



Hollygirt  
SCHOOL





A vertical photograph on the left side of the page shows a person wearing a green school uniform with red and white stripes on the sleeve. The person is pointing their right index finger upwards. The background is blurred green foliage.

# Welcome

As the Head of Hollygirt School, it is an honour to lead staff who are passionate about presenting pupils with the best possible educational experiences.

Hollygirt School's ethos is all about building positive relationships whilst maintaining high expectations of each and every one of our pupils. We consider individual needs, and we are inspired to think of the best ways to help our amazing young people achieve their potential.

Hollygirt School aims to develop the whole child. We believe that academic progress and personal development are equally important to preparing children for life beyond school.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Ms Rebecca Purdy – BA (Hons), PGCE, MEd.  
Head of Hollygirt School

“You have the opportunity to do and achieve anything here, from the finest art to the most advanced maths”

Year 10 Student



# The Hollygirt Way



A strong pastoral system is the foundation from which we build personal and academic success.

Academic effort is rewarded through our merit system and these achievements for effort and hard work in the curriculum are celebrated in special assemblies.

A traditional yet modern House system lends further feelings of belonging to a community. Our unique house point system promotes the Hollygirt Way - kindness, respect, hard work and resilience. These values are rewarded through fabulous termly and yearly trips.



We benefit from a great local reputation. Our close community is supported by the Friends of Hollygirt parent association, our alumni and our marvellous board of Trustees.

Hollygirt represents the past and present voices of the young - an environment we feel privileged to work in and in which the students flourish.



# Pastoral Care

We are a small, nurturing school, where each and every child is known and valued as an individual. Supporting our students' emotional and social wellbeing is at the very heart of all we do.

As an all-through school, we get to know our students inside-out; not only their academic aptitudes and potential, including where additional support or challenge may be beneficial, but also their personalities, their interests and what really makes them tick.

Our flexibility and willingness to adapt is second to none, which is key to forging close relationships with parents and all within the community as we strive to offer the best possible care.



# Ever Onward and Upward



Our teachers go above and beyond to help students ever onward and upward.

One of the key benefits of an all-through school is the deep and close sense of community that gives students and staff a sense of belonging; a sense of unity to call upon to help traverse the demands of life.

Belonging to Hollygirt - the memories, team spirit, achievements and friendships are nourishment for life beyond.

“Hollygirt has helped me gain confidence, not only in my learning but also [in] myself. I have made so many friends who I am sure I will keep for a long time.”

Year 10 Student







# If you want to be a doctor, you learn about the body - do teachers learn about the brain?

Our pedagogy is underpinned by the latest research in Cognitive Science. We understand how the brain learns and this is fundamental in teaching students the learning skills they need for life.

An excellent education awaits your child at Hollygirt. Small class sizes, excellent teaching and the core value of hard work that is recognised in our merit and house point systems serve to promote academic and social success.





# We Talk to You

The student voice is so important to us and the great thing about being a small school is that we can be flexible with our provision.

So if it is a rock band you are after or a resident school dog - we will listen to all ideas. While we can't make promises, we pledge to listen and do all we can to nurture our students' passions and involve them in the school's development.

We review what we offer and how we offer it constantly to obtain the best pastoral and academic provision.

Informal coffee mornings with the Head and our open-door policy mean that you have a voice in the school and in the education of your child.

We welcome ideas.



Excellent teaching combined with the knowledge of how the brain learns = an excellent education.

# Early Years



We know that so many essential learning skills can be taught and embedded from infancy and our dedicated staff work closely with our families to give your children the best possible start to their education; one that will help to carry them throughout their educational journey and beyond.

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) benefits from its own Early Years Unit in the school, looking after children aged 3 to 5 in two classes: Nursery and Reception.

Our small class sizes ensure every child gets the personal attention they need to build a strong foundation for their educational journey and spark a lifelong love of learning.

Every child is unique and this is reflected in the way the children are taught and the support they are given. We work closely in partnership with parents to bring out the best in each child.

Our youngest students are happy, secure and free to be curious. They love coming to school and taking part in all that we offer. Time spent in our Early Years Unit is fun, challenging and provides a great start to your child's educational journey.





# Prep School

Our Prep School has a family feel and provides a homely yet structured environment in which children can flourish.

Our small classes and engaged teachers allow each child to achieve their absolute best. We recognise that every child is an individual and that is reflected in how staff teach lessons, enabling challenge for more able students and additional support and scaffolding where needed, to ensure all children strive towards their full potential.

As children progress through the school they receive specialist tuition from subject teachers, including Design Technology, Computing, Modern Foreign Languages and Latin.

With lots of dressing up opportunities, baking and making, shows and concerts, as well as a full extra-curricular programme, life in our Prep School is always busy, challenging and exciting.



# Senior School

Our senior school is diverse, inclusive and welcoming. We offer a wide and varied curriculum and extra-curricular programme.

In addition, our ACE (additional curriculum enrichment) provides further learning opportunities, subject support and 'Stretch and Challenge' through embracing concepts such as problem-solving, debating, growth mindset and emotional intelligence.

A scholarship programme for our academic scholars gives further cultural and developmental opportunities.

“Hollygirt may be a small school but it’s full of joy. Every person is welcoming and inclusive”

Year 10 Student



“The teachers are so friendly and are always able to support you. They make lessons extremely fun and make every lesson memorable.”

Year 7 Student



# Results

As a non-selective school, we accept students with a wide range of academic aptitude and attainment. However, our nurturing environment and high expectations for every individual are reflected in excellent examination results each year.

Our students achieve, on average, one grade above their standardised predicted grades.

This is a historical trend and one which competitively places the school above other non-selective schools in academic outcomes. Our students go onto a variety of further educational opportunities with the confidence to be successful.



# Sport for All



Our PE curriculum aims to provide an enjoyable, satisfying and balanced programme with opportunities for all.

Our youngest students begin by focusing on transferable skills in co-ordination, balance and footwork patterns. As they progress through school they take part in a full programme of traditional games and athletics, accessing some of the very best facilities in the area, with many lessons taking place at the University of Nottingham sports complex.

Extra-curricular sports clubs run throughout the year, including football, basketball, netball, and badminton and teams participate in a range of inter-school competitions.

# Music and Performance

Hollygirt seeks to foster an appreciation of the value of music in enriching the lives of individuals, the school and the wider community.

One to one music tuition is offered to enrich and extend the students' musical experiences on a variety of instruments, with various extra-curricular opportunities to extend their skills playing or singing in ensembles.

Hollygirt encourages students of all levels to participate in concerts and shows, gaining experience performing. One whole school show takes place each academic year with termly music recitals and concerts to showcase students' musical abilities.

Senior school students have the opportunity to study for a BTEC in Performing Arts as an extra-curricular activity, allowing them to develop knowledge and technical skills in a practical learning environment, focusing on acting, dance and/or musical theatre.



As a former pupil and a parent of a child at Hollygirt, they consistently make school life experience extraordinary. Moulding every child to be the best version of themselves. The learning opportunity that comes from having small class sizes is second to none. Children can't relive the school years once they've passed. If a dynamic, caring and nurturing school appeals to you, Hollygirt is certainly one to consider.

Former Pupil and Year 7 Parent







Interested?

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We look forward to meeting you and your family soon.

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