



# International Admissions



# A W A R M *Welcome*

Terra Nova is a vibrant and exciting day and boarding school set in the Cheshire countryside. The school is steeped in history and values the traditions that form the foundations on which a forward thinking approach is adopted.

Terra Nova welcomes British and international pupils from many different countries and have a diverse range of nationalities on campus. This makes our school a very special and exciting place to live and study and the perfect place for a child to grow and develop. Boarding is available from Year 3 upwards.

We have a lot of experience in looking after international pupils and our staff understand how difficult it can be for children who may be living away from home for the first time. We also recognise that parents may not find the experience easy at times and we are proud to support the whole family throughout the admissions process and beyond.

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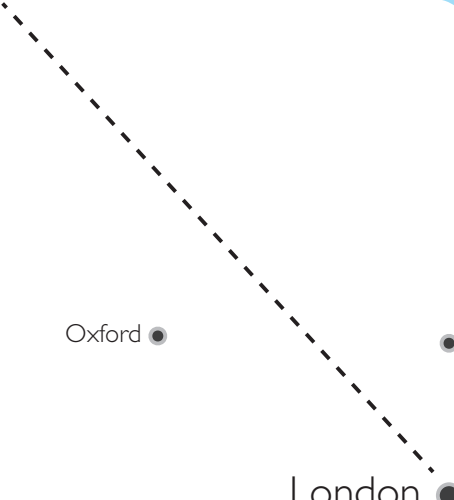


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TERRA NOVA SCHOOL



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# Where WE ARE

Located just 20 miles from Manchester, 90 minutes away from London by train and nestled amid the lush and leafy Cheshire countryside, Terra Nova School's 35-acre campus benefits from the best of both worlds and provides the ideal location to grow and learn.

Our outdoor spaces are attractive, green and spacious, while the variety of buildings, learning areas and social spaces is characteristic of our historic but forward-looking school.

The village of Holmes Chapel is friendly and welcoming and provides great community links for our school, whilst nearby cities of Chester and Manchester provide our boarders with a wealth of places to visit and explore.

We are fortunate to consider the world famous Jodrell Bank Observatory as one of our neighbours, just 2 miles away, and our pupils enjoy the sight of this internationally renowned landmark in their daily view.

Our team are always willing to arrange transport to collect visitors to the school from nearby train stations and airports. We can also advise of hotels close to the school should you require. Manchester Airport is a short car ride away (20 mins) and provides daily flights to many cities.

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# Manchester

Just 20 miles from Terra Nova is the northern city of Manchester. Youthful, diverse, energetic and bursting with character; Manchester is one of the most exciting cities in the UK where everybody and anybody is very warmly welcomed.

Known throughout the world as the birthplace of the industrial revolution, inventors of the computer and home of the suffragette movement, Manchester has a proud history in science, politics, music, arts and sport. The city combines this heritage with a progressive vision to be a city at the forefront of innovation. Home to two large and extremely successful universities, Manchester is proud to be the home of the largest and most diverse student community in Europe.

Whether you're seeking culture, history, or just good fun, there are plenty of things to do in Manchester. Be absorbed by the beautiful gothic architecture at

John Rylands Library and Manchester Cathedral; take in fine art at Manchester Art Gallery and the Whitworth; discover history, old and new, at Manchester Museum and the Imperial War Museum North; take in the culture of the city's very own Chinatown; immerse yourself in the world-famous music of Manchester; or even learn to ski at Chill Factore! It is no surprise the city was named a 'top 10 most exciting city in the world' by Time Out in 2018.

Of course, Manchester is synonymous with football and the city is home to the grounds of Manchester United and Manchester City, as well as the National Football Museum.

Surrounding Greater Manchester boroughs offer a wealth of visitor experiences including historic market towns and beautiful green spaces and waterways to be explored on foot or bike- providing the people of Manchester with the very best of both urban and rural living.

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## OUR BOARDING

# Community

Many parents choose Terra Nova for the added value it provides their child's school experience. Our pupils say that boarding allows them to create strong and enduring friendships whilst providing them with a wealth of opportunity.

Terra Nova has a thriving and diverse boarding community, with pupils from around the UK as well as a number of overseas countries. Our boarders bring great richness and diversity to life at Terra Nova, as well as helping all of our pupils to understand and respect different cultural traditions.

We ensure that boarders are fully integrated into all aspects of school life – academic, social, musical, sporting and across the wide range of enrichment activities on offer. Our friendly and comfortable boarding houses truly become a 'home away from home', and many lifelong friendships are formed in our boarding community.

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# Communication

## WITH HOME

At Terra Nova we understand the importance of communication and our Head of Boarding communicates with each family frequently and on an individual basis. We are aware of the difficulties faced from parents being overseas and leading busy lives and take this into consideration with our communication. Our boarders have daily access to their mobile devices and work with our staff and parents to find a regular and convenient time to contact home.

We pride ourselves on involving parents with every step of their son or daughter's journey through school and understand that access to information is crucial for busy parents. Parent involvement is integral to success.

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# INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

## Process

We appreciate that many parents will be researching boarding schools from a distance, often overseas. As a result, we have developed a personal service which means that you can contact or visit our school at a time convenient to you.

Our Admissions Team are available to book a visit or answer any questions you may have. Please call 01477 571251 or email [admissions@tnschool.co.uk](mailto:admissions@tnschool.co.uk) to talk about your specific circumstances. Our website also has a virtual tour facility which will allow you to look around our school no matter where you are.

Our admissions team host events around the world throughout the year, meeting prospective parents and pupils at drinks receptions and presentations. You are warmly invited to attend- please see our website for upcoming events. Some times are also available for private meetings. You can also find us at the British Boarding Schools Show every year.

We welcome applications for International pupils to join us as boarders from Year 3.

Applications are made by submitting a Registration Form and fee to the school Admissions Team. Once this has been received our team will be in touch to discuss the process and arrange the next steps.

All applicants are required to complete assessment papers, and these can be completed either during a visit to Terra Nova or alternatively in the pupil's current school. We will also arrange an informal meeting between the applicant and the Headmaster and also the Head of Boarding. Again we can arrange this either in person or via Skype.

Applicants whose first language is not English may be subject to additional entrance assessment for English as an Additional Language (EAL). The purpose of such assessment is to further explore whether the student can access the English-based curriculum and whether the level of support needed fits within the level of staff support available.

If an offer of a place is made, our team will contact you to discuss the next stages of accepting the place and provide the relevant information. We will also provide the necessary documentation for any required visas or permits needed for study at Terra Nova.

Pupils who board with us whilst their parents are based abroad must have a 'guardian' in the UK. Guardians must be English speaking and available to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Ideally this would be someone who is local to the school and might be a relative or a family friend of the pupil. Alternatively there are several accredited agencies that can source suitable guardians for families.

Terra Nova has strong relationships with a number of UK senior schools and our staff support and guide our pupils and families with applications.

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