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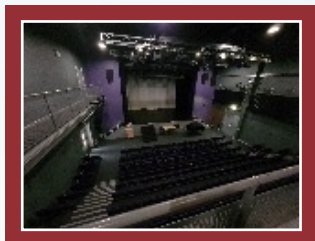
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Boldon School

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"Boldon students enjoy school because they feel welcomed and valued"

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Head Teacher's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Boldon School. My name is Justin Peel and I have the privilege of being Head Teacher. Choosing a secondary school for your child is an incredibly important time and we are delighted that you are considering our school for this purpose. Our curriculum offer is rich and ambitious for all students. It offers academic challenge but also develops key skills such as resilience; it also offers significant opportunity for personal development, as recognised by Ofsted. We are well aware of the pressures facing our young people, particularly since the pandemic. For this reason, we also offer an extensive programme of support and extracurricular activities. Our goal is very simple – to provide an environment in which all children can reach their true academic potential and are able to successfully make a positive contribution to society.



Mr J Peel
Head Teacher

Mrs L Pippin
Deputy Head
Teacher



At Boldon School, our key aim is to raise aspirations and embed ambition in all of our young people. Our broad and balanced curriculum allows for students to flourish, they have opportunities to engage in a range of subjects they can enjoy and excel at. Our school also offers the highest standards of pastoral care, to ensure a smooth transition to secondary school. Standards of achievement at the school are already extremely high, but we continue to provide challenge and support, working in partnership with parents and carers, to raise achievement even further and to do everything we can to enhance our students' life chances for the future. We look forward to welcoming your child to Boldon School, ensuring they have an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



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

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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 careers with confidence, as young people of responsibility and judgement.

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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.

Parents and Community

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 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 area. The school works closely with the Community Association to provide food parcels for families in need.

There are annual meetings to which parents are invited to meet the staff teaching their children to discuss work and progress. Regular reports are produced for all students and form 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 -0.29

(South Tyneside average Progress 8 is -0.54)

One of the main aims 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 by staff, both in the classroom and in intervention.

We have a fantastic record of progression into further education and careers when students leave us.

Our most recent NEET figure for student progression into employment and careers was 94%.



"pupils are proud of their achievements
and are getting better exam results"
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Student Welfare

At Boldon School we are incredibly proud of the pastoral support we offer 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 others in the year group, and as well as having teacher led learning, they also 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 academic or perhaps a child is particularly vulnerable.



