



**Tollbar
Academy**

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Principal's Message

Welcome to Tollbar Academy. In our prospectus, you will discover a number of reasons why our Academy remains such a popular choice for education in our region.

All of our students are provided with the opportunity to achieve their maximum potential. They are inspired by a rich academic programme, supported by a robust pastoral structure, and nurtured within a secure, caring environment. Our staff are committed to providing the best possible education in order to develop our children into confident, rounded individuals who are prepared for life outside the classroom.

Starting at secondary school can be a daunting prospect, so our pastoral structure – with its community of Houses – helps new students to settle in quickly. Our Behaviour Policy is strictly implemented; each student knows what is expected of them and this ensures that everyone is safe in our care.

Choosing a school to trust with your child's secondary education is an extremely important decision. I hope that this prospectus, along with the information that can be found on our website, gives you an insight into our values and ethos – helping with that decision.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to answer them. I look forward to welcoming your child to Tollbar Academy.

Victoria Watts
Interim Principal



Ethos

Tollbar Academy has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence and high standards. This success is built on a foundation of core values. At the very heart of our school ethos is the belief that every student matters; we pride ourselves on all our children being known and understood.

As an inclusive Academy, we promote a vibrant, collaborative learning community. High quality teaching and learning, kindness and respect for others drives a collective will to bring out the best in every child in our care. We teach our students to live up to those values too in the way that they treat other people and conduct themselves.

Tollbar Academy believes in the value of community and we hope that our students see our school as a place where they belong and are central to all that we do.

We encourage every one of our students to *Aspire, Endeavour and Excel*.

Curriculum

Tollbar Academy students enjoy a broad and balanced range of subjects. The curriculum is mapped and sequenced to allow the gradual build-up of knowledge over time to deepen student understanding in and across each subject. Each topic taught has specific knowledge that is required to be remembered and built upon throughout each Programme of Study. Reading is encouraged in all subjects to provide students with the means to deepen their knowledge.

In Year 7, students are placed in bands based on their outcomes at Key Stage 2. Throughout the year there are opportunities for movement between the bands.



Assessment

In the spirit of our motto (Aspire, Endeavour, Excel), Tollbar Academy students are set individual targets that challenge and motivate them to achieve their full potential. These targets are discussed with students and reviewed regularly through a holistic system of assessment.

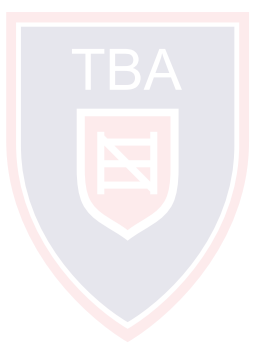
Progress is monitored closely in order to ensure individual guidance and support is provided which keeps students on track. This progress is then reported to parents at regular intervals via a combination of our SIMS online system, written reports, online and face-to-face meetings. We strongly encourage parents to pro-actively support us in our endeavour to ensure every child enjoys the rewards of their hard work and dedication to academic progress.



Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral system is designed to provide a comprehensive support network enabling every student to focus their efforts on making the most of their potential.

Students are placed in a House with its own unique identity, led by a senior pastoral figurehead and supported by a team of House Tutors and Prefects. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns they have at an appropriate level with a wide range of intervention measures available. We are confident that, whatever each child's need, we are able to put a suitable plan of action into place which helps every individual maintain their focus and ambition.



Personal Development

We recognise that providing education is wider than academic studies. Our personal development programme provides enrichment opportunities for all students.

Comprising a broad range of sporting, academic, musical and artistic activities, the programme seeks to enrich the school experience. We want our students to lead happy and healthy lives so we offer a vast range of opportunities for additional enrichment – encouraging our students to take part in a variety of extra-curricular clubs, sporting fixtures, have access to external speakers and participate in trips which support the curriculum. These activities are designed to enrich each child's experience of school, develop personal responsibility, assist with global awareness and support students in enjoying their time as part of the wider Academy community we are all proud of.

