



DEYES HIGH
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Welcome to Deyes High School

Thank you for your interest in Deyes High School. We hope this brochure provides you with a flavour of our culture and achievements. We are a high achieving school that combines academic excellence with strong family values; we care about people and standards with equal measure.

We believe it is our responsibility to ensure that every one of our pupils fulfils their academic potential. In addition, we must ensure that they develop a love of learning, fully develop their creativity and, so importantly, enjoy their time at the school.

We aim to:

- offer an academic challenge which ensures that pupils of all backgrounds and abilities feel secure and valued, and that they are all able to realise their potential
- create an environment which instils in students the ability and courage to think independently and develop a love of learning
- provide a wide range of cultural, sporting and adventurous activities for pupils to enjoy and through which, they can learn to work co-operatively and to lead
- be a community that nurtures every student and encourages them to develop a sense of social responsibility and that also supports their spiritual and personal development
- support all of our students into the best universities and into high quality employment.

These aims form the relentless focus of everything we do here at Deyes High School. Close and positive relationships between home and school ensure that these aims are fulfilled and together we are able to watch our pupils emerge as young people of whom we are all truly proud.

All achievement is recognised and acknowledged. **The celebration of success is essential to encouragement and self-esteem** which are often the bedrock of quality achievement and attainment.



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Our Core Values

Our core values bind our community together and provide us with a common purpose. We believe these values underpin the outstanding achievements of our students and staff.

Deyes High School recognises the importance of developing the 'whole child' and our core values reflect the aspirations of all members of our learning community.

We believe that future citizens will be defined as much by their values and attitude as by their achievements and qualifications.

We offer supportive pastoral care that embodies the core values. We provide guidance and a range of experiences designed to nurture our students towards valuing themselves, the school and their community.

Where tradition meets innovation

Deyes High School is proud of its history and achievements. Those achievements have been secured by upholding our traditional values whilst taking full advantage of advances in research and technology.

Our traditional values emphasise the importance of first impressions, manners, approachability and mutual respect. At Deyes, good manners are seen as a qualification in their very own right. We believe such attributes and approaches not only prepare our students for high-end professional careers but also ensure that they make a positive contribution to the local and wider community.

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We keenly embrace new ideas and new technologies, wherever they enhance the established learning process and give our pupils and extra, winning edge. By embracing technology in the classroom, lessons at Deyes High School are interactive, inspiring and rich with the finest resources. Continual investment in equipment, research and staff training ensures that students receive the best teaching.

We have an exciting curriculum with an emphasis on high quality teaching and learning. Each student is supported throughout their education and is encouraged to recognise the value of learning, making this an enjoyable experience and enabling them to develop their own knowledge independently.

This balance between traditional and innovative approaches extends to our work and communication with parents which include text, email, website posts as well as the traditional letters or face-to-face meetings whenever required.



Our facilities are continually being developed and improved. **New teaching areas have been added in recent years**, ensuring that there is specialist provision in every curriculum area.



A learning journey that inspires and motivates

Students start at Deyes High School eager, enthusiastic and inquisitive. They go on to confidently leave school with a range of high level qualifications and a toolkit of skills to make their way in life.

Our philosophy is to ensure the success of each and every student in our care by encouraging them to take ownership of their own learning experience. This is based upon a deep understanding of how individuals learn which, when combined with employing the best teaching and support staff, yields outstanding results. We also believe that academic excellence must always be based on the principles of disciplined work habits. Students are trained in establishing these habits from the outset and are provided with a range of practical and online resources to support.

Questioning and thinking are very much part of life at Deyes, stimulating and stretching minds and creating the good habits essential for success. Students are given opportunities to discuss their interests with staff who help them to match aspirations to skills they have, or those which they may wish to develop, offering assistance to plan a personalised progression route.

