



# Boroughbridge High School

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Dear Year 7 Parent/Carer,

## Headteacher's Update – Our raising achievement strategy

It was lovely to meet so many Year 7 parents and carers at the Meet the Tutor evening last week. We are really pleased with the way in which Year 7 have settled into Boroughbridge High School and the positive contribution that they're already making and it was great to hear how much Year 7 are enjoying all aspects of secondary school life.

Year 7 join us at a time when our key focus is to develop and deepen our values, that we are ambitious, respectful and resilient. This will support students in Year 7 to make maximum progress at the start of their Key Stage 3 journey with us.

## Our values and how they relate to raising achievement

This year we have developed descriptors for each of our values and have used these to update our Attitude to Learning, Behaviour for Learning and Homework descriptors. These, along with our learning phases, ensure that students are clear of our expectations and what they need to do to achieve. They are as follows,

<p><b>Our values - we are ambitious, respectful and resilient.</b>  <b>Ambitious</b> - We aim high and are ambitious for what we can achieve during our school years and in our future lives.  <b>Respectful</b> - We are an inclusive community where we respect ourselves and others and celebrate difference.  <b>Resilient</b> - We are determined to succeed and see mistakes and setbacks as an opportunity to learn.</p>		
Attitude to Learning	Behaviour for Learning	Homework
<p><b>Ambitious</b>            I have high attendance.            I am prepared for learning.            I meet learning expectations.            I actively participate and contribute in lessons.</p> <p><b>Respectful</b>            I value my own qualities and skills and those of others.</p> <p><b>Resilient</b>            I try my best and persevere even when things are difficult.            I welcome feedback and use it to improve.            I try to develop strategies to be independent.            I ask for help when I need it.</p>	<p><b>Respectful</b>            I show kindness in my words and actions.            I value my own qualities and skills and those of others by listening to and considering ideas from others.            I respond positively to instructions from adults.            I meet behaviour expectations and take responsibility for my actions.            I wear my uniform with pride.</p>	<p><b>Ambitious</b>            I complete homework to maximise my learning time.            I take opportunities to develop myself.</p> <p><b>Resilient</b>            I try my best and persevere even when things are difficult.            I welcome feedback and use it to improve.            I try to develop strategies to be independent.            I ask for help when I need it.</p>

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There are two main ways in which we communicate with you about your child's progress, through tracking data and Parent/Carer evenings.

### **Tracking data**

You will have received the first tracking data on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024. You will receive further tracking data on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This data enables you to see the progress that your child is making and the way in which they are approaching their learning.

### **Parent/Carer evening**

You will also be able to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress in school on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 from 6-8.30p.m.**

### **Year 7 Exams**

Year 7 exam week is w.b. 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### **The importance of attendance in securing success**

Students learn most productively when they are in the classroom. We have discussed with students the impact of attendance on outcomes so that they understand the importance of being in school.

We understand the value of working closely with parents and carers to ensure the success of our young people and your ongoing support is much appreciated. If you have any questions or queries then please contact us at **[schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com](mailto:schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com)**

Yours sincerely,

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