



School 2026-27 Prospectus



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RECORD-BREAKING EXAM RESULTS

In August 2025, our Year 11 and Year 13 students achieved record GCSE and A Level results, paving the way for their exciting next steps in education, training or employment.



Our core value – ‘all different, all equal’ – perfectly summarises what makes Kenton a great school.

At Kenton School, we put students first, nurturing them to become successful, socially responsible, and confident young people.

A warm welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to Kenton School and to share with you the amazing opportunities students are afforded every day – experiences that allow them to grow and develop into confident learners ready to succeed.

Our school is rich in diversity and culture. Our fantastic students make Kenton a brilliant and inclusive place to learn and achieve. Our priority is to provide a safe, secure and engaging learning environment, and one that is inclusive, ambitious and challenging.

Our teachers and pastoral staff know their students well and encourage each of them to reach their full potential and achieve their aspirations. We put students at the centre of everything we do. Teachers are highly skilled and passionate about providing high-quality education and ensuring our students have the best possible chances of success, both while at school and in the future.

Along with a wealth of academic opportunities, our learners benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular

activities. These are designed to help them grow into socially responsible and caring citizens.

We are immensely proud of our academy and are especially proud of our inspirational students. Please feel free to visit us at any time and see our wonderful school for yourself.

Sinead Green
Principal, Kenton School

OUR VISION

At Kenton, our vision is to offer outstanding teaching and learning which empowers all students to thrive with confidence, resilience, and compassion.

OUR VALUES

Our values reflect our promise to equip students with world-class skills, foster belonging and compassion, ensure inclusion, provide equal

opportunity, inspire aspiration and achievement, and support every individual to exceed future goals. Find out more at: www.ks.northernleadertrust.org/vision_values/



At Kenton, we provide a supportive, ambitious, and inclusive learning environment where students can achieve their full potential.

Reach your full potential

WHY CHOOSE KENTON SCHOOL?

First and foremost, we want our students to feel safe and happy at Kenton School, but we also want them to work hard to become the very best versions of themselves.

Through partnerships and excellent teaching and support, we work hard to ensure every student achieves their full potential in their GCSEs, enabling them to

progress confidently to their chosen post-16 pathway.

We are a school at the very heart of our community and we place great importance on the relationships we have with our students and their families. We get to know our students well, encouraging them to achieve their best, especially when things are difficult and provide excellent pastoral and learning support when it is needed.

Our culture of success stems from our core values, through our celebration of achievements and our aspiration-raising careers programme. Kenton has numerous, effective partnerships with local employers and post-16 providers who work with us to help our students be ambitious, resilient and confident.

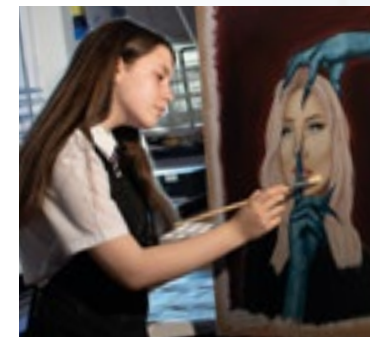
Kenton prides itself on being a fully inclusive school and we are fully committed to a

whole school approach to the education of learners with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We aim to ensure that every learner achieves their personal, social, emotional and academic potential in all areas.

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

Kenton is the largest school in Newcastle with around 1,800 students, and we are very proud of our modern facilities which provide a fantastic environment in which to learn. In addition to extensive indoor and outdoor world-class sporting facilities, we also have a fully equipped gym, a radio station pod – ideal for broadcasting and podcasting – an amphitheatre and indoor hall for performing arts, a hair and beauty facility, garage and workshop for practical experience.

Students are at the centre of everything we do. We want them to have high aspirations and to excel academically and socially.