Deyes High School offers pathways to success with a curriculum tailored specifically to the individual which provides a solid foundation for adulthood. We offer a very wide range of courses and option combinations for all students at all levels. Careers information, advice and guidance is extensive, with students supported at each key 'decision making' stage of their education.

Extra-curricular activities are actively promoted to ensure that students can express themselves, enhancing their confidence and social skills through sports and the arts. Students also learn how to develop their own belief systems, whilst respecting the views of others. These activities include support for the wider community which goes beyond that of our immediate locality to include regional, national and global charitable causes.

All students have access to our online learning resources which encourages independent learning and all of our teaching staff participate in regular training to ensure consistently high quality and inspirational delivery.

Beyond the classroom, individuality thrives

We at Deyes High School work hard to nurture the obvious, and sometimes hidden, talents and skills that each student has to offer. We provide a broad and vibrant spectrum of experiences and opportunities that allow our students to gain skills and knowledge that will last a lifetime, helping them become well-developed, confident and responsible individuals.

We are committed to cultural, creative and leadership activities which extend the curriculum beyond the classroom. Each child is encouraged to try new things, to play and study as individuals and as teams. All the while, their academic and social skills are being stretched and refined in preparation for the world of work. Our enrichment programme introduces a wide range of often unusual options to compliment the core academic subjects. All subject areas offer elements of 'learning beyond the school gates', including educational visits to other countries.

Recent trips have included New York, Moscow, Vietnam, Naples, Berlin, Paris and skiing in Italy. All students have the opportunity to participate in the 'World Challenge', promoting cultural understanding and enhancing learning and global awareness.

Our students participate and excel in many areas including annual school productions, music tuition, assemblies, choirs and bands. They regularly perform locally, regionally and nationally. Deyes High School sports teams are represented at local, county and national level in a large number of sporting areas including football, rugby, netball, athletics, tennis, basketball, gymnastics, dance, table tennis and swimming.

Many of our students participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme offered at bronze, silver and gold levels.



Though we have been around for **over 70 years**, Deyes High School never stands still. It is an exciting, energising and empowering community of learning.





Healthy minds and bodies

Our personal development curriculum ensures that all students **understand the fundamentals of a healthy lifestyle**, which they can then pass on to future generations.

All staff at Deyes High School are committed to the mental and physical health and wellbeing of every student. We believe that a positive mindset and a healthy lifestyle are the building blocks of a fulfilling and successful future.

Our curriculum, therefore, provides every student with the knowledge and opportunities to establish lifelong habits that will ensure their physical and mental wellbeing.

Students' physical health is developed through a varied and extensive Physical Education curriculum that ensures all students partake in activities that teach them how to ensure their individual fitness, whilst developing a love of team sports. All students are introduced to new sports in order to unearth talents and to instil an openness to new experiences.

We appreciate the pressures faced by young people in modern society and deliver guidance and support designed to provide all students with the skills to respond to these pressures positively, responsibly and maturely. This advice is delivered both proactively, via our personal development curriculum, and reactively through highly effective pastoral care and coaching.

Students play an active role in the development of their own health and wellbeing. With the support of a dedicated team of staff, students lead our Health and Wellbeing Committee to discuss the issues facing young people in the 21st Century and explore creative and appropriate solutions to them.

The committee's work has influenced school policy, extracurricular provision and lunchtime menus! Our professionally trained team of Student Peer Mentors work to support both groups and individual students so that they are able to make a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We have been accredited with the Healthy Schools Award and are proud of our work on nutrition, emotional health, exercise and the healthy lifestyle choices of our students.

Pastoral care that values everyone individually

We make pastoral care a priority and seek to ensure that all of our students are provided with the support and guidance they need in order to achieve their full potential. At Deyes High School, our pupils blossom under the caring eyes of all staff, growing in personality and performance as part of a thoroughly happy community of learning.

Students are allocated to a form group and are assigned a form tutor, who offers daily support and guidance; tracking both their academic and personal development. All form groups are supported by a devoted pastoral leadership team, who work to secure positive outcomes for all students as they transition through the different key stages.

