



Turves Green Girls' School

Together We Succeed

Prospectus 2019-20



'Students are **happy**
and feel **safe**
They **enjoy** coming to school.'

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Welcome



Turves Green Girls' School is a wonderful place to work and to study. We have three aims for all the children who are part of our school: that they are happy, that they feel safe and that they are able to fulfil their academic potential.

We believe in nurturing our children's talents and supporting their ambitions. In order to do this effectively we ensure a calm and purposeful environment in our classrooms and around our school.

These foundations have seen our school's achievements surpass all expectations - from the academic (amongst the best GCSE results in the city in key subjects, with young people making outstanding progress over their five years with us), to the sporting - recent years have seen our Under-16 Netball Team win the Regional Championship, and our Year 8 Athletics Team win the Birmingham Championships in the NIA. We have seen our young people progressing into further and higher education, 96% of our Leavers sustained a place in education, far higher than the Birmingham and National figures.

Children need teachers who care and will work to keep them safe, they need opportunities to fire their enthusiasm and they need an environment that values learning in which young people can strive for success in specialisms that inspire them. Turves Green Girls' School is that environment.

£22 Million Rebuild Transforms Our School

In December 2020 we will move into our new building, a brand new building which will ensure the girls in this area are able to receive a first class education for years to come.

Key features of the new building include:

- Specialist technology suites to allow us to deliver a curriculum fit for the 21st century
- Six high specification Science Labs
- A Sports Hall, multi-gym, outdoor MUGA, a large playing field / athletics track
- A Main Hall with retractable seating for performances
- Specialist rooms for Art, Music, Dance and other areas

Every room will be equipped with a 'teaching wall' and the latest interactive technology to facilitate exciting and engaging lessons.

Turves Green Girls' School, already fully staffed with great teachers and achieving strong results, will soon have a building and grounds to match!

It is a privilege to be Headteacher of our wonderful school - please call **0121 464 8346** to meet with me and to tour our school.

**Neil Jones,
Headteacher**



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Great Teaching and Learning

Our teachers are committed, highly motivated and talented classroom practitioners. Many of our teachers are graduates from the Outstanding Teacher Programme, and all benefit from great staff training.

We take great pride in the fact that all our teachers are subject specialists. This means that our teachers are able to design a rich and knowledgeable curriculum that stretches and challenges all.

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**'Relationships
across the school are strong
and founded on respect.'** Ofsted

Pastoral Care



Introducing Erica Reeves

Because we understand that to be confident and successful you first need to feel happy, we devote a great deal of energy into making sure our new Year 7s feel at home, and that their parents don't feel that sudden loss of connection that often comes with the transition to secondary school.

Head of Transition and Year 7, Erica Reeves, having experienced Year 6 to Year 7 transition as a parent, is always on hand to support the children as they settle in. She is constantly talking to staff, identifying children who are feeling the shock of the change of school and to parents, letting them know any minor issues that arise and being a friendly face for parents to raise any anxieties they may have about their daughter's friendships or school work. Most of all, Mrs Reeves takes the time to talk to the children, to reassure and encourage, to help overcome the uncertainties and celebrate the small successes.

Mrs Reeves leads a team of specialist Year 7 Form Teachers, who strive to get to know every child in their form. Parents often comment on how much they welcome the chance to chat with their daughter's form teacher at the Support Your Daughter Evening, early in their daughter's time in our school. Pastoral support at Turves Green Girls' plays a huge part in the success of our students. From the mentoring and support offered by our expert Learning Mentors, Luke Atkinson, Jade Hall and Sharon Murphy, through to the high standards of behaviour actively encouraged by the Heads of Year.

We do not tolerate bullying and encourage our students to take on a full part in helping each other and the school. Our Year 10 'PALS' are always on hand to help our Year 7s find their way, build new friendships and to be a friendly face. Some students become 'peer mediators' helping younger students resolve fall-outs. Some Year 11s become 'ARnties', helping younger students in school develop their reading, as part of the Accelerated Reader (AR) programme. Teams of Year 9s spend time in Cofton Primary School, helping the children there develop their literacy and numeracy.





Academic Success

Pupils at Turves Green Girls' School achieved fantastic results in their GCSEs. The percentage securing a Grade 4 or better (equivalent to the old 'C' grade) rose to 70% in Maths and 74% in English.

