



HUGH CHRISTIE
TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

A **UNIQUE** LEARNING EXPERIENCE



A VISION FOR LEARNING

WHO WAS HUGH CHRISTIE?

Hugh Christie was a pioneer in every way. Born in London and the son of a city merchant, he was a farmer, public servant and educationalist and lived in Quarry Hill, Tonbridge. A founder member of the National Farmers Union and also involved in the formation of the Women's Institute, in 1957 during the year in which the College was founded bearing his name, he was awarded the OBE for political and public services in Kent. A man of outstanding character, integrity and courage, he died in 1962.

OUR VISION

To offer a learning experience that is engaging, relevant and personalised.

To encourage a culture of innovation and change, remaining at the forefront in developing information technology as a tool for learning.

To give every student the opportunity to achieve their personal highest academic performance.

To work together with our community to widen the opportunities for everyone in the locality and beyond, creating an environment that is friendly and safe.

To continue to develop strong partnerships with other learning providers to drive improvement and change.



WELCOME



Welcome to Hugh Christie Technology College. A truly unique learning environment, I believe the college is a very progressive and creative place to learn. I am very proud of the staff and students who make our community the outstanding place it is, and of our exceptional track record in providing an excellent education to boys and girls of all abilities.

Our new building offers some of the best facilities of any school in the area and marks an exciting new era for us in terms of our commitment to giving our students every opportunity to develop in an environment built around their needs.

We want to give our students the skills they need to flourish in the 21st century, and, as a result, technology plays an important role in this. With one computer for every student and state-of-the-art specialist equipment, our academic achievement improves year on year with outstanding value added.

Above all, we want all our students to develop as confident, responsible and well-rounded young people with a passion for lifelong learning. I have every confidence that we will continue to go from strength to strength in achieving this aim.

If you would like to know more, please visit our website www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk or telephone us on 01732 353544.

Jon Barker
College Principal

A 21ST CENTURY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

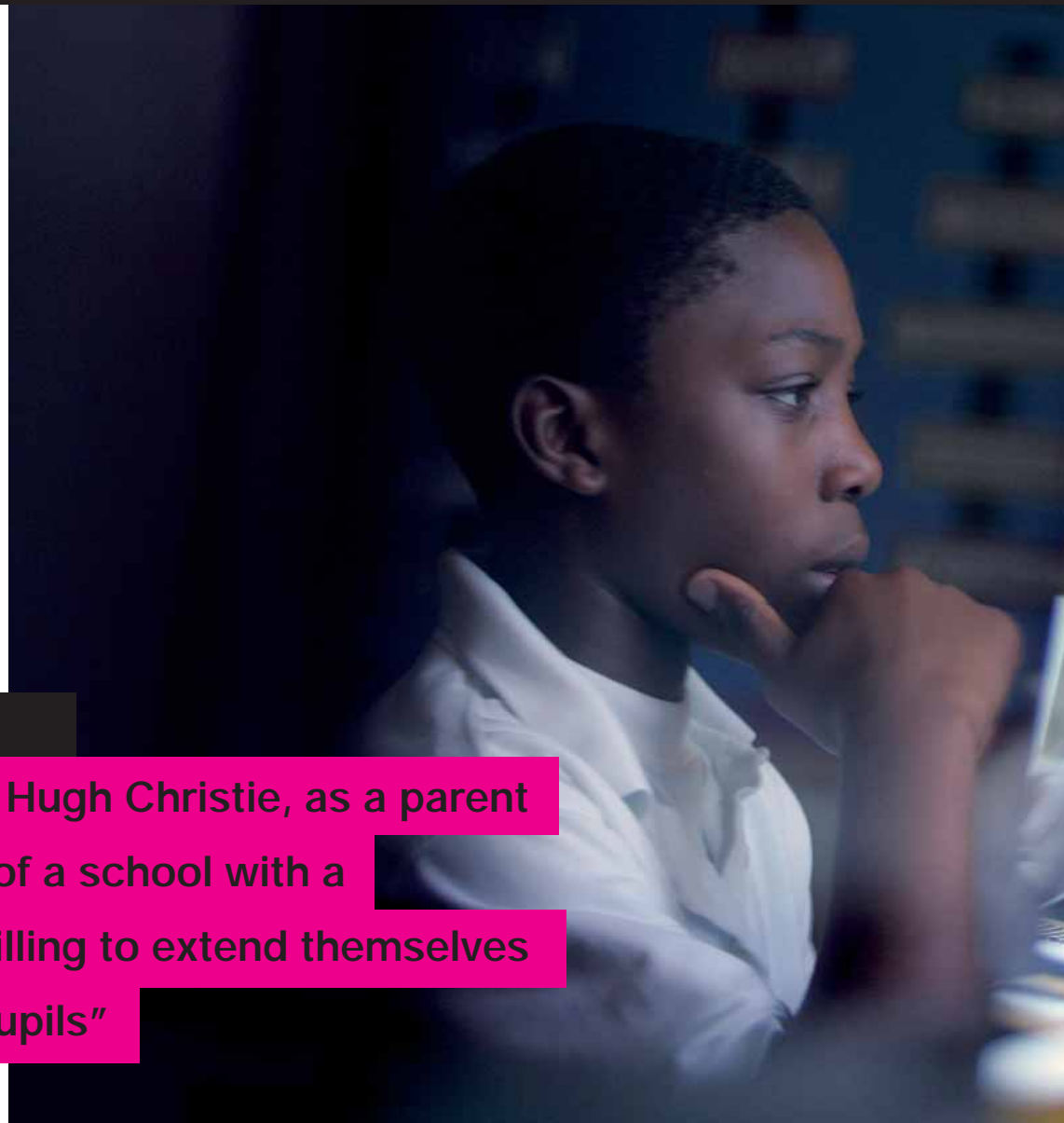
As the result of a £20 million investment and ambitious re-build programme, we offer one of the most impressive and modern learning centres in the country. Making learning more exciting and engaging, our facilities include specialist learning spaces for food, graphics, electronics, textiles and resistant materials; state-of-the-art science laboratories; designated applied learning areas for students studying work related subjects such as business studies and health and social care; a large indoor sports hall, air-conditioned sports science room and in the very near future a full-size all-weather pitch.

