

SEE Yourself...



2018 PROSPECTUS



“Pastoral care is a strength and pupils report that they feel safe and well cared for by all staff.”

(Ofsted Nov 2017)

...HERE & NOW

“A Place of Belonging— A Place of Inspiration”

On behalf of the governors and all the staff I would like to welcome you to Eskdale School and thank you for your interest in the unique experience we offer. We are all focussed on achieving excellence for the young people in our care. Our mission statement emphasises the collective responsibility we all have - teachers, support staff, governors and parents alike, for ensuring the success both academic and personal of the young people in our care.

There is a very special atmosphere at Eskdale School; visitors note the calm, purposeful and supportive environment. We value every child as an individual and understand the importance of ensuring students are as happy and settled in school as they can be. We understand that this is essential for successful learning.

Our core values of respect, honesty and responsibility are central to everything we do; from celebrating success to the way we manage behaviour.

Most importantly, however, the processes through which we learn at school colour and shape us as people. We learn how to tolerate others, how to cope with our own disappointments and successes by being given the opportunity to experience all of these at school.

Joining Eskdale School is the beginning of an exciting journey; we look forward to welcoming all those who want to join us for the next stage of their education.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the ‘Eskdale School Experience’.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Fyfe', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andy Fyfe
Headteacher



“Pupils whose circumstances may make them vulnerable, or pupils who experience challenges in their lives, are well supported by the strong partnerships which leaders have established with agencies in the local authority and across North Yorkshire.”

(Ofsted Nov 2017)



... AS PART OF THE FAMILY

Caring and community are the words existing students, parents and staff often report that they strongly associate with Eskdale School.

As well as a well-rounded education, we provide a comprehensive system of pastoral care that helps to ensure all our students can get the very most from the opportunities on offer during their time with us.

At the heart of this is our House System. Every student is part of one of four houses, with each containing a number of individual tutor groups. There is a palpable sense of pride in being a member of a particular house, which is supported by friendly regular inter-house competitions.

However, as well as helping students enjoy school life, the school also supports them through any times of challenge. Tutor groups offer students a network of informal support – whether this is helping with homework or sharing their own school experiences. Students enjoy tutor time, and often report that it ‘feels like being part of a family’. Like any family, tutor groups also enjoy celebrating success and special occasions together.

Our pastoral system also recognises that parents and students may at times require more structured support. Each of our year groups is headed by a Head of Year, and these individuals are solely dedicated to the welfare of students within their year.

Heads of Year are the first point of contact for parents on any matter that may affect a student whilst they are at the school. Whether this is something that is happening in the home, or if a student simply needs more help to settle in at school our Heads of Year will co-ordinate all the support they need. They are also of course available to students and will liaise with parents and external agencies when required.

We pride ourselves on putting our students at the heart of the school and our highest priority will always be maintaining a safe and secure learning environment, which enables every child entrusted to our care to be happy, to flourish and reach their full potential.



“The behaviour of pupils is good. Pupils report that behaviour is good and lessons are rarely disrupted by low-level misbehaviour.”

(Ofsted, Nov 2017)

...ACHIEVING MORE

We believe passionately that education can transform lives, it opens many doors to a wide and exciting future, and we have high expectations for all our students. Our focus is on ensuring that all students reach their potential both academically and personally. We challenge our young people to work hard in lessons and develop a love of learning. We also challenge them to get involved in the wider life of the school.

Our curriculum is broad and balanced ensuring that students engage in a variety of different learning experiences. There are many trips and activities locally and abroad to enrich their learning.

Our Year 9 students decide on GCSE options in Year 9. This is a deliberate decision by the school to allow students to study widely for longer. Indeed the Chief Inspector of Schools has agreed this is the way forward.

We report to parents termly and have two parents' evenings for each year group. These consultation evenings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss progress in depth and work through any issues that may have arisen.

Our Inclusion Manager is proactive when working with young people with special requirements and makes links with feeder primaries early in Year 6 to secure a smooth transition. In addition we have a team of dedicated support staff who make a valuable contribution to the learning of students.

“Pupils, across the now two key stages in school, adopt positive attitudes to their learning and develop into mature and respectful members of the school community.”

(Ofsted Nov 2017)

“A wide range of before and after-school activities, visits out of, and visitors to, school enrich the curriculum well. Such experiences add to pupils’ enjoyment of school, broaden their horizons and raise their expectations.”

(Ofsted Nov 2017)



... AS A STUDENT

Choosing your secondary school is a big decision, and one that will affect you for the years ahead. You will of course spend some time talking to your parents so that you can make the right choice for you.

There is of course a lot of information to take in. Your parents may speak to you about important areas like your academic development, and how you feel about going to a particular school. If you have friends who come here, or have had a chance to look at the website, you will know that we expect a great deal from our students. This is because simple things like taking pride with your uniform, attending regularly and actively participating in your learning will help to ensure that you achieve the academic progress required to take you the next stage of your education.

In return, you can also expect a lot from us. The opportunities you are offered here are always enjoyable, and sometimes life-changing. Some of these are in the classroom, where you will take part in lessons that provide challenge that is matched appropriately to your needs. Others will see you taking part in popular trips both at home and abroad or one of the many clubs and activities that happen during and after the school day.

We want you to enjoy every moment of your education. Our students are always very welcoming and supportive. We also love to reward and celebrate success, and you can enjoy the benefits of our award winning Vivo reward platform, free trips and other exciting opportunities simply by making sure that you try hard and behave responsibly.

Our students enjoy coming here, which is shown through their attendance. Make sure you ask them about life here. If you picked up this prospectus at our Open Evening you will have a chance to do this, but don't be afraid to ask us any questions or arrange a visit.

There is lots of information specifically for you on our website – visit www.eskdale-school.co.uk to find out more.

Wherever you choose to go, we would like to wish you the best of luck for your education journey.



“I love the fact you can ring up and the staff know your child, they are not just a number”.

(Parent, Sept 2018)



... AS A PARENT

A strong partnership between home and school is at the centre of our community. We appreciate the vital role that all our parents play in ensuring that their child reaches their potential. As a school we have high expectations of students, staff and our parents. We do however, provide a huge range of support and ways to get involved, and we are always here to answer any queries.

All our young people feel immense pride in being part of the school, which is reflected in their positive attitude, excellent conduct and their relationships with each other and adults at Eskdale.

Our parents are also part of the school community, and you will be invited to a range of events, including those that celebrate success and showcase the talents of our young people. One of the ways you can get involved is through our **PTA**: which provides you with opportunity to play an active role in the life of our school by helping to organise and support whole school events.

You will also be updated about your child's successes and how you can support them through regular communication in the form of newsletters, emails, social media reports and personal contact from staff members.

The Home-School Agreement also outlines our formal commitment to you as a parent.

As a parent you will be encouraged and supported to be involved in all aspects of your child's education, to help them achieve more.

Eskdale is not just a school it is part of our community. It has a unique ethos which states 'Every Child Matters' and this is clearly felt within the school.

(Parent, March 2018)

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