The number of students securing higher grades, 5+ (equivalent to the old 'B') is also remarkable. Across a wide range of subjects, pupils achieved tremendous results, with over 60% achieving 5+ in English, 49% in Maths, 52% in History, 53% in Music and 47% in RE.

Our broad curriculum, which allows students to follow practical qualifications, has also allowed many students to secure a career path into public services with extremely high pass and distinction rates in all of our BTEC courses notably Health and Social Care, Dance and Sport.

A particularly pleasing outcome of the summer's hugely challenging and stressful exams was the number of students who achieved the very highest grades, 8s and 9s, notably in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Placing these talented and hard-working students amongst the best and brightest in the country.

Incredible Student Progress

Our Overall Progress 8 (how secondary school performance is measured by the government) continues to be one of the best in the area.

We believe that children need the chance to discover their strengths and passions. Therefore we believe in a broad and balanced curriculum, rather than an 'exam sausage factory.' The confidence and belief that some children find in Dance, Athletics or Art is not a distraction from Maths and English - it enables success in these core areas.



**'Students are courteous,
polite and helpful.'** Ofsted





Fun Activities

Our list of clubs and enrichment activities is a remarkable testament to the enthusiasm of our students and the commitment of our staff. Clubs include:

Cricket, Junior Singing, Maths, Singing Stars, French, Coding, Orchestra, Basketball, Cheerleading Tennis, Football, Street Dance, Rock Band, Art, Textiles, Keyboard, Rounders, Athletics, Student Council, Dance, Junior and Senior Drama and Rock and Pop Singers.

Every afternoon we run a supervised homework club until 5.00pm (4.30pm on Friday), providing a safe space for pupils whose parents are at work as well as a supportive environment for those challenging homeworks!

Sports Success

Despite being a small school with limited resources, our children enjoy a reputation across the city for sporting excellence. For example for seven out of the last eight years we have won the District Indoor Athletics tournament in both year 7 and Year 8. Our teams have gone on year after year to compete at the NIA at the all-Birmingham Finals. In 2019 Our Outdoor Athletics teams from Years 7, 8, 9 &10 finished second in the South Birmingham Cup.

Our record at Netball is impressive; our Senior Team having previously been County Champions.

District League and Cup Champions, and one of the top teams in the Midlands. Our Year 8 and 9 combined team won the Linden Netball Club Open Tournament three years ago.

The key to our success is making sport fun and accessible for all our children, and creating an environment where our successes are shared. Our pupils enjoy a wide range of PE activities for two hours each week, twice as much as many other schools – we believe that an active lifestyle is key for our pupils.





The Importance of Educational Trips

From this academic year, every single pupil at our school will go on two or three educational visits to theatres, museums, art galleries and historical sites, fully funded by the school. This will ensure that no child misses out on crucial opportunities for enrichment.