Add to this our dance studio, drama theatre, air-conditioned music room with recording studio, specialist art and photography suite, internet café and spacious open learning areas with student access to laptops and tablet computers to support proactive learning and it's easy to see why our college is such a vibrant learning community.



LESLEY BROOM - PARENT GOVERNOR

“ My own personal experience of Hugh Christie, as a parent and then a Governor, has been of a school with a highly dedicated staff always willing to extend themselves to achieve the best from their pupils”



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One of the main, and most important, benefits of having such an impressive range of facilities is our ability to give our students access to a world of educational opportunities, helping them to explore a diverse range of both academic and vocational subjects and to engage with them in new and innovative ways.

OFSTED

" The vision for the school is an exciting one that, if realised, should enable the school to achieve its aspiration to offer outstanding education."



THE HUGH CHRISTIE ACADEMIES

Joining Secondary School can be daunting for students, to combat this, we have created three small academies, enabling students to feel more secure and confident in their learning environment and helping our teaching staff get to know their students as individuals and meet their learning needs more readily. Each academy has around 400 students and is lead by an Academy Principal responsible for the welfare of its student members and the quality of learning that takes place within it.

THE REAL ACADEMY

When a student joins us in Year 7 they become a member of the REAL academy for the first two years. REAL stands for Relevant Engaging Active Learning. Instead of moving around from room to room for different lessons, the students are based in a purpose-built learning space where they remain for most of their time. They develop a strong relationship with one teacher who will work with them for 60% of their time in school.



DAVID TITO - REAL TEACHER

“ It’s good for new students to feel safe and know that some one is looking out for them. The REAL curriculum makes sure they don’t get lost in the system.”



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THE DISCOVERY AND EMPOWER ACADEMIES

When students reach Year 9 they may become a member of either the Discovery or Empower Academies. Each academy is made up of a group of curriculum subjects. A student may be attached to this academy because they excel in one or more of these subjects or have been identified as needing extra support. Every student will be given a personal advisor who is a teacher within the academy.

The Discovery Academy consists of the English, Maths, Science and Physical Education curriculum areas.

The Empower Academy consists of the Technology, Applied Learning, Arts (visual and performing), Humanities and Modern Language curriculum areas.