MOVING ON UP

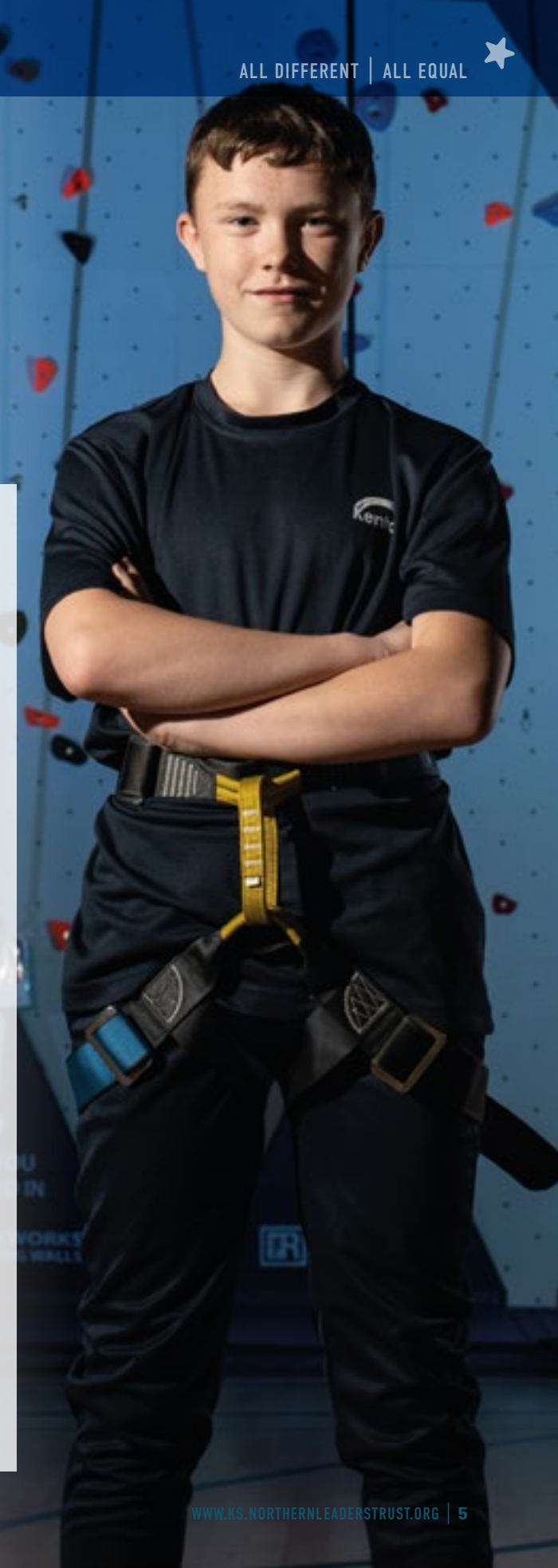
We know that students succeed when they are happy, valued and feel cared for, so we want to make the move from primary to secondary school as smooth and positive as possible.

We work closely with our feeder primary schools and invite our prospective Year 7s into school to spend a week with us each July ahead of the summer holidays. This helps children settle more quickly in September, as they are familiar

with the school, understand our expectations, and have already begun forming new friendships.

STAYING IN TOUCH

We keep in regular contact with parents and carers and encourage you to raise concerns if they arise. Our teachers, pastoral team, family support workers and school leaders are always available to talk to, and we also keep in regular contact through letters, newsletters and our Facebook page.



School life at Kenton is fun and exciting – with a hands-on curriculum, excellent facilities, and a supportive, caring community.

Outstanding opportunities

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

At Kenton, learning is fun, hands-on and full of new experiences! Our curriculum ensures that students have the necessary subject knowledge and personal qualities, including self-reliance and resilience, to move confidently on to their next steps when they leave us.

Our school is comprehensive and diverse and our curriculum reflects this. It is taught by subject experts who have

designed their curricular to include all aspects of the national curriculum whilst stimulating a passion for learning within our students.

For those students who need a little extra support when they join us, we provide a range of literacy and numeracy interventions, which not only help them to catch up, but also raise skill levels and self-esteem.

Every student is different so when we plan our curriculum, we ensure we support all students equally, from those with high prior attainment to those with SEND.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

In Years 7-9 (Key Stage 3), students follow a broad and engaging curriculum and in Year 9 they will choose the

subjects they will study at GCSE. We offer more than 20 Level 2 subjects to choose from, some of which give students the opportunity to study in specialist workshop style environments.

Kenton School is recognised as a Beacon of Excellence for the Arts. The offer of a full suite of Arts subjects has enabled students to fully develop this creative element of study.

A UNIFORM TO UNITE US ALL

All students at Kenton School are required to wear school uniform. Currently, school uniform is available from **Top Class Uniforms** at either Blakelaw Shopping Centre, 4 Moulton Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3RL or 45 Arlington Avenue, Montague Estate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4TS.

Full details about uniform and equipment will be sent to you once your school place has been allocated, but for now you can have a look at our website for further information. www.ks.northernleaderstrust.org/school-uniform/

FEEDING MINDS AND BODIES

At Kenton, we have a free Breakfast Club where you can enjoy a tasty meal before lessons start, so, if parents/carers need to leave early on a morning for work, we'll be here to welcome students with a breakfast!

At lunchtime, we offer hot and cold food options on a three-weekly cycle. All Year 7 students have lunch together which means they can enjoy

food with their friends without older students around. Paying for lunch is also really simple. There's no need to bring money – everything is paid for using our biometric system so all we need is a thumb print. Our meals are super tasty, and there's something for everyone, including pizza, sandwiches, hot paninis, chicken wraps and more. We also have halal, vegetarian, and allergy friendly options, so everyone can enjoy a delicious meal.



