



*All students have equal access to the highest quality learning and teaching, whoever they are and wherever they find themselves.*

## Today

Tynecastle High School is a six-year comprehensive, local authority secondary school which has served west-central Edinburgh in Scotland with distinction for over 100 years.

With traditional roots and first class facilities, the school embraces the future with educational inclusion and innovation. The school is culturally diverse with over 40 different languages spoken by students and staff. Over many years Tynecastle High School has supported students in gathering a portfolio of experience and qualifications so that they can successfully pursue their ambitions through higher education or the world of work.



## Vision

Tynecastle's inclusive environment encourages improvement through innovation. The use of technology sees improvements in the quality of student-led learning, staff teaching and student outcomes. This has been recognised by the national inspectorate and has resulted in Tynecastle winning awards.

This strong vision has led to effective decisions across differing situations; from recruitment to staff training, as well as allows us to adapt positively and quickly to change. The Tynecastle community has remained free to enhance learning through technology. As a consequence, we have seen student success and career-long digital learning among staff. Investment in dedicated digital support staff has inspired and driven a culture that embraces change and freely strives for real advances each year, whatever the external circumstances.

### School demographics

Publicly funded

700 students across six year groups

9 faculties

80 staff

Over 20 nationalities

### Apple products & services

1:1 iPad since 2013 for all S3-6 students and staff

1:1 iPad for all students from 2021

Apple TV available across the school

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## Learning

The use of Apple technology has revolutionised the way in which Tynecastle High School enriches everyday learning opportunities. The virtual environment is safe and accessible for each student to organise, meet, collaborate and grow. Our device management enables bespoke experiences for accessibility, learning and mental health supports. Students are empowered to use all technology available to them to define their learning, overcome barriers, solve problems and explore ways to express thoughts and ideas.



### Enhanced learning

through technology can be seen throughout Tynecastle High School. From investigating scientific theories to graphic art concept design, analysing dance choreography with iMovie and composing and recording music in GarageBand. These are everyday moments for Tynecastle's students as they innovate, create and develop new skills within a dynamic and relevant curriculum.

Staff continue to enhance the curriculum by committing to career-long professional digital learning. This improvement-focused culture drives in-house planning, training and practitioner enquiry.

Tynecastle hosts the Edinburgh Apple Regional Training Centre. This builds on the embedded staff culture of collaboration, creativity and teamwork integrated with the passion to enhance learning. The RTC facilitates new learning and allows staff to lead learning across Edinburgh and nationally.

## Success

With the foundation of student and staff commitment to innovative education with technology, the school has maintained student success throughout restrictions and even positively influenced Edinburgh policy-makers.

Tynecastle High School's collective response to the pandemic restrictions in 2020 is regarded by the City of Edinburgh as excellent practice as students transitioned smoothly from in-school to home learning. This is due to the 1:1 strategy combined with the innovative and supportive community of students, their families, staff and local businesses.

The City of Edinburgh recognised Tynecastle's leading example and this helped influence the decision that from 2022, the council is future-proofing all secondary students across all 23 schools by adopting a 1:1 iPad strategy for empowered learning.

## What's Next

Tynecastle's future shines bright. With its value of innovative education for all, it is committing to even more investment in developing student and staff skills. The recruitment of digital development officers will drive this improvement.

The local community are now key partners in Tynecastle's vision for excellence, with students achieving their best, whoever and wherever they are, as highlighted by their excellent positive destinations.

