



Create Your Future
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**Jesmond Park
Academy**

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Welcome

Welcome to Jesmond Park Academy. We are a popular and oversubscribed academy of over 2000 students with a real sense of community, occupying an iconic site and building equipped with exceptional resources. Our staff have a passion for education in its broadest sense and we are committed to achieving the best for all of the students in our care, enabling them to make excellent progress and achieve their goals and dreams.

Jesmond Park Academy is a multi-cultural, co-educational comprehensive academy that is immensely proud of its heritage, while looking forward with optimism and a real sense of purpose to the future. We are a regional centre for students with hearing impairment and offer a high quality curriculum and exceptional range of extra-curricular activities to all of our students.

Students are exceptionally well cared for and supported and the rich cultural and social mix does much to prepare them for life in a diverse society. We have a relentless drive towards ever higher personal and academic standards

Jesmond Park Academy is part of the Gosforth group of academies, a Multi Academy Trust. This partnership with other high performing schools means that our staff and pupils can benefit from shared expertise. We also work closely with all of our feeder primary schools in the Ouseburn Learning Trust, ensuring a smooth transition from primary to secondary education.

We hope that you like what you discover about the academy and look forward to welcoming your child to the next stage of his or her educational journey.



"Our school has an extremely positive ethos, with very strong pastoral and academic guidance. The expertise of our staff, combined with a diverse curriculum, will ignite a lifelong passion for learning."

Steve Campbell - Principal
Jesmond Park Academy



Values count... From your first day, to your steps into adulthood

We are proud of our performance with students of all abilities, and our results show above national average achievement in a large number of subjects at GCSE, A Level and in vocational subjects.

Jesmond Park Academy students leave us with confidence and maturity for the next stage in their lives, going on to either University, training, apprenticeships or employment.

We value the opportunity Jesmond Park Academy provides for its students to:

- Participate without hindrance in all learning opportunities
- Build positive self esteem and confidence as individuals
- Feel secure in front of their peers and to care for each other
- Be confident in excelling
- Celebrate talent and success
- Be prepared to "have a go"
- Persevere despite failure and continue to strive
- Become independent learners
- Develop holistically, ethically, intellectually, socially and morally



Moving up from primary school

Many students first experience Jesmond Park Academy while still at primary school, as we work very closely with all our feeder schools.

We have outstanding working relationships with all primary schools across Newcastle. Students who choose Jesmond Park Academy are well on the road to success before they even start.

From Primary transition through to leaving us at the end of Year 13, Jesmond Park Academy provides a caring, nurturing environment.

The transition from primary to secondary school is an important one: it's something all schools do, but not everyone does it as well as us.

We have developed a transition programme that has been recognised both locally and nationally as an example of good practice. We have also been involved in the training of Newcastle

University primary PGCE students in effective pupil transition from Year 6 into Year 7.

Students follow the National Curriculum in the Lower School. They study Maths, English, Science, PE, Computing, Technology, Humanities (Geography, History, RE and Citizenship), Music, Art and Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish, French and Mandarin). In Key Stage 3 students follow an accelerated reading programme.



Our students say:

"If a measure of success is how well you treat those who need more help, Jesmond Park Academy leads the way."

Making the best years happen

A great academy is not just about results. At Jesmond Park Academy we take an original approach to ensuring every student feels safe and secure, that they have the confidence and motivation to really get the best from their education, not just academically but socially and culturally.

Inclusion means everyone

Everyone is valued at Jesmond Park Academy. Every student brings something special to our community, whether it be academic success, music and drama, sporting skills, or simple hard work and honesty.

We are proud of our provision for children with special needs of all kinds. Staff work hard to make sure each student is engaged and gets the support they need.

Specialist resources

We have a dedicated team of highly qualified SEND teachers and teaching assistants who support students with a range of learning, physical and behavioural special needs,

which allows students to access mainstream curriculum lessons. We also have a specialist resource centre for hearing impaired students.

Pastoral support

Our inclusive philosophy is supported by our investment in a strong pastoral team to support your child every step of the way. This includes both a Head of Year and non-teaching Year Manager for every year group, overseen by a Director of Key Stage.

