



# Welcome pack

**Kettlethorpe**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**

# Welcome from the Headteacher

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Dear Potential Candidate,

As a way of introduction to our school, this document intends to give you a quick insight to the work of the school as well as provide you with brief details about the science team.

The school is very popular and a school of choice, located on the edge of Wakefield very close to junction 39 on the M1. As such, we have staff and pupils who attend school from across Wakefield, Barnsley, Leeds and the Sheffield areas. Currently, over 20% of our pupils are out of district pupils. The current school roll is just over 1600 pupils across Year 7 to Year 11. We currently have a capital building programme underway that is due for completion in November 2020. This has the potential to see our numbers grow to 1800+.

Our working ethos is very much centred on our pupils and the school experience they get whilst at the school. We see school as far more than just pupil progress and outcomes and have created a school ethos and culture, that we believe, is both special and unique. Relationships at all levels are at the heart of what we do and serving a fully comprehensive community, all our pupils are treated as equals and our pupils are strong ambassadors for the school and the part they play in making it what it is.

It is a great place to work and we are a maintained school through choice. We fully determine our own future and destiny. At the same time, we work with other local MATs, academies and schools to further develop our teachers professionally.





# Our Strengths

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A real strength of our school is the very rich and diverse extra-curricular offer. We believe this really is second to none and our pupils have access to, and take part in, a very wide range of activities and opportunities. These can be seen on our school website. Pupils and staff are fully involved in this offer and all our pupils have opportunities to be involved in offsite visits, rewards trips and cultural experiences.

As a school, we are immensely proud of our work to support Children in Need. This year we raised £16,000, bringing our total over the

last 7 years to just over £81,500. Two of our current pupils won the Terry Wogan Children in Need Best Fundraiser award this year.

My involvement with the school totals nearly 22 years. First as a Team Leader and Deputy Head followed by the last 14 years as Headteacher, having returned from a headship in inner city Leeds for 5 years. Having worked in several schools and inspected nearly 100 schools with Ofsted since 2011, I really would place Kettlethorpe High School amongst the very best. It is a great place to be.



# Science department

**“** *Your STEM engineering provision is the best thing ever! It has made such a difference to my son's attitude to school. Thank you.*

Parent, January 2019

Currently our science team has a working team of 13. The teaching accommodation is well resourced and sited together. Pupils enjoy their learning and we have some very bright and capable pupils who get the highest grades as they move onto post-16 providers and university. All our pupils in Year 10 do a two-week work experience and Year 9 pupils have the opportunity to do the Duke of Edinburgh award.

The science team has some very experienced colleagues and we are looking for a leader who has the experience and skills to galvanise and excite our teachers into being the best science team locally. Opportunities exist to help re-structure the leadership roles within

the team in order to further develop and refine our science curriculum offer. The science team is supported by two technicians.

The school is in a position to offer an experienced candidate an enhanced TLR/ leadership point, if they can demonstrate tangible impact and success in the development and delivery of science across a large team.

Do feel free to contact the school, or to speak with me, if you have any questions in relation to this post.

*Tudor Griffiths*



# Key facts



*This is a good school. (...) Pupils are highly respectful of each other, visitors and members of staff*

Ofsted 2016

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Type of school:	Community school
Headteacher:	Tudor Griffiths
Age range:	11 to 16
Pupils on roll:	1,615

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## 2019 Data

English and maths %	Grade 4+	73
	Grade 5+	53
	Grade 7+	19
English %	Grade 4+	82
	Grade 5+	68
	Grade 7+	35
Maths %	Grade 4+	78
	Grade 5+	57
	Grade 7+	23
Science %	Grade 4+	67
	Grade 5+	46
	Grade 7+	15

EBacc entry:	57% (41% achieved at 4+ and 28% at 5+)
EBacc entry 2020:	75%
Overall P8:	-0.03
Attainment 8:	48.72
Year 11 cohort 2019:	302 pupils



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