Futures programme.

There is a vast programme of musical events and all students have the opportunity to study instruments with peripatetic teachers. Monk's Walk also boasts a full orchestra and younger players are encouraged to join. Students can also join the choirs, jazz band, brass ensemble, rock groups and numerous other groups.

We have large numbers of students studying music to GCSE. We also teach music to A level.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

What other opportunities are there?

We aim for our students to gain a range of experiences to help them develop as individuals. The range of educational visits, field trips and residential opportunities is immense.

Drama is very popular and successful at Monk's Walk, with a variety of productions each year, as well as theatre trips and workshops that enrich the curriculum. Drama is taught to GCSE and A level.

Students have the opportunity to take part in World Challenge, Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze, Silver and Gold), as well as in a broad range of other trips – too many to mention!

# CARE & SUPPORT

*We are proud of the relationships within our school and the pastoral care of our students.*



*“Pupils are well behaved and have positive attitudes to learning. They are grateful for the high-quality support that they receive from adults in the school.”*

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*"You provide strong and passionate leadership that is guided by your desire to do 'what is right' by the pupils who attend your school."*

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## TRANSITION

### How will my child be supported?

Students are supported by strong year teams which enable them to have a voice and ensure all students know who to turn to for support, academic social or personal.

We see transition from primary school to secondary as vitally important. Before transfer we liaise closely with primary schools to ensure that students are placed appropriately for their individual development.

We know that students do not learn if they are stressed, so ensuring there is a smooth transition procedure is very important to us.

## EXPECTATIONS

### Is Monk's Walk a strict school?

Monk's Walk expects all students to work hard and behave well. In many ways, Monk's Walk is a traditional school, with high expectations based on mutual respect. We expect parents to support us in upholding these high standards.

The result is we have very good behaviour and outstanding attendance.

All students wear our uniform with pride.



## A Guide to Life at Monk's Walk School



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