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Head Teacher's Welcome

Thank you for considering Boldon School as a destination for your child's education.

Whilst we value the importance of a student's academic progress and achievement, we are also passionate about ensuring they have an opportunity to develop and excel as confident and reflective young people. Our school was graded as a Good school in September 2019 with our personal development gaining an outstanding judgement. We pride ourselves on our school having a very calm and purposeful ethos and environment.

"Pupil's personal development is exceptional. Boldon School has a tolerant culture. Pupils are very accepting of difference so there is little bullying or name calling. Pupils enjoy school because they feel welcomed and valued."

OFSTED 2019

Behaviour and standards are good, as this allows all teachers the opportunity to plan and deliver outstanding and enjoyable lessons. Aspiration, ambition and determination are embedded into the school's fabric.



Mr I Noble
Head Teacher

Mrs A Ayre
Deputy Head
Teacher



We look forward to welcoming you to Boldon School. Our school prides itself on ensuring that your child will receive the best possible experience.

A broad and balanced curriculum is at the heart of our school and will ensure that all students will find a subject which they can enjoy and excel within. We have excellent facilities that allow us to facilitate the learning of our students for more specialist subjects such as resistant materials, engineering and performing arts.

The staff at Boldon will ensure that your child has an enjoyable and rewarding educational experience.



“Good teaching and a well-planned curriculum mean pupils are making strong progress in most subjects”

OFSTED

Our Vision and School Ethos

Our aim is to encourage all students to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the school to attain their full potential in all areas of school life – the academic, the social, the physical and the personal. It is our aim to prepare students so they are ready both to play a productive part in a democratic society and to move forward to the next stage of education, training or career with confidence, as young people of responsibility and judgment.

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The Aims of the School:

- To help each student to develop and realise his or her potential as fully as possible.
- To help students form and maintain a positive self-image.
- To allow as much scope as possible for the students' own curiosity and enthusiasm to be the basis of learning.
- To encourage an awareness and understanding of the society in which the students live.
- To care for, and support, students as developing adolescents.
- To encourage students to develop an interest in, and enjoyment of, leisure activities, and to be part of the community.
- To prepare students for life after school.
- To provide an environment with a positive atmosphere in which students can learn.
- To prepare students for external examinations.

We feel it is very important that we secure the full co-operation of parents in their children's education. The process can only be truly successful if there is a partnership of student, parent and school in obtaining the maximum benefit from the opportunities which the school offers.

Boldon School is at the heart of the community and we encourage our students to get involved with initiatives in the local community. Every year the school hosts a Christmas party for local OAP homes, which is a combination of effort from students and staff.

There are annual meetings at which parents are invited to meet the staff teaching their children to discuss work and progress. Regular reports are produced for all students; these are usually the starting point for discussions at parents' meetings.

At other times the Year Leaders are pleased to meet and talk to parents . Other staff who work with your children are also available to meet with you. Please contact the school to make arrangements.



Results and Progression

Most Recent Results

Progress 8 is +0.25

Improved results for 4 years running!

One of the main aims here at Boldon School is to make sure that the students receive the results they deserve.

Students make good progress at Boldon School due to the extra support given from the staff in the classroom and in intervention.

We have a fantastic record of progression into further education and careers for our students.

Our most recent NEET figure for student progression into employment and careers was 100%.



"pupils are proud of their achievements
and are getting better exam results".
OFSTED

At Boldon School we are incredibly proud of the pastoral support we offer our students. Our effective pastoral programme is complimented by the strength and experience of our pastoral team.

We make an important contribution to achieving the 5 national outcomes for students:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well being

We are currently extremely fortunate to be able to provide a successful Nurture programme in Year 7. This academic year we have two Year 7 Nurture classes.

These classes are smaller than other classes in the year group, and as well as having a teacher leading learning, the classes have a Learning Support Assistant working alongside the children to provide additional support. Children are identified prior to starting at Boldon School for a variety of different reasons; whether it is academic reasons or perhaps a child is particularly vulnerable.

“Boldon School’s staff always put our kids first”
Student’s Parent



Our Pastoral System

Students health, development and happiness is of prime importance in our school. The pastoral system and team that we have ensures that we can meet and exceed each student's need(s).

Within year teams we have a Key Stage Coordinator, Year Lead and a team of tutors. In order to strengthen the work we do with our students, we also offer a learning mentor programme and our Inclusion Centre operates with a similar calm approach, for students to be supported with behaviours.

Pastoral team structure:



At Boldon School we are passionate about providing an inclusive education for all children. This means that whatever a child's needs, abilities or background, we fully believe in delivering a broad and balanced curriculum to all students, ensuring that all young people have excellent opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom.

Every year the school receives additional funds (called Pupil Premium) for use with specific students. Pupil Premium is provided by the Government to *“enhance the education of the most socioeconomically deprived, namely those students entitled to free school meals (FSM) and looked after children”*.

We have a fantastic SEND team and support staff to ensure that all students are able to make optimum progress. Our SEND team will support students in and out of lessons to ensure they have the best school life possible whilst here at Boldon School.

