



South Devon
High School

Academic & Technical Excellence

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an exciting
way to
study at 14



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Devon High
School



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WELCOME TO SOUTH DEVON HIGH SCHOOL

South Devon High School, based at the South Devon College Paignton Campus, is an exciting opportunity for pupils studying at Key Stage 4.

Pupils entering Year 10 have the opportunity to join us to study up to 9 GCSEs (or equivalent) in core subject areas, including English, Maths and Science, with a choice of specialist technical qualifications, all delivered in small class sizes.

Class sizes at South Devon High School are typically only 18 pupils or fewer. We believe this makes a huge difference in the learning experiences of our pupils, enabling our dedicated team of tutors to deliver personalised support.

Our personal tutors and academic coaches are committed to helping pupils achieve their own future goals and further career prospects.

We offer a careers programme which is nationally recognised for quality, meeting 100% of the Gatsby Benchmarks, which defines what world-class careers information, advice and guidance looks like in schools and colleges.

The careers programme focuses on developing students' career skills, identifying career pathways and providing impartial advice and guidance to support them making well informed decisions about their next steps.

At South Devon High School pupils are invited to study in an environment where they will be treated like the young adults they are. The High School boasts an extensive enrichment programme offering a variety of activities, helping to deliver a healthy all-round learning experience.

The government believe that for many young people, combining academic and technical qualifications will give them the very best chance to succeed. At South Devon High School, young people will develop skills valued by employers and benefit from learning with industry-trained experts in an employment-focused culture, using state of the art resources.

South Devon College offers exciting and diverse curriculum routes for young people in Torbay and South Devon from age 14. I am proud that the High School combines the best of practical and vocational training with more traditional academic qualifications. Feedback from our pupils and parents about the support we provide and the excellent progress our pupils make is exceptional, building further on the College's track record for student success and satisfaction.

Laurence Frewin
Principal at South Devon College



Matt Burrows
Head of South Devon High School

Welcome to South Devon High School. I am very proud to be leading the School as we provide exciting opportunities for 14 and 15 year olds in Torbay and South Devon. Our vision is to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential in Key Stage 4, by providing the very best support, in an employment-focused learning environment.

Our pupils are stretched and challenged through outstanding teaching, using state of the art resources. Our ambition is that every pupil succeeds in their GCSE examinations, and they are well prepared for their next steps into further study and future employment. Please feel free to contact me or my team with any queries or for further information about our courses.



James McCauley
Deputy Head of South Devon High School

Building further on South Devon College's track record for student success and satisfaction, South Devon High School offers innovative, high quality choices for young people and progression to jobs of the future.

We are extremely proud of the fantastic achievements of our pupils and their progress onto rewarding pathways for their future. Parents have been delighted with the achievements of their children, and they value the personalised care afforded by small classes and supportive teachers. I look forward to meeting you all at future South Devon High School events.

STUDYING AT SOUTH DEVON HIGH SCHOOL

Our curriculum is designed to help pupils succeed and prepare for their next steps into further and higher education and employment.

It has been created with employment in mind by offering specific technical qualifications, which help inspire learning and give pupils the very best chance to succeed. In line with statutory requirements, pupils will study a broad Key Stage 4 curriculum, including English, Maths and Combined Science GCSEs, in addition to other GCSE options. Lessons will be exciting and hands-on.

Academic Qualifications

All pupils will follow an academic timetable based around their technical qualifications. Pupils will study core GCSEs that are a mandatory part of the mainstream National Curriculum, gaining English, Maths and Double Science. Core Physical Education and Personal, Social and Health Education will also be part of the curriculum, but not examined.

Technical Qualifications

Pupils choose to study up to four technical qualifications. In each technical specialism pupils will gain a depth of knowledge, skill and expertise, whilst gaining a GCSE for each Level 2 (GCSE equivalent) qualification. The specialised qualifications will include more practical learning, projects, visits and work placements to gain a better understanding of the chosen subject.

GCSE Options

Pupils can also choose from a wide range of traditional GCSE options. This could include Photography, Geography, History or Computer Science. These choices help pupils develop their Personalised Learning Programme in an area of interest, designed to meet their future aspirations.

CORE SUBJECTS: English, Mathematics and Science

Optional subjects

Pupils can choose from the following Academic and Technical qualifications:

Animal Care
Art
Automotive
Business Studies
Childcare and Development
Computer Science
Digital and Games Development
Engineering
Geography
Health and Social Care
History
Hospitality
Outdoor Activity Leadership
Performing Arts
Photography
Pro:Direct Football
Sociology
Sport Coaching
Travel and Tourism
Uniformed Public Services

OPPORTUNITIES AT SOUTH DEVON HIGH SCHOOL

Young people will have the opportunity to:

- Complete up to 9 GCSEs including specialist technical qualifications
- Thrive in smaller class sizes, allowing pupils to build stronger relationships with both staff and peers and improve performance and engagement
- Personalise their study programme through a choice of GCSEs, technical qualifications and enrichment opportunities
- Develop professional skills and knowledge in high demand sectors in the region
- Study a curriculum designed to improve employability and career prospects
- Fast track to a guaranteed place on a course at South Devon College at the age of 16, which may be a full-time technical course, A Levels or an apprenticeship

Your Future

Alongside the academic curriculum, pupils will be working on projects that will enhance their understanding of each specialist subject, as well as developing excellent employability skills in their chosen technical area.

