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An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood with houses, trees, and roads. The image is heavily stylized with numerous horizontal lines of various colors (red, green, blue, yellow, purple, etc.) that create a digital glitch or data stream effect across the entire scene. Three circular callouts are overlaid on the right side of the image.

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# Welcome to Torquay Boys' Grammar School

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The facilities are of a very high quality and the school is well-placed

a curriculum appropriate to the next century with participation, consultation and the very latest technologies.

successful in the school entrance examination. The school is arranged with six tutor groups in year 7, thus enabling us to keep the maximum group sizes to 28. Teachers can know their students well allowing for nurturing of each individual's talents.

We are confident your son will thrive here; not only do we have a track record of success in both attainment and progress, but we continue to strive to deliver the best personalised education for everyone who

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comes from strong relationships between committed students and inspiring staff.

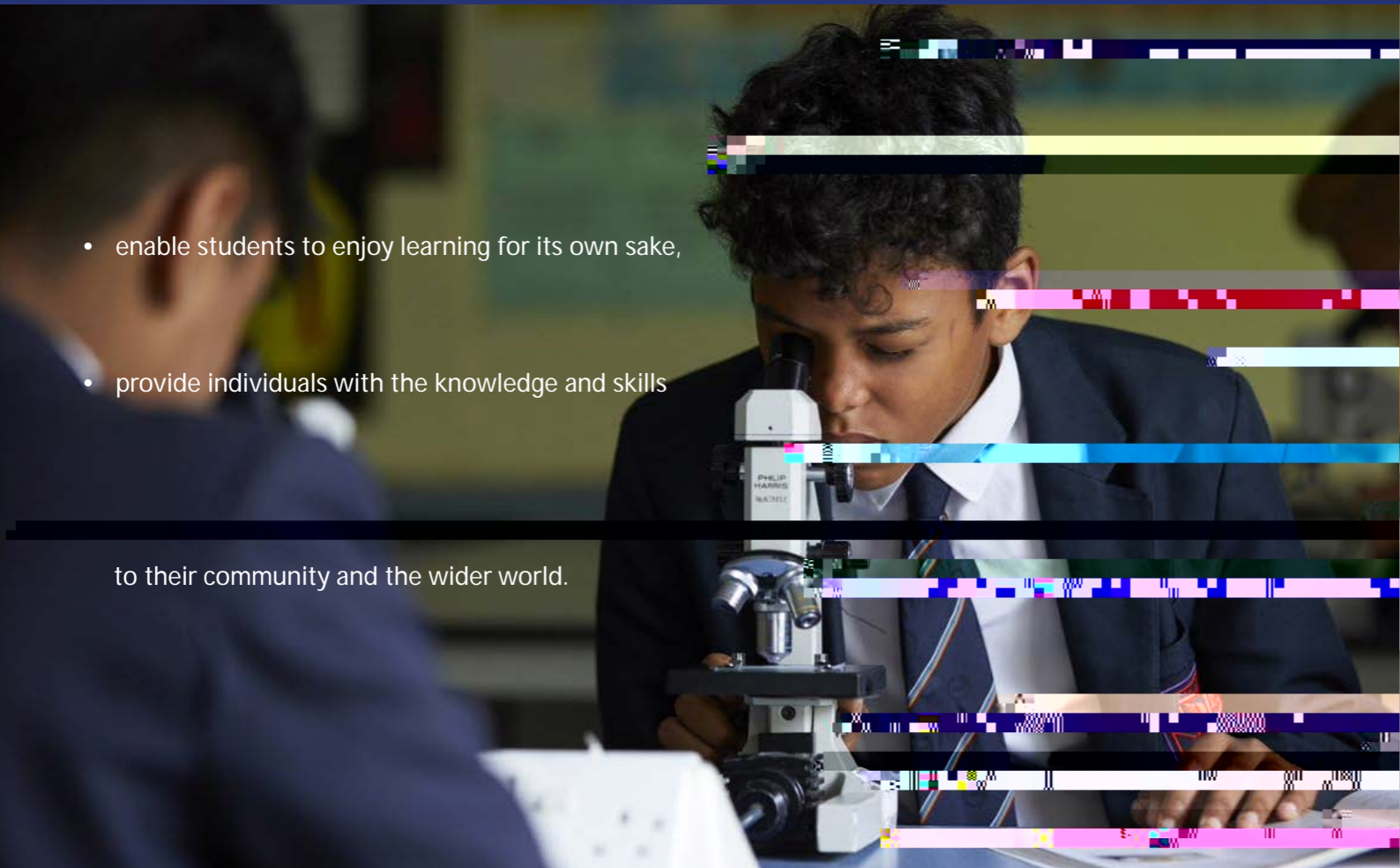
There are over 80 specialist subject teachers at Torquay Boys' Grammar School, many holding multiple subject qualifications specific to their discipline. In addition, there are over 40 support staff, including science and technology technicians, librarians and ICT support. In total there are over 1200 people involved in the day-to-day activities of Torquay Boys' Grammar School, a dynamic and busy community that prides itself on communication, creativity and collaboration.

