



# STUDENT PROSPECTUS

# Why choose Sandwich Technology School (STS)?

We are very proud of our school and it's great that you are interested in finding out more about us.

We have a wonderful community atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to do their best, try new things, and enjoy learning. Our students say they feel happy, safe, and confident here.

Whether you're in the classroom, on the sports field, or taking part in clubs, your achievements will always be celebrated.

## STS values

Our core values are :

- Ambition
- Respect
- Creativity
- Kindness

Everyone at STS follows these values in everything they do and teachers will make a note in the Green Book when they see students demonstrating these values.



## Our house system

When you join STS, you'll become part of one of our four houses: **Fisher**, **Guildhall**, **Quay**, and **Strand**.

They are named after important places in Sandwich's history. As a house member you will take part in competitions, make friends across different year groups, and work with other house members to earn points and celebrate wins.



## Amazing facilities

Our school has brilliant spaces where you can learn, play, and be creative:

- Dedicated classrooms for each subject with modern IT facilities
- Indoor and outdoor sports facilities
- Fully equipped modern science labs
- Technology rooms
- Food Technology kitchens where you can cook and learn about healthy eating
- Art studios to let your creativity shine
- A fantastically stocked library with spaces to read and relax and helpful librarians
- The Astro, where you can play sports at break

## Our brilliant Sixth Form

It may seem like a long way off, but you will soon be thinking about your next move after Year 11. If you attend our Sixth Form, you will be able to settle into your Year 12 options quickly and easily without the disruption of getting to know new teachers and a new environment. As well as excellent courses of study and teacher support, we will help you choose options for your next step, whether it's university, an apprenticeship, work, or something else.

## A Sandwich school

We are proud to be part of the Sandwich community. You will have opportunities to join in with local events, meet people from the area, and take part in exciting projects that connect school life with the world around you.



Brilliant catering facilities with tasty food and fun food theme days, such as the American BBQ produced by Kev and his team.



# What is learning like at STS?

## Curriculum

You will study some subjects you will be familiar with from primary school but there are lots of new subjects too.

Subjects include:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Computer Science
- Languages
- PE
- Health
- Technology
- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Personal Development



Personal Development will be covered through tutor group activities, assemblies, and external provision.

You will be rewarded for your achievements both within and outside school. We have an extensive rewards programme to make sure all of your efforts are recognised.

## Expert teachers

We are very proud of our expert teachers. They will get to know you as an individual, adapting their teaching styles to your strengths and needs. They will always challenge you to achieve more but also offer extra help when needed.

Your lessons will be interesting and you will learn in a variety of ways, which may involve:

- Presenting to your classmates (in a supportive environment)
- Debating news stories and current affairs
- Helping classmates
- Using your creativity
- Developing and using logic skills in problem-solving
- Working individually
- Playing interactive revision games





# What else can I do at Sandwich?

At STS we also open up a world of possibilities outside the classroom. We offer a wide range of enrichment activities and amazing experiences.

## Clubs

We run about 40 clubs which offer something for everyone, from sports clubs (including golf) to Pokémon, First Aid Club, and Film Club. We also produce amazing school musicals, which give lots of opportunities onstage and backstage. We even support and celebrate hobbies and interests that students take part in outside STS!



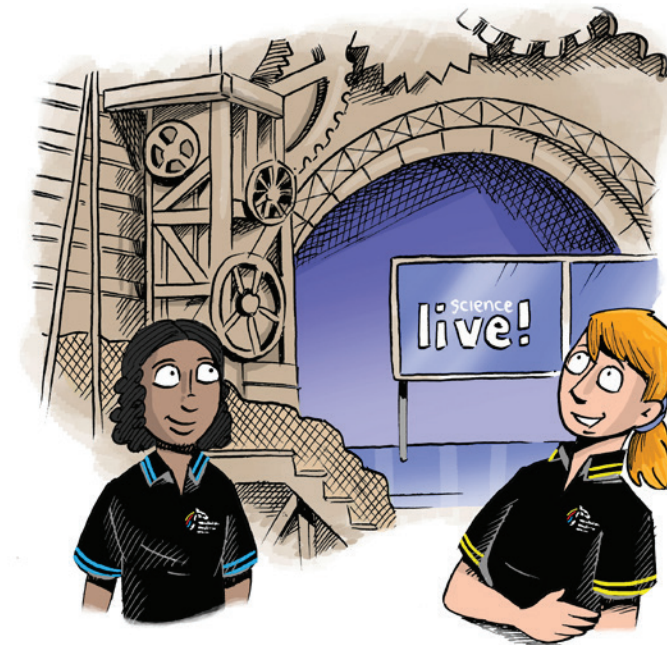
## Trips and visits

Our school trips offer once-in-a-lifetime experiences. We run subject-specific outings and visits to theatres and places of interest.

We also run trips abroad, such as our WWI trips to Belgian war memorials.

We also visit universities to show all the opportunities that higher education offers.

In addition, we also host guest speakers to share their expertise and enrich your learning.



## Sports

We have a range of competitive and non-competitive sports opportunities, from competing with other school teams all the way to international competitions!

## Community involvement

We take part in lots of wider community activities and are proud of our community spirit. Our ten-mile pledge walk has been an annual event for nearly 50 years and raises funds for charity.

# How will you help me settle into Year 7 at Sandwich?

## Transition to Year 7

We want you to settle in quickly and happily, so we have a brilliant transition programme to help you get off to the best start at STS. The programme includes transition days and one-to-one meetings with you, your family, and staff before you join the school to find all about us.

When you join us, you will find that our staff and students are friendly and welcoming.

## Pastoral care

We know that starting secondary school is a time of big changes and you may have more worries than usual. In Personal Development lessons provided by your tutor, we talk about mental health in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. You will see that you are not alone and we will give practical advice to help. You can also speak to your Tutor, Youth Tutor, or the Counselling and Emotional Well-Being teams. We also work with Project Salus, a local charity which provides support to children, young people, and their families.



## Praise and rewards

STS students learn very quickly that we have a supportive approach to behaviour and effort. We prefer to focus on recognising and rewarding effort and achievement. While we do have sanctions if expectations are not met, our priority is celebrating students who live our core values.

Achievements are recorded in the Green Book, with praise and rewards given by staff. We recognise all your achievements, even in interests outside school, such as fishing.





# What do current Year 7 students say?

We asked our current Year 7 students about their experiences. They had lots to say!



“ I felt nervous before I started Year 7, but I felt at home really quickly. Everyone is really friendly, and you feel like the teachers are always looking out for us. ”

“ They help you settle into Year 7 really well. The teachers aren't scary at all – when I've asked for help, they have been brilliant. It's really easy to find a teacher to help you, even outside lessons! ”

“ The sports facilities are amazing. Most breaks, I'm on the Astro playing football with my friends. ”

“ I love the library. I spend loads of free time there and I always feel welcome. The librarians knew my name after a week. ”

“ The classrooms are nice and calm, so I can get on with learning. ”



“ I really look forward to lunch. The BBQ was amazing. My family are jealous when I tell them what I have had to eat at school. ”

“ School days are never boring. There is so much variety. The teacher makes things interesting and I actually like maths now! ”

“ Community week is so much fun. There are lots of things to get involved with, and I actually enjoyed litter picking! ”

“ You need to do some clubs. I made some great friends doing the school production and it was honestly the best bit of Year 7 for me. ”

We hope you are  
impressed with what  
you have learnt about  
STS and want to find  
out even more.

We look forward  
to meeting you!



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