



# TAUNTON

— SCHOOL —

## FIND YOUR EXCEPTIONAL

### OUR PURPOSE

#### CELEBRATING EACH INDIVIDUAL

To enable each child to embrace their individuality, explore their passions, and develop into confident and well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

### OUR MISSION

#### UNEARTHING POTENTIAL IN EVERY CHILD

To put our students at the heart of our decision making. We are ambitious for all, unearthing their potential while maintaining a humble and down-to-earth approach. By combining a supportive environment with high expectations, we strive to prepare our students for a fulfilling and successful life beyond school.

### OUR VISION

#### DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL EVERY DAY

We aspire to create an environment where students thrive academically, socially and emotionally. By fostering a culture of ambition, cultivating a mindset for life, nurturing a sense of belonging, and embracing our global community, we provide an extraordinary educational experience that prepares our students for exceptional futures.

### CORNERSTONE VALUES

#### HUMILITY ENGAGEMENT KINDNESS

As a community we are united by three core values for staff and students.

# OUR STRATEGIC PILLARS

## A CULTURE OF AMBITION

### A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITY

The wide breadth of our curriculum offers a wealth of opportunity for students to explore their talents, develop passions, and be intellectually challenged. We tailor to the needs of each individual, offering multiple pathways towards success.

### UNEARTHING POTENTIAL

With a strong focus on personal growth, a Taunton education is built around finding the best in every child. Our students enjoy an inspiring educational environment, comprising over 56 acres of learning and play space - providing the freedom to grow.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Students are encouraged to develop a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning. We have high expectations of our students across the curriculum. We place great value on the pursuit of excellence, and celebrate each other's successes as one School.

## A MINDSET FOR LIFE

### RESILIENCE AND AUTHENTICITY

We help our students develop the characteristics they need to become the best versions of themselves. By instilling self-confidence and leadership skills we enable them to rise from setbacks. Valuing authenticity and a lack of pretence, we lay the foundations for their future professional relationships.

### INDEPENDENCE AND CURIOSITY

Our School celebrates its pioneering heritage. Students are encouraged to be lifelong learners with a thirst for knowledge and change. By championing curiosity and self-direction, we develop enquiring minds and independent spirits.

### INTEGRITY AND HUMILITY

We lay the foundations for success. We teach students to embrace opportunity and recognise the importance of individual contribution without any hint of arrogance. We value integrity and honesty and affirm the importance of standing up for what is right – even when that may be difficult.

## A SENSE OF BELONGING

### ONE INCLUSIVE FAMILY

Taunton is a place in which many communities come together to create one greater collective. From Nursery through to Sixth Form, the journey is seamless. Our School is built on inclusivity, where everybody belongs – whatever your story, whatever your background.

### ROOTED IN KINDNESS AND COMPASSION

We believe students should feel safe, supported and able to thrive. To facilitate this we have built an outstanding pastoral care system which creates positive connections and community. A culture of kindness and respect ensures that students can flourish.

### FREEDOM TO BE YOURSELF

Our school is a place in which students enjoy the freedom to be whoever they want to be. Whether inside the classroom or out, they are encouraged to discover their passions and be themselves.

## A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

### AN INSPIRING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

We foster a sense of community and inclusiveness, by teaching students to respect themselves as well as others. With over 50 nationalities represented across the year groups, our students are encouraged to have a global mindset.

### CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

As an IB World School we celebrate and champion diversity in all its forms, recognising that our collective differences make us stronger. Our culture of inclusion builds a sense of empathy and understanding, which in turn allows us to support the personal and academic growth of every student.

### CONNECTIONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The sense of global reach at Taunton School continues long after students leave. Our alumni association is a global network of thousands of people from all ages, where members take an active part in enriching the experiences of pupils at the school.

# EXCEPTIONAL TOGETHER