



Quarrydale Academy

Achieve, Behave, Cooperate



Achieve

At Quarrydale Academy, helping students become well-rounded individuals is always our priority. We see the children's education as a partnership between parents, students and the school, maintaining constant communication throughout. We're proud to be a school with old-fashioned values such as hard work and good behaviour, but also progressive attitudes towards the development of teaching and learning and the embracing of technology.

The outstanding relationships between staff and students, and amongst students, set an excellent climate for learning.

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We believe our safe school environment gives our students the space to grow into proud, respectful, helpful people. We strive to provide them with the best possible surroundings such as expansive playing fields, an extensive library, state-of-the-art computer facilities and online learning resources, ensuring all our students have the technical know-how they need for the digital generation. Our curriculum, across all years, is balanced and broad, giving our students the foundation for achieving very successful exam results and the opportunity to use their learning to shape their future.

We are expected to work hard to challenge ourselves. Our teachers give us our targets and tell us how to achieve them.

Year 9 student



Behave

Quarrydale Academy is committed to providing pastoral care for students, promoting their spiritual, moral, social and cultural wellbeing. We offer a dedicated support room for students to visit when they feel they need a helping hand, during school hours or beyond. This is designed to be a safe, caring and supportive environment where students can access pastoral or curricular support, and this is borne out by the overwhelming number of applications we receive year on year for places at Quarrydale.

“Students enjoy the Academy, behave well and feel safe. They are valued for who they are and given the confidence to succeed.”

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“I feel safe and happy here. The teachers are always there to help me if I need it. They are friendly and approachable.”

Year 7 student



We're proud to offer our students a huge range of extracurricular activities and events to become involved in. We host a number of events evenings throughout the year, ranging from our annual talent show for staff and students alike to our Learning Support Evening where the achievements of our more vulnerable students are celebrated. We run a number of academic and charitable trips, the highlight of these being our annual visit to India where our students support those less fortunate than ourselves. We run tours for our sports teams such as our long-standing rugby tour to Holland. We have after school clubs for all sorts of sports, from basketball to badminton as well as music, art and drama.



Cooperate

We want every single one of our students to feel prepared for the future ahead, and we personalise our approach to suit them. From Year 7, we ask students to devote time to planning for their future career and life beyond school. We set aside two weeks of the year for all Year 10s to complete a work experience programme, utilising our wide network of local business contacts and employers. We understand that not all students can excel academically, and support them in every way we can.



“I have had support preparing me for what I might do when I leave school since I started here in Year 7. I have always felt well supported and cared for.”

Year 11 student



“The curriculum caters well for all students' needs and aspirations... there is good equality of opportunity.”

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Students at Quarrydale Academy are encouraged to think about others and we're proud to raise money for charity in different ways. We ask students to be inventive, raising funds for others through events such as swimathons, cake sales, skydiving and more. We feel this helps students to develop a sense of responsibility. School Council members represent their tutor and year groups and contribute to decisions on various issues such as fundraising and school menus. We believe giving students responsibility to develop independently, creatively and collaboratively is a fantastic way for them to develop and learn about themselves as individuals.

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