



THE HOLMESDALE SCHOOL



PUTTING PROGRESS FIRST

Supported by the Swale Academies Trust

The Holmesdale School provides a calm and purposeful learning environment with traditional classroom expectations and excellent facilities.

Welcome to The Holmesdale School. Our aim is to create a thriving learning community where both students and staff are ambitious, determined and resilient in their journey through the school and beyond.

We are proud of our students, staff and parents for their combined effort to 'Put Progress First' in all that they do. The academic progress of students has improved in the results of all our departments. Of particular note were the number of higher level GCSEs (Grade 5 and above) achieved in 2019.

Students are encouraged to work to the best of their ability, to reflect and improve upon their work and achievements and become involved with the school and local community.

We work closely with the Swale Academies Trust, which enables our staff and students to access best practice across a large number of excellent schools in both Kent and East Sussex. As well as extensive training opportunities, there are a number of events and competitions throughout the year that our students are involved in.

We look forward to welcoming you into our school.

Mrs Nicki Hodges MA
Executive Headteacher

Mr Glenn Prebble NPQH
Head of School

WELCOME



'Staff in school are supportive of everything I have done in and out of school. I owe a lot to the teachers who have helped me develop my attitude to working.' Year 11 student



At The Holmesdale School, our broad and balanced curriculum has been designed to cater for all students. We have a strong focus on English and mathematics and students have the opportunity to study a range of academic and vocational subjects. This allows them to progress in their studies as well as learning the skills needed for their future pathways. Students have access to a wide range of subject specialist teachers and excellent facilities to ensure they meet their potential in everything they do.

Students are set by ability for academic subjects and their progress is reviewed regularly. Interventions are put in place to both support and challenge as needed.

Students also have access to the academic English Baccalaureate pathway. This is a set of subjects at GCSE that keeps young people's options open for further study and future careers.

PROGRESS





We encourage our students to **aspire to achieve academically and personally**. We want our young people to have every opportunity to succeed, not only at The Holmesdale School, but also later on in life and to continue meeting their aspirations in whatever choices they make.

To help accomplish this, we focus on developing growth mindset and the use of oracy. We put emphasis on student voice by providing students with a forum to express themselves. Students are able to become active members of our School Council to help ensure the school community is an inclusive environment for all individuals.

Students are able to access a varied careers programme, which provides them with information and experiences such as outside speakers, workshops, work experience, apprenticeships and visits to universities. These opportunities help support them to achieve their goals and gain the employability skills they will need in the future.



ASPIRATION

'The Holmesdale School encourages you to work hard so that you can achieve your goals.' Year 8 student





Camps International, Costa Rica



Disneyland Paris



Camps International, Costa Rica

At The Holmesdale School, we are committed to students' progress both inside and outside lessons. We aim to develop students' leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative and communication skills through a bespoke programme of activities. Therefore, we promote health, mental well-being and positive lifestyle choices.

We recognise that all students have different strengths and goals. We cater for these through a variety of opportunities built into the formal curriculum and also through extra-curricular activities. For example, School Choir, a variety of sports clubs, Warhammer club and Science club.

We help students to develop their appreciation of different cultures by visiting places such as museums, art galleries and the Houses of Parliament. The school has participated in a range of expeditions to places including Borneo and Costa Rica.



CHARACTER



Our students demonstrate a sense of pride and commitment in all they do, from academic success to sporting endeavour. Students present their work with pride and are always eager to showcase their achievements through a range of events.

We understand that, as parents, you are committed to your child's education. Therefore, there are a number of opportunities for you to be involved including a termly Parents' Forum and a weekly Parents' Surgery with the Head of School.

We offer a very successful peer mentoring scheme that sees our older students take time to support younger members of our community settle into the school. This has been very successful and many students who have been mentored go on to become mentors when they are older.



COMMITMENT

'I enjoy being part of the school football team and am proud to represent The Holmesdale School when we play matches against other schools.' Year 10 student



Holmesdale students play an active role within the local community. Our students have opportunities to visit places such as residential care homes and local children's hospital wards. Through fundraising, our students are involved in supporting a range of local charities and good causes.

We offer a pastoral system that ensures all our students are supported throughout their school career by a network of different staff members. This includes support such as their Form Tutors, Student Support Managers and Community Principals.

We have developed a strong community based system so that the academic progress, personal development and well-being of all students are looked after and monitored by a number of staff.



COMMUNITY



We understand the importance of sending your child to the right school for them. The most important advice that we could give you is to look around the school. We welcome visitors to come and tour the school because we are confident that you will enjoy the visit and feel happy with the learning environment and progress that you see.

New students coming to the school are well looked after. We work with local primary schools so that they are able to experience some of our more specialist facilities.

We are very proud of our school and look forward to welcoming your child into our community. Please contact the school regarding possible tour dates and come and see the school in action.



ENQUIRE

Discover the future focused school at the heart of your community. Visit online or make an appointment to experience The Holmesdale School in person.



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Providing our community with a broad and balanced education designed to support the individual student.

The Holmesdale School puts progress first in everything it does. Students have the opportunity to study a broad range of academic and vocational subjects. Within this nurturing environment, they also learn to enquire about their world, challenge themselves and develop skills to achieve their potential and continue a love of learning.

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