SARAH JACOBSON - DIRECTOR OF LEARNING

“ Hugh Christie has always been an exciting and innovative place to work with an emphasis on personalised learning for the benefit of every individual in our community.”



A WORLD OF LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The learning experience at Hugh Christie is unique. We have adopted many distinctive approaches that others are now starting to follow.

The aim of our curriculum is to create as much personal choice as possible. Key Stage 3 is completed in two years at Hugh Christie. Using our the REAL learning programme, students work on a project-based learning curriculum. In Year 8 we give students choices over what projects to study. Throughout Key Stage 3, we focus on developing the essential skills that our students will need for life long learning.

From Year 9 onwards, students can access a whole range of different courses including a range of traditional academic subjects and a wide choice of applied or vocational courses relevant to the world of work. GCSE and other vocational examinations can be taken at the end of Year 10 or the end of Year 11, giving two or three years of study at this level.



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“ Students have a good attitude towards their studies and are prepared soundly for life after leaving school.”



Students who achieve high enough grades at the end of Year 10 can join the sixth form a year early in year 11. They will then have three years available to study a wide choice of subjects at Advanced Level. We even offer students the opportunity to study Foundation Degree courses in Year 13 as excellent preparation for Higher Education.



A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Every child matters at Hugh Christie. The college has a strong team of staff with many years of experience in supporting children and young people through their learning journey. Every student has a personal advisor that meets with them on a daily basis, and every academy has a designated Student Support Assistant whose role is to support students on a day to day basis with their learning and progress and act as a central point of communication between home and the college.

The college benefits from two well-qualified Special Needs Teachers, who support students with a wide range of needs and we also have a team of highly dedicated Learning Support Assistants who assist students with special needs in the classroom. We are also quick to identify gifted and talented students who have high ability in a particular subject and the college has a long tradition of nurturing talented youngsters in sport, art and music.



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“ Students feel safe from bullying, feel valued and know staff will always give them maximum support.”



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Encouraging students to think about life beyond school is also important to us, and as well as access to high quality careers advice and guidance we have strong links with business and industry and offer all our students work experience. Many of our young people are also involved in clubs outside of college that help improve self-esteem and provide a vital support network.

Providing support to parents, our Parent Support Advisor and Family Liaison Officer offer a useful resource and guidance to parents on a whole range of different issues.



ENCOURAGING ACHIEVEMENT

We are proud of the significant progress that our students make while they are with us. This is recognised by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust who have identified us, along with a small group of other English secondary schools, as adding the most value between Year 6 and Year 11.

