



THE RIGHT STEPS TO YOUR SUCCESS

PROSPECTUS 2020



**FREDERICK GENT
SCHOOL**

Committed to quality, care and success

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Welcome

Making the right choice of secondary school for your child is a big decision, I thank you for your interest in Frederick Gent. I trust that you will find this prospectus interesting and informative.

However, if you wish to get a better understanding of the culture and atmosphere at Frederick Gent, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to us or to arrange a visit. I would also recommend a visit to our Open Evening which takes place in the Autumn Term.

I am immensely proud of being Head Teacher at Frederick Gent School. We are a small school but with a big heart and with big ambitions. When I came to choose a secondary school for my own children I wanted a school where they would be safe, happy and successful.

“ Look up, reach high, seek to be the best you can be. ”

Chair of Governors



This is
your school,
your education,
your life.

So grab it with both hands and...

Live it!

At Frederick Gent, we pride ourselves on the excellent pastoral care provided and the positive relationships that we foster across the schools – between staff and pupils, staff and parents and between the pupils themselves. The size of the school and the sense of community within it ensures that at Frederick Gent School every child is known, valued and matters. We have very high expectations for what our young people can achieve, not just academically but also through the personal growth and social development that we foster in the students at our school.

These values are encapsulated in our mission that, as a school, we will ensure that in everything we do we provide **Quality, Care and Success**.

This prospectus will give you a sense of how we deliver on these aims. We are a school with a broad

and varied curriculum which allows pupils to widen their horizons and experience success in a variety of different subjects. We are also a school that provides an extensive range of extra-curricular activities to ensure pupils enjoy their time with us and are exposed to new and exciting opportunities which allows them to grow personally and socially.

We are determined that pupils will leave the school as confident and ambitious young people who are well prepared to embark on a happy and successful life beyond the school gates.

I once again thank you for your interest in our school and look forward to meeting you in the future.

Mr C Woollard
Headteacher

Expectations & Aspirations

Aiming high – We expect everyone; students, staff, parents and governors to be ambitious and have an expectation of success. This is a goal for all those who work at and attend Frederick Gent School.

Behaving well – We expect our students to care about themselves, each other and the school environment. Students are expected to wear their uniform properly and with pride and to be respectful and courteous at every turn. Most importantly, we expect our students to approach their learning with commitment and enthusiasm to ensure they become bright and well-rounded individuals.

Openness to new experiences – We expect our students to be ready and willing to try new things and to take on new challenges to ensure their success goes beyond just their academic results.

Unity – We expect our students, staff, parents and governors to work together to provide care and support for each other but also to challenge their peers to be the best they can be in all areas.

Tenacity – We expect everyone to be relentless in the pursuit of a quality education for all.

As a school we motivate our students to achieve these expectations through recognition, reward and celebration. There are a variety of ongoing reward systems in place to positively acknowledge the success of our students as well as key event which represent the culmination of these systems and the hard work and dedication of our students.



“ I like all the charity fundraising we do at school. ”

Student



Curriculum

Built around the core subjects, English, maths and sciences, our inclusive curriculum aims to prepare all students to be successful in both formal examinations and their future lives.

Our curriculum, across all five-year groups, gives students the opportunity to experience a broad range of subjects, skills and different learning styles.

Throughout the early years at Frederick Gent School, students will be given many exciting and important opportunities. These include; studying a range of humanities' subjects, discovering the language and culture of foreign countries, exploring the arts through music, art, dance and drama, practising

manual skills through design technology and food, learning to work in the world of information technology and digital media, as well as maintaining a healthy lifestyle through physical education.

As students' progress, all are given the opportunity to choose which of these subjects, alongside the core elements, they will continue to study up to examination level, at the end of Year 11.



“I'm so glad my daughter has changed school to come to Frederick Gent. She is happier than ever and the school looks great.”

Parent

Community Links

Fredrick Gent School was set up in 1959 to serve the communities of South Normanton and Pinxton. Today, the school is still situated at the heart of the community and recognises the importance of lifelong learning.

The school have strong links with local youth groups, including SNAP development, who support many of our students and offer drop in sessions at lunchtimes. In addition, other external agencies work with both staff and students in and out of school to promote school health and support the parents and families in the school community.

As part of the school's activity to support the community, staff regularly organise events, such as Parent Forums and the Rock Picnic music event where local groups, including Fleet Arts, performed alongside the students.

We also value our links with employers across the region, who come from a variety of sectors. These businesses

and organisations support the school's students with work experience and mentoring and offer support to staff with curriculum delivery.