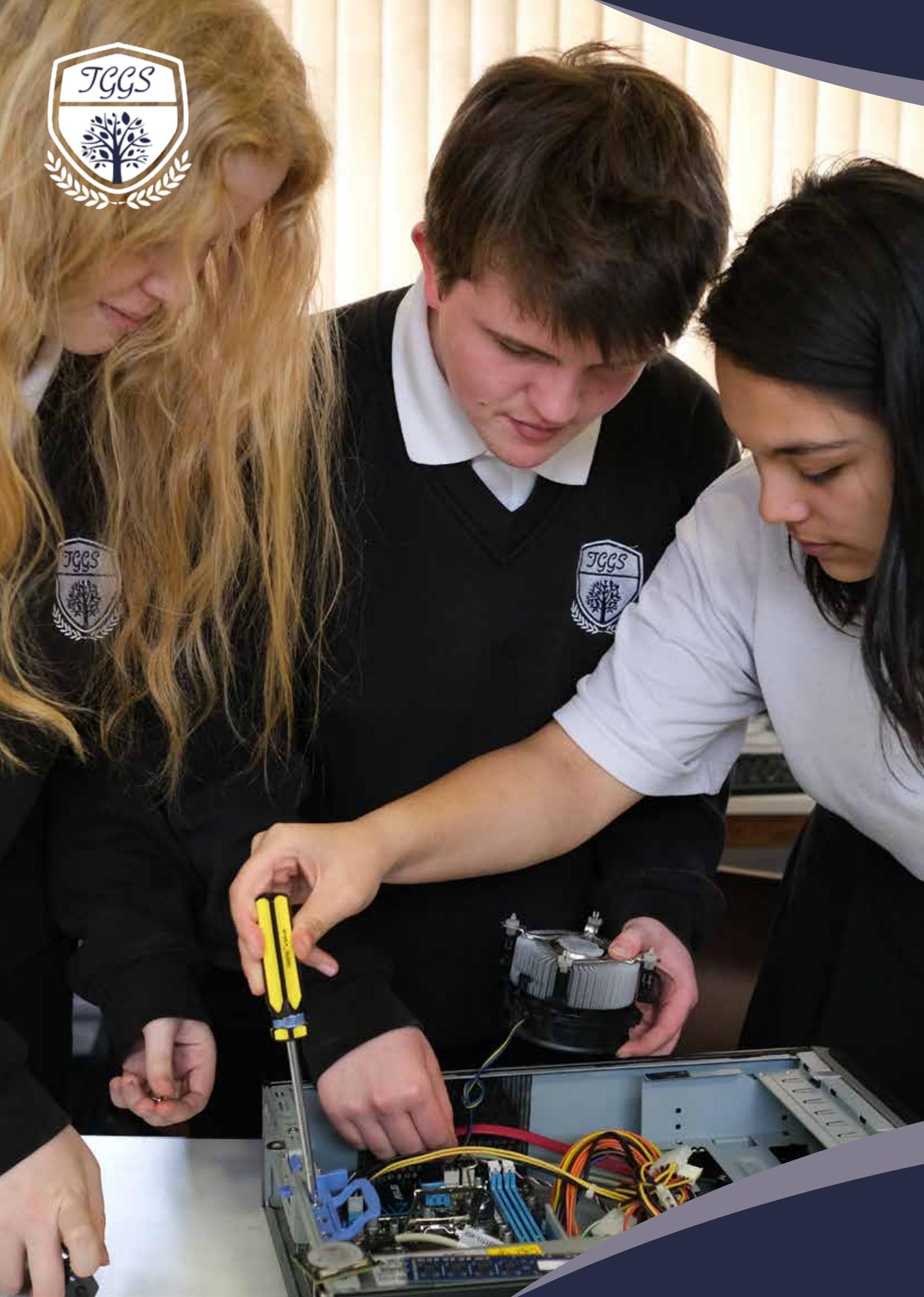
In addition to these 11 core educational visits, our young people will enjoy a range of additional trips and opportunities from residential visits to France and Germany and a Welsh activity centre to college and university taster days.

Our approach to educational visits mirrors our ethos – we believe that every child should enjoy their time at school and be able to take advantage of all the opportunities we can provide.

“The key to **successful** trips is careful planning to ensure trips offer best value for money and keep it affordable for families. Trips shouldn't be just for some of our students - **everyone should have these opportunities.**”

Cecelia Prescod, Educational Visits Coordinator





Supporting the needs of all our pupils

The Special Educational Needs Department works exceptionally hard to make sure all of our young people are able to access their learning and find success in their studies. We do this through building close relationships with young people and their parents, making sure that parents feel part of their daughter's journey through school.

Our team of Teaching Assistants combine experience with enthusiasm, with expertise ranging across a wide range of needs. Please contact our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Caroline Tuddenham, via the school office, to have a tour of our facilities and to meet the team.

The most academically able pupils are pushed to succeed in all aspects of school life. We have a strong record of success in achieving the highest grades across a wide range of subject areas. This is in part down to excellent and inspirational teaching but also testimony to the work ethic fostered from year 7 onwards.



Working with families

Here at Turves Green we pride ourselves on developing strong relationships between school and home. Just one example is our Year 7 Family Learning Project. This provides excellent personalised support across all subjects but especially in English and Maths to support both pupils and parents in making the best possible start to secondary school.

What do parents get from the project?

They have said that:

- They feel welcome within the school
- Are confident and assured that their views are acted upon
- Better know how to help their daughter achieve

What do our pupils get from the project?

