



School Ethos and Pastoral Care

Ethos

At The Roundhill Academy we strive to support our students to surpass their academic targets. Our curriculum develops learning attributes that promote lifelong, responsible learners. Whilst we accept that academic success is essential, equally, we invest in the personal development of young people as we recognise our role as educators of the next generation of leaders and decision makers. Embedded in school culture is a nurturing and inclusive approach where all members of our community feel valued and motivated to contribute to the wider success of the academy.



Pastoral care

The transfer from primary to secondary school can be a challenging time. We want to make this step as easy as possible by working with local primary schools and families prior to your child starting at The Roundhill Academy. We aim to provide stability of relationships from the first day, with all students being supported by their Tutor and their Head of Year. Students tell us they feel safe at school and know who to talk to if they need support. We are committed to ensuring the pastoral care of our students remains an exceptional feature of school culture. We believe that when students are happy and engaged, they will be successful.



The Curriculum

The Roundhill Academy's curriculum is one that engages and stimulates students to develop both intellectually and emotionally. At the heart of the curriculum is the teaching of the key knowledge and ideas that have formed and shaped our society. We believe that once students have acquired and mastered this powerful knowledge they are in a position to be productive and creative participants in the world around them.

The intent of the curriculum is to develop responsible, well-rounded and resilient young people with a strong sense of citizenship and moral values. We want our students to be ready to seize the opportunities and respond to the challenges of a rapidly changing 21st century.

The curriculum at The Roundhill Academy is broad and ambitious. From year 7 students study core lessons of English Language and Literature, Mathematics, Sciences and Humanities alongside Modern Foreign languages, RE, Computing, Art, Drama, Design, Music and PE. All students continue to study core subjects to GCSE, coupled with further personal GCSE choices from the wider range of subjects. Some students will also study BTEC vocational subjects. A well developed Careers program leads to a broad variety of post-16 choices and pathways.

Our curriculum offer is designed to meet the needs of all students whilst allowing flexibility to individuals. Carefully planned reading and literacy strategies are effective in accelerating progress, whilst additional support in lessons ensures that all learners are successful.

Social, emotional and health aspects of learning are addressed through all subjects in the curriculum. This is enhanced by personal development and citizenship lessons delivered in discreet curriculum lessons and as part of a comprehensive tutoring program. A curriculum enrichment offer gives students the opportunity to engage in a wide range of experiences through visits, community work, guest speakers and enterprise initiatives.

The sequencing of learning in all curriculum subjects is planned in detail to ensure that there is a rich depth to the knowledge that students accumulate. Teaching pays particular attention to retrieval and application of knowledge so that it is retained securely in long-term memory allowing students to master their subjects.

Transition

The two Bradgate Education Partnership secondary schools, Wreake Valley Academy and The Roundhill Academy, have collaborated to produce a joint transition programme for the August 2021 cohort. Therefore, most of the Year 6 pupils in the local area will have a shared transition experience.

The focus of our transition programme is to ensure the continuation of academic progress and the smooth and informed handover of pastoral care from primary staff to secondary staff. We want all pupils to thrive socially, feel confident to make new friends, be familiar with the routines and expectations of their new school and ultimately feel ready for secondary.

We will share key dates and events that you can expect as your child begins their transition to secondary school. This will include staff visiting your child's primary school, transition days and parents evenings.





Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND)

The SEND provision at Roundhill has a highly qualified and experienced team who are located in their dedicated intervention rooms (IN 1 & IN 2). We work closely with external professionals such as Education Psychologists and CAMHS, to ensure that the interventions and support we put in place at school allow your child to access all aspects of academy life.

We believe in a holistic approach to education and supporting mental health and well-being sits closely alongside supporting the access to academic learning.

Our IN base offers lunchtime and break time activities for those students who find the hustle and bustle of the academy social time overwhelming; this is a space to eat, sit quietly or join in with activities.

Learning Support Assistants support across the curriculum helping young people in lessons to access the tasks and feel confident about their learning.

You are welcome to contact the SENDCo (Mrs Sam Auger) should you wish to discuss your child's needs in greater detail. sauger@roundhill.bepschools.org

SEND Open Morning 2022

Wednesday 21st September 09:00 - 10:15 - Tour of the school & chance to talk to the SEND team.
Please visit IN 1 or call the school on 0116 269 3896 to book a place.





Getting to School

Most students walk into school, but some come in on bikes or scooters. Premises staff padlock the bike lock-up gate at around 09:00 and unlock it again at 14:45 at the end of school.

If students get a lift into school, we ask that parents drop off and pick you up from the back of Asda car park. There is a cut-through that connects to the school site and is much safer than lots of cars around the school gates or in the school car park.

School Contact Details

Please note our contact details have changed from those on our brochure

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