

Jesmond Park Academy

Creating Futures

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Welcome

The success of the school is built on a strong knowledge based curriculum, good attendance, excellent teaching and well embedded PRAISE code and routines. These are the building blocks of success complemented by our extra-curricular provision and additional pastoral resources such as our wellbeing centre, NUFC programme, MRC mentoring and streetwise to mention a few. In all year groups 7-13 we have very strong specialist pastoral year teams that will support you children through their time at Jesmond Park Academy. This means that we can provide support for students beyond the classroom and ensure that our students thrive.

We have a very well developed broad and balanced curriculum at key stage 3 which leads into our option choices at key stage 4, these are a combination of GCSEs and BTEC qualifications. The majority of students stay with us for their post-sixteen education studying a range of subjects at A level and level 3 BTECs. Our careers information advice and guidance runs through year 7 to 13 and is nationally recognised for its high quality. Our commitment to this ensures that our students have the confidence and knowledge to succeed at their next chosen destination. Whether this be an apprenticeship, university, college or employment.

Thanks to the collaborative way that we work with families and our students the students that attend Jesmond Park Academy achieve some truly remarkable academic results and extra-curricular activities both in side school and within the local community. I am always keen to recognise and celebrate our student successes.

Jesmond Park Academy is proud to be part of Gosforth Group 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.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Jesmond Park Academy. I look forward to welcoming you to our school.



“I am very proud to be the Head of School at Jesmond Park Academy. You will find that our school is very welcoming and inclusive in the true meaning of the word.”

Dave Merrifield - Head of School
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 KS3. They study Maths, English, Science, PE, Computing, Art, Technology, History, Geography, RE, Citizenship/PSHE, Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish, French or Mandarin) Performing Arts (Drama and Dance) and Music. In Year 7 all students follow an accelerated reading programme. In Years 8 & 9 some students have the opportunity to study a second MFL.



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 Head of Key Stage.

Form Tutors see the students 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 experience, 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. Students enter national and international challenges, such as Young Engineer of the Year, 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 Music 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 expert information, advice, and guidance services while 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.



Physical education

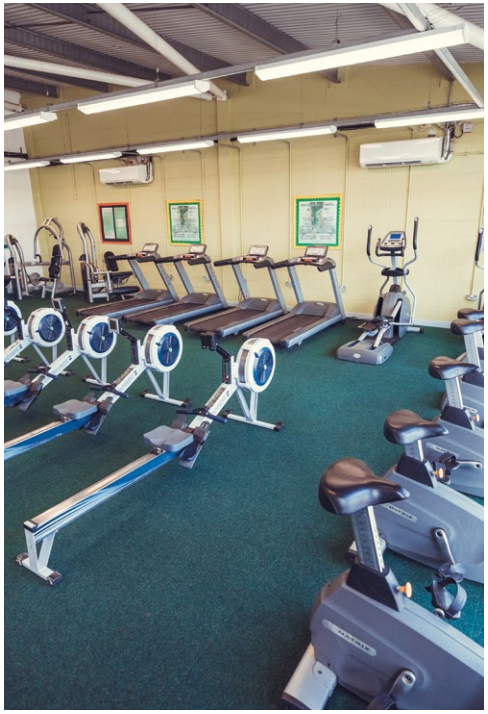
A wide range of sports are taught across the year groups and lead into GCSE, BTEC and A Level courses.

In addition we offer an extensive extra-curricular programme including volleyball, fitness club, football, rugby, cricket, netball, and athletics to name a few.

The school is exceptionally well resourced with a large sport hall, specialist gymnasium, fitness suite, two full size astro turf pitches, tennis courts, netball courts as well as extensive grass pitches and athletics facilities.









We compete at local, regional, and national levels in various sports, including football, netball, basketball, badminton, cricket, athletics, cross country, and rugby. Additionally, based on student interest, we also participate in other sports like golf, squash, and, this year, we are excited to introduce American flag football.

Many of our students receive support from the school to compete at national and international levels in their chosen sports.

For students who enjoy being active but prefer a less competitive environment, we offer initiatives such as Girls Active, non-selective sports clubs, and access to our fitness suite.

This ensures that all students have the opportunity to stay active and engaged in sports.





Our students say:

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

Sixth Form

Jesmond Park Academy Sixth Form is one of the most popular Sixth Form centres in the city of Newcastle with over 420 students studying with us.

Year after year, the overwhelming majority of our Year 11 students chose to continue their studies with us and a number of students join 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.

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.





Our students say:

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

Creating opportunities

We offer great opportunities for our students to engage with employers, universities and the local community.

Whether it is through volunteering, participation in the Youth Parliament programme, involvement in the Reece Scholarship or Medlink, our students are provided with fantastic opportunities to develop skills in leadership, communication, teamwork and decision making.

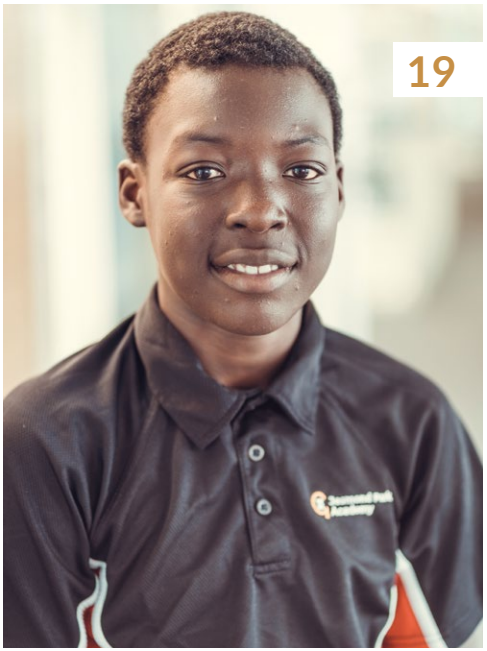


Real progress, exceptional results

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.







Creating Futures

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.

Ofsted rating

In June 2022 our school was rated as a Good Provider by Ofsted. The report can be viewed on our school website. Below are a few of the highlights.

Ofsted
Good
Provider

"Pupils benefit from a well-planned curriculum."

"Pupils are experiencing effective teaching."

"Teachers and pupils treat one another with respect."

"Students talk convincingly about the knowledge and skills they acquire."

"Sixth Form students enjoy their studies and are prepared well for their next steps."

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