



Tower College



Rising to the challenge since 1948

Resilience

Integrity

Scholarship

Enrichment



A Welcome from the Principal



Tower College will change your Life.

This is something I have told new pupils and families many times. It is not something that I say glibly. It is based on the many conversations that I have had with past pupils who say that Tower College has made a real difference to their lives.

Since our founding in 1948, countless pupils have benefitted from a Tower College education. They have been welcomed into the best sixth form colleges and then studied for degrees at prestigious universities. They have managed to make a difference in every imaginable field and endeavour. I am constantly amazed at the contributions they have made, and continue to make, to the world around us.

But I shouldn't be surprised. Our past pupils' inspiring achievements are a direct reflection of their Tower College experience. Everything we do here is guided by our core values of Resilience, Integrity, Scholarship and Enrichment and these values are evident in our pupils' GCSE exam results, extra-curricular achievements, charitable fundraising and in the many enthusiastic endorsements we receive from current and former parents.

At Tower College, we provide our pupils with the opportunities to achieve not only academic excellence but to also gain fundamental life skills such as finding their own strong voice, being kind and considerate, being an effective listener, being creative and being able to solve problems both individually and as part of a team; skills that are necessary if they are to thrive in an ever-changing world.

It's no secret that we place emphasis on favourable class sizes and on the standard of teaching as these are proven to have the largest impact on a child's progress. A structured curriculum is delivered by qualified and caring staff who inspire and challenge, enabling every pupil to achieve their full potential. Pupils certainly benefit from a tailored learning experience, delivered in a secure and nurturing environment that encourages a lifelong passion for learning and a genuine interest in the world.

As you read through this prospectus, you will discover more about Tower College and what sets us apart. When you're ready to learn more, please feel free to contact our Registrar to arrange a visit. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing more about what makes our school so very, truly remarkable.

It is an exciting time and an honour for me to be part of this wonderful school and I hope that you are interested in being part of our family.

With warm regards,

Andrea Bingley



*“All pupils at Tower College
RISE to the challenge”*

Resilience



Resilience is a mental reservoir of strength

Tower College Pupils are able to call on their resilience in challenging times, and solve problems patiently and with great determination

Integrity



Happiness is a way of life at Tower College.

We actively encourage all pupils to reflect on the happiness they bring to others in their community. This can take the form of kindness to classmates or enrolling as part of our own flagship Charity Ambassador programme.

Scholarship



A life-long love of learning is a gift to all that receive this mindset.

Through a culture of encouragement, opportunity and challenge, our pupils develop the independence and confidence to achieve their true academic potential.

Enrichment



Enriching experiences are the cornerstone of a life well-lived.

Pupils of all ages take part in actively shaping their school experience, and pupils in Middle and Upper school discover new talents and pursue their unique passions.



At Tower College, we believe that a happy child is a thriving child. Our nurturing environment fosters not only academic excellence but also emotional wellbeing.

With small class sizes, dedicated teachers, and a supportive community, we ensure that every child feels valued, confident, and motivated to succeed.

Pupil happiness is a key part of our second school value, integrity, and we firmly believe that all pupils care to learn, when they learn just how much we care.

Our excellent pastoral care at all key stages enables our pupils to flourish and to rise to the challenge for every occasion.

Our smaller class sizes enable us to really know each pupil, and crucially to spot when things might not be going right for them.

We encourage each pupil to show kindness in their everyday actions and to reflect on each day as part of a mindful and happy childhood.

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Year 7 and New Starters



Many pupils can feel daunted by the prospect of moving from a small and nurturing primary setting, to a secondary school with many hundreds of pupils. But at Tower College we manage this transition through our outstanding pastoral provision, that is widely recognised in the community.

During Transition Week, our new starters are paired up with peers that are moving up from our Lower School, who can guide them throughout their first few weeks.

Pupils get the opportunity to meet new friends and their subject and form teacher, and experience a week of Tower College routines, in order to address any anxieties over the summer holidays.

Our Year 7 form tutors show great kindness and compassion and our annual bonding trip to Willersley Castle enables our pupils to make firm friendships that will last throughout their time at Tower College.

Pupils joining us outside of Year 7 will typically visit the school with parents before being offered 2 taster days.

Thinking of joining us?

Open Evening or School Visit



Entrance Exams



Year 6 Transition Week



Parent Information Evening



Willersley Castle Bonding Trip



Parent Testimonials



"My son has been at the school for over 6 years and we are extremely happy with our decision. The small classes allow the teachers to work through the syllabus swiftly and efficiently - I am amazed at the knowledge they bring home even at age 4!