Teachers at Torquay Boys' Grammar School believe that teaching and learning are as significant as curriculum content in determining student progress and achievement. To this end we seek to develop shared experience between teachers and learners.

We see the curriculum as a whole, providing a basis from which to make informed and realistic choices and decisions at all stages. By GCSE, we aim to guide students to make the most progress they each can in all subjects, whilst maintaining a balanced and healthy approach to study, nurturing well-rounded individuals. We have a strong track record of exceeding the expected levels of progress: the government set targets are not a glass ceiling as we incubate a knowledge-rich environment of curiosity, problem-solving and imagination.

- enable students to enjoy learning for its own sake,
- provide individuals with the knowledge and skills

to their community and the wider world.



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has an outstanding reputation at Torquay Boys' Grammar School thanks

scholars led by highly-talented staff alongside peripatetic teachers.

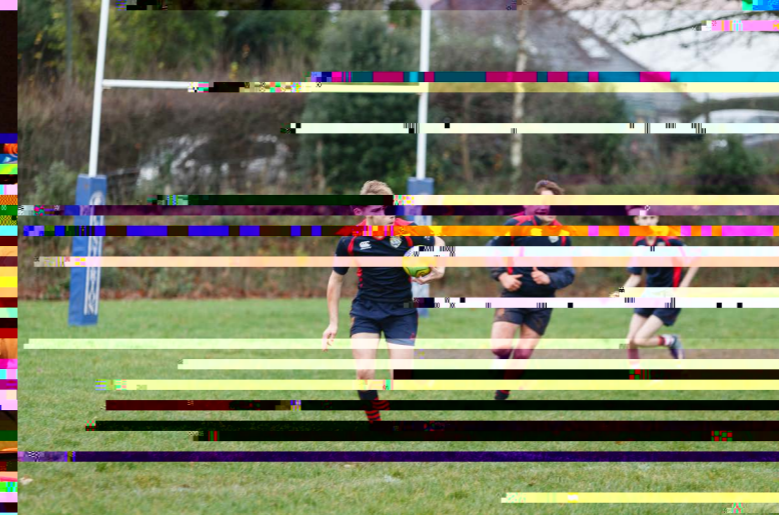
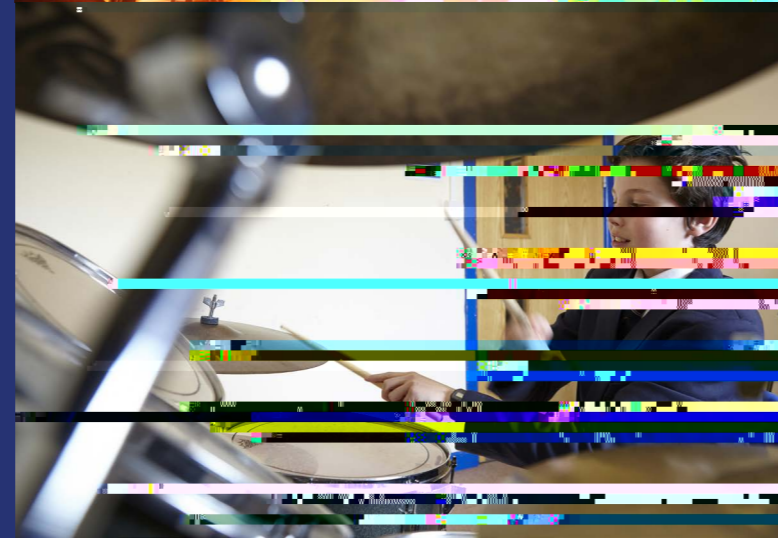
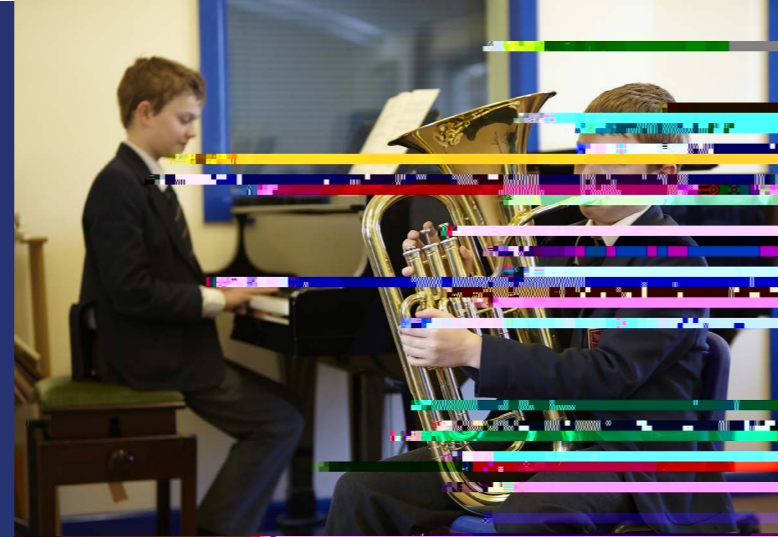
Equipped with purpose-built music and practice rooms, a technology suite, and a recording studio, every boy becomes