Our pupils have said that they:

- Know what they need to do to improve and to achieve
- They make great progress in their learning
- Are more confident
- Enjoy school

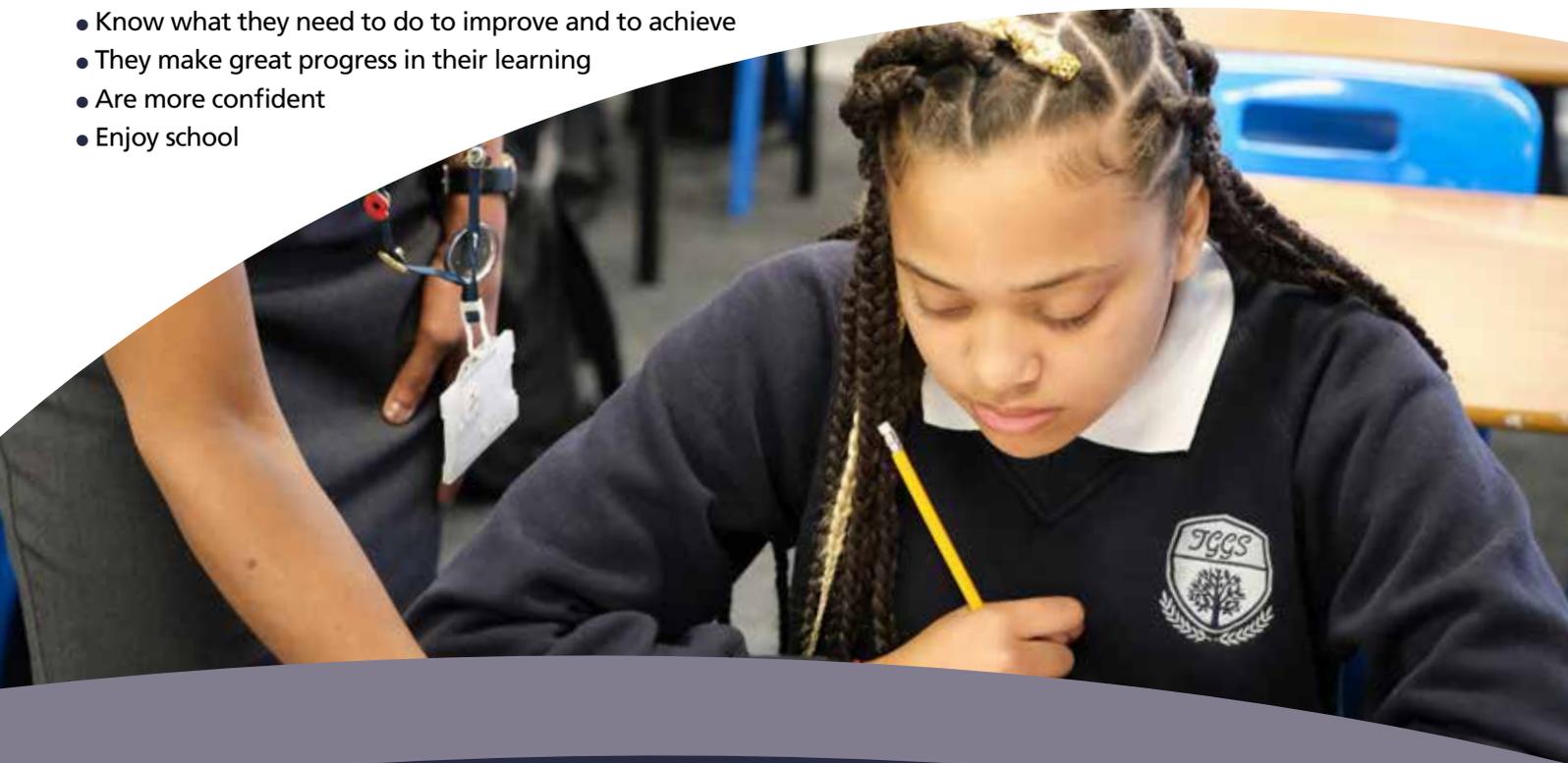
What about the school?

By doing this we:

- Listen to parents and carers about their daughter's learning
- Respect parent's views
- Use the outcomes of the conversations with parents, carers and pupils to improve the learning and teaching for all our pupils

Our canteen serves a wide range of healthy and tasty options, which includes vegetarian and halal alternatives.

Please visit our website for a full list of school policies. Our website is also packed full of information about pupil achievements, the latest news from our school and useful info like term dates and times of the day.