Our school day

The pattern of our school day is as follows:

08:00 – 08:30	Free Breakfast Club for all students
08:30 – 09:30	Lesson 1
09:30 – 10:30	Lesson 2
10:30 – 10:45	Form time: Y8, Y10, Y11
	Break time: Y7, Y9, 6th Form
10:45 – 11:00	Form time: Y7, Y9, 6th Form
	Break time: Y8, Y10, Y11
11:00 – 12:00	Lesson 3
12:00 – 13:30	Lesson 4/Lunch (staggered)
	Lunch 1 – Y9, Y11, Y13
	Lunch 2 – Y7
	Lunch 3 – Y8, Y10, Y12
13:30 – 14:25	Lesson 5
14:25 – 15:00	Elective Curriculum & Academic Catch up

Our extensive curriculum builds on the knowledge and skills taught by our primary colleagues at Key Stage 2.



At Kenton, we are committed to providing a rich diet of learning opportunity that extends beyond the classroom.

Elevate your education

At Kenton, learning doesn't stop when lessons end. We have a huge range of clubs which run before school, at lunch break and after school where students can try new activities or get even better at something they love! We offer:

- ★ Sports clubs including football, basketball, badminton, rock climbing, trampolining, and more.
- ★ Creative clubs such as art, drama, music, and set design for school performances.

With incredible activities from over 100 school clubs, there's something for everyone at Kenton!

- ★ Performing arts so you can join the school play, sing in the choir or learn a new instrument.
- ★ Fun clubs including chess, Lego, Disney, mindfulness, and even Scrabble.
- ★ And for those who may need a little extra help with a particular subject, we provide extra study clubs.

Our young leaders support the delivery of sports clubs and provide their knowledge and passion to other creative enrichment opportunities offered to our younger students. Our students also get the chance to go on amazing school trips which complement the curriculum. Every year group gets to visit fun and interesting places like:

- ★ Marsden Rock where you can explore rock pools, sea cliffs and see the amazing wildlife.
- ★ Beamish Open Air Museum: Travel back in time and see how people lived in the past.
- ★ Theatre trips: Watch live performances and even take part in drama workshops.
- ★ Ski trip: If the outdoors is your thing, you could go on an unforgettable skiing adventure.
- ★ We've also run big trips abroad over the last few years to places like Italy, Russia, China and Tanzania.

These trips are a great way to see the world, make new friends and create memories that last a lifetime.



Our wider learning curriculum shapes responsible citizens

The development of well-rounded, responsible citizens is as important to us as exam success. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) aspects of life and British values run through the entire curriculum and life at school. PSHE is delivered each week and through half-termly 'personal development days', which focus on:

- ★ Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG) and aspirations
- ★ Healthy body, minds and relationships including the compulsory elements of relationships and sex education
- ★ Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Development
- ★ Financial literacy
- ★ Democracy and the Rule of Law
- ★ Individual liberty
- ★ Mutual respect and tolerance

Personal Development Day lessons are planned to address specific local issues and often involve inviting experts into school to work with groups of students.



We prioritise student safety and happiness by providing a caring, inclusive environment with robust pastoral support for all.

Supporting our students

PASTORAL CARE

All parents want their children to be safe and happy at school. We have high standards of pastoral care here at Kenton and our staff always go the extra mile for our students to make sure they are happy and thriving.

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We go far further than a basic commitment to welfare, making sure that pastoral care extends to every aspect of school life and fosters pupils' personal development as much as their academic progress.

We place students at the heart of all decision making – this coupled with our dedication to excellent pastoral care, which considers the needs of students in every aspect of school life, from the ethos, the environment for learning, and the way personal development is fostered in the curriculum, means that our students are equipped to succeed.

Many of our students say that Kenton School is like a big family. Staff know students as individuals and care about their progress. The excellent pupil-teacher relationships mean that issues are spotted and dealt with swiftly, and every student has several trusted members of staff they can go to if they have problems or difficulties.

HELP IS ALWAYS AT HAND

The Bridge is a quiet, friendly space where you can go if you need a break or extra support. Whether you need five minutes or five weeks, our Bridge Manager will be there for you.

Each year group has their own Year Leaders who look after students, check in with them, and make sure they're happy at school. Students can also turn to our Family Support Workers who help students who might be finding things tricky at school or home.

ASPIRE

Some students need a different type of learning experience to help them succeed. That's where ASPIRE comes in!

ASPIRE is a mini-school on the same site as Kenton School, for Year 9, 10, and 11 students who benefit from smaller classes and extra support. Instead

of moving between lots of teachers, ASPIRE students stay with the same class and have a main teacher.

WHEN THINGS GET TOUGH

We know that adolescence is a time when some young people can face challenges, so mental health education is weaved into the curriculum.

This, together with the high level of pastoral support, helps our students find strategies to cope with stress and mental health challenges and build resilience. Students can access Place2B and Kalmer counselling to support their needs.