in year 7, and with the keyboard in year 8, whilst over 150 boys enjoy further individual music tuition.

The bands have toured both nationally and internationally, performing at such prestigious venues as the Montreux Jazz Festival. At the end of the summer, our very well-received Tor-chella Music Festival around the Manor House allows all students (and staff) to showcase their

to stage what has become a supremely professional musical production – now

tradition and sense of community.



the mind. At Torquay Boys' Grammar

health and fitness is an integral part of an individual's education.

Every student can find some success and this can often provide the key to a more positive outlook and the will to succeed throughout other school activities. A wealth of activities is on offer, from traditional sports (rugby, football and cricket), to exciting opportunities in martial arts, bowls and table tennis – something for everyone!

With the school sitting in superb grounds of over 35 acres and surrounded by half a dozen pitches, students can participate at all levels. Boys may just wish to play for the sake of playing and keeping fit. On the other

inter-House matches, for the school and, through success here, for the county and at national level.

The school has a proud reputation as an outstanding sporting establishment at national and international level in sports from football to orienteering.

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for their school career. They are named after local environmental landmarks.

Heads of House, alongside a school counsellor, have overall responsibility for the pastoral care, well-being and safeguarding of students. In addition, each member of staff also belongs to a house, acting as tutors and the people who know the students on an individual basis. Parents are encouraged to contact the tutor or Head of House whenever they have matters to discuss.

Before starting, students visit for a summer-term induction day to familiarise with the buildings, to sample lessons and to get to know their tutor: a happy and settled child is a successful child.

The pastoral system supports the academic work of the school, by improving a student's motivation, and enriching the educational opportunities offered. House and inter-house activities are designed to encourage a student's social and personal development, and collective participation. Once students enter the sixth form, they may apply to take the post as Captains, to serve as role models for the younger students.

The house system is also a key route to communicating with you. The parent app displays attendance and attainment updates, alongside annual reports, offering a full picture of your child's performance and involvement in school life, written by the tutor, and further up the school by specific subject teachers. There are also parents' options and information evenings for further consultation with staff.

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## School meals

basis and a variety of specials are on offer daily. The food is popular though students may bring a packed lunch. There are plenty of places to eat including the RetrEAT and outdoor seating areas.