Form tutors see the pupils in their care every morning and expert support for those who need it comes from our counsellor, attendance and behaviour specialists and regular drop-ins provided by the school nurse service.





Our students say:

“The academy has helped me to achieve the best possible grades I could achieve.”

Gifted and talented

Jesmond Park Academy ensures that gifted and talented students extend themselves whatever their area of excellence, science, arts, literature or sport.

Our success in this area is demonstrated by the number of students that progress on to top universities, music and sporting careers.



Our students say:

"Jesmond Park Academy has set me on track for achieving the future I've always dreamed of."



Celebration of individual success

We enjoy celebrating success, whether it's academic, social, sporting, attendance... whatever deserves focus and develops strong young people with bright life chances.

Throughout the year there is a wide range of events to show our appreciation of students, both public and private, formal and informal.



Our students say:

"I enjoy Jesmond Park Academy because there are many extra curricular activities, things like sport such as Basketball, Football, Athletics and more. There are also academic, sporting and performance based '7 Activities' before and after school that can help you with homework or help you to develop new skills and interests."

Outstanding Opportunities

Jesmond Park Academy staff go that bit further to ensure all of our students enjoy a stimulating career, whatever year they are in.

We have a wide range of after lesson activities across the curriculum including science, art, music, media, sport, personal adventure and challenge, literature, performing arts, computing and mathematics.

We have strong links with industry, business and enterprise. Pupils enter national and international challenges, such as Young Engineer of the Year and World Challenge, and we have a number of links with industry where students gain hands

on skills even in areas as demanding as scientific research.

We also run numerous trips and visits abroad including Language trips to France and Spain, ski trips to Europe and a Disneyland Paris Maths trip.

A great number of our students take part in the National Citizenship Service (NCS) programme. Many of our Year 11 students spend time during the summer holidays learning new skills and giving back to local communities.





Specialised Support

Teachers are specialists in their subject areas and their knowledge, enthusiasm and expertise ignites a passion for learning in our students.

We are committed to on-going professional development for all of our staff, tailored to their individual needs, in order to maintain their skills at the highest level. We are a reflective school, basing our approach to the curriculum and its delivery on current research about the most effective ways to learn.

A non-teaching careers leader provides an expert information, advice and guidance service, as well as coordinating a wide range of progression activities designed to broaden horizons, develop skills and improve students' future employability.

Comprehensive Choices

Before students begin their GCSE studies, they are carefully guided into subject choices that allow them to maximise their potential. This secures their success and prepares them for transition into the Sixth Form.

We foster the highest levels of aspiration and ambition for all of our students at Jesmond Park Academy. We pride ourselves on preparing our students for life beyond GCSE and A Level. We aim to equip our students with vital skills such as independent learning and employability.



Our Curriculum Philosophy

The curriculum philosophy of Jesmond Park Academy has three key areas of focus.