Supporting learners with additional needs

Kenton prides itself on being a fully inclusive school, so we know that sometimes, students need additional support. Our special educational needs provision is of the highest quality and our expert staff work with students with a wide range of additional needs. Teams of staff work together to provide tailored support for those who need it, including students with moderate learning difficulties; specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia or Dyspraxia; hearing impairment; visual impairment; physical disability; Autistic Spectrum Disorder; Asperger's Syndrome; speech and language difficulties; social, emotional and mental health challenges.

We recognise that individual learners have a variety of needs, which can vary during their school career. We take account of such diversity and enable learners to broaden their learning experiences, to succeed at school, to achieve high standards of performance and realise their full potential.

★ Further information about our SEND provision and related policies can be found on our website.



From day one, we help students build their confidence and skills, providing them with a range of pathways for the future.

Bright futures await

RAISING ASPIRATIONS

In addition to our wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities, our students also benefit from high quality, impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance. An essential part of personal development, Careers education starts when students first visit the school in Year 6 and continues through to Sixth Form. Students get to take part in Careers Week, visit universities and learn important life skills.

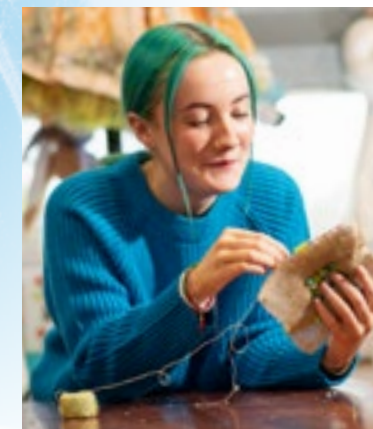
Our Careers programme increases as students progress through the school, with personalised information, advice and guidance available for Year 10s and 11s to support them to achieve their aspirations. Additionally, students in Year 10 are given the opportunity to visit a workplace during their Careers Week each March.

We are always looking to improve the provision and careers education we offer in school for our students and their parents/carers, so work closely with the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP).

POST-16

An important part of student success is the transition to post-16. Many of our students choose to stay with us in our Sixth Form, but for those who choose to move to an alternative post-16 provider, we will provide the best support to ensure a smooth transition.

Our careers program provides students with advice and guidance to achieve their post-16 ambitions.



NORTHERN LEADERS TRUST SIXTH FORM

Whatever your interests, career ambitions or subject choices, we are sure that you will find our Sixth Form both a supportive and challenging place to continue your journey. With more than 30 subjects available, you will be sure to find the right pathway for you in our Sixth Form.

If you are creative, then we have a range of arts and performance-based subjects to choose from; for those who are aiming for university or apprenticeships we offer academic and vocational subjects. If you want to be an engineer or work in construction or a practical industry, then we can support you to make that happen!

By the time you reach Sixth Form, as a mature member of our school, we offer opportunities for you to help as reading doctors, supporting younger members in the school with their reading. In addition, we also buddy up older students with younger students as part of our welcome and integration process, also offering first aid courses to further build your confidence and sense of citizenship.

If it's something rewarding you are looking for, we are plugged into global volunteer programmes in places such as Morocco and Costa Rica, ensuring a more well-rounded approach to your soft skills and giving you vital international perspective.

Our esteemed Alumni

We have a vibrant and successful alumni ranging from Oxford professors, to actors, comedians, politicians and musicians. Many of our former students come back to visit, supporting our Careers programme with advice and insights from their journey after Kenton, their time at university and their chosen career track.



Chi Onwurah

A British MP and chartered engineer, Chi is the Chair of the Science, Innovation and Technology Select Committee and a former student.



Ami Campbell

Ami is a professional cricketer who plays for the Northern Diamonds and was also signed to the Northern Superchargers cricket team.



Jonathan Fairley

After studying Biomedical Sciences and Microbiology, Jonathan now works in a pathology lab for the NHS, contributing to research into antimicrobial resistance.



Lauren Pattison

An award-winning comedian and writer, Lauren has toured internationally, supported headliner Katherin Ryan and recently co-wrote a sitcom for BBC Radio 4.



Adam Thompson

Adam, who studied History and Politics at Newcastle University, works for the Labour Party and is involved in numerous theatre projects.



Jonathan Turnbull

An environmental and cultural geographer, Jonathan is currently completing a PhD with Cambridge University on the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone.

Next steps

We'd love to welcome you and your child to Kenton School! Full information about admissions can be found on our website at www.ks.northernleadertrust.org/admissions/ and on the Newcastle City Council website. Parents/carers with children born between 1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015, should apply for a Year 7 place for their child **by 31 October 2025**.

BOOK YOUR VISIT NOW

If you'd like to visit Kenton School, please send an email to: kenton@northernleadertrust.org
You can also find out more online at: ks.northernleadertrust.org



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With our focus on life skills and career pathways, you'll get the best start in life at Kenton School.