The behaviour and rewards system that is currently in place at Boldon School ensures that there is a fair and equal policy. We ensure that students who are behaving are rewarded fairly to encourage this positive behaviour all year round.



“Staff treat all students fairly no matter what.”
Year 7 Student

School Uniform

All school uniform is available from JK Clothing, Ellison Street, Jarrow.



Boldon School recognises the importance of a standard uniform for all students. This further promotes equality within the school.

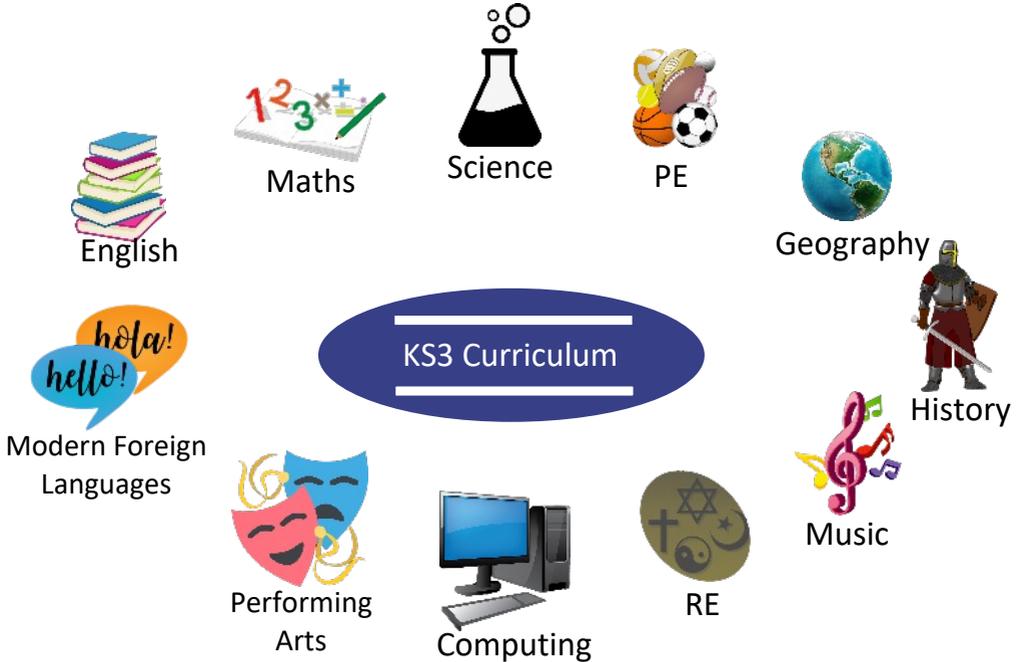
All students must follow the uniform policy which includes:

- A badged white polo shirt
- A badged black jumper
- Plain black school trousers
- Plain black skirt (knee length)
- Black polishable shoes

PE/Sport Kit

- Clima-cool badged t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Plain hoody
- Plain trainers

At Boldon School we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which allows students to explore their talents and learn new skills. We believe that all students should have a chance to study as many subjects as possible giving them a broader range of skills which will give them a better insight when choosing their Options in Year 9. Throughout Key Stage 3 students will study:



Students can then choose to focus on particular areas of interest when they choose their Options at the end of Key Stage 3.

As well as these subjects students will also learn valuable skills in our pastoral programme which covers:

- British Values
- Health Education
- Careers Education
- Sexual Health
- Society and Culture
- Key Skills

*“There are a lot of options
and opportunities for me to
study a range of subjects at
Boldon School”*

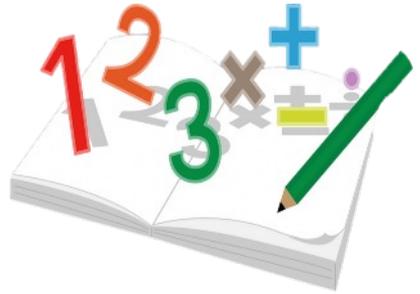
Year 9 Student





The English Faculty will build up your confidence in speaking, reading and listening. We cover a range of fantastic and dramatic topics that support you in gaining a better insight into language and literature. You will have the opportunity to express your creativity through your writing and build on these skills.

The Maths Faculty offers a range of exciting and challenging lessons to build on your basic numeracy skills whilst delving deeper into more complex topics. We offer unique and interactive methods of developing your mathematical skills and to prepare you for your future examinations.



Experimentation and understanding are one of the key concepts within Science and this is rooted into the lessons at Boldon School. Students will perform a range of exciting experiments whilst recording and analysing the results. We encourage curiosity about how the world works within Science.

English Baccalaureate

Geography gives you a better understanding of how the world works, which is why this subject is so important at Boldon School. You will study the ever changing environments and how humans are having an impact on the future of the natural law. You will gain insight in many exciting locations around the world and their cultures.



Learning about the past can help us better understand the future. This is why History is so important at Boldon School. You will study a range of exciting eras throughout time looking at the high points and low points of British history and the history of other cultures around the world.