"Boldon School's staff always put our kids first"
Student's Parent

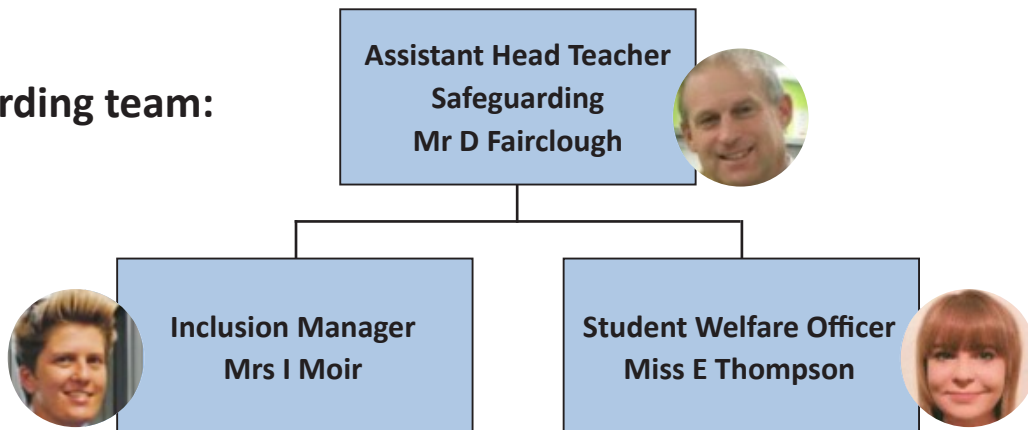
Safeguarding & Pastoral

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

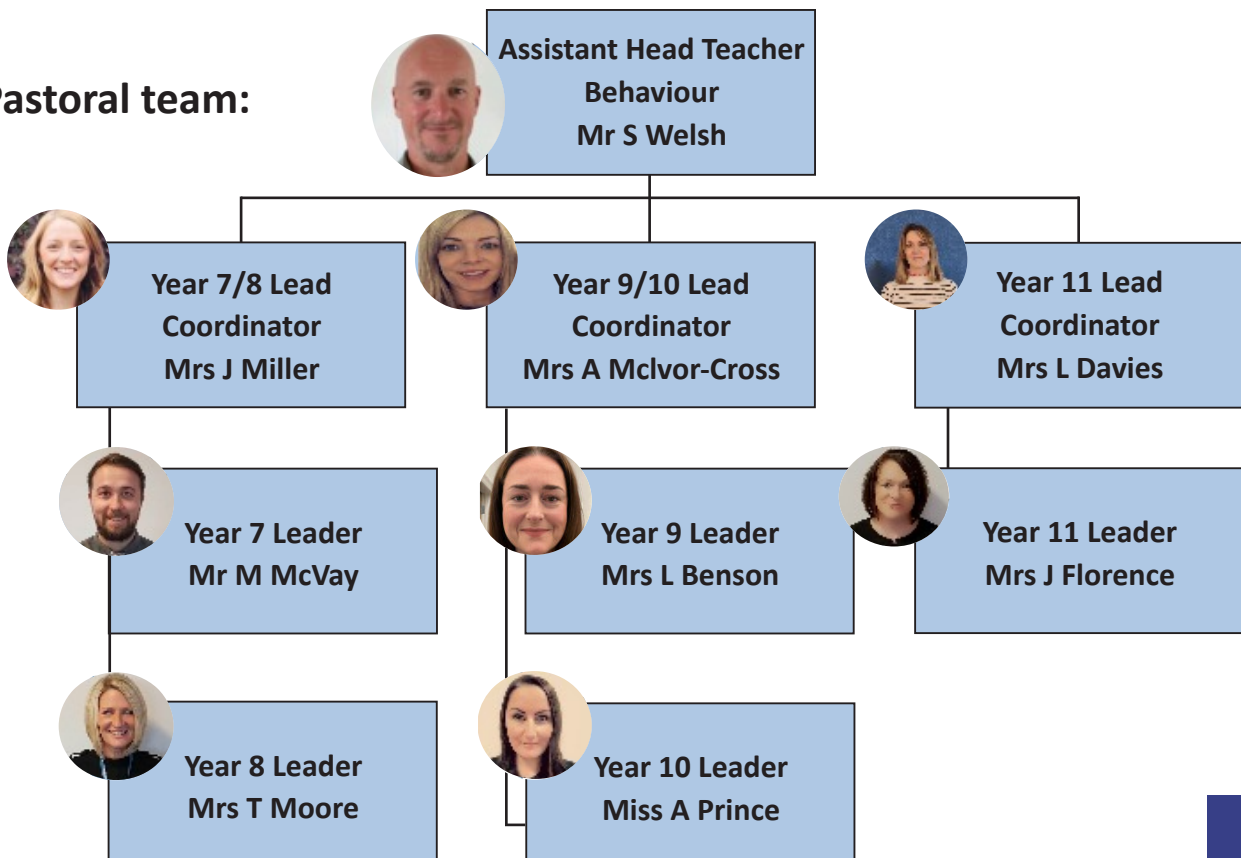
Mr D Fairclough and Miss E Thompson are our Designated Safeguarding Leads in school.

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 similarly calm approach, supporting student behaviours.

Safeguarding team:



Pastoral team:



Equal Opportunities

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, 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

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 white polo shirt (badge optional).
- Black badged sweatshirt.
- Plain black school trousers.
- Plain black skirt (knee length).
- Black polishable shoes.

