



Boroughbridge
High School
Aspiration for All

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"Safe and happy students are successful."

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Message from the HEADTEACHER

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 as is demonstrated in our excellent outcomes and wide range of destinations. We are an Ofsted rated 'Good' school.

With just over 400 students, we serve the community of Boroughbridge and the surrounding area, 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 strive 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.

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"*





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 more than 30 local 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 our Year 5 Experience Days 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 Parents' Information Evening during the Summer term with the opportunity 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 of the school.
- An additional Parents' Evening at the beginning of Year 7 to discuss how your child is settling in.



'My daughter came from a small primary school and was the only child from that school to join BHS. I am really impressed and pleased at how well she has made the transition into High School life in such a short period.'

I think this can be attributed to the three full transition days offered to her at the end of Year 6. I also think it is because she feels safe, secure and happy in school life.'

Year 7 parent

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 Parents' 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 Letters and through regularly updated information on our website. We also have Parent 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 Parents' Evening, gather feedback at Parent Information Evenings and also send out surveys. However, we encourage parents to give feedback at any time and not to wait for a formal opportunity to do so.

*"The small size of Boroughbridge High School helps to create a sense of community, and pupils feel safe."
Ofsted 2022*



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 begin to personalise their curriculum at the end of Year 8 before making their GCSE option choices at the end of Year 9.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum

Maths	Art
English	Drama
Science	Music
Geography	DT
History	FT
RE	ICT
French	PSHCE
PE	

"Leaders ensure that all pupils have access to a broad curriculum...Careful consideration is given to the organisation of option choices for pupils to study in Years 10 and 11."

Ofsted 2022

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 students have access to an EBacc curriculum.

Key Stage 4 Curriculum -Years 10 and 11	
Core All students study these subjects	Options 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 ICT – Creative Media (BTEC) Physical Education Health and Social Care (BTEC) Business Travel and Tourism (BTEC) Performing Arts (BTEC)

At Key Stage 5

From September 2022 we have suspended entries to the Sixth Form at Boroughbridge High School for two years. However, we work closely at post-16 with our Federation partner, King James's School, Knaresborough.







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, in Summer 2022, we took 57 students to the inaugural Girls' Well-being Colour Run in Dalby Forest. This year we plan to take students to Bewerley Park and Normandy.

We have a wide range of enrichment opportunities for students and regularly get involved in local, regional and national tournaments and competitions. Particular success over the last few years has included winning the Festival of Friends' Service Pupils' Project competing with schools from across North Yorkshire and the City of York and the Year 8 Football team reaching the final of the ESFA Boys Under 13 PlayStation Small Schools' Trophy which was played at The Hawthorn's Stadium, home of West Bromwich Albion.



"Leaders ensure that a range of enrichment opportunities are available to pupils. Theatre visits, trips to mosques and sports clubs are just some of the experiences available.."

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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 activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Sports leadership and, across the age range, are able to contribute to whole school decision making by becoming part of the School Council. The student and staff elected Head Students, their Deputies and Prefects are directly responsible for the organisation and running of the School Council and lead committees on a range of issues and fundraising activities. They also form an important part of staff recruitment, carrying out Student Interviews.



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 is as a result of our high expectations around behaviour, uniform and being ready for learning.

We have an Attitude to Learning and Behaviour for Learning scale so that

students know what is expected of them. These are complemented by our BHS Standards which ensure that students have the same high standards outside of the classroom. These and our Climate for Learning system 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."

Parent 2022

STUDENTS WHO ARE SUPPORTED

"We are very grateful for all the hard work and support given to our children"

*Year 8 and Year 11
Parent*

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

"The pastoral team is well respected by pupils"

Ofsted 2022

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.



"There are a number of clubs that pupils are encouraged to join. Leaders ensure that these are inclusive and welcoming for all pupils."

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"Pupils with education, health and care plans are well supported in lessons"

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THE FUTURE

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 advisor along with attending careers conferences, listening to visiting speakers and carrying out mock interviews along

with 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. For further information go to

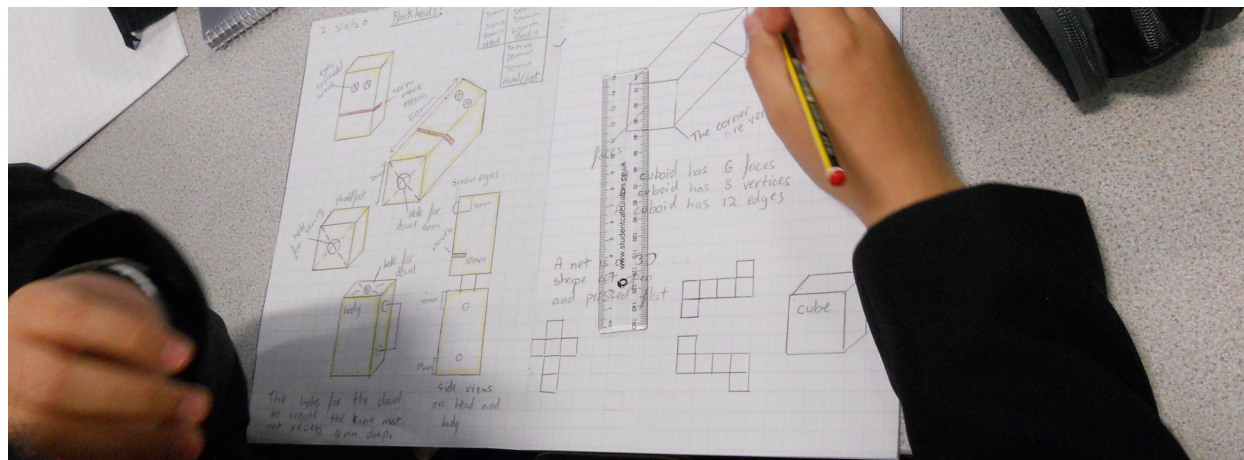
<https://www.boroughbridgehigh.com/about-us/leavers-destination-report/>

"Careers guidance is woven into the PSHE education curriculum. Pupils are helped to move to a range of destinations at the end of Year 11."

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SECURING A PLACE AT BOROUGHBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

As a local community High School, North Yorkshire 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. It is vital to name Boroughbridge High School as your preferred school even if you live in the catchment area of the school.



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