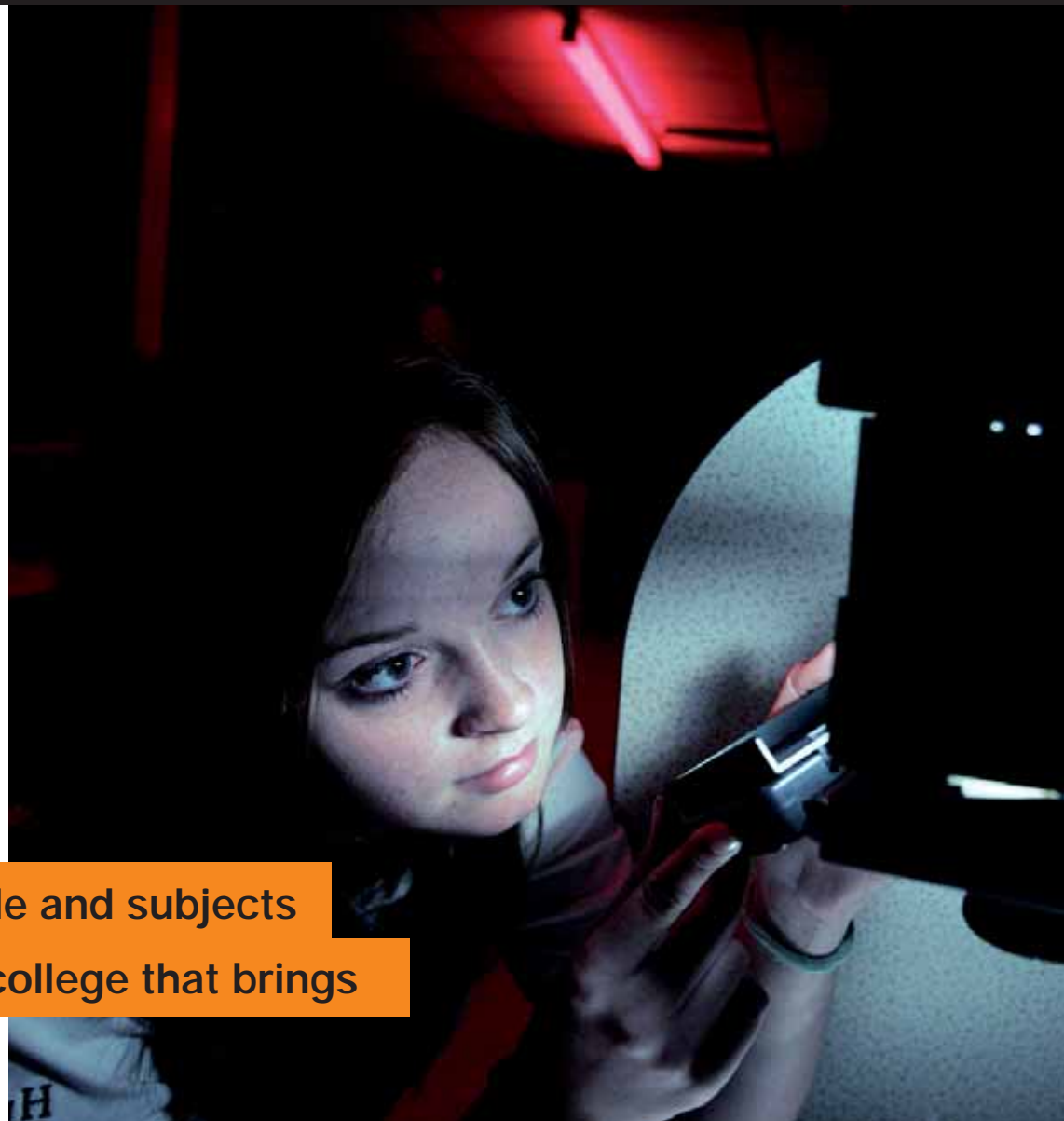
Our results for students achieving five or more higher grades at GCSE and equivalent courses are improving year on year and are well above the national average. The achievement of our sixth form is also impressive with a pass rate of 98% for the past two years.

Excellence at Hugh Christie has been identified through a number of prestigious awards including the Basic Skills Mark in recognition of the outstanding quality of provision to support literacy and numeracy; an ICT Mark in recognition of our excellent computing facilities and quality of teaching; and an Investors in People Award for the quality of developing our staff.



YEAR 13 STUDENT

“ The combination of great people and subjects alike makes for an impressive college that brings out the best in an individual.”



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YEAR 10 PARENT

" This really is an environment where the future of education is taking place today."



With a national, and international, reputation for innovation and creativity, we have established extensive partnerships across the world including membership of the USA based Coalition of Essential Schools who are leading educational improvement. We work in partnership with Microsoft in developing new educational learning tools and, closer to home, with a number of other UK primary and secondary schools.



PROMOTING OPPORTUNITY

Our students are given a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom. Learning to become involved in community service that benefits and supports others, look after the environment for the benefit of the whole community and learn how to work in a team and collaborate with others are key benefits of our activities outside of school.

Students are able to participate in visits overseas and within the UK, with many designed specifically to bring areas of the curriculum to life. We also offer a range of residential trips including team building on the Isle of Wight, an International Rugby Tour, art trips to Paris, a Key Stage 5 visit to New York and a geography field trip to the Pyrenees.

TRANSPORT

Students living in the following areas and parishes are eligible for free transport if they live more than three miles away: Hadlow, Plaxtol, Shipbourne and Tonbridge.

The college also operates its own private buses and coaches to Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells, Edenbridge, Maidstone and Malling areas.

ADMISSIONS

If you are interested in a place for your child at Hugh Christie, then please contact the college on 01732 353544 to speak to Alice Wood or visit our website www.hughchristie.kent.sch.uk

Because we are so proud of our staff and students, we are happy to provide a tour for any parent or prospective student who would like to see the college in operation. Please contact the college to arrange a personal tour.



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