PE/Sport Kit is available from Bolams, South Shields

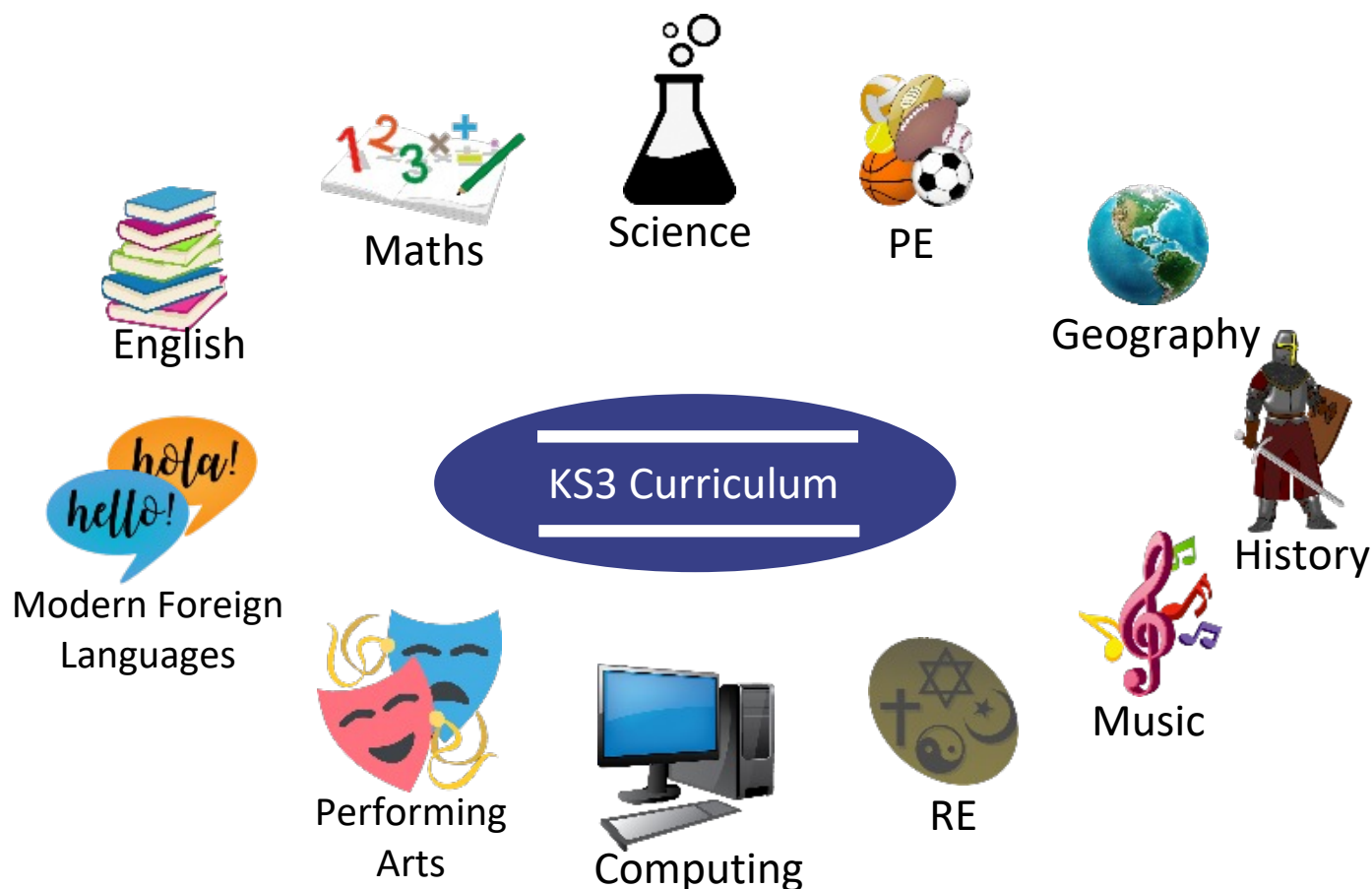
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- Burgundy clima-cool badged t-shirt.
- Burgundy badged 1/4 zip.
- Plain black badged shorts/
plain black Boldon School leggings.
- Plain black socks.
- Trainers.