I am struck by how every teacher seems to know virtually every child by name even though the school has children 3-16 years. The other thing I absolutely love is how supportive and friendly the other parents are. It's like having a huge extended family.

The fees are less than I was paying his nursery so definitely brilliant value for all the benefit it brings to his life. He is definitely living his best life at Tower College and we feel it's the best gift we could have given him."

- Emma Craven 16/09/2024



We believe in empowering our pupils to become leaders and help shape the future of our school! From becoming a PE prefect, to a Librarian, a Language Ambassador, or even a Head Pupil, we offer a variety of exciting leadership roles that will help your child find their own strong voice.

As a PE prefect, you'll have the chance to inspire others to lead an active and healthy lifestyle, organizing sports activities and events that will get everyone moving and having fun!

If your passion lies in books and knowledge, being a Librarian gives you the opportunity to create a welcoming and inspiring learning environment, helping your peers discover new books and fostering a love for reading!

As a Language Ambassador, you'll play a crucial role in promoting multiculturalism and global awareness, encouraging others to explore different languages and cultures.



Trips & Experiences



At Tower College, we appreciate the value that learning outside of the classroom can bring to a young person's education.

Alongside our standard provision of museum and educational trips, we are incredibly proud of the broader enriching experiences that we bring to our pupils.

Over the last 24 months we have taken our pupils on cultural tours of Barcelona and Paris, skied through the Italian Alps, appreciated the volcanos, geysers and glaciers of Iceland, and contributed to the development of a school in Kenya.

Each year we also take our pupils on residential trips in the UK to further develop their resilience.

Memories to last a lifetime!



Supporting Academic Achievement



In class tailored support

Our dedicated teachers provide individualised support to ensure that all pupils are challenged at an appropriate level.

This may include additional scaffolding and guidance for independent work, targeted individual or small group intervention activities and extension tasks to stretch and challenge more confident pupils.

Individual Support Plans

Where appropriate, Individual Support Plans are developed in conjunction with pupils and parents to identify any potential barriers to learning and to set a number of achievable targets in order to

Maths Clinics

In Middle & Upper school, pupils can bring questions/topics they are finding difficult, or wanting to develop, and receive additional support. Sessions take place in Mrs King's classroom at lunchtimes.

Towering Above – More Able & Talented

Lower School

Identified pupils work with staff to develop an Individual Challenge Plan containing clear targets for the term ahead. They are invited to attend a weekly club which is designed to encourage problem solving, communication and strategic thinking skills through a range of STEM challenges.

Individualised project packs are also provided to be completed at home, linked to the pupils' specific area of strength and expertise.

Middle & Upper

Our Towering Above programme offers pupils the opportunity to review their progress, attendance and effort and discuss any perceived barriers to learning with a mentor.

The meetings will be focused on academic performance and from the meeting, clear, achievable targets will be mutually agreed.



GCSE Options and Year 11 Support

Optional Subjects

Art – AQA

Biology – AQA

Chemistry – AQA

Computer Science – AQA

Geography – AQA

History – AQA

Music – AQA

Physical Education –
Edexcel

Physics – AQA

Spanish - Edexcel



Year 11 Directed Support

- Small class sizes with excellent behaviour
- 2 Parents Evenings and encouraged contact between teachers & parents
- School reports every half term
- GCSE predication
- Exam and revision techniques
- Mock exams
- Mock Results Day
- Academic mentoring
- Maths clinics
- Booster sessions before and after school
- Interventions
- Online resources
- Study Workshops

Outstanding GCSE Results

Over 40% of all GCSEs awarded at Grades 7–9, almost double the national figure of 23%.

Compulsory Subjects

Maths – AQA

English Language – AQA

English Literature - Edexcel

Religious Education - AQA

Lunches – Sample Menu

“Food is at the heart of what we do. We source with care and cook with passion, anticipating forthcoming culinary trends and supporting small and local producers and suppliers.

We believe in an innovative and seasonal approach to food, using fresh ingredients and cooking from scratch for all of our clients every single day.”

– Thomas Franks

All pupils who have health issues, allergies and intolerances are catered for, as are vegetarians and those who make religious dietary choices.

We work with our parents, children and Thomas Franks in providing a well-balanced diet that will be enjoyed by children of all ages. Pupils and parents are regularly asked to complete questionnaires giving feedback, suggestions, and ideas.



