HIPPERHOLME GRAMMAR



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OUR HERITAGE

HGSF is located in the village of Hipperholme, situated between Halifax, Huddersfield and Bradford. The Grammar School was founded in 1648 by a legacy of Matthew Broadley, Paymaster General to King Charles I. The School became part of a West Riding Scholarship Scheme in the early 1900s and following the 1944 Act became a Voluntary Aided Boys' Grammar School as part of LEA provision. Calderdale, however, wished to close the school in 1985 as part of its reorganisation scheme, so the parents led the school to become independent and co-educational. At this time, the School had major improvements including a Sports Hall, Design and Information Technology Centre, Music Suite, new classrooms and Dining Hall.

HGSF has established itself over the last five decades in an area that already had considerable independent provision (Bradford Grammar, Rishworth School, Huddersfield Grammar and Wakefield Grammar) and three major LEA grammar schools (Crossley Heath, North Halifax and Heckmondwike). The School is fortunate to be accessible from a wide part of the West Yorkshire conurbation. Pupils travel from a wide area, including many on school buses which cover Huddersfield, Keighley, Batley, Calder Valley and Pudsey.

The School has an excellent reputation in the locality. Hipperholme offers a first-class, rounded grammar school education through a broad academic curriculum and wide variety of exciting activities beyond the classroom. Class sizes are small so teachers are able to attend to individual needs. We are a nurturing and cohesive community, where promoting well-being and building self-esteem are paramount.

Our last inspection was in October 2026.

The extent to which the school meets the Standards:

- Standards relating to leadership and management, and governance, are met.
- Standards relating to the quality of education, training and recreation are met.
- Standards relating to pupils' physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing are met.
- Standards relating to pupils' social and economic education and contribution to society are met.
- Standards relating to safeguarding are met.

The Governors have always sought to provide the advantages of independent education to a diverse range of families. The School offers bursary support and welcomes donations to the Bursary Fund to help families who otherwise may not be able to afford the fees. The School, founded because of the generosity of benefactors, has always sought to be as generous as possible and foster generosity in pupils through various charity collections and local service. The School also has a scholarship programme offering places to selected pupils through their academic, music, sporting or all-round ability.

SCHOOL AIMS AND ETHOS

Our mission is to provide an outstanding all-round education for our pupils aged 3-16, through which excellence, achievement and self-confidence are developed and nurtured both within and beyond the classroom. Specifically we aim to meet the following objectives.

- Every child is happy, safe and secure
- Every child achieves their academic potential
- Every child develops self-confidence and social skills
- Everyone exemplifies universal moral and spiritual values

NURTURE - ASPIRE - ACHIEVE

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Hipperholme Grammar School is an independent co-educational day school for girls and boys aged between 3 and 16 years. The school is organised in two sections, one for the Juniors which includes the Early Years Foundation Stage and one for Seniors, both of which are overseen by the Head of Foundation.

There are 284 pupils on roll and 77 staff. Class sizes range from 10 to a maximum of 20 in the Juniors and up to 22 in the Seniors. The Juniors is a one form entry and the Seniors is a two form entry. Most junior classes benefit from support assistants and there are Science and DT technicians to support these departments in the Seniors. We have a successful SEN department who work with pupils across all years of the school with differing levels of assistance required. The support function consists of multiple departments - administration, finance, HR, marketing and admissions, caretakers and drivers.

We have several school buses to aid pupil transportation to and from school daily and we run wraparound care either side of the school day. Parents are very supportive and an active FFA organise and support events across the Foundation realising significant funds for the school.

OFFICE DEPARTMENT AND THE ROLE WITHIN

Science is taught throughout the senior school, albeit in different formats for different year groups. Pupils are pushed to be scientists who have excellent practical skills, both in designing and carrying out investigations, and to be able to analyse and evaluate the results they obtain.

As a school, we teach year 7 science as a whole subject, running through the curriculum on a topic by topic basis. The staffing changes year in year out, whether the forms are taught by one or two teachers. In year 8, we split into separate lessons for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We start teaching GCSEs at the beginning of year 9 and pupils have the option of choosing AQA Separate Sciences or AQA Combined Science: Trilogy.

We also teach Science to years 5 and 6 of our Junior School, teaching highly engaging and practical activities on a topic by topic basis, adding to the KS2 national curriculum. The School has a dedicated lab for each science lesson. The science department runs two lunchtime clubs - Science Club for Science Lovers and Science Workshop which is a drop-in help session for pupils. Involvement in these and the greater extra-curricular provision of the School is expected.

GOVERNING BODY

The Foundation is a Charitable Trust, run by a Board of Governors:

Chairman: Reverend Canon James Allison

Vice Chairman: Mr Peter Lord
Mr Christopher Redfearn
Mr Julian Collett
Mrs Stacy Linn
Mr Tony Perryman
Mrs Jackie Griffiths
Mrs Preeti Hart

The Foundation has a Board of 8 governors, drawn from the locality because of their professional expertise and interest in the school. We also have 4 trustees with overall financial and governance responsibility. The Governors meet regularly and monitor the school's educational, financial and social welfare.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The Senior Leadership team (SLT) comprises the Head of Foundation, Assistant Head (Pastoral), Assistant Head (Curriculum) and Business Manager.

HOW TO APPLY

We request that applications are completed on the application form available on the school's website. Should you require an emailed version or a paper copy of the applicant pack, please contact Priya Mistry on the email below.

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: TBC
Interviews will be held on TBC

Hipperholme Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including online searches, checks with past employers and the DBS.