



TEIGN SCHOOL



# Welcome

## I am delighted to be able to introduce you to Teign School.

At Teign we are committed to ensuring that we grow academically successful, aspirational, brilliant and resilient young adults who are equipped with the qualifications, skills and personal attributes to lead happy and fulfilling lives.

Teign is a vibrant, comprehensive community with staff placing student progress and success at the heart of everything we do. We embrace and grow a love of learning for our students through innovation, creativity and an excellent environment for achieving their personal aspirations. We understand the importance of community at Teign and work in partnership with parents, local schools and businesses to ensure that every student takes full advantage of

the fabulous opportunities that the school and our multi-academy trust offers, both within the classroom and beyond.

At Teign we set high expectations of all our students and have a school culture of supporting one another in order to grow the 'best' mind-set in our children and to prepare them for the world after school. This is achieved through the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum with students learning how to work collaboratively as part of a team and develop the leadership skills necessary to contribute positively to our society.

It is with great pride that I invite you to visit our school and to see first-hand the work that we do.



**Suzannah Wharf**  
Headteacher of Teign School  
BSc Hons, PGCE, MA, NPQH

*“The Headteacher has raised expectations in the school. She and the leadership team are good role models for staff and pupils. They lead by example and have created a culture of respect and tolerance. There are positive relationships among leaders, staff and pupils.”*

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# Transition

## Seamless transition

Choosing the right school takes time and careful consideration. By choosing Teign School you can be confident that we have the experience and expertise to meet your child's developing interests and ambitions.

The close working links with our feeder primary schools have established a seamless transition process.

The Rising Stars sessions for the more vulnerable students, within an action packed induction programme, also help ensure a confident, positive start for all new members of Teign School.

*“ My daughter was excited and apprehensive before attending the Sleepover in the library. Understandable as being in Year 7 she has only been at Teign School for one term. She had a brilliant time and commented on how lovely all the staff were and how inclusive everyone was.*

*I am amazed that after a long week at school, the teachers sacrificed even more of their own time to ensure this event was a success.*

*Please can you pass on my gratitude to all the teachers involved for going above and beyond?”*

**Year 7 Parent**

*“ Leaders at all levels are ambitious for the school.”*  
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# A love for Learning

Teign School actively promotes academic and personal development and recognises that all have special abilities and talents. Through regular monitoring of progress and the recognition of our high achieving students from transition, a range of opportunities allows them to aspire further.

We pride ourselves in the strong relationships we have with our students. Our supportive staff ensure that we nurture and grow every child's individual talents and strengths, as well as helping them grow new skills.



*Attendance is high as students appreciate the learning environment and are keen to do well."*

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# Celebrating Achievement for all

Our curriculum provides students with the widest range of learning opportunities and the key elements to achieving future success. From the moment a student's place is confirmed in Year 6 to the time they leave in Year 13, the curriculum remains dynamic.

We seek to ensure that individual strengths can be nurtured, and at the same time we pride ourselves in providing a broad and balanced curriculum. We promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our students. Underpinning the curriculum are the school's aims which centre

on preparation for adult life in a changing world, seeking to promote independent, life-long learning skills and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

[Further details regarding the curriculum can be found on-line.](#)

*“ I am a very proud mum. Our daughter loves attending Teign School, just as I did numerous years ago! She puts her heart and soul into everything she does there and I am so grateful she is given such great opportunities. You and your team are helping us parents to raise wonderful young men and women and I'm sure I speak for others when I say thank you.”*

**Year 10 Parent**





# Supporting each other

We believe that an individual's well-being is essential to engage successfully in learning and to ensure good progress. Students are supported and guided by a dedicated and experienced team of staff.

A House and Rewards System encourages competition and celebrates achievement across all areas of school life whilst ensuring and promoting high standards of behaviour and personal conduct.

At Teign we actively encourage our students to act kindly towards others and ensure that every student contributes towards a charity every year to build community responsibility, consideration and awareness of others, as well as the personal attributes of tolerance, compassion and empathy.

