



# Huntington School

RESPECT • HONESTY • KINDNESS





## WELCOME TO HUNTINGTON SCHOOL

At Huntington School we believe that people matter most! We believe our school is made a special place by the students and staff who come here together to learn. We believe that positive, respectful relationships between everyone in our school are crucially important in making Huntington an exciting place to study. We think that we have created an atmosphere at Huntington where we can all thrive together, where the conditions for growth are just right.

In this prospectus you will hear lots from 'Huntington' people. What you read will give you a taste of what life is like at our school; to enjoy the full sense of Huntington School we hope that you will visit us.

A tour of our school is the best way to experience the vibrant 'Huntington' atmosphere at first hand; please just contact us at any time of the year for a tour. We look forward to meeting you.

## OUR CORE PURPOSE

At Huntington School we believe that inspiring students to enjoy school life is key to them being successful. The reason we work at this school is to inspire confident learners who will thrive in a changing world. This purpose lies behind everything we do at Huntington.

We want our teaching to inspire our students with genuine confidence; we believe that every student can make more progress in their studies than even they themselves think possible. We know that as the world changes so rapidly our students will have to learn new skills. If they are going to thrive they will need to be genuinely confident learners who know how to learn effectively and have the personal skills to get on well with other people. We are sure that the inspiring atmosphere students enjoy at Huntington School will enable them to grow and thrive in the modern world.

Many students and parents choose Huntington because of the reputation of our Music department. This is in part due to the flourishing extra-curricular provision on offer, but also to the academic success that has come about as a result of the department's nationally recognised curriculum design. In addition to being taught by specialist teachers in the classroom, all students have access to the programme of extra-curricular ensembles and tuition on offer beyond the taught curriculum. You can find out more here:

[www.huntschoolmusic.com](http://www.huntschoolmusic.com)

## OUR VALUES

Our school has three core values: Respect, Honesty and Kindness. Every single person is expected to try as hard as they can to live by these values every single minute of every single day. We think that if we can all be respectful, honest and kind we will have a school where we can all enjoy being successful.

## OUR VISION

At Huntington we always remind ourselves to enjoy the moment whilst not forgetting that our priority is preparing our students for the future. In this ever changing world, we have a vision of the school we want Huntington to be in the year 2022. Our Vision 2022 is based upon our commitment to providing the best possible education for our students so that they can thrive in a changing world. The full version of Vision 2022 can be found in the back of this prospectus.

# RESPECT HONESTY KINDNESS

*"The headteacher and senior leaders have established an impressive culture of high aspirations. Teachers and pupils share a steely determination to succeed".*

OFSTED 2017



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Acting Headteacher  
Matt Smith







## FROM YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7

We aim to make the move from primary school to Huntington a reassuring experience. We liaise closely with all our partner Primary Schools and have a senior member of staff whose sole responsibility is to make sure that we get to know our new students as well as possible.

In the summer term staff from Huntington visit Primary schools. Primary school students also have a day with us enjoying a number of lessons and they have lunch in our school dining room. In the autumn term.

Year 7 students have their first day in school to themselves – other year groups start the following day.

## CREATING A TRULY GREAT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Every teacher needs to improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better. We are never satisfied and constantly work hard to improve the quality of learning and teaching.

We aim for every lesson to be great! Huntington staff realise that training is very important and we meet for two hours every fortnight to help each other become even better teachers. Truly great teaching can only take place within a disciplined environment. At Huntington students have a responsibility to promote high quality learning in classrooms through their good behaviour. We expect students to respect each other's right to learn. It follows that we expect the best standards of behaviour in school at all times. We want our school to be a civilised place which has a civilising effect upon all those who learn and work here.

## GROWING OUR BRAINS!

We believe every single one of us can get better at everything we try. We know this is true because research shows that we are able to control our thinking as we approach our studies, which enables us to improve. Our staff and students actively develop a conscious approach to our learning which promotes three attitudes:

- **We believe well-directed hard work and a deliberate approach to our studies are the keys to success;**
- **We have to learn from those times when we find things most challenging;**
- **We think learning matters more than anything else.**

We feel that developing a determined and deliberate approach to study will help our students gain excellent examination results which supports them to thrive in a changing world.



*“Relationships between teachers and pupils are harmonious and positive, creating an environment in which pupils make rapid gains in their learning”.*

OFSTED 2017

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT & GUIDANCE

We report on students' academic progress twice a year in KS3 and three times a year in KS4. Students sit examinations at the end of each year. A student's Form Tutor is the most important adult for any student in school. They have conversations with students concerning their progress and welfare at regular intervals throughout the year. The conversations encourage students to look at how they might improve their learning.

## NATIONAL RESEARCH SCHOOL

We are a National Research School, one of only 30 in the country. We work with the Education Endowment Foundation and the Institute for Effective Education to ensure the best educational research underpins teaching and learning in our school, and in schools across the region. Our work as a Research School helps enhance our focus upon developing truly great teaching at Huntington.

## ENRICHING STUDENTS' LIVES

We believe in supporting classroom learning with enjoyable and stimulating enrichment activities. At Huntington School students can get involved in a wide-range of sports, many different clubs which support their learning and other activities such as drama productions and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme. Educational visits are a major feature of our provision for enriching students' lives and in recent years there have been visits abroad to France, Germany, Washington DC and Amsterdam. Closer to home we have taken students to Art Galleries in Liverpool, to the theatre in London, to the Armouries in Leeds and even Flamingoland in Pickering!

## SUCCESS FOR ALL OUR STUDENTS

We want to see every student succeed. Our support and guidance ensures that everyone makes excellent progress. We fully support our students who have special educational needs and disabilities and we are determined to provide stimulating educational experiences to stretch academically our students who have a real desire for extra challenge. We believe in the limitless potential of our students and all our students deserve an education which enables them to be as successful as possible.





## REWARDING OUR STUDENTS

At Huntington School community we value:

- **Respect;**
- **Honesty;**
- **Kindness.**

Our rewards policy works to create and promote a positive working environment that encourages students to live by these values, and in which all students' hard work and achievements are recognised.

Reward points can be traded in by the students via our online shop. Our form tutors celebrate success weekly during registration and school hold an annual awards evening in July.

## OUR SIXTH FORM

Our outstanding Sixth Form offers excellent learning and teaching, exciting extra-curricular activities and genuine support for each individual student. Our students are constantly challenged to reach the highest possible standards in their work. We offer a huge range of extra-curricular activities including sport, theatre, music, community activities, and charity work. We ask all our students to make a contribution to the school, local or international community and as a result they are looked on as leaders by younger students in school.

Our Sixth Form offers a broad range of courses. There is a wide range of A Level and Level 3 courses available. Results are consistently excellent and this enables our students to enjoy great success in higher education and employment.



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