



Boroughbridge
High School
Aspiration for All

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"Safe and happy students are successful."

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WELCOME

Thank you for considering Boroughbridge High School for the next stage of your child's education where our belief in 'Aspiration for all' means that our students are at the heart of our decision making. We know that students are successful when they are safe and happy.

Our commitment is to ensure that all students leave our school, not only with the qualifications they need to access the next stage of their education or career of choice, but with the skills and confidence to make an active contribution to the communities to which they belong.

To secure this everything that we do is underpinned by our values, that we are ambitious, respectful and resilient. Students have the opportunity to develop these values through our ambitious curriculum, leadership opportunities and our extra-curricular activities.

With around 400 students, we serve the community of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area. We have students from more than 35 primary schools, which gives our school a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. We feel like a family and, as such, we know our students well making Boroughbridge High School a good place to work and learn.

We actively seek opportunities to develop our practice as we continue to improve for the benefit of our students. We understand the benefit of partnership working and are federated with King James's School, Knaresborough.

Our greatest asset is our students so we'd be delighted to show you our school on a working day. If you'd like to arrange a visit please contact us at schooladmin@boroughbridgehigh.com.

KATHRYN STEPHENSON
Headteacher



"Safe and happy students are successful"

Our expectations for success - our core values

Ambitious, Respectful, Resilient



We aim high and are ambitious for what we can achieve during our school years and in our future lives.



We are an inclusive community where we respect ourselves and others and celebrate difference.



We are determined to succeed and see mistakes and setbacks as an opportunity to learn.





SAFE, HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

To ensure that students have a smooth transition into secondary school, and feel safe and happy throughout, we have developed excellent links with our local primary schools. Each year we have students from a number of primary schools and our thorough transition process ensures that students quickly feel part of the Boroughbridge High School family.

Your child may have attended one of the events led by our Sports Leaders or attended a curriculum session and already feel comfortable and familiar with the school, staff and older students.

Our transition strategies to support students include:

- A visit to meet your child and their teacher in their Primary School by one of the Pastoral Team.
- A Year 6 Parent/Carers' Information Evening during the Summer term with the opportunity to hear about our expectations and routines and to meet your child's Form Tutor and Pastoral Manager.
- Three Transition days with an opportunity to meet staff, students and Form Tutors whilst also experiencing lessons and getting to know the layout and expectations of the school.
- A three day Summer School which is based around Team Building to build confidence.
- An Expectations Evening at the beginning of the Autumn Term where you will also have the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of school life.
- An additional Parent/Carers' Evening at the beginning of Year 7 to discuss how your child is settling in.



"Teachers take time to get to know your child which helps them settle into the school, feel valued and have a sense of belonging." - Parent/Carer 2025

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



We appreciate the part that parents and carers play in ensuring their child's success at school, believing in the value of a strong partnership with parents, students and teachers. Therefore, we will share the information that will be useful to you.

You will have a personal log in for My Child at School which will enable you to access your child's records so that you can see areas such as your child's rewards and behaviour inputs as they happen.

Along with an annual face to face Parent/Carer Evening, we communicate in a number of ways which include a weekly Headteacher's Blog, giving a flavour of what is happening in the school, Parent/Carer Letters and through information on our website and Facebook page. We also have Information Evenings which focus on topics which can create challenges for young people.

We seek the views of parents and carers on a regular basis and use these to inform our decision making. For example, we have questionnaires after each Parent/Carers' Evening, gather feedback at Expectations Evenings and Information Evenings and also send out surveys. However, we encourage parents and carers to give feedback at any time and not to wait for a formal opportunity to do so.

You can also support the Friends of Boroughbridge High School which is a group of parents and carers who are actively engaged in fundraising for and promoting the work of Boroughbridge High School. You may want to be part of the Committee, give a helping hand or attend the events organised by the group.

"Staff know pupils well at Boroughbridge High School. There are positive relationships between pupils and staff"
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AMBITIOUS, ENGAGING AND INSPIRING CURRICULUM



High quality teaching within an ambitious, engaging and inspiring curriculum ensures that students are motivated to learn..

At Key Stage 3

We have a three year Key Stage 3 curriculum enabling students to study the full range of National Curriculum subjects in depth along with an extensive PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship and Economic) programme. Students make their GCSE choices at the end of Year 9.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum Years 7, 8 and 9	
Maths	Art
English	Drama
Science	Music
Geography	DT
History	FT
RE	ICT
French	PSHCE
PE	

“Subject Leaders have worked to improve their curriculums. Curriculums are well thought out and sequenced ”

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At Key Stage 4

At GCSE students follow a Stage not Age curriculum which means that they study two of their four option subjects in Year 10, taking the exam at the end of Year 10. This enables students to secure two GCSE qualifications whilst developing deep knowledge of exam technique in Year 10 which they can then apply to their subjects during Year 11. All core subject exams are taken at the end of Year 11. All students have access to an EBacc curriculum.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum -Years 10 and 11	
Core	Options
All students study these subjects	Students choose 4 of these subjects.
Maths English (Language and Literature) Biology Chemistry Physics Physical Education (Core) RE (Core) PSHCE	Geography History French Computer Science RE Art Music Design Technology Food Technology Physical Education Health and Social Care (BTEC) Business Travel and Tourism (BTEC) Performing Arts (BTEC)



Duke of Edinburgh



Careers Networking Event



Colour Run

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students have access to a wide range of extra-curricular activities both within and beyond the school day. There are a number of Sports Clubs which run at lunchtime and after school. We also have trips to the theatre, local attractions and sporting events and we are always looking for ways to extend this. For example, each Summer we participate in the Wellbeing Festival in Dalby Forest and we take residential trips to Normandy for Years 7 and 8 and Bewerley Park for Year 9.

