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Welcome to Tasker Milward School. I hope you will find this prospectus interesting and that it will provide you with useful information about the school.

We are all very proud to belong to the community that is Tasker Milward School. We have a simple message that is promoted by our STAR Culture. It stands for Strive To Achieve Respect and it is a message we constantly emphasise in our day to day life and is a clear statement of the values that represent Tasker Milward ...

- o STRIVE—we try to work as hard as we can at everything we do, to do our very best at all times
- o ACHIEVE—we are proud of our academic excellence and we all aim to leave school with the best qualifications that we can, in a wide range of examinations, in sport and in music
- o RESPECT— we respect each other, we respect our community and the environment, we respect ourselves and we respect the rights of others to learn

At Tasker Milward School we have an extensive transition programme of activities to make the move from Key Stage 2 to 3 as smooth as possible. Transition involves all of our prospective Year 6 pupils visiting the school on multiple occasions before they start in September. Our Head of Year 7 and senior staff visit our primary partner schools to meet the children and staff to ensure that we get to know your child as soon as possible. We hold an information evening for parents also in June. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or you would like to look around the school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Helen Lewis
Acting Headteacher





Our School—Ysgol N



We are committed to putting learning first and creating an excellent learning environment in which all pupils are valued and are challenged and supported to reach their potential.

S.T.A.R - S.E.R

Achieve

Believe

Include

**Strive to
Achieve
Respect**

Enthuse

Inspire

Each September students join Tasker Milward V.C. School from primary schools in Hook, Burton, Llangwm, Johnston, Fenton Community School, St. Marks V.A. and Broad Haven with pupils from Haverfordwest V.C, Mary Immaculate and Prendergast transferring to us according to home address.

If you live outside the catchment area and you wish your child to attend Tasker Milward V.C. School you should express your preference in writing to the Local Education Authority.



Uniform

We pride ourselves in our pupils appearance and for this reason have re-introduced the traditional blazer, shirt and tie. Full details are included in the supplement at the back of the brochure.

Pastoral Care

On admission to the school each student becomes a member of a tutor group led by a form tutor who sees them once a day. We will always keep this tutor group as small as possible. The form tutor deals with day to day problems and keeps an eye on the progress of pupils in their form. Each group has a Head of Year who stays with the year group as they progress through school. The Head of Year will contact parents if he/she is concerned about a pupil's progress/behaviour or, indeed, is pleased.

Tasker Milward has an active anti-bullying policy which makes clear to the whole school community that bullying will not be tolerated. All pupils receive one full and one interim report on their progress each year and there is a Parents' Evening for each year group. Parents are welcome to come in to school and discuss their child's progress at any time during the year if they are concerned. Additionally, Year 7 parents have the opportunity to come and review their child's work at the end of the first half term.

Encouraging good behaviour

All pupils are provided with school diaries in which they record the homework set. Parents can then monitor this and are asked to sign the diary each week. The diary also records the pupil's 'goods' in line with the Behaviour for Learning Policy (BFL). (Pupils achieve a 'good' in every lesson in which they follow simple rules for good behaviour). When a pupil breaks these rules they receive a consequence marked in their diary. (Good behaviour and effort are rewarded on a regular basis with certificates and prizes). This scheme is popular with pupils and has a positive effect in ensuring good behaviour throughout the school.

Rewards for good behaviour include "Tocyn Da", a token awarded to pupils which provides free entry to some school events and other privileges, designated by Senior Leadership Team (S.L.T.) and Heads of Year (HoY).



Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9)

All students study Art, English, Geography, History, Mathematics, a Modern Foreign Language, Music, Personal and Social Education, Physical Education, Religious Education, Science, Technology and Welsh. All Year 7 students are taught in mixed ability tutor groups, with group changes being determined by individual need. As students progress through the Key Stage, setting is introduced in some subjects as we organise teaching groups to maximise our students' success. As you will see from our brochure supplement, we ensure that students continuously develop the learning skills and competencies they need.

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)

During Year 9, students make decisions regarding subjects for study in Years 10 and 11. An element of choice is introduced, but each student is required to study Religious Education, Physical Education, English, Mathematics, Personal and Social Education, Science and Welsh. Option choices then allow pupils to add subjects from Technology, Humanities, Languages or Creative subjects. Core subjects are taught in sets relating to students' academic ability. There are also vocational courses available and an alternative curriculum provision for some students. We have strong links with other providers to extend the range of opportunities available to our students post -14. All students study the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 & 13)

Entry to Years 12 and 13 is open to any student committed to further study and improving upon the level or number of their qualifications. We offer a wide range of AS and A2 level courses including Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Drama, English, French, Geography, Geology, History, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Religious Education, Technology and Welsh. Students also have access to federation arrangements which allow them to study some A levels at Pembrokeshire College or Sir Thomas Picton School. Many students return to Year 12 to follow vocational courses leading to vocational qualifications at Intermediate or Advanced level. These are offered in Business, Health and Social Care and Travel & Tourism. All students study the Welsh Baccalaureate.



