

The Polesworth School

ENSURING EXCELLENCE

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A message from the Headteacher

It is a privilege to introduce The Polesworth School, a forward-thinking and community-focused school with a long-standing commitment to educational excellence.

We believe education carries a responsibility to prepare young people for happy, successful adult lives. At Polesworth, we nurture the whole individual. Built on trust, respect and high expectations, our approach combines a broad, balanced curriculum with a culture of engagement and strong relationships.

Our experienced and passionate staff deliver high-quality teaching alongside a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom, ensuring students thrive both academically and personally.

We very much look forward to working in partnership with you, in guiding your child through the next stage of their development.

I welcome you to Polesworth to see for yourself the mix of warmth, fun and personal and academic achievement that makes our school so special.



Welcome to

The Polesworth School

At The Polesworth School, we are committed to providing an inspiring and inclusive education for students aged 11–18. Rooted in our local community, we take pride in creating a supportive environment where young people are encouraged to realise their full potential.

Our curriculum is carefully designed to offer both depth and choice, combining strong academic foundations with meaningful vocational pathways. This ensures that every student can follow a route that suits their strengths and ambitions.



Our vision

Our vision is to enable every young person to achieve consistently outstanding outcomes, guided by our core values.

Our mission

Our mission is to provide a high-quality, inclusive education that enables every student to thrive in a safe, supportive and ambitious environment.

Our values

At The Polesworth School, we partner with families to help shape students who are not only academically capable but also prepared to make meaningful contributions to the world.



Achievement - Academic

We believe all young people can achieve great things with high-quality teaching and personalised support. Our pupils are equipped with self-awareness and ambition.



Achievement - Personal

All young people achieve things to be proud of beyond academics. We believe in nurturing talents and instilling a strong sense of pride in who they are.



Achievement - Social

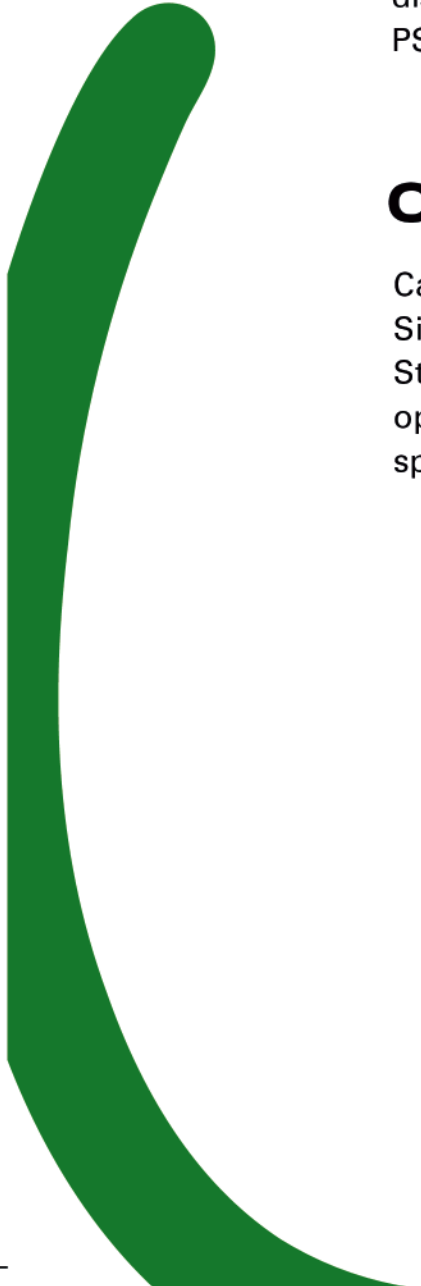
Excellent relationships underpin achievement. Mutual respect across our school and communities fosters a disciplined and caring environment where the highest expectations of behaviour and respect are the norm.



At a glance

The Polesworth School is a high-performing 11–18 comprehensive academy with around 1,500 students, including over 250 in the Sixth Form. Set within 10 acres of attractive grounds, the school offers excellent facilities including a Sports Centre, Drama Studio, Sixth Form block and specialist Science, Technology and Business spaces.

With origins dating back to 1881, the school has developed a strong tradition of education and continues to achieve consistently strong examination results, with students performing at or above national averages in most subjects.



Student services

Student welfare is central at The Polesworth School. Our Student Services hub offers daily access to pastoral leaders and specialist staff. Counselling, tailored support and partnerships with external agencies ensure students receive personalised help for wellbeing and wider challenges.

Pastoral care

Our pastoral care system supports every student, creating a positive and purposeful environment. Daily tutor time and dedicated sessions provide opportunities for reading, discussion and personal development, alongside a structured PSHE programme including health and wellbeing education.

Careers guidance

Careers education begins in Year 7 and continues through to Sixth Form, with personalised guidance at key transition points. Students receive individual advice, work experience opportunities, access to employer links, careers resources and specialist support to help them make informed future choices.