Progression

Whether it's further education, Sixth Form and university, apprenticeships or getting a successful job, we will make sure that pupils can progress and achieve with us.

Careers Guidance

We offer nationally recognised free, impartial advice and guidance to help pupils make the right decision about their future.

We have a dedicated Helpzone team of professional, qualified staff who can attend to pupils' needs and ensure they get the best possible experience.

We also work very closely with employers, so we understand what they look for when recruiting new staff.

Pro:Direct Football

This high quality extra-curricular programme will provide pupils with access to high level (A license and UEFA B) football coaches who will develop their football skills, fitness and tactical awareness. They will also have access to our outstanding facilities and equipment (Playertek GPS) as part of the programme and take part in regular age group fixtures representing South Devon High School.

TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

The technical qualifications pupils can study with South Devon High School include:

Animal Care

The course has been designed to provide pupils with the essential skills necessary to progress in a career working with animals. Pupils will gain valuable experience working within our animal unit and will learn animal health and welfare, husbandry and conservation.

Art

This qualification allows pupils to explore a variety of traditional and new art processes, studying media including drawing, printmaking, painting, photography, fashion, textiles and 3D design.

Automotive

This vocational qualification is for students who are interested in gaining a theory and practical experience in an Automotive environment.

Childcare and Development

The Childcare and Development course is designed to inspire those interested in a career in an early years setting. Pupils will cover the key aspects of child development, with both theoretical and practical study.



Engineering

This course is the perfect opportunity for those who want a career in this exciting industry, where pupils will gain an understanding of a broad range of engineering competencies. The course takes a hands-on approach to intermediate engineering training, which will provide you with access to the new Hi Tech & Digital Centre engineering workshops.

Digital and Games Development

This course will help you understand games production processes and technologies within gaming development. This leads to practical and creative skills that transfer into the workplace within the gaming industry.

Health and Social Care

This qualification will help pupils

prepare for a career in nursing, occupational therapy and midwifery. Pupils will learn various skills, such as good practice in health and social care, promoting health and wellbeing and many more.

Hospitality

The Hospitality curriculum covers the products and services that are offered and the essential processes involved in operating a hospitality business. Pupils will learn a variety of skills that are essential to the local hospitality job market.

Photography

Pupils will engage in still and moving image using traditional and new technologies. Pupils will study subject matter personal to them and have the opportunity to work with a range of genres and styles.

Performing Arts

Studying performing arts and at South Devon High School will give you the perfect start to a dazzling career in this cultural industry, which thrives on creativity. Our experienced staff have all worked in the performing arts industry, with experience in theatre and technical management, so we know that we have the best team to help you on your journey.

We have our very own theatre, which stages live performances throughout the year. Our facilities also boast technical lighting rigs and equipment, fully operational recording studios and superb dance studios, so whatever field you want to specialise in, you will have all of the tools you require to make your dream become a reality.

Sociology

This course has been designed to foster in pupils an understanding and critical awareness of the social world around them. This subject will develop pupils' ability to think sociologically in relation to their experience of the world around them so that they are able to play a positive, active and informed role in society.

Sport Coaching and Adventure Sport

Pupils will learn the introductory skills to start a career in the sport or adventure industry, giving them an excellent basis to the sport vocation. They will have access to all the College's sport and adventure facilities, including South Devon College Sports Centre.

Travel and Tourism

Based in the English Riviera, Torbay's strong travel and tourism industry make it the perfect place to study for a dynamic career that could take you anywhere in the world.

This industry consists of exciting sectors, including hotels, restaurants, and cruise ships. It involves a wide variety of different job roles, meaning you will have every opportunity to find what interests you most and embark on a fulfilling and varied career. You could find yourself working at airlines as cabin crew, airport ground operations, an events co-ordinator or even as a manager.



"I found the teachers throughout the High School to be amazing, they helped create a real family atmosphere here during my studies."

Chloe Gunbie

Uniformed Public Services

This is the ideal pathway for pupils who are self-motivated and want to challenge themselves. They will develop their character, skills, physical and mental fitness, and academic knowledge, and will learn about the many very rewarding careers in the Uniformed Public Services.

STUDENT SUPPORT



Free Travel

We are pleased to be able to offer free travel for pupils who live more than 2 miles from South Devon High School and have a household income of less than £25,000.

For more information, contact the team today on **01803 540332**.

Small Class Sizes

Class sizes will be smaller than in local schools and if pupils need additional support to achieve good grades we will develop a personalised intervention programme. All pupils will have a personal tutor to help them to achieve their goals.

