



# Buxton Community School

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“ Parents are positive about the school and told us ‘the teachers go above and beyond, and inspire.’”

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# Welcome



**Welcome to Buxton Community School. Choosing the best school for your child is a very important decision. The best education is vital in**

**providing them with the knowledge, skills and ultimately the strongest qualifications for a happy and successful future.**

Our school is a place where all our staff and students feel happy, challenged, and supported to achieve their very best so that Buxton Community School is a place where students, staff, parents and governors are proud to be a part of. We will continue to work together, to create and maintain the highest of standards. Our approach will involve acknowledging and rewarding positive behaviours and achievements whilst challenging and supporting students to be

the best version of themselves. Our values, **Ready**, **Respectful** and **Safe** will be instrumental in achieving this vision for our school.

We have worked hard on establishing the values that are important to us at Buxton Community School. We want to keep things simple and effective for our students: we feel that if our students are **ready** for learning, can show **respect** and learn in a **safe** environment, they will become the best versions of themselves.

We really look forward to welcoming you to our school and to exploring the future with you.

**Mrs Sam Jones Headteacher**

*Headteacher*





# Learning and the Curriculum

**We offer a broad and inclusive curriculum that covers a wide range of subjects that encourage every student to engage with their learning through high quality teaching.**

Every student at Buxton Community School experiences inspiring, engaging and creative teaching that builds a robust confidence in every individual to challenge themselves and aspire to be the very best they can.

We want to leave our students with a hunger and a desire to learn more and an appetite to grow and develop. We have carefully constructed an in depth curriculum in every subject. It revisits key ideas and concepts to secure knowledge and skills for the long term and support young people in reaching the end of their time in school as confident learners who excel in applying what they know in examinations and beyond.

In years 7, 8 & 9 students follow a wide range of academic and creative subjects where they develop skills, knowledge and understanding that give them a

broad base of knowledge and skills before they make their option choices. We work hard to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum delivered in depth and with expertise for all our students.

When they start their KS4 courses there is a strong focus on an academic core where English, maths, science, humanities and languages play a key role. These subjects also support access at Post 16 to the facilitating subjects that many universities require for entry.

Students can also study many other subjects they have not experienced before such as business or psychology. Our curriculum structure allows them to specialise in a certain area of interest or keep a wide range of options open if they are still searching for their future vocation.

We strongly believe in a curriculum that is accessible, relevant and progressive, where every student can achieve meaningful success.





“ Students enjoy school and attend well.  
They attend many clubs and sporting  
activities at lunchtime and after school. ”



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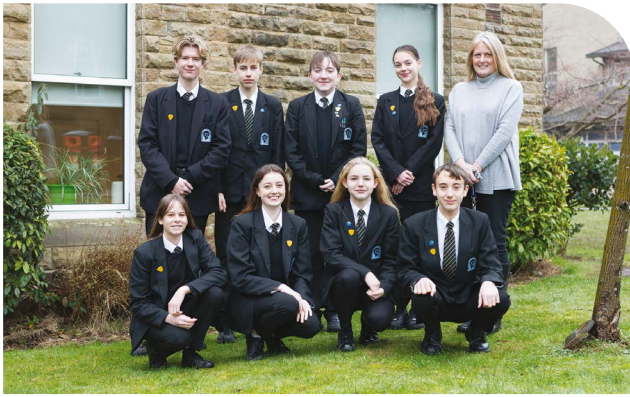


“ The school works hard to  
broaden students’ understanding  
of life beyond Buxton.”

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# Beyond the classroom

**Our ambition is to provide experiences that help students grow and develop in ways that they can't in the classroom.**

There are a number of opportunities for students to engage in a wide range of activities beyond the classroom to help build their confidence, independence and resilience.

There are plenty of school trips and camps (both home and abroad) which are complimented by a range of social groups, sports teams, music groups and many other activities that are open to students of all levels of expertise. These include; reading buddy schemes, DoF, Wellbeing Champions, Student Council Members, House Captains, House Ambassadors and Prefects, drama performances, music recitals and aspirational university and career visits - all of which help to broaden our students' horizons and raise their aspirations.

We would encourage your child to join in as many as possible and we will make sure there is always an opportunity your child can access.





# Support for Learners

**We have really strong pastoral and progress structures in school that make sure every student receives high quality support and intervention.**

We will respond quickly and effectively to concerns from parents and carers and we have very effective systems that pick up students who need extra support at a very early stage.

Every year group has their own dedicated Head of Pastoral Care who provides substantial pastoral support. There are specialist transition staff to support the move from primary to secondary education and also the transition from one key stage to the other as they move through school and other Directors of Progress to provide specialist areas of academic support.

Students can also access support through our Heads Up team who look after our most vulnerable students and support those who are finding school life difficult. We also have a well resourced Learning Support team who have significant expertise across a range

of specialisms and make sure that the curriculum is accessible to each student.

Whatever a child's needs, our ethos is to provide effective early support and ensure a high quality learning experience in the classroom for everyone.







“ Students study a wide range of academic, creative and other subjects across all key stages.”



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# Buxton's Sixth Form

**Buxton's Sixth Form is the place for young people who are ambitious and aspirational about their future.**

Students join our Sixth Form from both our own Year 11 and other schools.

Our Sixth Form offers a wide range of qualifications, opportunities and experiences that help build foundations for the next phase of an individual's life. For some, joining our 6th Form will be part of a clear career pathway, for others it will be the opportunity to continue learning in a supportive environment whilst they consider what they want to do later in life.

The vast majority of our students pursue higher education on leaving us and we ensure that they receive the highest quality support and guidance in choosing and preparing for university life. We are equally supportive of those who choose to take a different pathway and see our students successfully pursue employment or apprenticeships.







We want the best for our  
young people and we won't let it get  
any more complicated than that.





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