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# Principal's Welcome

### Welcome to this snapshot of Dinnington High School.

Dinnington High is a warm and welcoming school that is inclusive of students of all abilities and backgrounds. We pride ourselves on getting to know our students well and developing strong positive relationships with them and their families. We know that if we do this, we will be effective in helping our students to learn, progress and achieve their best.

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.



With kind regards Ms Rebecca Staples

We are committed to delivering the most engaging and inspiring learning experiences for your child both in the classroom and beyond.

Our Student Development Team works hard to support students and to challenge them to be the best they can be. This is rooted in our key ethos of always doing things the Dinnington Way, with kindness, respect and excellence.

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 can also visit our Transition mini website via: https://dhstransition.co.uk If you miss our Open Evening you can also contact us for a visit on transitionqueries@din.leap-mat.org.uk

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# Why choose Dinnington High School?



### Strong Relationships

We are an inclusive and caring school that seeks to know our students well so we can help develop the whole child into a happy and resilient individual.

Strong support from our Achieve and Learning Support 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.



# The Dinnington Way

We have high standards of behaviour at our school both in the classroom and around our school site. We believe in kindness, respect and excellence and this ethos is at the core of all that we do. We are a supporting and caring school and we expect excellent behaviour from all of our students.



# 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



concentrate.





# Kindness, Respect and Excellence

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

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.

At Dinnington, we also emphasise The Dinnington Way in all that we do; at all times we expect students and staff to show kindness and respect as we aim for excellence.



"[My son] is so happy to come to school and knows who to go to if he needs to and feels safe while in school.'

Ms H. Parent of Year 9 Studen

# 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

Our curriculum in Key Stage 3 is broad and balanced covering the core of English, maths and science as well as the range of other subjects: French or Spanish, history, geography, art, performing arts and music, technology, including food, ICT and computing, PE and life covering personal, social, health, emotional education and religious understanding.

We are a reading school. In Year 7 all students take part in Accelerated Reader. This develops reading skills from whatever level they start with. We also aim to develop a love of reading.

As well as opportunities to take part in a range of extracurricular clubs, students can also take part in trips and visits in the UK and abroad. The form time curriculum is also broad covering current affairs, diversity and cultural understanding. Form time is a vital and exciting part of the school day and ensures students cover a wide range of topics linked to their year group.

# Key Stage 4

The core for all students at Key Stage 4 is English, English literature, maths, science, life, RE and PE. All students study at least one EBacc subject (French, Spanish, history or geography). We also off them a wide range of options ranging from childcare to sociology, art to PE, business to technology. There is something for everyone. We have a careers team and senior staff to help advise students on their choices.

Throughout their years, our Year Leaders will track students' progress and work out when we need to celebrate hard work, give extra help or challenge students to work harder. As per Key Stage 3, extracurricular clubs, trips and visits, and a form time curriculum are extensive.

#### The Sixth Form

'The teacher we spoke to was fantastic and really

started to build my son's confidence up.'

(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 Years 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 if they want it.

Ms R. Parent of Sixth Form student

Sixth Form students have a range of extracurricular activities and trips. They also have a Guidance programme on top of their bespoke Personal Development curriculum.

# Wider Opportunities

Year 7 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 India. The one before that went to Canada and the USA. They might go to the theatre, visit museums, local places of worship, sculpture parks and museums.

We have a highly successful Duke of Edinburgh award that is well regarded by future employers and universities. Over the full 7 years we have visits into school from universities and employers; we have close links with a range of universities.

We have an excellent sporting tradition with many 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.

Our range of other clubs include Harry Potter club, STEM (science, technology, engineering & maths) club, Warhammer, library club, and more.

#### Other activities:

- Performances
- Art exhibitions of student
- Wide range of lunchtime and after school clubs from sport to science, crafting to chess.
- Special Dinnington Days with guest speakers
- Sports trips
- Charity fund raising
- Range of competitions
- Student Council and student leaders
- Lunchtime library club

'Teachers work around the clock to ensure all students are receiving the education they quite rightly deserve.'

Mr A, Parent of Student

# Dinnington School Day for Year 7

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

### Daily Timetable for Y7

8:15-8:30	Arrive in school
8:35	Form time/Assembly time
9:00	Period I
10:00	Morning Break
10:15	Period 2
11:15	Period 3
12:15	Lunch Break
13:45	Period 4
14:45	End of School/ After-school activities
15:50	End of after-school activities

#### Lunchtime

Lunchtime is 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 Jackson 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. Our ethos of kindness, respect and excellence is an important part of our pastoral and academic care for our students. 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 Learning Support 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. We include reading time of a wide range of books to widen students' interests and to continuously develop their reading skills. Each year group is led by two year leaders who help 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. In 2020, we achieved the Rotherham silver award for our antibullying work. There is the opportunity to represent their student body and become a student leader, sharing their views and suggestions with school leaders. Students can also train to be #SafeToBeMe leaders so they can support fellow students.

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.



### 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 0



Moxon Bus 345

First Bus X5

**Stagecoach** 19, 19a, 620

Maxfields operate a service for Firbeck and Letwell.

For timetables:

www.travelsouthyorkshire.com www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk

# Cycle/Scooter



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

We discourage students coming to school on electric scooters as that is illegal. If you let them use them, it is entirely at your own risk and they have to be stored in the bike sheds with ordinary scooters and push bikes.

We recommend the use of bicycle hats.

# Contact Us

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If you need to meet a member of staff, reception will help arrange an appointment.



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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