



THE HONLEY WAY

Looking forward since 1932.

When we first opened our doors in 1932, we did so with a simple goal. Ninety years later - following changes of name and status which have enriched our culture and reflected our heritage - we still hold firm to that aim.

Honley is a community where everyone has a role; each and every one of us expected to uphold our school values. We have a dedicated, committed, and nurturing staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students have the best possible opportunities to develop not only academically, but also emotionally and socially. Our student body plays a key role in contributing towards the school's decision-making process, as well as modelling behaviours and attitudes that enable the highest quality of learning to take place; supporting others and taking responsibility for their own education.

Honley is a truly exceptional high school, not simply by virtue of our long and proud academic

history as one of the highest performing schools regionally, but also by our desire to continually evolve and develop. We look forward not back, embracing opportunities for collaboration, culture and professional development within the Together Learning Trust. We invest in our school and our future; we are sure that the new, state-of-the-art main entrance area will similarly fill our community with pride and energy.

As we look forward, our focus is not only on academic progress, but encouraging exploration of enriching and stimulating opportunities, to ensure our children are exposed to the richness and wonder that secondary education should provide to enable them to thrive and grow. This is the Honley Way.



PAUL GREENOUGH, HEADTEACHER





Proud of our students, proud of our school.

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS THINK OF OUR SCHOOL?

“I love Honley because of the diverse range of clubs, productions and sports that bring the community together with teamwork and learning experiences.”

“The teachers always try their best to make sure students understand what they are doing. I also like that they have a good safeguarding team to make sure everyone is safe.”

“I like how helpful everyone is. If you ever need help there is always someone you can talk to.”

“Life at Honley High School is always a positive experience; there’s constantly new opportunities available and teachers never fail to make me feel supported.”

“Our school is the perfect learning environment. Friendly, inspiring and in my case - as well as many others - a place where you can achieve more than you thought you could.”

Strive for the Highest.

NITIMUR IN EXCELSIS

Our school motto means 'we strive for the highest' and that is what our students do, day in, day out.

Young people leave Honley with the skills to be life-long learners, able to compete on a global stage. At Honley High School we instil self-belief in our young people by enabling them to understand that it is drive, ambition, commitment and resilience which are the keys to success, and that by displaying these skills and qualities they can achieve anything they set their minds to.

We do not accept anything less than good progress by any of our learners, and this is reflected in our target-setting system. Students play a central role in tracking their own progress from the word go, to ensure they understand and take ownership of

their learning goals.

As a result, almost all of our students make the progression onto further or higher education including Russell Group universities. Many Honley High School alumni even become leaders in their fields of expertise, or captains of industry.

“Student outcomes are good across the school in a wide range of subjects... because teachers have high expectations of what they can achieve.”
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Ambition & kindness.

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY.

We believe passionately that young people's lives are shaped not only by what they learn in lessons, but by the complex patchwork of experiences they gain through school life, and the relationships they create and foster along the way. A kind word, a familiar face, and a feeling of belonging are embroidered into the fabric of our culture.

Students who are happy and comfortable in their school environment are the ones who are best able to challenge themselves and thrive. Our students are consistently provided with opportunities to achieve, to aspire and to strive for the highest - we create an ethos of energy and ambition, which sets our students up to succeed not only in high school, but as they take on the wider world.

At Honley, we pride ourselves on establishing a nurturing, welcoming, tolerant culture. A culture of inclusion and respect for each other. All of those in our school community feel proud of their identity and feel able to participate fully in school life. Every person is encouraged to respect differences and challenge discrimination and inequality, as ambassadors for positivity and diversity.

We are, justifiably, proud of the specialist Resourced Provision for students with complex communication and interaction needs based at our school, which provides improved access to mainstream learning and specialist internal and outreach support for autistic students across South Kirklees.

CURRICULUM & TEACHING

Modern society is enriched by diversity. At Honley, we embrace those things which make us rich - we foster a culture of inclusion, we delight in opportunities to learn, and we approach every aspect of school life with enthusiasm.

A rich, interesting curriculum is vital in capturing the attention of inquisitive young minds. Our curriculum provides the basis for students to engage with and learn a broad spectrum of subjects, and our dedicated teaching staff are the facilitators for this learning experience.

We believe that every moment of every lesson plays its part in securing students' progress, and our carefully planned teaching from passionate, meticulous teachers results in students receiving a top-quality learning experience. They enjoy learning; they expand their minds; they are prepared for life after high school.