The school regularly engages with the community, to offer shared learning experiences and regularly takes part in community events. For example, the school hosts annual Remembrance displays and Christmas events, and regularly undertake fundraising activities for local charities such as Derbyshire Air Ambulance.

Local sports clubs run regular training sessions from the school's facilities on evenings and weekends. Many of our facilities are available for groups and individuals to hire outside of school time.

“ There’s always a teacher to talk to when I need advice without being judged. ”

Student



Enrichment

Central to the first-class offering we seek to provide at Frederick Gent is the belief that education extends far beyond the classroom experience.

We ensure this by giving our students a varied programme of enrichment activities, which help them to develop their existing talent whilst also offering fresh and new experiences to ignite new passions and foster the development of undiscovered skills.

Through all of this, as well as through their core studies, students will grow intellectually, personally and socially, becoming well-rounded young adults ready to take their place in the world.

We are always looking to develop our enrichment activities to ensure that they are relevant and engaging. Examples of what Frederick Gent have offered previously include:

- Sports clubs and teams
- Science clubs
- Dance teams
- Visits to France and Germany
- Camp
- Visits to the Battlefields
- Musical and performance events
- Opportunities to learn musical instruments
- Student council
- Sports leaders
- Prefects

“ Well done to all fabulous talented students and well done teachers, great evening.”

Parent about Rock Picnic Event

We also encourage students to develop a sense of social awareness, compassion and responsibility and to actively make a positive difference. Each year students plan, run and take part in charity events to raise money for the student nominated charities. In the past, these events have included:

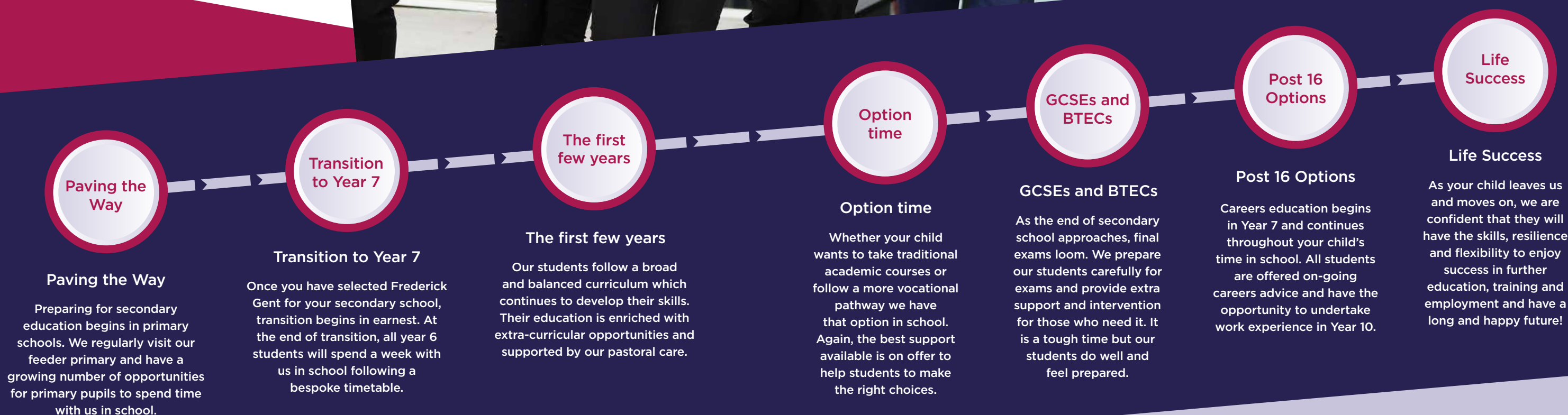
- Bakes offs
- Non-uniform events
- Bake sales
- Children in need



Journey for life

“ FGS staff are always encouraging, supportive, helpful and willing to go beyond to help us achieve our grades. ”

Student



Student wellbeing

Frederick Gent School is proud of the excellent pastoral support we provide to all our students. Students' health and wellbeing is of great importance and as a school, we are committed to ensuring that the wellbeing of our students is at the heart of all we do.

The experienced pastoral team provides students with the support, guidance and care they need whilst fostering positive relationships and developing a strong sense of community.

Each year group has a dedicated Achievement Leader and Achievement Leader Support Assistant, supported by a team of form tutors. Each member of the pastoral team play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well supported and fully engaged in all aspects of school life.

Tutors also serve as the first point of contact between home and school.

As your child develops through Frederick Gent School, their progress and wellbeing is closely monitored, ensuring that students are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

Our aim is to support and equip students to be responsible, respectful, active young people who contribute positively to society.

“ When you are not sure the teachers always have ways to help you out. ”

Student





If you have any enquiries regarding the school,
the curriculum or your child, please contact:

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