

Principal's Welcome

Bruntcliffe Academy stands proudly as one of the highest performing schools in the country with students securing outcomes in the top 13% of schools nationally in 2019. Our students excel academically as a direct result of them embracing our high standards and expectations whilst relishing in the opportunities provided to them beyond the prescribed curriculum, ensuring that every day positively shapes their future.

Five Core values define Bruntcliffe Academy's ethos: Community, Productivity, Inclusivity, Integrity and Ambition. Embracing these values enables our students to flourish in an environment which cultivates intellectual enquiry and is one free from cynicism. Our students are encouraged to play an active part within the academy and local community, shaping their experience and forging a path of excellence for all.

Bruntcliffe Academy is fortunate to work in partnership with The GORSE Academies Trust whose pre-eminence is a result of the exceptional leadership of Sir John Townsley, Chief Executive Officer and Leanne Griffiths, Executive Principal 11-16 Education, along with the wider Executive Team. As a result of this partnership and the sharing of educational expertise, all students, including those who would otherwise face disadvantage socio-economically, are afforded the opportunity to progress to their desired choice of high-quality education, training or employment. Within this, many students choose the trust's Outstanding (Ofsted, 2018) post-16 provision, Elliott Hudson College, one of the leading academic Post-16 providers in the country and where students from Bruntcliffe Academy enjoy prioritised access.

We pride ourselves on a personalised approach, ensuring an extensive programme of enrichment so that every student is nurtured individually, developing their own interests and talents, including our BIG 3 initiative: rowing, karate and volleyball, whilst encouraging students to be ambitious in making their school experience their own, supported by colleagues who care about them as individuals and by an exceptional system of pastoral care. To do this, we provide all students a safe, nurturing learning environment where students can contribute to discussions and debates (our Debate programme), work in silence on challenging materials, building resilience within the Purple Zone and contribute to our community through our Student Leadership teams, Green GORSE programme and Trinidad Legacy.

Bruntcliffe Academy aspires for all students to leave us at the end of their secondary school journey as well-rounded citizens who are articulate and confident with a strong sense of social responsibility.

I hope that you will join us for one of our Open Events or arrange a visit to look around our academy and see for yourself our exceptional school which enables all students to see no limits and to reach their potential.