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Dinnington High School
Prospectus

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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to this snapshot of Dinnington High School. We look forward to meeting you in person either at our Open Evening, on a visit and tour or both.

At Dinnington High we pride ourselves on getting to know our students well and developing strong positive relationships with them. We know that if we do this, we will be effective in helping them to learn, progress and achieve their best. We are committed to delivering the most engaging and inspiring learning experiences for your child both in the classroom and beyond.

Our curriculum is designed to offer a wide range of opportunities and qualifications for students to excel, whether that is a challenging academic experience that leads to the top universities, a vocational pathway into a range of professions and careers, or an opportunity to develop sporting or artistic prowess.

Our Student Development Team works hard to support students and to challenge them to be the best they can be. This is rooted in traditional values based on respect and good manners.

The dedicated staff at Dinnington offer a huge array of experiences to students beyond the classroom. This ranges from local trips and visits to tours abroad; sports & performing arts to maths & science competitions; work experience to cultural opportunities.

You are welcome to visit us; we hope you find this prospectus useful; and get in touch if we can help in any way.



Yours Faithfully,
Ms Rebecca Staples
Principal

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Why choose Dinnington High School?



Strong Relationships

An inclusive caring school that puts students at the centre and works to develop the whole child into a happy and resilient individual.

Strong support from our Achieve and Engage teams with experts in everything from careers guidance to special needs.



Strong Progress

A strong track record of students moving to university, apprenticeships and employment.



Strong Values and Ethos

We have high standards of behaviour and aim to embed a sense of ambition and aspiration. 'Achieving Excellence' is at the heart of everything we do.



Strong Teaching

Dedicated and passionate expert teachers who work hard to get to know every child and to adapt their learning experiences to their needs and interests.



Post 16 Opportunities

A highly successful sixth form that gives students a wide range of academic and vocational pathways until the end of Y13

Achieving Excellence



Achieving Excellence

At Dinnington High School we want all our students to achieve excellence.

We have a highly motivated and talented staff team committed to helping every individual student to reach their potential. We provide excellence in learning and excellence in personal development, behaviour and welfare.

Achieving Excellence is the over-riding ambition of our school and trust. We place students at the centre of everything we do, creating a culture of success and a love of learning which enhances students' achievement and their personal, social and emotional well-being.



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Curriculum

Our curriculum is constantly evolving with students offered courses designed to meet their needs and ensure success in a rapidly changing world.

Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8)

Our curriculum in Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) is broad and balanced covering the core of English, maths and science as well as the range of other subjects: French or Spanish, art, PE and life, performing arts, technology & ICT.

We also have a special subject: Integrated Learning (IL). This is a transition subject that takes the content of ethics, geography, history and life and explores it in interesting and varied lessons with one dedicated teacher. These lessons are taken in setted groups, allowing students to learn with others of similar ability.

The IL teachers plan and work together to develop inspiring and thought provoking lessons. All the lessons are on one day and that gives opportunity to incorporate some interesting days out. As well as the knowledge they will gain, students will develop their presentational and team working skills.

Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11)

By Year 9 students start their GCSE and possibly BTEC courses. We use three years so that we can offer a wide range of options and so we can really explore subjects and add breadth to the experience.

Throughout their years, our Progress Leaders will track students' progress and work out when we need to celebrate hard work, give extra help or challenge students to work harder.

'I know I can go to my teachers if I need anything.'

Student

The Sixth Form (Years 12 and 13)

As an 11 to 18 school, we are proud of the students who choose to continue their education with us into Year 12 and 13. Based in our dedicated Sixth Form Centre, students study from a range of over twenty A Level and equivalent courses. We also guarantee relevant work experience for all our students.

Wider Opportunities

We believe that school life is more than attending lessons and that it should extend interests and skills.

Year 7 can look forward to an opportunity to take part in the Dinnington Youth Award which will challenge them in a number of ways from learning a new skill to organising a social event and will end with an expedition. This will move on to silver and gold awards in Year 8, and lead onto our highly successful Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Year 7 also have opportunities to go on trips and visits as well as to have special visitors coming into school. Over the years at Dinnington students might choose a trip abroad into Europe with languages or geography, or skiing with PE. They might go on one of our Sports Tours; the last one went to Canada and the USA. The one before that went to South Africa. They might go to the theatre, visit museums, local places of worship, sculpture parks and museums.

We have an excellent sporting tradition with lots of students representing the school at county and national level. We also have a history of getting students into US universities on sporting scholarships. Our Sports Leaders will be known to Y7 already from primary school.

Other activities:

- Performances
- Art exhibitions of student work
- Clubs in a range of topics from science to Harry Potter, technology to LGBTQ+
- Talent show and competitions
- Special super-learning days with guest speakers
- Sports trips
- Charity fund raising
- Inter-House competitions
- House Council and Student Ambassadors
- Lunchtime library club



Dinnington School Day

The school day is designed to maximise both learning opportunities and after-school activities.