**'Parents and carers are
very supportive
of the school.'** Ofsted



Uniform

Our uniform is straight-forward and affordable. It is available to purchase from a number of stockists at very competitive prices including Kids Essentials, Clive Marks and Colliers. Parents have the freedom to buy school uniform from other outlets.

We also keep a stock of second hand uniform in good condition - please contact Sharon Murphy (0121 464 8346), if financial issues mean you require confidential assistance.

PE Uniform

Supplier details: Soccer Kings of Stourbridge Main contact - Dave King
112 Brettell Lane, Amblecote, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 4BS
www.soccerkings.co.uk Contact Number: 01384 374004

Kids Essentials 762 Bristol Road South, Northfield, Birmingham, B31 2NN
www.kids-essentials.co.uk Contact Number: 0121 477 0736



Admissions, Open Evening, School Visits

We follow the Birmingham Local Authority guidance on admissions. For your daughter to join our school at the start of Year 7, please indicate a preference for our school on the Local Authority form (return by 1st October).

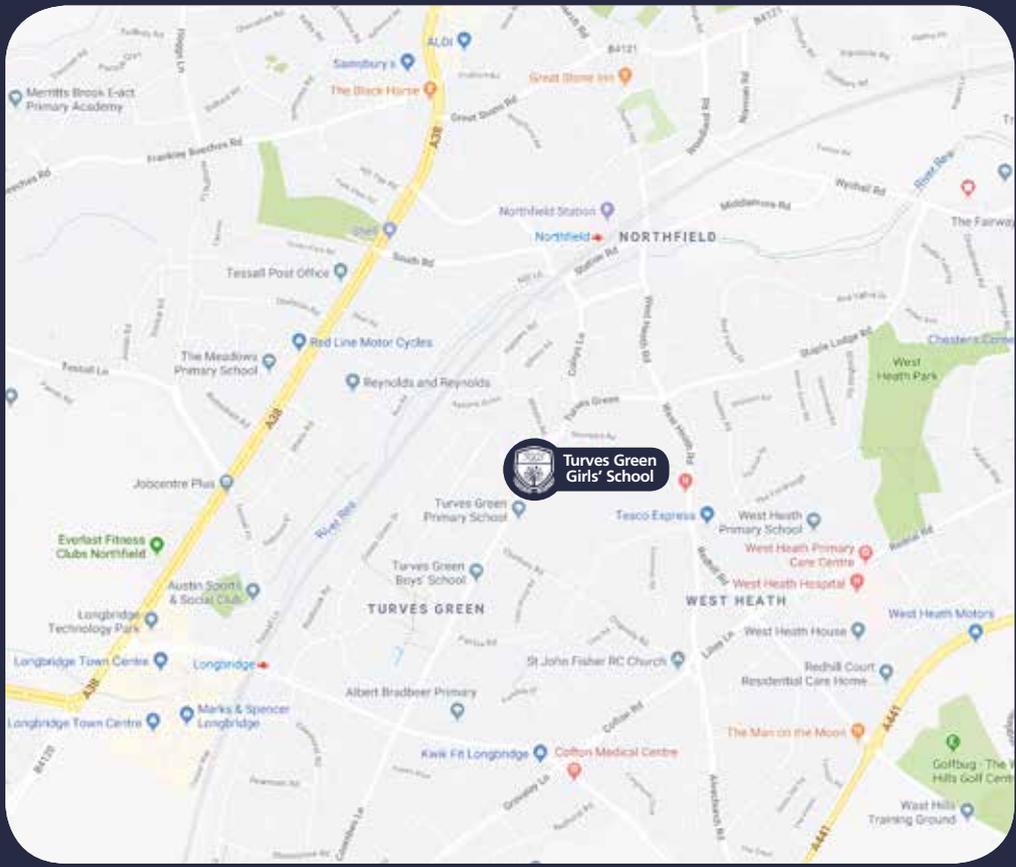
For in-year admissions (if you have moved into the area or have other reasons for seeking a change of school for your daughter), please call Donna Smith (0121 464 8346) or collect a form from our reception.

Visit our website for open evening details: www.turvgng.bham.sch.uk

We welcome visits during the school day - so you can see our school in action. Please call 0121 464 8346 to arrange a tour with the Headteacher, Neil Jones.







We are accessible from the Bristol Road with the 63 bus route running from Birmingham to Frankley along the Bristol Road and the 47 bus route running from Birmingham to Cofton Hackett which stops directly outside the school.

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