Curriculum

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

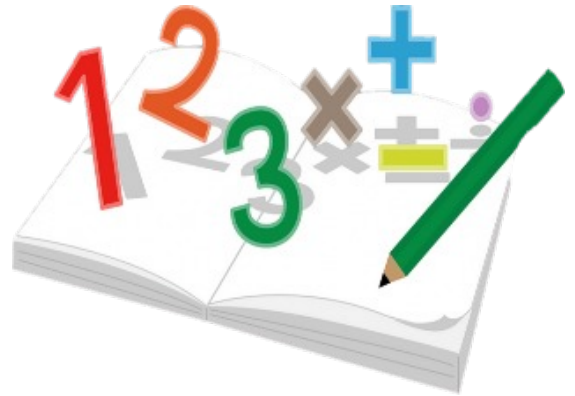


Core Subjects



The English Faculty will build 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 in 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 to 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 not just part of our curriculum, it's at the core of our philosophy. With a diverse range of sports offered, we empower students to explore and discover their athletic interests with programmes being designed to foster a sense of enthusiasm and passion. We believe all students have the potential to excel in sports and it's our duty to provide the resources and opportunities to do so.



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 extracurricular activities. We host a performance every year which is developed by the students ranging 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.



Extracurricular

At Boldon School we recognise the importance of enriching our students aside from their academic curriculum. Every Faculty across the school offers a club for students to take part in and enjoy over the school week.

Each club is free of charge and is for one hour after school. Through our enrichment provision we not only use the talents and experiences of Boldon School staff, but specialist coaches in specific areas to broaden and strengthen our offer.

These include a wide range of experiences and challenges to enrich the lives of our students. We hope that this will encourage lifelong participation in a range of areas with the opportunity to try new things with new people and friends. Some examples are science club, lego robotics, game makers and hairdressing.

We offer a wide range of vibrant sports clubs and activities, catering to both competitive athletes and those seeking fun and enjoyment. Our students have the opportunity to join teams in various sports such as football, rugby, handball, basketball, cricket, clubbercise, dance, and netball. Additionally, our fitness suite is available for students to use. For a comprehensive and up-to-date extracurricular timetable, please visit our website and Facebook page.



Facilities

At Boldon School, we have a range of classrooms that have 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

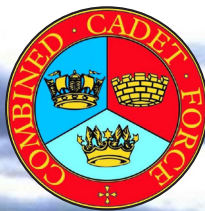
Royal Navy Cadets

The Combined Cadet Force (CCF) exists in over 260 independent schools all over the UK. It offers young people aged 13-18 a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities to develop personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline.

In addition to these camps there are over 100 courses to choose from throughout the year, many leading to nationally recognised qualifications.

As well as the water activities, cadets can do scuba diving try dives, mountaineering, mountain biking, learning to march, rock climbing, leadership, first aid, National Pool Lifeguard Qualification (NPLQ), flying and there is even a band course for budding musicians. These courses are sponsored by the Navy and therefore cost a fraction of the civilian equivalent/or offered free and provide individuals with many opportunities to experience living away from home on a Military establishment. All uniforms are provided free to cadets and we meet every Tuesday night in school 3.15pm - 5.00pm.

For more information, please contact Section Commander Mrs Moore (Head of Year 8).



