



Merchant Taylors'
Schools



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Ethos & Mission Statement

OUR PURPOSE

**“To educate in
learning forever”**

In accordance with the will of our founder, John Harrison, our purpose is to teach, to educate and to instruct in learning forever.

For more than 400 years, Merchant Taylors' School has nurtured and inspired local children from a wide range of backgrounds so that they, with the support of their teachers, might develop as individuals and become positive members of the community.

We will continue to uphold this legacy but set it within a modern framework.





OUR MISSION

“Firmly based on 400 years of tradition, our mission is to provide a forward-thinking, inspiring and fulfilling education which prepares every pupil in the Merchant Taylors’ family for life in an ever-changing world.”

As proud custodians of a school with such rich heritage, we acknowledge the debt we owe to the past but look to the future and seek to be progressive in all we do. We provide the roadmap upon which Merchant Taylors’ people, both pupils and staff, can journey for the rest of their lives.



WHO WE ARE

We are Merchant Taylors' Schools, an independent school which has endured as one of the finest schools in the North of England for more than 400 years.

A continuing commitment to academic excellence fuelled by the extraordinary vision of our founder John Harrison.

He believed in a commitment to the quality provision of teaching, education and learning. We combine this with a passionate focus on nurturing the whole person that every child has the potential to become.

We offer high quality teaching, providing a unique experience in the classroom which successfully prepares our pupils to pursue their academic ambitions and enjoy successful careers.

The curriculum is delivered by a highly qualified, experienced, and dedicated teaching staff, who create a supportive working environment whereby pupils are motivated to learn. With class sizes much lower than the national average we are able to offer more personalised tuition and learning. These features hold true to this day through our values of ambition, character and excellence.

Powered by our unique purpose and values, we are committed to providing an outstanding and highly-enriched education to pupils from the surrounding area across the Merchant Taylors' Schools family.

OUR VALUES

Ambition | Character | Excellence

Ambition

We want pupils at Merchant Taylors' School to become the best version of themselves by developing existing talents and discovering new ones. We live in a world which demands flexibility, creativity, resilience and critical thought and we want them to step into it with confidence, ready to shape the future and be open to a lifetime of new experiences. We offer an educational experience which is powered by enthusiastic and engaged pupils who are guided by talented and dedicated teachers whose aim is to identify and unleash each child's unique gifts.



Character

We are a community which believes in mutual support and cooperation based on the Christian principles of compassion, respect and integrity. We believe that children flourish in a kind and caring environment where they feel safe and well supported so that they emerge as confident, kind and thoughtful individuals. We believe that the way we act and behave is more important than what we achieve.

Excellence

Quality is part of our school's DNA. At Merchant Taylors' School we strive for excellence in every aspect of school life by challenging pupils and staff to aim high and seize the opportunities on offer. We strive for academic excellence but also believe in the development of the whole person, whether they excel in sport, music, drama, the creative arts, CCF or in service to others.

WHY WE EXIST



Our school was founded more than 400 years ago through the extraordinary vision and ideals of John Harrison, a citizen and Merchant Taylor of London, who bequeathed a sum of money for the foundation of a “school for teaching, educating and instructing children and youth in the grammar and rules of learning for ever”.

The Merchant Taylors’ Company dates back to 1327 and is one of the twelve great City Livery Companies. It began as a social and religious fraternity of tailors and linen armourers and was originally an association of citizens controlling the craft of tailoring. Over the years, members’ interests have spread into both commerce and philanthropy. It is a flourishing community dedicated to fraternity, education and philanthropy.

Members connect in friendship and mutual support, as they have for centuries. Through volunteering, raising funds, offering their time to governance or trustee roles through to supporting City-wide initiatives, the company helps grassroots charities, local organisations and schools across the UK to create lasting transformative change.

At Merchant Taylors’ School, everything begins with our original purpose - to educate in learning forever. We believe that by giving children every chance to broaden their horizons and harness their ambition, we can better honour our commitment to support them in taking their first steps to a successful, happy life. We are proud of our long history in delivering this purpose on behalf of our pupils and we are excited for the next 400 years.