

SHERBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Achievement for all...



Letter from the Head



Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This is an excellent time to be considering Sherburn High School! Inspected in 2017 Ofsted judged that we are a Good school and made the following comments:

- All leaders set high expectations for students' behaviour and achievement
- The school's systems for assessing student's progress are very effective
- Staff are proud of the way in which the school has improved, they are ambitious to improve further
- Students enjoy coming to school and they value the way in which their teachers encourage them to take part in school life

Exam results are consistently above national average, demonstrating our desire for excellence and achievement for all.

Sherburn High School's motto "Achievement for All" encapsulates what we stand for and believe in.





What's special about Sherburn High School?

Our students are welcoming, supportive young people. They take an active interest in the world around them. They are confident and creative

We are an inclusive and innovative School

We have close links with our local primary schools and a structured induction programme for our year seven students that ensures transition into secondary education is a positive experience for students and parents/carers

A House system that encourages team spirit, creativity and enterprise

An Inclusion Team that ensures professional support, care and guidance for all students

A commitment to listening to our parents and carers

Our Consequences Behaviour system that seeks to reward learners of all abilities and swiftly deal with any disruption

A focus on Student Voice because we recognise and value contributions made by the whole community

A curriculum that allows students to blend the vocational and academic pathways, progress at their speed and open doors into further education and the world of work

Partnerships with other secondary schools, universities and employers to enrich the life chances for all our young people

Put simply: "high expectations for all," because this is very much the key to our success. We are on a journey to **Outstanding**; we would love you to join us.

We look forward to welcoming you into Sherburn High School.

Ms M. Oakley, Headteacher



What will I learn at Sherburn High School?

Key Stage 3:

Sherburn High School operates a two year, Key Stage 3. In years 7 and 8 all students study English, Maths, a Modern Foreign Language, Science, History, Geography, RE, PE, Art, Design and Technology, Drama and Music. We believe that this broad and balanced curriculum allows students to fully develop their literacy and numeracy skills as well developing their inquiring and creative minds. Students' personal, social and citizenship skills are developed through RE and PSHE lessons.

During Year 8, students select their Key Stage 4 Option subjects.

Key Stage 4:

In Key Stage 4 there are a wide variety of choices including traditional GCSE courses and other vocational qualifications. Our KS4 curriculum model enables students to specialise in their chosen GCSE subjects and to stand the best chance of success in their EBacc subjects whilst still giving the flexibility to study other option subjects.

Students follow a core curriculum of English language and literature, Maths, Science and core PE. Students then select from a wide range of options subjects.

Key Stage 5:

Our sixth form partnership with Tadcaster Grammar School offers students the opportunity to study a wide range of subjects at Post-16. Students benefit from our bespoke sixth form centre and the pastoral support they receive here. Our students' outcomes at Post 16 are significantly above national average.

What else will I learn? What will I do? Where will I go?

We believe that it is important that our students learn about the world they inhabit locally, nationally and internationally. We want our students to appreciate their world; valuing differences and being keen to explore. It is because of this that all of Year 7 are invited to go on a residential visit at the start of the year, and we are proud that we run a wide range of local, national and international trips and visits throughout their school life.

What is a Life-Long Learner?

The school day runs from 8.40 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. All students are encouraged to stay beyond this to take part in our enrichment activities. Sports, including rugby, football, netball, basketball, table tennis and fitness take place alongside Science, ICT, Art, Drama, Languages and Music clubs. We actively encourage all students to take part in these activities believing that they encourage creativity, team work and success.

Our enrichment activities are free and open to all.

As students enter Key Stage 4 we supplement their lessons with additional after school classes. Working alongside their class teachers, students are able to develop their skills and embed learning.

Standards for Success

Our Behaviour, Uniform and Mobile Phone Policies exist to support learning and to create a safe environment for all.

Learners at Sherburn High School dress for success and are ready for learning. Uniform is worn with pride and represents students' commitment to our school community. (Full details of our uniform and suppliers can be found on our website).

For students to "Achieve" we expect them to attend every day. Holidays in term time are not permitted and our House Achievement Leaders work with families to support one hundred percent attendance.

We know that full attendance equals success!



I want to be heard! How will you hear my voice?

There are over 900 students learning at Sherburn High School. This diverse, creative and inspirational group of students enables us to support learners through our Student Voice activities. Not only do students participate in the running of the school through their House Councils and Executive Student Council there are also Peer Mentors, Subject Ambassadors and our Sixth Form Leaders.

Students are part of the recruitment process for all new staff, they decide and plan what we eat in our restaurant, they support one another through peer mentoring and support learning through peer tutoring.

Our students matter to us, we want to hear what they have to say.

We also want to hear what our parents and carers have to say. We know that successful students are supported students – and that we must work in partnership.

Our annual Year 7 Meet the Form Tutor evening enables parents to experience and understand more about our Key Stage 3 curriculum. Our Supporting Success events enable parents and carers to learn about Key Stage 4, revision and the world of examinations!

In addition, parents/carers are encouraged to contact us to raise any personal issues or discuss their concerns. Parents and carers are expected to attend all Parents' Evenings and play an active role in their child's education.





What happens if I decide to come to Sherburn High School?

Throughout the year a variety of events and activities take place that are designed to support students moving from primary to secondary school. Prospective students and parents are invited to visit us for our annual Open Day. They are given the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet existing students and staff and watch or take part in lessons.

Primary students are invited into Sherburn High School to experience secondary school life. Students take part in our Sports Festivals, Modern Foreign Language days and more! Strong curriculum links have been developed through our links with our feeder primary schools.

Once students know that they have been granted a place at Sherburn High School, they are invited to our Transition Events. These include time spent at our school, following a timetable so that they meet our existing staff, students and have a taste of what's to come. (Reducing any worries over the summer holidays).

Will I get a place?

Sherburn High School adopts North Yorkshire's Admissions Policy.



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