Our curriculum

At The Poleworth School, our curriculum nurtures a love of learning within a supportive and engaging environment, helping students build strong foundations, grow in confidence and develop the skills and understanding they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Our curriculum focuses on

- * **Advanced language development and critical reading skills**
- * **Intermediate mathematical concepts and analytical thinking**
- * **Social-emotional growth through group projects and discussions**
- * **Physical and health education with a focus on fitness and teamwork activities**
- * **Global awareness and cultural understanding through diverse subjects and community involvement**



Our curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity and build confidence, giving students the knowledge and independence they need to succeed.

We value each individual and support their personal growth and talent by ensuring a rich, challenging experience for every learner.

Rooted in the National Curriculum, each subject is broken into topic areas to help deepen understanding, alongside a strong system of intervention and support.



In Years 10 and 11, students follow guided pathways, and are able to personalise their curriculum through the choice of subjects and the balance between academic GCSE courses, GCSE courses with practical elements and a range of vocational courses.

In the Sixth Form, most study three Level 3 courses, with strong academic and pastoral support underpinning progress at every stage.

Facilities and learning environment

The Polesworth School is proud to offer state-of-the-art facilities that support the academic, physical, and emotional development of our students.



Classrooms

Our classrooms are equipped with the latest educational technology, including interactive whiteboards, projectors, and individual access to digital devices such as iPads. Each classroom is designed to foster collaboration, creativity and a love of learning.

ICT Media Centre

Our ICT Media Centre is a large, well-equipped space designed to support research, creativity and independent learning. Students have access to modern technology that enhances digital skills, collaboration and independent study in a focused and supportive environment.



STEM facilities

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) facilities provide students with cutting-edge hands-on learning experiences. From computer game programming to scientific experiments, our students are encouraged to apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world challenges, preparing them for the future of work in a rapidly evolving global landscape.



Art and Music Studios

Our art and music studios provide students with the opportunity to explore their creative talents. The Art Studio is equipped with a variety of media and materials, allowing students to express themselves through drawing, painting, sculpture, and digital art. The Music Studio, on the other hand, is home to a range of musical instruments and recording equipment, offering students the chance to compose, perform, and record.

Sports facilities

We believe that sport and physical activity play an important role in student development, wellbeing and enjoyment of school life. Our extensive facilities provide high-quality spaces for activities, helping students of all abilities to stay active, build confidence and develop teamwork skills. Including:



Recently refurbished sports hall with a modern, dedicated Dance Studio.

Fully equipped gym furnished for both gymnastics and dance.

Extensive playing fields and MUGA supporting multi-sport training.

Extra-curricular activities and student life

At the Polesworth School, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. We offer a variety of clubs and activities that cater to the diverse interests of our students. Each club is designed to encourage creativity, teamwork, and the pursuit of personal passions.



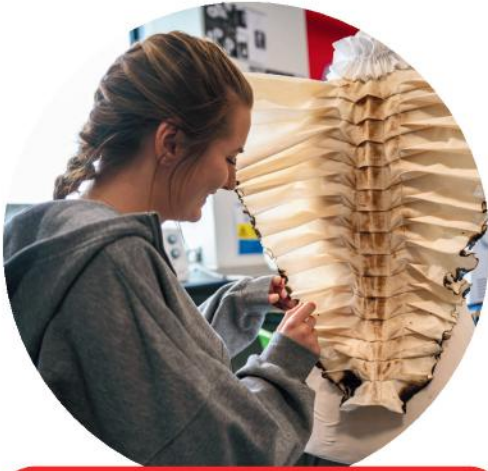
Polesworth Pulse

We also have our very own professional radio station called 'Polesworth Pulse'. This is a fully functioning broadcast suite which allows pupils to design and deliver their own radio programmes.



Performing Arts

Inspiring creativity through productions, exhibitions, and arts-based enrichment opportunities that develop confidence, collaboration, and performance skills across the performing arts.



Sixth Form Enrichment

Helping develop leadership, confidence, teamwork, and wider experiences.



Duke of Edinburgh

Active programme offering Bronze, Silver, and Gold award opportunities.

Sports and physical fitness

Physical activity is an essential part of our curriculum, helping students develop healthy habits and teamwork skills. We provide a range of clubs that encourage students to stay active and challenge themselves in a supportive environment.



Badminton



Athletics

Cricket



Hockey

Netball

Rounders

Football

Tennis

Rugby

Dodgeball

Handball

Cross-country



Sixth Form

at The Polesworth School

Our Sixth Form provides a supportive and ambitious environment where students achieve strong results and grow in confidence and independence. Expert teachers deliver a wide range of subjects, including A Levels and Level 3 vocational courses, allowing students to study what they enjoy and prepare for future pathways. Alongside lessons, a dedicated pastoral team and personal tutors offer guidance, ensuring every student feels supported and able to succeed.

Students benefit from excellent facilities in Tomlinson Hall, including dedicated teaching rooms, a supervised study centre with IT access, and social spaces designed for independent learning and collaboration. With increasing independence, they develop strong time management skills through study periods and are treated as young adults, ready for the next stage of their education.

A comprehensive support network including Heads of Year, academic mentors, and careers guidance helps students make informed decisions about their futures. Enrichment opportunities and a focus on real-world skills ensure students leave Sixth Form well prepared for university, apprenticeships, or employment, with many progressing to highly competitive destinations.



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