Each school day is organised around 5 one-hour periods. Hot breakfast is available before registration each morning, and there is a 20-minute morning break between period 2 and 3, with hot snack food and sandwiches available. At lunchtime, 55 minutes, a full hot counter

Emphasis is placed upon healthy eating, both in the dining room and through the curriculum.



'We are committed to exciting, mouth-watering breakfasts, brunches and lunch.'  
School Chef

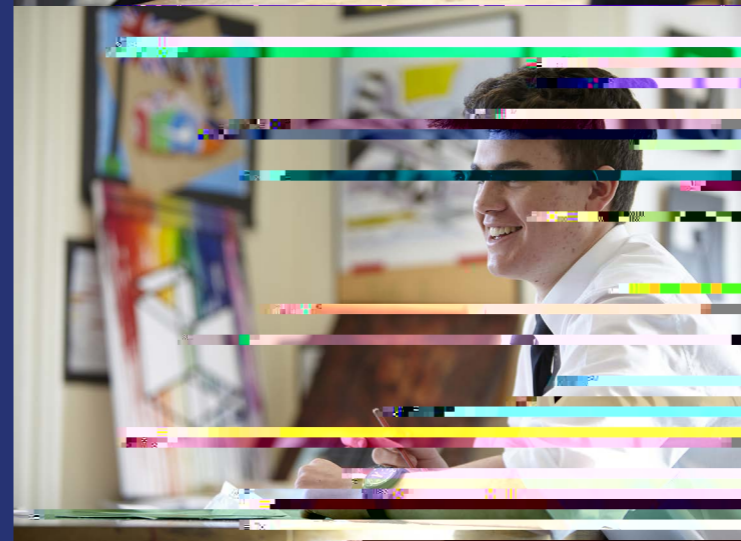
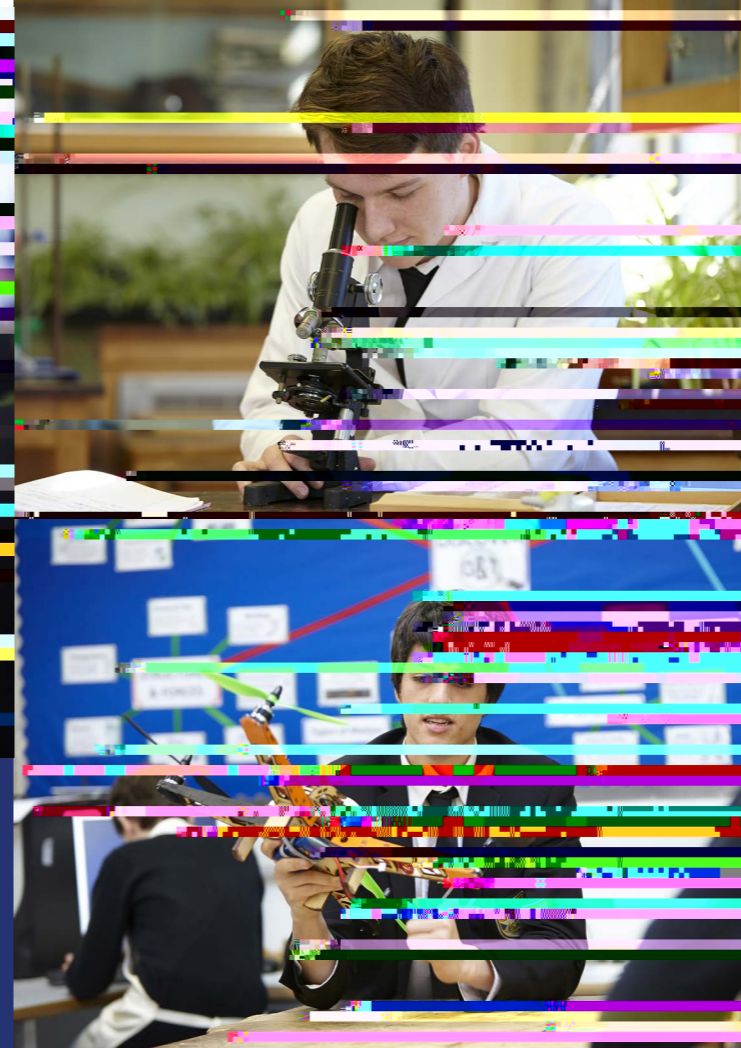
## The Parents' Association and Council

are a valuable asset. The Association creates a network of links of parents across the school; they help out at school functions, generate entertainment and fundraising such as through the Wine & Wisdom evening, and Torbay Art Show, and generally seek to create links between

