

Durham Johnston Sixth Form





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The Secret of our Success!

Our reputation is built on the firm foundations of high quality teaching, careful monitoring of each student's needs and strong pastoral support. Every sixth form student at Durham Johnston has:

- An individual timetable
- A well-planned programme of academic work
- Built-in development of study skills in all courses
- The opportunity to lead and be involved in one of our many student-led societies
- Guidance and careers advice
- The opportunity for work experience
- Links with employers and higher education
- Opportunities for physical recreation and community service
- The opportunity to learn a new foreign language
- The opportunity to improve financial awareness through a certified LIBF course
- The opportunity to show independent study by completing the extended project qualification (EPQ)
- The opportunity to get involved in our many musical ensembles
- Opportunities to take part in expeditions through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and World Challenge
- An entitlement to continuing personal development


When you are in the Sixth Form you need to achieve the best you can so that you build the right platform for the future. The outstanding achievements of Durham Johnston sixth formers, both at school and after they leave, are testaments to their commitment and our education.

Sixth form students are leading members of our school community through their involvement with individuals and groups of students and of course through the House System. Service and leadership are key parts of the experience we offer to our sixth form students.

Joining Us

We welcome Year 11 students from any school to apply to join us in Durham Johnston's Sixth Form. In 2019 we welcomed students from over 20 schools. We are often oversubscribed, so if you are interested in joining us, you should register as soon as possible. Guidance on our application process is enclosed.





DARE TO BE WISE IN JOHNSTON'S SIXTH FORM

Our motto - Sapere Aude - sums up what we offer in the Sixth Form: education with added daring to make you the best you can be.

Our results at A level are usually the best for any state school in the region, but our value-added puts our achievements in the top few schools nationally.

In 2015 OFSTED judged the Sixth Form to be outstanding and said 'The sixth form is outstanding because it is led very effectively and because the quality of teaching that students receive each day is outstanding. This means that students make excellent progress in all aspects of their learning, are happy, confident and have high ambitions for themselves.'

DURHAM JOHNSTON

Sapere Aude - Dare to be Wise

Durham Johnston is an 11-18 comprehensive school with more than 1600 young people. We occupy a state of the art building on Crossgate Moor on the old Great North Road.

Johnston has long had a first-class reputation for excellence in the city, regionally and nationally.

We provide a top quality, aspirational learning experience for young people from the widest range of backgrounds in a prestigious but truly comprehensive school. Generations of Durham families have had the best start in life with us.

What do we aim for? Sapere Aude

Durham Johnston School's motto is Sapere Aude - Dare To Be Wise. We dare to be wise in all our work, from the impact of Durham Johnston on individuals to the work we do together, as a school and within Durham City.

In wisdom, we aim to maintain our traditions, develop excellence at all levels and transform the lives of our young people. We aim constantly to build on our history and maintain our position among the best schools in England.

As we plan and develop each year we consult with governors, staff, students and parents, and note the findings of other assessors such as OFSTED and the Local Authority.

What do OFSTED think of Johnston?

Student achievement in the sixth form is outstanding. Attainment in almost every subject is above the national average, and overall progress is significantly positive for AS- and A-level qualifications.

Students identified teaching as the strength of the sixth form. Teachers' subject knowledge is excellent and teachers relate knowledge and skills to examination specifications extremely well, maintaining students' motivation and stimulating their curiosity...

As a result of high quality teaching and the broader experiences to which they are exposed, students are exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment. In 2014, 85% of Year 13 leavers entered higher education, more than 50% securing places at Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge. Students in receipt of sixth form bursaries, and those who had been classed as disadvantaged during their GCSE studies, were equally successful in securing places at prestigious universities.

Ofsted Inspection Report: Durham Johnston Comprehensive School 11-12 February 2015 (HMI Ref 453391)

Race to the Top

The Sutton Trust ranked Durham Johnston as 3rd in the country for the proportion of our applicants to university being accepted to Oxford or Cambridge. We are 10th nationally for entry to selective universities.

The Sutton Trust scrutinises all university entries and reports on the access that young people from comprehensive schools have to courses and universities usually dominated by students from more privileged backgrounds.

Making sure that our young people have access to the most prestigious courses is one of our most important aims. We are delighted to have been recognized nationally.

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We believe that all the information in this booklet was correct when it was printed. However, we are a dynamic school, constantly improving our policies and practices. Please see our website or contact the school if you require updated information.