Daily Timetable

8:35am	Form time/Assembly time
8:55am	Period 1
9:55am	Period 2
10:55am	Morning Break
11:10am	Period 3
12:10pm	Year 7 Lunch Break
12:40pm	Year 7 Period 4
13:40pm	Period 5
14:40pm	End of School
until 15:45pm	After-school activities

Lunchtime

Lunch will be 30 minutes long. All students remain on the school premises during the lunch break.

School Meals

If your child gets Free School Meals, we receive extra funding in school which can help us support students in a number of ways such as helping to subsidise the cost of the new uniform.

You might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you need help with applying for free school meals, please ring Mrs Burley on 01909 550066. You can also look online to find out if you are eligible - www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.



Student Development

Our student development team at Dinnington High School is focused on putting our students at the heart of everything we do and ensuring strong pastoral care. We work closely with students, parents and families to ensure that our students are able to succeed and achieve their potential. Student Development includes our Achieve team (Pastoral & Progress) and our Engage team (SEND & catch up).

Every child has a form tutor within their year group who is the first point of contact for your child every day and form time is based upon ensuring strong working relationships, team-building and a positive and supportive start to the day. Form time activities are engaging and students really enjoy the relationships with their tutor and others in their form and year group. Each year group is led by both a year leader and a progress leader who support youngsters with any worries and also ensure that we support students in a number of ways.

There is a strong anti-bullying ethos and form time, LIFE and assemblies promote this, ensuring that young people are well cared for and feel they can share any worries with their form tutor, year leader and class teachers. There is the opportunity to represent their student body and become a student leader, sharing their views and suggestions with school leaders.

Students' needs are met in a nurturing environment whilst raising the aspirations of young people through guidance on careers, university, apprenticeships and ensuring every child achieves their very best.



'I have loved my first weeks at Dinnington. Everyone is kind and welcoming.'

Student
DINNINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Getting Here

Walk

We encourage as many students as possible who live in or close to Dinnington to walk to school to promote a healthy lifestyle and to reduce traffic around the school,.

Buses

Moxon Bus 345
First Bus X5
Stagecoach 19, 19a, 19b

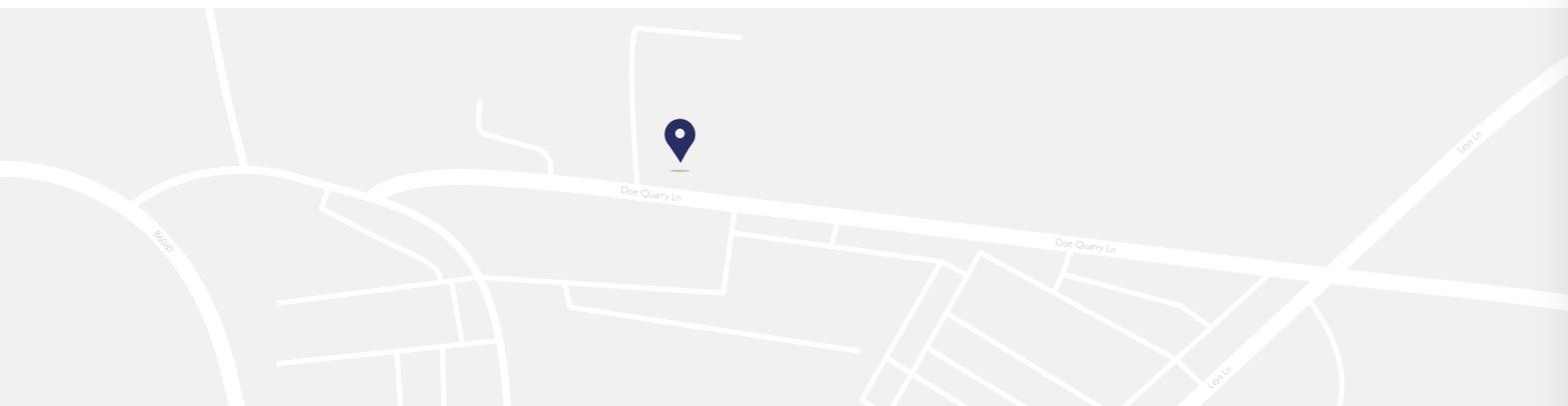
For timetables:
www.travelsouthyorkshire.com
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

Cycle

It is also possible to cycle to school. We have a secure cycle shelter in school for students and staff to use.

Car

REQUIRED



Contact Us



In person

At the school reception, where someone will be pleased to assist you.



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Assistant Principal

Mr C Brickley
Operations Manager

LEAP Vision

Achieving excellence is the overriding ambition of our Trust. We place students at the centre of everything we do, creating a culture of success and a love of learning which enhances students' achievements and their personal, social and emotional wellbeing.

We achieve our vision through:

Excellence for our Students

Inspiring, challenging, engaging and supporting all of our students to achieve excellent outcomes irrespective of their starting points. Every student is provided with a clear progression route to the next stage of their education and career.

Excellence for our Staff

Driving excellence in teaching and learning, and implementing a knowledge-rich curriculum that meets the needs and aspirations of all students.

Excellence for our Schools

Enhancing central and shared services to maximise organisational and cost efficiencies.

Excellence for our Communities

Building positive partnerships with our parents, primary schools and the wider community.



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Andy Riches
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Achieving Excellence



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