The Parent Council offers an opportunity to communicate with the senior management of the school, raise collective issues and provide support in order to bring continual improvement to the lives of all in the institution.

Similarly, a Student Council meets regularly to

concerns, through their form representative, and contribute to the development of teaching and learning within the school.



## Careers support

students' life preparation. Individual support and advice is available at all times, and is especially helpful when students choose their options in the sixth form. Most students join the school to embark on a 7-year journey here, and after GCSE, most students will continue to the sixth form, choosing the A-level route or the globally-regarded International

wish go on to study a degree course at university and to act as our finest ambassadors in the world

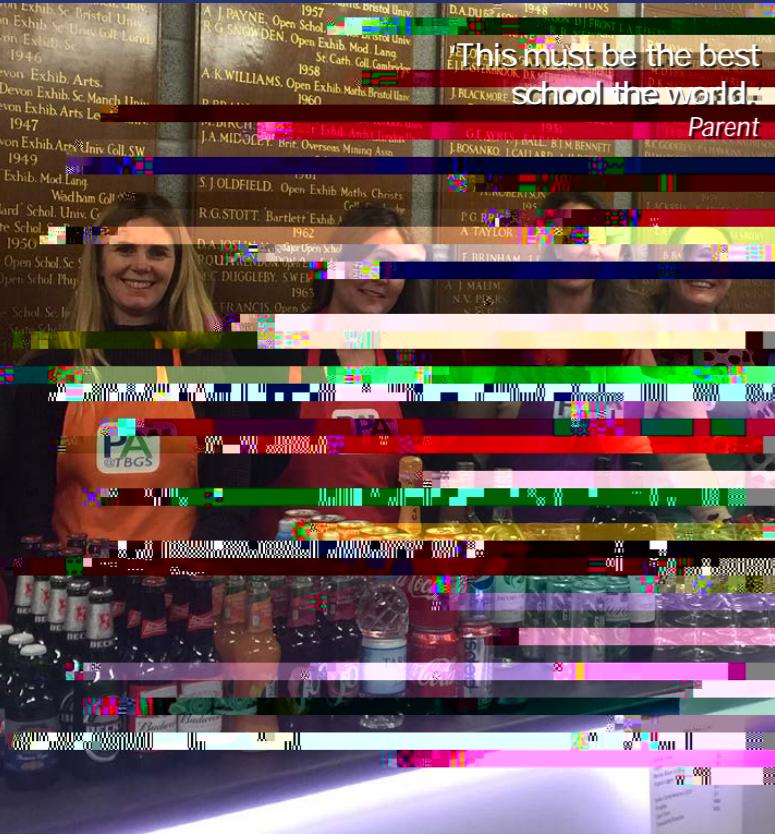
Both regional universities and those further afield are exceptionally popular, with the Russell group and other top universities providing places for many of our students. Every year, around 10-12 students gain places at Oxbridge, and many will graduate from Exeter, Bath, Cardiff, Durham, Warwick, Nottingham

been successful in being granted a place at Harvard, along with a \$250,000 Sutton Trust grant. Popular courses include Medicine, Engineering, Natural

whilst many students read specific disciplines such as Mathematics or English.

We have a dedicated careers team including an independent advisor. Careers advice, mock interviews, work experience, careers fair, industry and higher-education days are made available at relevant times. University advice, and details of open days precede university applications with guidance on personal statements and UCAS, tuition and accommodation grants. Evenings are also arranged for parents to learn about the university application

requirements, funding issues and so on.



to year 7 is by examination with potential students taking two tests, one in Maths and one for English. The tests are