“*Our daughter has been given so many fantastic opportunities at Teign School and loves every minute of her time at school, and we wanted to thank you and all her teachers for this.*”

**Year 10 Parent**

“*The behaviour of pupils is good. The Headteacher set about changing the behaviour management systems on her arrival. Behaviour and conduct are good. Pupils arrive at school in an orderly way. They conduct themselves in a polite and responsible way between lessons and at breaktimes. Staff and pupils alike appreciate the difference that this has made.*”

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# Enrichment

Our own school community, along with feeder primary schools and the local community, all benefit from the excellent facilities in our Sports Centre. Modern and spacious, it allows not only the delivery of the formal Physical Education curriculum but a comprehensive provision of competitive sports to more recreational activities. Outdoor Pursuits and Ten Tors have much to offer those seeking a personal challenge, teamwork and fun. The Templer Theatre's wonderful performance space also provides an ideal location for the school's corporate events and presentations.

We are extremely privileged to have our own working Abbrook Farm. This enables children to have an unrivalled quality of learning within this unique outdoor setting.



“ *There are many extra-curricular activities of a sporting, competitive, artistic and cultural nature offered to pupils. Examples of this are Ten Tors, Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, school productions, orchestra, choir, farm club and creative writing club. Pupils gain confidence from doing these, and parents shared their appreciation of these activities.*”

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# Post 16

Teign Sixth Form curriculum provision is designed to meet the needs of all our students. In collaboration with our partner schools a broad selection of Post 16 courses are available, with significant success in traditional A Level courses.

With comprehensive mentoring and guidance our success ratio for university entrance, employment and further training is outstanding. An increasing number of high achieving students aspiring to Oxbridge are supported each year.

“*The Sixth Form is providing a strong platform for students to learn successfully before their Post 18-choices begin.*”

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“*Careers guidance is proactive and thoughtful, especially for students going on to higher education institutions, such as universities. The support for UCAS is strong.*”

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**The  
Sixth  
Form**  
Teign School  
Coombeshead Academy





# Vision and Ethos

Developing the whole person, ensuring everyone has the opportunities to access the best Universities and career destinations.

- A **love** for **learning**
- **Centre** of the **community**
- Your '**Best**' mind-set
- **Support** each other
- **Celebrate achievement** for all
- **Ready** for the world

Teign School is a school where we:

- ensure and celebrate achievement: so that every child achieves their aspirational goals
- embrace and grow a love of learning: through innovation, creativity and an excellent environment for learning
- are at the centre of the community: establish and build the values of citizenship and responsibility, strengthen links to put Teign at the centre of the local community
- support each other: through consistently high expectations, treating others as you wish to be treated yourself and encouraging tolerance
- grow the 'best' mindset: where the outcomes are brilliant, happy and resilient young people and where failure is seen as part of the learning experience
- are ready for the world: through the delivery of a broad, balanced and meaningful curriculum, the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, to be work place and culturally aware and to grow future leaders



*Pupils are respectful of each other. They listen to each other's views and opinions politely."*

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# Education South West

## Teign School is proud to be part of Education South West Trust.

I am proud to be the Executive Principal of the schools in the Education South West Trust.

All the schools in the Trust, of which Teign is one, are passionate about the value of education and the difference that it can make for all young people locally.

We are very clear about the benefits of working as a family of schools, as summed up in our vision of "working together so that children can lead great lives"

The Trust comprises secondary and primary schools who believe that all children, not just those within their own school, deserve the very best education. Working together, ESW is able to call upon greater resources to develop educational opportunities for those in our care.

The aim of the multi-academy trust is to develop collaborative, creative and imaginative students who realise their individual potential. They leave the school at 18 as successful, confident, and responsible citizens, well prepared for further education and to fulfil their adult lives.

We achieve outstanding outcomes for the children we serve by working in partnership:

- **Engaging in school to school support**  
Research has shown that schools working in partnership provide faster, deeper and more sustainable improved performance.
- **Improving the quality of teaching and learning**  
We provide high quality training to keep our staff at the forefront of educational knowledge, and we are able to call upon the excellent teachers from across our schools to work together for the benefit of all young people.
- **Developing high quality leadership**  
We work together to share expertise and ideas. We have a shared vision whilst allowing leaders the autonomy to run their schools within a framework of accountability, overseen by the executive leadership at primary and second level.

In addition:

- By combining resources, we can make savings, financially, which can be directed back into education.



**Matthew Shanks**  
Executive Principal  
BA Hons, PGCE, PGDip, MA, NPQH, MA(Ed), NLE





*The difference  
the new  
leadership have made  
and are continuing to  
make is amazing."*

**Year 8 Parent**



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