

Why choose Testbourne Community School?

High achievement and progress across all subjects. **We have consistently been the highest attaining secular school in Basingstoke and Deane, and Test Valley**, with 74 students achieving the top grade 9s in 2025 and over 50% of the grade 9s were in English, Maths or the Sciences. Attainment at TCS is well above both national and county levels – 78% of students achieved a grade 4+ in English and Maths, whilst almost 20% achieved 7+ in both subjects. **28% of students do 10 or more GCSEs and 92% do 9 or more.** We are experts in challenging students to get the best out of them.

Excellent behaviour across the school in lessons and in unstructured time. The school is calm and purposeful, students feel safe, and they are not concerned about bullying. Relationships between staff and students are warm and caring. All this leads to an outstanding learning focus and excellent progress, leading to respectful interactions and positive connections.

A broad and diverse curriculum offer including more unusual subjects such as **Engineering** and **Health and Social Care**.

A huge range of extra-curricular clubs, trips and visits including Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh, and **trips abroad to Belgium, Berlin, Brecon Beacons** and an **annual ski trip**.

A truly inclusive school that develops a sense of belonging that supports all students, having high expectations for engagement and support, removing barriers to learning, and enabling all students to access lessons. Read more on our website including our [Ofsted report](#) for more.

Relational practice and trauma informed approaches drawing on current research of the adolescent brain, ensuring we build trusting relationships and help our students to become **independent, resilient and responsible** adults.

Responsive and research-led teaching with specialist teachers in all subjects using the latest and most effective teaching strategies to **maximise children's learning and achievement**.

SEND support for students and fantastic outcomes with regular staff training and development, and a strong and experienced SEND team **recognised by Ofsted**. We also have Hernando, our fully trained, golden retriever **assistance dog**.

High quality mental health support and guidance – signposting reputable agencies and self-help resources for parents and students, dedicated on-site pastoral staff and access to an external Mental Health Support Team.

Exceptional facilities including refurbished changing rooms, brand new toilets, an all-weather 3G pitch, extensive sports fields, Sports Hall, tennis courts and multi-gym, as well as a Dance studio and separate Dance changing facilities.

Well-connected transport links, with five school transport buses, and public transport from all surrounding towns serving the school.