More Information

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

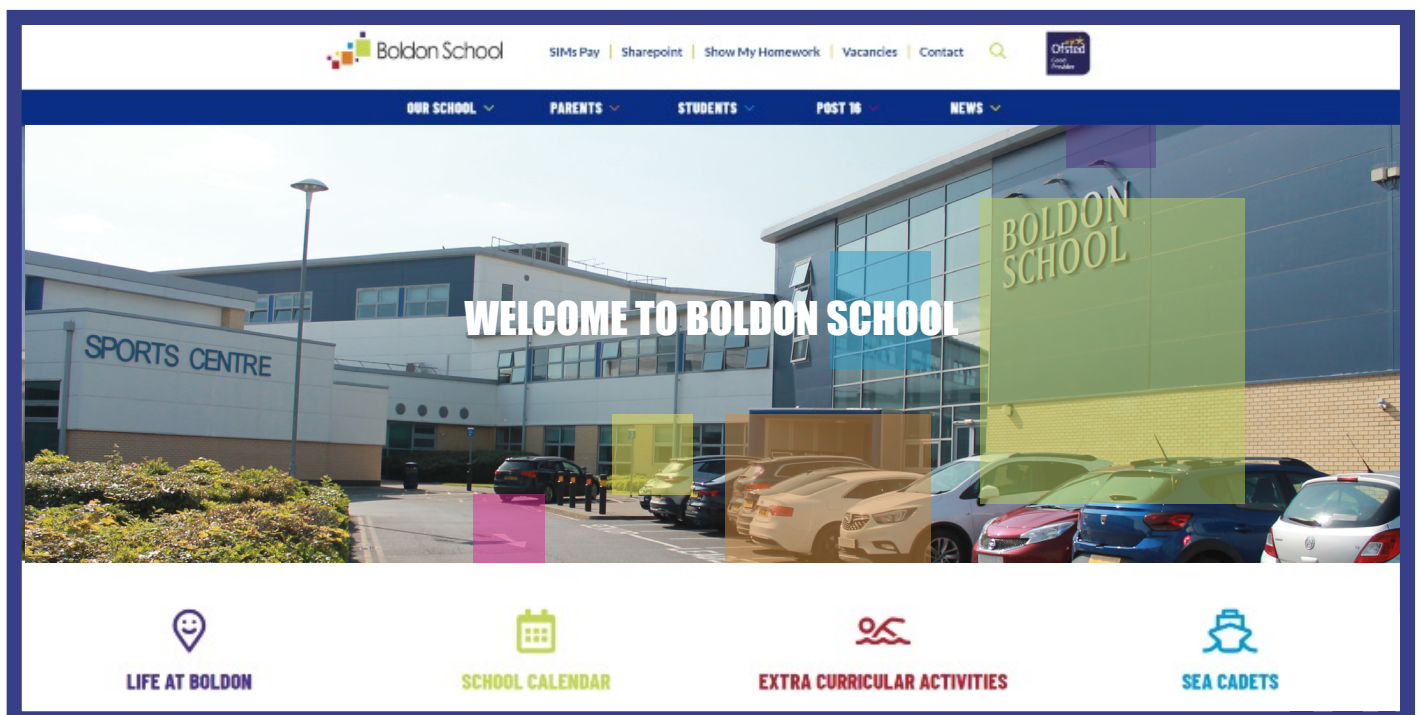
On our website you will find more detailed information about many areas of our school including the curriculum, uniform, behaviour and school expectations.



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 this, as the page is completely open for anyone to access.

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



School Day

The school gates open at 8.00am and a free breakfast will be available in the Bistro from 8.15am. Lunch and break times are split between year groups.

Typical School Day:

Period 1	8.45am – 9:45am
Period 2	9.50am – 10.50am
Period 3 (1 hour lesson and 15 minutes break) <u>Break</u> <i>Break 1</i> <i>Break 2</i> <i>Break 3</i>	10.55am – 12.10pm <i>10.55am – 11.10am</i> <i>11.10am – 11.25am</i> <i>11.25am – 11.40am</i>
Period 4 (1 hour lesson and 30 minutes lunch) <u>Lunch</u> <i>Lunch 1</i> <i>Lunch 2</i> <i>Lunch 3</i>	12.10pm – 1.40pm <i>12.10pm – 12.40pm</i> <i>12.40pm – 1.10pm</i> <i>1.10pm – 1.40pm</i>
Tutorial	1.40pm – 2.10pm
Period 5	2.15pm – 3.15pm



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