MONDAY

Soup of the day with fresh homemade bread

Hand breaded Chicken Fillet with Katsu Curry Sauce

Aubergine Katsu Chicken Curry

Steamed Savoury Rice

Vegetable medley

Fresh Tomato & Basil Pasta with traditional breads

White & Sweet baked Jacket Potato with Beans, cheese or Tuna

Flapjack

Assorted Baguettes and Salad Bar

TUESDAY

Soup of the day with fresh homemade bread

Beef Lasagne with garlic bread

Lentil and Mixed Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread

Rosemary Roasted new potatoes

Steamed Broccoli

Ratatouille

Fresh Green pesto Pasta with traditional breads

White & Sweet baked Jacket Potato with Beans, cheese or Tuna

Apple & berry pie custard

Assorted Baguettes and Salad Bar

WEDNESDAY

Soup of the day with fresh homemade bread

Chicken Fajita with soft Tortilla wrap

Mexican Jack fruit Enchilada

American Fries

Corn on the Cob

Fresh Italian vegetable Bolognese with traditional breads

White & Sweet baked Jacket Potato with Beans, cheese or Tuna

Vanilla Sponge with icing topping

Assorted Baguettes and Salad Bar

THURSDAY

Soup of the day with fresh homemade bread

Slow Roasted Pork with Apple Sauce

Yorkshire Puddings

Roasted Stuffed Butternut Wellington

Roasted Potatoes

Cauliflower Cheese

Roasted mixed root veg

Fresh creamy Bacon & Cheese pasta with traditional breads

White & Sweet baked Jacket Potato with Beans, cheese or Tuna

Jam & coconut sponge & custard

Assorted Baguettes and Salad Bar

FRIDAY

Soup of the day with fresh homemade bread

Cumberland Sausage with Sauteed onion gravy

Quorn Sausage with sauteed onion gravy

Mashed Potatoes,

Garden Peas

Roasted Carrots

Fresh Italian Passata (tomato & garlic) Pasta with traditional breads

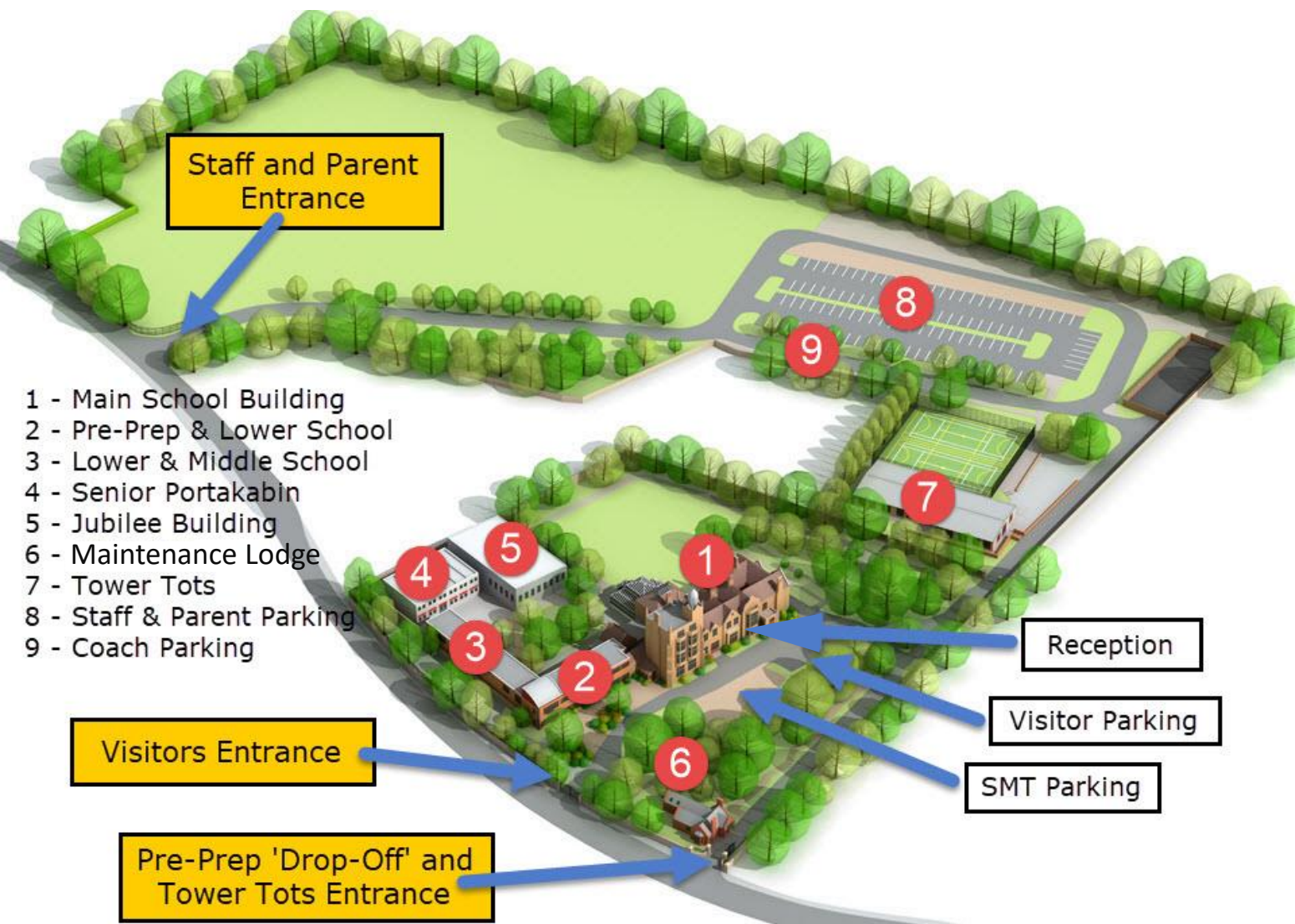
White & Sweet baked Jacket Potato with Beans, cheese or Tuna