Learning a second language is so important to make sure you are connected with the wider world, this is why it is highly encouraged at Boldon School. This allows you to learn new and exciting ways to communicate with others. Learning a second language allows you to access a wider range of opportunities in the future.





"I love learning how to play a range of instruments in Music"
Year 11 Student



Sports, Arts & Technology

Physical activity is at the heart of Boldon School. We offer a wide range of sports in PE and through extra curricular activities. Students are encouraged to be involved as much as possible to find an area which they enjoy. We offer competitive sports and activities that are just for fun.



It is important for students to be able to express their creativity. Various creative areas are offered to students at Boldon School. Students can take part in projects during class or enhance their artistic skills in extra curricular activities. We host a performance every year which is developed by the students from production to acting.



We think it is important that our students are familiar with modern technology that allows them to progress further in their education. Our modern IT facilities allow students to progress even further whilst familiarising them with the technology and software that is used in industry.



The school day starts at 8:30am and will end at 2:45pm at Boldon School. We believe that a quicker day allows the students to stay focused for longer and make more progress in each lesson. The school also offers a wide variety of extra curricular activities that run up until 4:00pm.

Typical School Day:

Lesson 1: 8:30am - 9:30am

Lesson 2: 9:30am - 10:30am

Break Time 10:30am - 10:45am

Lesson 3 10:45am - 11:45

1st Lunch 11:45am-12:15pm / 2nd Lunch 12:15pm-12:45pm /
3rd Lunch 12:45pm-1:15pm

Lesson 4 is determined by the lunch break as follows:

1st 12:15pm-1:15pm 2nd 11:45am-12:15pm/12:45pm-1:15pm
3rd 11:45am-12:45pm

Tutor/Pastoral 1:15 - 1:45

Lesson 5: 1:45 - 2:45

Some of the extra curricular activities on offer at Boldon School:

- Football
- Fitness
- Rugby
- Trampolining
- Photography
- Music
- Art & Design
- Homework Club
- Sea Cadets
- Animation
- Graphic Design
- Computer Club

Facilities

At Boldon School, we have a range of classrooms that include: specialist equipment, which allows students to learn new skills. This includes:

- ICT
- PE
- Art
- Hair & Beauty
- Resistant Materials
- Food Technology



We also have unique facilities that other schools may not offer, these include:

- Theatre with professional lighting studio
- Swimming Pool
- Hair Salon
- Beauty Therapy Room
- Library
- Dedicated Breakout Areas

Boldon School Royal Navy Combined Cadet Force offers challenge and adventure to all students. We believe in helping our young people get a head start in life by working in teams, learning through fun experiences and thinking for themselves.

Through the adventure of Cadets, young people get to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they'll never forget, and the chance to increase in confidence, develop life skills and to believe in their potential.

If you would like more information speak to our Section Commander, Lt Ingrid Moir MCGI RNR , who will welcome all queries and respond to emails or phone calls at her earliest opportunity.



More Information

If you require more information you can use our website: www.boldonschool.com

On our website you will find more detailed information about many areas of our school including the curriculum, uniform, behaviour and school expectations.

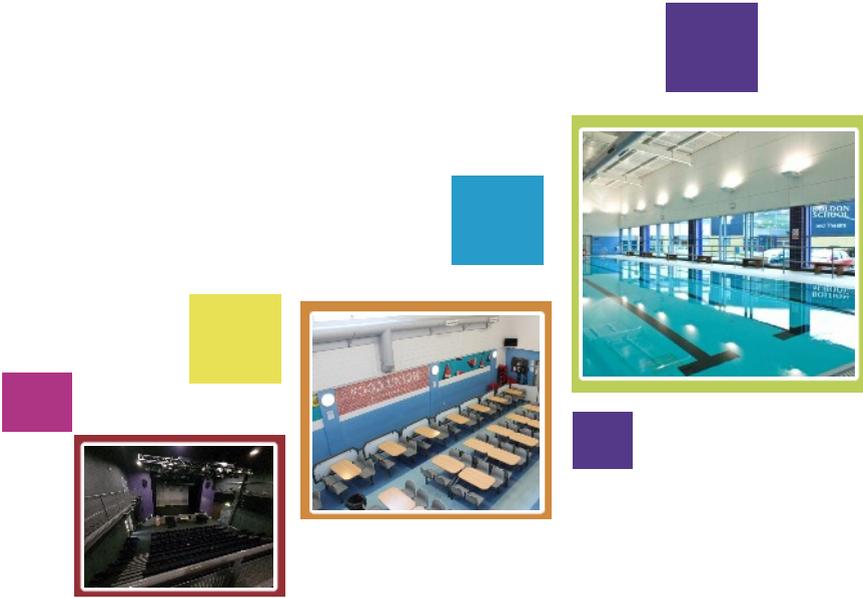


As well as finding more information from the school website, you will also be able to find our policy documents. All the newsletters, together with letters, which are sent out to parents, can be found in the news section of our website.

We also have a school Facebook page upon which important information is regularly shared. You do not have to have a Facebook account to read information that is put on the social media site, as the page is completely open for anyone to see the information.

If you require any more information that you cannot find on our website or social media please feel free to contact the school.





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