Richness & wonder.





A school of character.

COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO SHINE

We are a school of character - we encourage our students to get involved in the many clubs, teams and school trips which we offer, to enrich their experiences and help them in honing the skills needed to move into the wider world. Various sports teams represent our school, some at national level; musical opportunities are frequent, with talent shows, musicals, choirs and bands; and there is a diverse array of clubs with academic, skills-based, sporting and character-building offerings.

Trips to Europe, linked to World War History. Alpine ski trips every February. Spanish work experience trips, where students can put to use their mature attitudes and language skills simultaneously. Theatre trips; theme park trips; sports, history and science visits. These are just some of the excursions we offer to all of our students, to allow them to observe, experience and thrive.

Uniquely, we are the only school in Kirklees with a Combined Cadet Force Unit with over 70 students currently enrolled. Cadets take part in a wide range of activities including drill training, field craft and

expeditions, first aid, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Student leadership is a fundamental part of the Honley High School experience. Opportunities for developing leadership skills are available to students of all ages, with members of each year group contributing to the school's Student Council.

Led by year 11 student leaders, younger members of the school are invited to become ambassadors for their year group, representing the student body at many events throughout the academic year. Students will also be able to join our student-led working groups, tackling important issues such as the environment, cultural awareness and student wellbeing.

With other roles available such as reading leaders, numeracy leaders, sports leaders and student librarians, there is an opportunity for every member of Honley High to get involved and contribute positively to the school community.

When schools collaborate, incredible things happen.

At Honley we recognise that we can achieve much more when we are working together towards a common aim, than if each of us work in isolation. Success both within and beyond school requires us to be able to work collaboratively: to accept differing views to our own and use these to further develop independent thought; to have tolerance and acceptance and embrace diversity and to appreciate that by working with others, we are stronger.

Honley High School is committed not only to collaborative learning within the classroom but also as a cornerstone to our working practice as a school, as part of the Together Learning Trust.

We are a close family of local schools, including the Brooksbank School and Ryburn Valley High School, Ryburn Sixth and three primary schools.

Being part of a supportive trust brings multitudinous benefits to the school, staff and students. Working in collaboration supports our schools to be better. Through the professional development of leaders and staff, effective curriculum development, robust quality assurance, mutual support and great governance, by working together we demonstrate meaningful and sustainable improvements in our schools. Our aim is to become the best at getting better.

We strive to deliver extraordinary education - for every child, every day.





Your future is bright.

LIFE AFTER HONLEY

We encourage every single one of our students to be ambitious, develop high aspirations and consider a broad range of options for their future. We use our contacts in the worlds of work and further education to motivate and inspire students, helping them to understand the countless opportunities available to them and where their different choices can take them in the future.

As well as all teachers contributing to the facilitation of our CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) programme,

we have a careers advisor in school, who provides career-related and impartial information to our students - our students are supported with their career pathways and are confident in taking the next steps towards their futures.

We believe it is our duty to ensure that all students can engage proactively in decisions about their future pathways, and are ready to proceed with their journeys to careers in a rapidly-changing world.

Your adventure starts here.

HOW TO APPLY

We hope that this prospectus has given you a good sense of our ambitious, kind, historic and forward-thinking school and left you feeling excited about the opportunities ahead. We would love you to be a part of Honley's story.

Applications for a place at Honley High School are made online via Kirklees Council's school admissions portal. Applications are open from the start of September until the end of October whilst you are in Year 6.

There is further guidance about applying - plus important dates, our admissions policy and uniform information - on our website. Keep up to date with news and stories of life at Honley by following us on social media.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss your particular requirements in choosing a school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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COLLABORATION

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RESPECT

Everyone has the right to learn, grow and develop. The measure of a person at Honley is based upon their dedication, their effort and their contribution.

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ENDEAVOUR

A Growth Mindset is key to developing our young people's coping strategies in overcoming challenges and adversity.

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ASPIRATION

'Nitimur in excelsis' sets out our goal for everyone at Honley – we should never aim for anything less than the best that we can be.

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TOLERANCE

We have a nurturing ethos. We want to achieve and we want others to achieve. We encourage each other to be the best that we can be.

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EQUALITY

At Honley we believe in fairness and consistency. We strive to ensure that every member of our community can participate fully and that no one is left behind.



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