



WELCOME FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello, and thank you for considering NHGS as your first choice of secondary school. Our aim is simple: to be the school that everyone wishes they went to. To us, this means delivering great results, great opportunities and a great ethos and culture, year in, year out.

NHGS is one of a very few English secondary schools to have been designated an Outstanding provider at every one of its OFSTED inspections. Our tradition of excellence, underpinned by expert teaching and outstandingly good behaviour, is enhanced by our firm belief in the importance of everyone enjoying the greatest possible wellbeing throughout their education and their later life.

As an academically selective school, we live (even love!) to learn but we also very much believe in helping our students to learn to live. We focus on developing the personal attitudes, skills and attributes that allow our students to navigate life with confidence and set a course of their own choosing. We hope this brochure will whet your appetite for a visit to www.nhgs.co.uk where you will find a wealth of further information about the school. We look forward to you coming to join us.

Andrew Fisher

LIVING TO LEARN

'The school provides an outstanding curriculum, well suited to the abilities of the students.' OFSTED

The curriculum at NHGS has been designed to suit the needs of all our students. From high flying scientists and mathematicians, to gifted linguists, talented writers, and students with exceptional creative and practical skills, NHGS provides opportunities for all students to make the most of their talents and abilities through offering a wide range of GCSE and A Level courses.

The curriculum is brought to life and made inspiring through the enthusiasm of subject specialists who teach with passion, skill and creativity. Students' imaginations are fired by demonstrations, practicals and a wide range of trips, visits and experiences. Students are taught how to learn efficiently, effectively, and co-operatively.

They learn the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need in order to succeed both in school and beyond it. Their love of learning is consistently reflected in their outstanding attainment at both GCSE and A Level.



LEARNING TO LIVE

Our curriculum is much more than the subjects on the timetable. Our outstanding ethos and culture extend into all areas of life in and out of school. The modern world is full of challenges, some of them unexpected, but we aim to equip all of our students with the skills and attributes they need in order to navigate life with confidence.

We teach all of our students to respect themselves, to respect other people and to respect their environment. We develop their moral compasses as well as helping them to move in the right direction in relation to their learning and future employment. We help them to gain understanding of, and confidence in, themselves. When problems arise, we work with our students and their families to find solutions.

We offer a huge wealth of enrichment opportunities, including sports, music and drama as well as educational trips and visits, with residential trips abroad too. Our pastoral care for our students is second to none and we offer specialist support for a range of common barriers to learning and wellbeing. We believe that a happy student is much more likely to be a successful student!



PEOPLE SAY...

"Organisation and communication is exceptional. There is a lovely warm, welcoming atmosphere."

Parent of Year 7 student

"Being part of this school is like being in a family. The other students are really friendly and the teachers advise you how to reach your full potential."

Year 9 student

"The teachers have all been incredibly supportive through my years at this school and have made me feel great about my learning."

Year 9 student

"My daughter has received the very best education and development at NHGS. I cannot fault NHGS and do not hesitate to recommend it to my friends."

Parent of Year 12 student

"Overall we've been very happy with all aspects of the school and the most important thing is that my son is very happy attending the school."

Parents' Survey 2015

"The school provides an outstanding curriculum, well suited to the abilities of the students. The core curriculum means that all students can study a broad range of subjects to GCSE, keeping open the maximum number of options."

OFSTED

"The teachers and the quality of education here at NHGS are exceptional. They allow you to be confident and there is always help in time of need."

Year 9 student

"Hi Mr Fisher,

I just wanted to say a big thank you to you and your colleagues for making the last 5 years so fantastic for my daughter. Not only has she had an amazing education but she has had fun and laughter everyday. She is confident, happy and comfortable in her own skin and NHGS has played a big part in that. We consider ourselves very lucky that she was able to attend your school. Thank you."

Parent of Year 11 student

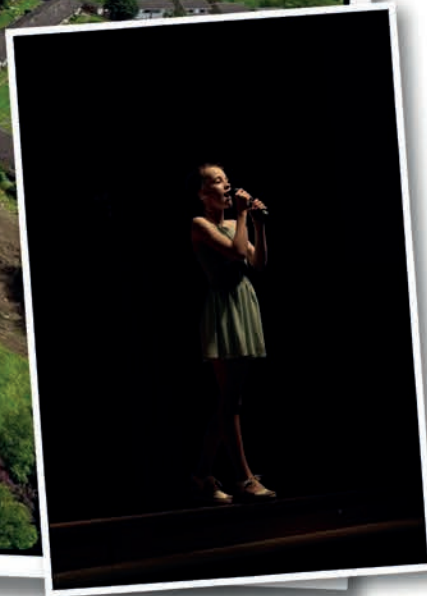
"Children are well nurtured and challenged to keep working hard to progress."

Parent of Year 12 student









✓ **3-YEAR AVERAGE PASS RATE AT A-LEVEL 99.5%, 64% HAVE BEEN A*, A OR B**



1136 STUDENTS
322 IN THE SIXTH FORM



75 TEACHERS
64 SUPPORT STAFF



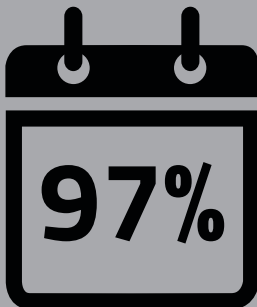
SCHOOL MEALS IN 2017



**UPGRADING OUR BUILDINGS &
FACILITIES IN THE LAST 5 YEARS**



**TEAMS ARE
CALDERDALE
CHAMPIONS**



ATTENDANCE

99%

of GCSE students achieved 5 A*- C grades, including English and Maths from 2015 to 2017

THE SIXTH FORM

The great majority of our Year 11 students choose to progress to our outstanding Sixth Form where they are joined by a significant number of high achieving students from other schools, who also recognise our expertise and excellence in Post 16 provision. The Sixth Form is very much at the heart of our school, both physically and spiritually, as our Sixth Form students provide additional first class leadership to students lower down the school.

As well as a wide range of A level courses (with a 3 year average pass rate of 99.5%, the vast majority at grades A*, A or B) we offer our Sixth Form students a wealth of enrichment activities which help them demonstrate a wide range of skills and attributes that are highly desirable to both universities and employers.

When our Sixth Formers move on from us they are able to pick and choose between the best universities, courses and employment opportunities available to them. We believe firmly in the benefits of being an 11-18 school and taking our students all the way through their secondary education until they are ready to thrive in the next stages of their lives.



ADMISSIONS TIMETABLE FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2019

Pupils must sit the Admissions Test to be considered for a place.

2018

Monday 3rd September	Registration deadline for the admissions tests.
Monday 17th September	Parents will have received information about the location and timetable for the admissions tests.
Saturday 29th September	Admissions Tests 9.30am – 12.30pm at North Halifax Grammar School and The Crossley Heath School.
Friday 26th October	Parents will have received the results of the admissions tests (including the overall score and position in the order of merit) but this will not constitute an offer of a place.
Wednesday 31st October	Deadline for the submission of Online Common Application Form (CAF) to Calderdale LA and neighbouring Local Authorities.

2019

Friday 1st March	Offer of a place at a secondary school distributed to parents by the home Local Authority
Friday 15th March	Deadline for lodging an appeal against the non-offer of a place at a school which was included as a preference on the CAF and requests for re-allocation.