We work hard to create and sustain strong and effective partnerships with parents and carers as we believe they are an integral part of our school community. Parental input is valued and encouraged. We offer opportunities throughout the year for parents and carers to come into school to discuss their child's progress, as well as informal opportunities and social events.

Developing leadership is essential and there are ample opportunities for students to join the active and thriving body of student leaders across all year groups. Future Focus Groups, Peer Mentors and the Student Council play a vital role in the development of the school by promoting the views of the students as well as our school core values. They act as ambassadors for the school and are available to any students wishing to seek their support.

The pastoral and curriculum structures are further supported by an experienced Inclusion team, who liaise closely with teaching staff and external agencies to enable support where necessary. Students also benefit from a strong support network which includes a dedicated Student Reception and Student Support Services, whose door is always open.

Our school ethos upholds the fundamental 'British values' at every level. We promote pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development through a series of dedicated lessons which are further supported by a carefully designed Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) programme of study.



We work hard to ensure that students leave our school as **well-rounded young adults** who follow in a proud tradition of students before them.



Perfect partnerships that raise aspirations

At Deyes High, we have a fundamental belief that education opens doors. Our curriculum offer is designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and provide inspiration.

Deyes High actively seeks out and draws from the experiences and expertise of the country's leading employers, performers and intellectuals to enrich our students' education and enhance their career guidance and support.

In recent years, students have benefited from working with organisations such as the BBC, Formula One, Jaguar Landrover, the Ogden Trust, Sky Sports and the European Organization for Nuclear Research at CERN. This work has taken the form of site visits, project planning, master classes, work experience placements and guest speakers.

These partnerships form a fundamental part of the school's wider career guidance and education programme that is designed to support students in pursuit of clearly formed career plans and also provide inspiration to those students who are unsure of their future career path.

All students are coached through this pivotal decision making process by our expert careers and employer engagement team who keep abreast of both national and regional developments. Students compile individual Career Plans from Year 7 onwards, leaving nothing to chance and maximising everyone's chances of success.

Deyes High School has always placed itself at the heart of the local community. We have close partnerships with many local schools, colleges, business and residents. We encourage their input to enhance the learning experiences of our students. They support us by providing work experience, industry expertise and assisting our students in enterprise activities.

Everything the school does is focused on helping students to achieve their very best and to realise their own aspirations.

We believe the experiences and qualities instilled in Deyes High students **give them 'the edge'** when competing for the country's most sought after university places, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

Developing tomorrow's leaders

Deyes High School is committed to developing and nurturing the professional and community leaders of tomorrow. The widest range of programmes and experiences are designed and offered to instil in our students the skills and the moral imperative required to make a positive contribution to the local, national and global community.

Throughout their time at Deyes High, students have the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their leadership qualities by taking an active role in our vibrant and influential Student Council. This team positively and creatively harness and communicate the views of students so that they can be heard and acted upon.

Students frequently take part in national debates regarding topical social and political issues, allowing to express their own opinions eloquently and respectfully listen to the views of others. Developing leadership is a key element of what we do at Deyes High. Older students, often as prefects or as part of the student leadership team, regularly mentor, organise school events or act as sport and community leaders.

Every student is also provided with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills further by taking part in enriching lunchtime and after school clubs, some of which lead to accredited qualifications such as:

- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme
- World Challenge
- National Citizenship Service
- Primary School Projects
- Tomorrows' Teachers
- European Computer Driving License Level 2
- Community Projects
- Sports Leadership Level 2
- Extended Project Level 3

Through the delivery of our curriculum and our approach to teaching and learning, Deyes High students regularly practice and refine the skills needed to be a leading member of our community. Presentation skills, independent learning, time management, teamwork and problem solving are all valued attributes that are developed on a daily basis in lessons in order to produce fully developed and rounded young people.

