



# Material Change Inspection Report

Merchant Taylors' School

April 2024

## School's details

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| School                    | Merchant Taylors' School   |     |            |     |
| DfE number                | 919/6036   |     |            |     |
| Registered charity number | 1063740  |     |            |     |
| Address                   | Merchant Taylors' School<br>Sandy Lodge<br>Northwood<br>Hertfordshire<br>HA6 2HT |     |            |     |
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| Headmaster                | Mr Simon Everson   |     |            |     |
| Chair of governors        | Mr Duncan Eggar  |     |            |     |
| Proprietor                | Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust  |     |            |     |
| Age range                 | 11 to 18   |     |            |     |
| Number of pupils on roll  | 962  |     |            |     |
|                           | Seniors  | 660 | Sixth Form | 302 |
| Date of inspection        | 25 April 2024  |     |            |     |





### Welfare, health and safety of pupils – health and safety and fire safety [ISSR Part 3, paragraphs 11 and 12]

- 2.8 The school meets the standards.
- 2.9 There are suitable policies for health and safety and for fire which are effectively implemented. Systematic procedures promote the health and safety of pupils, staff and visitors. Traffic is well managed around the site and effective signage and the use of railings separate pupils and traffic appropriately. The school has addressed any recommendations made in the last external fire risk assessment. Fire drills are regular and suitably recorded and fire infrastructure is regularly checked. Fire signage is appropriate. Pupils understand the fire evacuation procedures and a suitable number of staff are trained as fire marshals.
- 2.10 The school is likely to continue to meet the requirements with the proposed increase in numbers from 940 to 990.

### Welfare, health and safety of pupils – supervision of pupils and risk assessment [ISSR Part 3, paragraphs 14 and 16]

- 2.11 The school meets the standards.
- 2.12 Senior leaders ensure that pupils are appropriately supervised by the implementation of effective supervision rotas. These cover outside recreational areas at break and

performance spaces and outdoor sports facilities. There are enough toilets, washing and changing facilities to cater for the proposed increase in pupil numbers. These facilities are well maintained and clean. There is a large centrally placed medical centre which is appropriate for the first aid and medical needs of pupils. The school is well maintained, and a programme of refurbishment ensures all buildings and outdoor areas are maintained to a high standard and

### 3. Recommendation with regard to material change inspection

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3.1 It is recommended that the school's proposal to increase its registered capacity from

## 4. Summary of evidence

- 4.1 The inspector held discussions with the second master, senior leaders and other members of staff and held a discussion with the chair of governors. She visited different areas of the school, observed lessons and talked with groups of pupils. She scrutinised a range of documentation, records and policies.