Student Support

Help and support will be provided in a range of topics, whether it's with projects, exam preparation or future career plans. Subject tutors and a personal tutor will help each pupil set their own targets and work at a level that will stretch and challenge them to reach their full potential.

Enrichment

Enrichment opportunities are a key feature of South Devon High School and there is an excellent range of clubs and lunchtime activities for all pupils to get involved in. After school and lunch time clubs are available, as well as sporting activities, and regular trips and visits.

Additional Supported Study

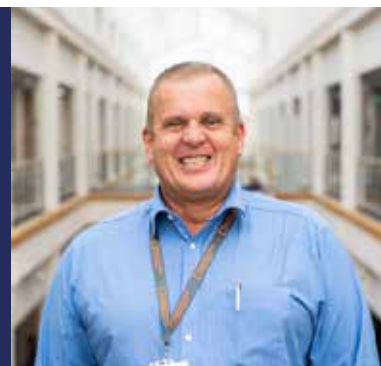
Additional supported study sessions are available every day, immediately after school, to provide extra support should it be needed, or just to help pupils complete homework if it's more convenient than taking it home.

Quality Assurance

Our vision is to ensure that every pupil reaches their full potential. We are committed to providing the best teaching, learning and support for all pupils.

All of our teaching staff hold either Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS), which are the accreditations that demonstrate teachers meet the professional standard required to teach in state-maintained and special schools in England and Wales.

STAFF PROFILES



David Wells

David teaches across the catering and hospitality programmes offered at the College. Before pursuing a career in teaching, David worked in the industry as a hotel manager/proprietor with years of experience across the sector. David is a strong advocate for the outstanding learning environment and inspirational teaching available to all pupils at South Devon High School. David recognises the value of the teaching he and the catering team provide, inspiring young students in the art of culinary skills and catering knowledge.



Sally Squires

Sally is one of the childcare teachers at South Devon High School. Prior to becoming a teacher Sally worked within the Early Years sector for over 15 years, starting as an early years practitioner, before working up to senior management at a large private nursery chain and quality assurance and advisory boards for the sector. Sally has a real passion for all things Early Years that she brings to life through practical learning sessions. Sally and her fellow childcare colleagues provide students with regular unforgettable experiences to support children and families, local, nationally and globally.

"It's great that all of the tutors know my daughter and her feedback is very personal. This shows me, as a parent, that she is not just a statistic. Her progress is evidence that she is receiving the correct support." - **Parent of a Year 10 pupil**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Do pupils have to pay to attend South Devon High School?

No. South Devon High School is free to attend in the same way state schools are- there are no fees.

How long is the school day?

The school day takes place from 9.00am - 3.30pm with an optional extended day for supported study between 3.30pm - 4.30pm. There is also a comprehensive enrichment programme, including sporting activities, lunch time game clubs, and regular trips and visits. The curriculum will be delivered five days per week over the course of two academic years.

Why can 14-year-olds now choose to leave their current school?

The Government now allow colleges to offer courses to pupils aged 14-16 who wish to access practical and technical education.

Who will be teaching?

Pupils will be taught by fully qualified subject specialist teachers. Staff who teach on our vocational courses have extensive experience in their industries.

Can students still receive Free School Meals?

Yes. Eligible pupils will still receive Free School Meals, just as they would at their current school.

Is there transport available?

The College is now able to offer **free or discounted bus travel** for pupils who live more than 2 miles away from the College and have a household income of less than £25,000 per year. Alternatively, travel support is determined by your Local Authority.

How big are the class sizes?

We offer significantly smaller class sizes than other mainstream schools- 18 pupils or fewer. This allows teachers the ability to spend more time with each pupil, ensuring their needs are met as well as improving pupil engagement and academic performance.

HOW TO APPLY

Studying at South Devon High School

- A modern learning environment with smaller class sizes and more individual support
- Practical, industry-standard training facilities and teachers with a background working in industry
- Choose to study in a variety of specialist curriculum areas
- A guaranteed place at South Devon College when pupils are 16, on a course that meets their needs, and the possibility of further progression to a higher education course
- An extensive enrichment programme with something for everyone
- Regular after school supported study sessions if pupils need time or help to complete their homework or to improve grades
- Exciting opportunities for work placements to increase future chances of employment



1. ENQUIRE

Call South Devon High School on **01803 540332** or e-mail **enquiries@southdevonhighschool.co.uk** to book a place at the next Parent Information Evening or open event, to learn more about the High School.



2. MEET US

Following the Parent Information Evening you will need to book a one-to-one appointment with either the Head or Deputy Head to discuss how we can meet your needs.



3. ASSESSMENT

Your child will then be invited to attend a Cognitive Ability Assessment.



4. OFFER

If successful, a conditional place at South Devon High School will be offered.



5. ENROLMENT

Your child will start South Devon High School at the start of Year 10 in early September 2024.

Open Evenings

To find out when all College Open Days and Events are happening, visit:

southdevon.ac.uk/events

Parent Information Event

Wednesday 11th October 2023

4.30pm - 6.00pm



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