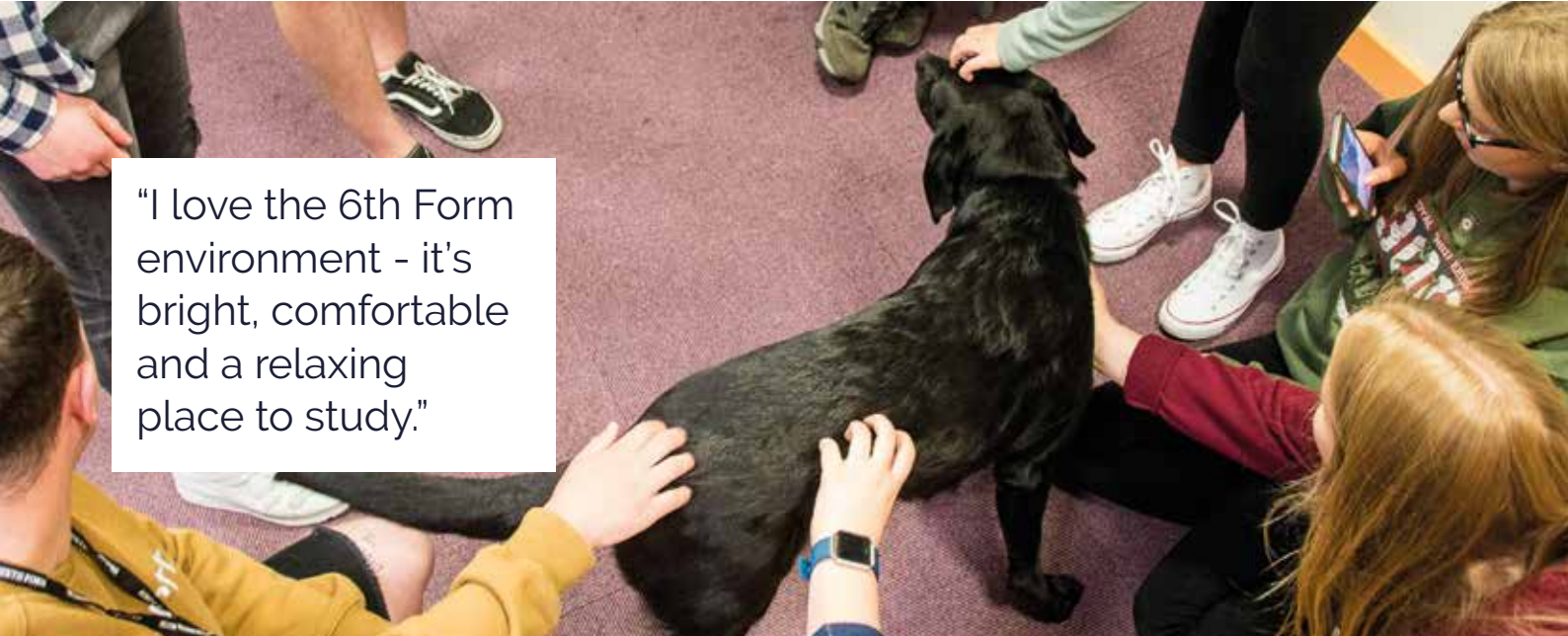
- The acquisition of **knowledge** through expert teacher delivery so that students have a detailed understanding of the world around them.
- The development of **core skills** including improved Literacy, Oracy and Numeracy so that students are able to secure outstanding outcomes.
- **Enrichment** through cultural, moral and social educational opportunities so that students leave school as well rounded and thoughtful young adults.

Sixth Form

Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form is one of the most popular Sixth Form centres in the city of Newcastle with over 360 students studying with us.

In 2021 the overwhelming majority of our Year 11 students chose to continue their studies with us and a number of students joined us from other schools in Newcastle and beyond.

Jesmond Park Academy currently offers a wide range of A level courses, enabling students to compose a programme of study that meets their individual needs, supporting progression onto the next step beyond the Sixth Form. It doesn't stop with just A Levels. There are BTEC Programmes in IT, Business, Science and Media.



"I love the 6th Form environment - it's bright, comfortable and a relaxing place to study."



Our students say:

“The opportunity to do extra work outside the classroom during study periods proved to be very beneficial.”

“My tutor was very supportive with my UCAS application so that I could send it off as soon as possible and receive offers from university quite quickly.”



A rich experience

Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form has its own dedicated, state-of-the-art facilities. These include a library and computer suite, common room and canteen. Our students often say it's more like a university than a school. Which, when you think about it, is how it should be.

We encourage all of our students to participate in our enrichment programme that can include building up hours from a combination of sport, charity projects, contributions to school life and even employment within school to support the staff.

We offer great opportunities to travel overseas with World Challenge and students have recently enjoyed amazing experiences on visits to Thailand, Malaysia and Ecuador. All of these fantastic opportunities aim to develop skills in leadership, communication, teamwork and decision making.



"The 6th Form team have always been supportive, giving me personalised help and advice to make informed decisions about my future."



Real progress, exceptional results

Around eight out of ten of our students take up university or college places, with the remaining students going into employment.

The range of university courses that students follow is broad, including Medicine, Veterinary Science, Law, Politics, Engineering and Dentistry to name but a few.

Our students go to universities including Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities. The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities. We also have students that have gone to universities abroad, including the USA.



Create Your Future

This prospectus can only give you a brief insight into the opportunities at Jesmond Park Academy.

If you are interested in finding out more, please join us at one of our open evenings and look at our website, which is an excellent place to see the numerous success stories and the wide range of activities in which our students participate.



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