American style pancakes with cream & fruit

Assorted Baguettes and Salad Bar



Site Map





Wrap Around Care & Holiday Club

The Breakfast Club Afterschool Club is staffed by trained professionals who will ensure a safe and secure environment for the pupils. Our dedicated team will supervise the pupils during their breakfast, providing support and fostering a positive social atmosphere.

To make use of the Breakfast Club and/or After school Club, we kindly request you contact office@towercollege.com. The club will operate on a paid basis, with fees set out in the table.

Breakfast Club	From 7:30 am - start of school	£6.00 per child per session
	From 8:00 am - start of school	£4.00 per child per session
	From 7:30 am - 8:00 am Before a booster session (Y11 only)	£3.00 per child per session
After School Club	End of school day - 4:30 pm	£5.00 per child per session
	End of school day - 6:00 pm	£9.50 per child per session
	From 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm (Following an extra-curricular activity)	£4.50 per child per session

Holiday Club

EdStart is a highly reputable company with many years of experience in providing a wonderful holiday club experience. Their goal is to make PE a positive experience for everyone regardless of their ability, as long they are challenged, succeed in a fun environment, and realise that exercise can improve their physical, social and mental well-being.

"Our holiday clubs are an action-packed week of fun and entertainment that give children the chance to explore a host of activities, build lasting friendships and learn lots of new skills."

Cost: £40 per day per child

Arrival: TC Diner located at the back of the main building, from **8.00am**.

Collection: As above – no later than **4.30pm**.

Set your target on fun

For bookings please call 01514264333 or visit
www.towercollege.com

Holiday camps available with
EDSTART



Mill Lane, Rainhill,
Prescot, L356NE





Our History



Only 4 Principals over our 75 years of educational excellence!

Following World War II, during which the school building was used as a hospital, Tower College was founded by Charles and Muriel Oxley. They founded the school based on the principles of providing an independent school that was not just for the privileged few and providing a happy, family environment.

When Tower College first opened, there were 70 pupils, one full time teacher and two part-time. Now, hundreds of children pass through the gates every day.

The school has always been a close-knit 'family' of staff and pupils who all embrace the school's values of 'resilience', 'integrity', 'scholarship' and 'enrichment'. This is evident in the number of pupils who have returned to train or teach here at the school and the staff who send their own children.

In 1948, the same year the NHS was founded, Tower College first opened its doors to boys and girls in the area.

"I am very happy that I have been able to continue my parents' legacy and see the children, from all walks of life, flourish and succeed."

Miss R.J. Oxley





Contact our Admissions Team

Our admissions team are available to answer any questions you may have, to help you book a tour or book on one of our Open Days.

Families need not wait for an Open Day and applications for admission can be made at any time during the year. We understand that starting a new school can be a difficult time for pupils of any age and we try to ensure that all new pupils have a good start and quickly feel confident and secure in their new school.