Programmes of Study

We follow the programmes of study of the National Curriculum, and emphasise the principles of entitlement, breadth, balance and relevance. Information Technology is an integral part of all pupils' education and its use is being constantly developed.

Sport

A wide range of sporting activities is available and the school has a long record of success with our pupils achieving representation for Pembrokeshire, the region or Wales in a number of sports. The main team games of the school are rugby, basketball, hockey and netball and regular fixtures are held against other schools. There are opportunities to take part and compete in many other sports including cross country, gymnastics, swimming, athletics, tennis, cricket, dance and badminton. The school offers many non-traditional sports through the 5X60 scheme. The Dome and the AstroTurf Pitch (A.T.P.) are excellent facilities which enhance provision.

Music

There has been a strong tradition of high quality music at Tasker Milward for many years and our pupils are well represented in choirs and orchestras within Pembrokeshire and the three counties and at National level. There are senior and junior choirs who rehearse every week and give concerts throughout the year. The orchestra also rehearses each week and gives concerts with very varied programmes of classical, popular and jazz music. The school is committed to the provision of peripatetic music with string, brass, percussion, voice and wind lessons delivered weekly. No charge is made for these lessons. Pupils may borrow instruments to enable them to take part in lessons. The school holds a very popular Carol Service in St. Mary's Church every year and there are regular musical and drama events.



Drama

The school production has a long and successful history in Tasker Milward. Over the years, excellent performances of shows as varied as "Les Mis" to "Back to the 80s" have showcased the talents of our students, both on-stage and back-stage.

Clubs and Societies

There are a large number of clubs and societies which operate at lunch time, after school or at weekends. These include:

Additional Maths	Hockey
Art	Homework Club
Basic Skills	Jazz Ensemble
Basketball	Junior Choir
Book Club	Languages
Brass Ensemble	Maths
Cheerleading	Music
Chill Out	Netball
Cooking	Orchestra
Cricket	Rugby
Cross Country	Senior Choir
Dance Mats	Statistics
Drama	Street Dance
Dungeons and Dragons	Table Tennis
Fitness	Tennis
Football	5 X 60

Trips and Visits

There are regular opportunities for trips and visits which enhance pupils' educational experience. Visits are regularly made to Europe and Japan as well as ski-ing holidays in America. Art trips to London and beyond are regular features; groups visit theatres in Stratford-upon-Avon and London and many other visits are made within the U.K. These exciting and enjoyable activities serve to enhance pupils' learning and give them life-long memorable experiences.



Medical Care

The school has a well equipped medical room and a qualified nurse who organises medical and dental checks and inoculations. The school also has a number of trained first aiders who are available to treat children if they become ill or hurt themselves during the school day.

School Lunches

There is a canteen in each building where both hot and cold food is served. Pupils can bring their own sandwiches and eat them in the dining hall. When pupils have a lunch time activity they can buy a variety of snacks at break time.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held on most days. Taken by senior staff, visiting clergy or groups of pupils they are broadly Christian but non-denominational. Assemblies not only promote the moral aspect of pupils' development but also encourage a pupil to feel part of his or her year group. Assemblies are also regularly used to present awards, congratulate pupils who are successful in sporting, musical or other activities and to recognise those who achieve full attendance or help around school.

Learning Support

All pupils requiring support for learning are identified on entry to Tasker Milward. Support is available across the curriculum and in all year groups. We aim to develop the social and educational skills necessary for pupils to live and progress in the school and community through integration into mainstream activities and where necessary through withdrawal for educational and life skills programmes.

Safeguarding

Tasker Milward takes its responsibility for keeping all children safe extremely seriously. Policies and practices are robustly followed and all pupils know who to speak to if they have a problem or concern.



Facilities include:

- ◆ A large sports dome covering 3 tennis courts
- ◆ Nine Science Laboratories
- ◆ Specialist rooms for Computing, Art, Music and Technology
- ◆ A large library with ICT facilities
- ◆ Sixth form common room, resources room and study room
- ◆ Five Information Technology rooms as well as I.C.T facilities in a number of classrooms
- ◆ Excellent outdoor facilities for Sport, including the A.T.P
- ◆ A canteen in each building and an outdoor serving facility

Homework

The school is committed to offering a pleasant environment to pupils and teachers and most rooms have been painted, carpeted and refurbished in recent years.

All students are required to undertake work at home on a regular basis. Our policy aims to:

- ◆ encourage independent study
- ◆ develop perseverance and self discipline
- ◆ reinforce classwork
- ◆ cover more ground and permit more rapid progress
- ◆ allow students access to material not available in the classroom
- ◆ involve parents in students' work

Each student keeps a personal log which includes a homework diary. Parents are asked to sign this each week, and use it as a quick and easy means of dialogue with the school. Staff check the diary regularly.

Tasker Milward School occupies the buildings of the former Tasker's School for Girls and Haverfordwest Boys' Grammar School. The two buildings are joined by a classroom block and a sports dome. Departments are based together in one of the buildings.



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