



# Boroughbridge High School

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer,

## Headteacher's Update – Our raising achievement strategy

A key focus for this year is to develop and deepen our values, that we are ambitious, respectful and resilient. This will support students in Year 8 to make maximum progress on their Key Stage 3 journey and ensure that they are ready for success at GCSE.

### Our values and how they relate to raising achievement

Following on from information shared at Expectations Evening, 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.  <b>Respectful</b>            I value my own qualities and skills and those of others.  <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.  <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>

### Parent/Carer evening

This year you will have one formal opportunity to meet with your child's teachers in school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 6-8.30p.m.**

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## **Tracking data**

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

## **Year 8 Exams**

Year 8 exam week is w.b. 17<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 and being in lessons.

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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