Registrar

Ms Cait McNamara

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Individual Guided Tours

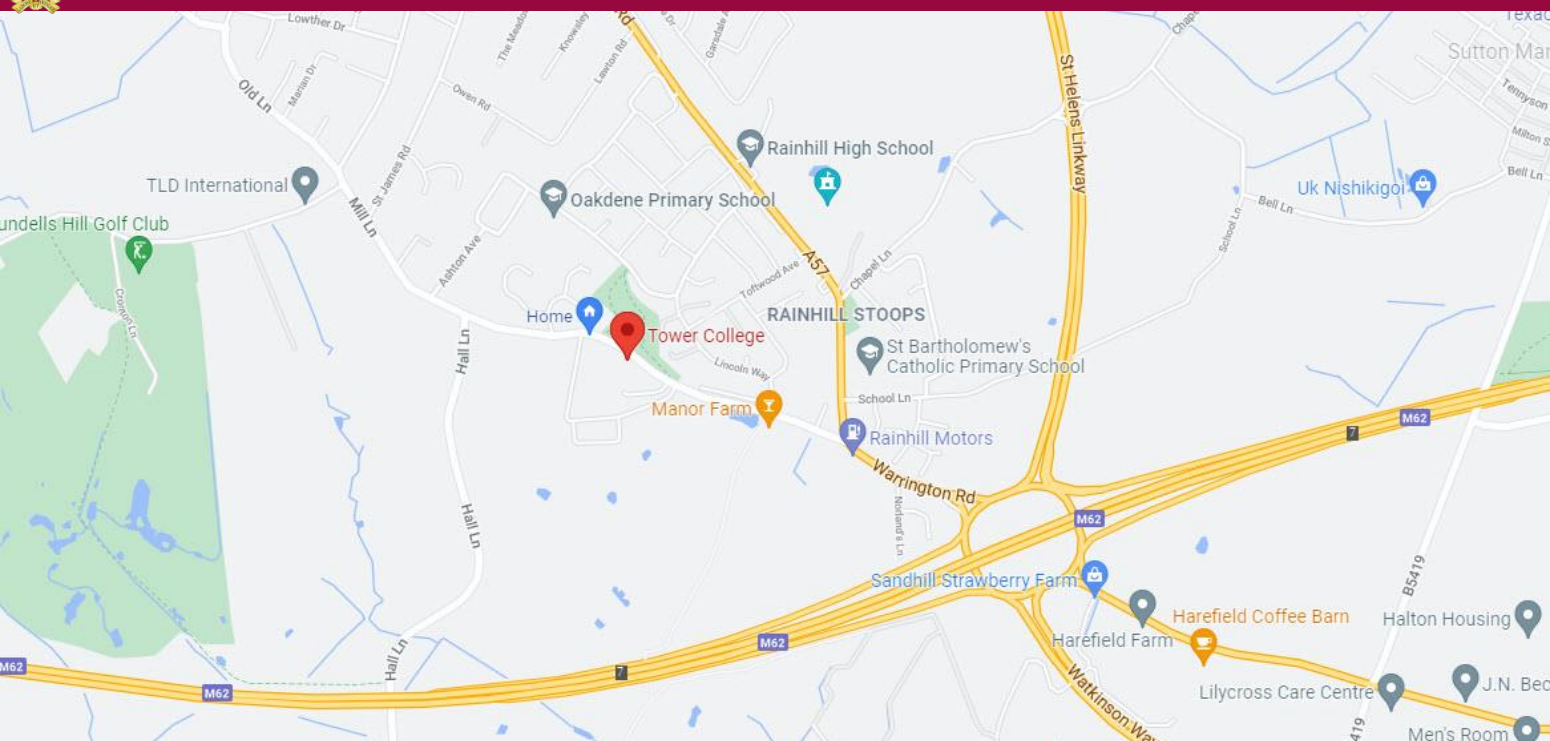
Prospective parents are encouraged to visit the school, by appointment, at any time during the school year and as often as they feel is necessary for their child to feel comfortable. This gives the opportunity for parents to see the rapport between pupils and teachers and experience the happy, busy atmosphere of the school. Upper School pupils guide families around school and the tour is followed by a meeting with an Assistant Principal and the Registrar.

Taster Days and Entrance Exams

For Early Years and Lower school your child will be informally assessed to determine what development plan should be put in place. Applicants to Middle and Upper School will be required to pass a standardised assessment, and pupils in Year 7 will complete an entrance exam in English and Maths. Following registration and age-appropriate assessments, your child can attend 2 taster days at the school.



How to find us



With our fantastic parking facilities and the ease of accessibility from the M62, we are in a prime location to facilitate the daily transition of your child from home life to school life.

From the East or West

From Manchester or Liverpool take the M62 and exit at Junction 7. Take the exit for the A57 towards Rainhill and turn left down Mill Lane.

From St. Helens

Take the A570 to the M62 Junction 7 roundabout and take the 5th exit for the A57 towards Rainhill and turn left down Mill Lane.

From Widnes

Take the A557 to the M62 Junction 7 roundabout and take the 2nd exit for the A57 towards Rainhill and turn left down Mill Lane.

From Warrington

Take the A57 or take the M62 to Junction 7 and take the exit for the A57 towards Rainhill and turn left down Mill Lane.