

shine





OUR SCHOOL IS NAMED AFTER JOSEPH SWAN, THE INVENTOR OF THE LIGHT BULB, WHOSE WORK REVOLUTIONISED THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES TODAY.

# illuminate

We strive to create an atmosphere in which every child can find the 'light bulb' inside themselves – the 'something special' that sets them apart from others. We'll help, encourage and guide every step of the way to make sure our students use their gifts to their full potential.

And when it's time, we'll send our 'bright sparks' out into the world as keen, healthy and committed members of society – the sort of people who motivate others wherever they go.



# radiate

**AS THE MAIN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN OUR NINE-STRONG CLUSTER OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS SERVING CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN GATESHEAD, WE WANT TO ENSURE WE PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICE TO EVERY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

We are committed to working with parents to ensure students receive round-the-clock support and encouragement. Our links with local colleges strengthen our academic provision, giving us a wider range of options to offer our multi-talented young people. We also run a range of extended education services – so whether you need a play scheme for your toddler, a masterclass to stretch your child's capabilities, or just fancy trying a new activity alongside other parents at our Adult Learning classes, we can offer something to meet your requirements.




# Bright

**BECAUSE WE WANT EVERY CHILD TO SHINE, WE'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT THE BEST WAY OF HELPING EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM TO ACHIEVE IN THE CLASSROOM.**

We understand that everyone learns differently, so there's room in our curriculum to ensure individual students can have their work tailored to fit their own learning style, giving them a much better chance of academic success.

We've also got the tools to help students reach their full potential. Our light-filled Atrium sits at the heart of our superb facilities, which include two sports halls and an all-weather floodlit area, a Performing Arts Centre and our dedicated Sixth Form Centre.

In addition to our great on-site resources, there's plenty of opportunity for students to enhance their studies with off-site learning. Our system of rewards allows students to earn a place on trips free of charge. On recent educational, sporting and cultural visits, students have travelled to places as diverse as France, Austria, New York and Egypt.



Technology specialist status gives us a much broader remit than just Technology. We also focus on excellence in Maths, Science and ICT, as well as on how these subjects can influence the way we learn in other areas of the curriculum – for example, our ‘green screen’ studio gives Media Studies classes the chance to experiment with high-tech special effects work!

With more than 750 computers throughout the school, every student has access to first-class ICT facilities. Our web-based Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) allows students continuous access to important learning resources, as well as providing a secure environment for parents to find out how their child is doing between parents’ evenings.

# beacõn

SINCE WE ACHIEVED SPECIALIST TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE STATUS IN 2001, WE’VE WORKED HARD TO MAKE SURE WE’RE THE LEADING LIGHT IN THIS SUBJECT AREA.



FOR US, IT'S VITAL THAT EVERY MEMBER OF JOSEPH SWAN SCHOOL FEELS THEY'RE PART OF SOMETHING REALLY SUCCESSFUL. WE ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM WITH PRIDE, AND TO SEE IT AS A DISTINCTION THAT MARKS THEM OUT AS MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

# sparkle

We make an effort to celebrate the achievements of every single one of our students – and by 'achievement', we mean anything they've worked hard to attain. We offer enrichment programmes for those who want to take their learning further, and specialist support for those who need a little extra help.

With so much to shout about, we're always looking for ways to showcase our talents. Our programme of Performing Arts events, extensive after-school sports opportunities and initiatives such as our Army Cadet Force give students the widest possible chance to pursue their personal interests.



# enlightened?

We'd love to help you discover more about us.  
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