We have a wide range of enrichment opportunities for students and regularly get involved in local, regional and national tournaments and competitions. Recent success over the last few years includes winning the 'Festival of Friends' Service Pupils' Project competing with schools from across North Yorkshire and the City of York and coming 2nd in the IGD Employability competition, in which students were asked to come up with sustainable solutions for some of the biggest food manufacturers in the world.



"There are a range of extracurricular activities that pupils can participate in and pupils speak enthusiastically about these"

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LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR LIFE

Because we have a commitment to ensuring that students have the skills and confidence to make an active contribution to the communities in which they belong, we encourage students to take every opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

All students have the opportunity to get involved in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Last year we had students successfully completing the Bronze and Silver Award, going on to complete their Gold Award post-16.

We have a number of opportunities for Sports leadership including working with younger students from our local primary schools. Students are able to contribute to the whole school decision making by becoming part of the School Council. This is made up of Form representatives across the school so that all students are represented. Prefects represent the school at a range of events. We also include a student interview panel when we are recruiting new staff.



CREATING A POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Visitors to our school are always impressed by the welcoming, calm and friendly atmosphere around the school. This does not happen by chance but it is a result of our high expectations around learning, behaviour and uniform.

Our values, that we are Ambitious, Respectful and Resilient form the central core of our Climate for Learning strategy which includes Attitude to Learning and Behaviour for Learning.

We have Phases of Learning which outline our expectations of what staff and students will do during whole classwork, pair and group work and individual work. Our routines for movement around corridors ensures that students have the same high standards outside the classroom. These are linked to our Rewards system so that students understand that how they conduct themselves every moment of every day is important.

"I would like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff. I have two children that have loved attending BHS and it has helped to shape the great, confident, friendly and happy young people that they are today."

Year 11 Parent

STUDENTS WHO ARE SUPPORTED

Students are well supported at Boroughbridge High School. Students meet their Form Tutors daily. The Form Tutor monitors

"This is a close knit school where the staff know the students well as individuals and work to support both their academic and personal development"

Parent/Carer 2025

their personal and academic progress. Each Year Group has a Pastoral Manager who oversees their wellbeing and monitors their Attendance, Attitude to Learning and Behaviour for Learning so that they can support students if and when necessary.

Students will also be taught by a range of specialist subject teachers. Students are encouraged

to approach any member of staff if they need help or have anything that they wish to discuss.

We work closely with the NHS Wellbeing in Mind Team, who are based on our site, to ensure the students get the support that they need.

"Pupils... value the support of pastoral leaders"

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ASPIRATION FOR ALL

We celebrate the fact that all students are individual but we are consistent in having the same high expectations of all and are committed to supporting students to make maximum progress. Through Agreed Practice for teachers, we ensure that we use data intelligently to plan for individual student needs.

Alongside this detailed planning, where students have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, we have an experienced team of support staff who offer further support in two main ways: the assistance of extra support in the classroom and through individual or small groups sessions. These include interventions for students who need support with their literacy and numeracy skills.



"Leaders identify and understand the additional needs of pupils with SEND. Staff receive appropriate information which allows them to make adjustments to ensure that pupils with SEND can complete their work."

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"Pupils with special education needs and/or disabilities (SEND) have access to the full curriculum"

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THE FUTURE

"The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum is well planned and sequenced"

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Our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship education programme prepares students for the challenges of life beyond school.

Careers education is an integral part of the curriculum in all years. Students have the opportunity to work with

our qualified careers adviser along with attending careers conferences, listening to visiting speakers and carrying out mock interviews. They have many opportunities to meet employers and encounter the workplace. This means that students have a detailed knowledge of the options available to them so that they can make an informed choice.

Our students go on to a range of options including further and higher education, Apprenticeships and full-time employment.

"Pupils receive effective careers advice and guidance. They experience a range of activities to help them learn about different careers. This helps them to prepare for the future"

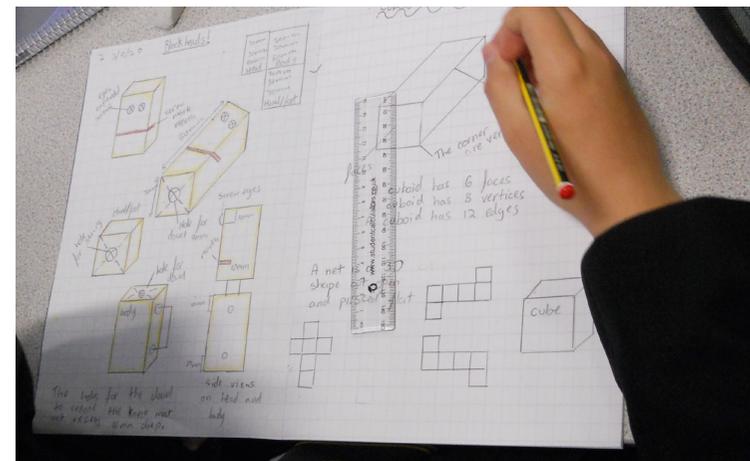
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SECURING A PLACE AT BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

As a local community High School, North Yorkshire Council is the admissions authority for the school.

Information about the process and application forms are sent out by them via our primary schools and completed forms need to be returned to them before their published deadline. You can find out more information at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions>

To find out about Home to School transport, please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-and-college-transport>



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