

Bishop Rawstorne

Church of England Academy



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Choosing a secondary school is a truly exciting and challenging experience as we, parents and staff, begin the process of a smooth transition from primary to secondary school and a successful integration into the daily life of our school.

Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy has been providing high quality Christian education for nearly 60 years and it is our Christian message and ethos that underpins the core values. These allow us to ensure that students are able to achieve a rounded academic, spiritual, moral, social and cultural education.

We are committed to developing our students as confident, aspiring and driven young adults fully prepared to make a significant contribution to society. As part of the Blackburn Diocese and are engaged in partnership with parents, local schools, sixth-form colleges and other support agencies and stakeholders to provide the best possible educational experience for all.

Typically, our students are drawn from over 20 primary schools on a community-based and faith-based admissions policy. The school has been highly popular in recent years due to its outstanding regional reputation for delivering a high quality all-round education set firmly within a Christian context. Students currently attending the school represent the whole ability-range.

It remains our challenge to ensure that the care and support we provide to our students, our nurturing yet challenging environment and the outstanding academic attainment achieved year-on-year continues to make Bishop Rawstorne the school of choice for parents. We are proud of our school and all of its students and in turn we have the highest expectations of all those who attend Bishop Rawstorne, pride in our uniform, respect and tolerance for each other, drive and motivation in the classroom and excellent attendance.

I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and that it gives you a flavour of the ethos, values and aims of our Christian community.

Yours sincerely

Mr JP Cowley Headteacher



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Our Mission

As a community that extends far beyond the school walls, we strive to create a partnership with parents that offers a positive, secure and happy environment. We celebrate the diverse talents of all our students and seek to ensure that every individual receives the encouragement and support they need to fulfil their own unique ambitions.

As a Christian school, we seek to promote the core values of love, tolerance, respect, understanding and faith in His word. In an environment of equity and excellence every student is equipped and confident enough to embrace the many challenges they may face.

At the heart of our Christian school is the learning experience. Through our rigorous, diverse and an academically focussed curriculum, we empower all students to become passionate and motivated individuals who are driven to succeed.



We aspire:

To establish Bishop Rawstorne as the natural choice of school for parents within the local area.

To raise aspirations for all, engaging the disadvantaged and the disaffected, challenging all of our community to reach for the next level.

We believe:

In Christian faith at the core of this Christian community, guiding and supporting us in our daily endeavours.

In becoming the best school, with the best levels of progress and attainment.

We achieve:

By the highest standards of teaching and learning, delivered by a driven and developed teaching and support staff, underpinned by research and leadership opportunity.

By engaging early with our parents to create a shared ambition and commitment to meet the needs of all of our community.

“The heart that is generous and kind most resembles God”

Our Mission, Aims and Values



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"I feel privileged to be part of the Bishop Rawstorne community. Every student is unique and valued".

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Our Christian Ethos in Practice

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Christianity is at the very heart of all we do at Bishop Rawstorne every day. Every student is valued and respected within a loving and caring community with His Word and His Love as our guide and support. We are committed to providing an equality of opportunity for all of our students to grow and develop so that they are able to achieve to their full potential and become confident young adults, capable of making a significant contribution to the world around us, shaped by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.



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Aspiring to Achieve

Inside and Outside the Classroom

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We offer a wide and varied curriculum aimed at meeting the individual needs of all of our students and this is reviewed on an annual basis as we strive constantly to enhance outcomes for all. Teaching and learning supports those with any specific special learning need, ensuring that the curriculum is fully accessible for each and every one of our students.

At Bishop Rawstorne, we believe in offering a wide and varied range of opportunities to our students outside of the classroom to provide significant life chances and complement the academic education we provide.

"I am proud to be part of one of the best schools in the country. I know I can do really well here."

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Our Journey

Bishop Rawstone is a truly outstanding educational establishment. We are committed fully to meeting the individual needs of all of our students regardless of their ability within a caring, supportive environment that is embraced by the love of God and driven by His word. The fabric of the school has altered a great deal in the past 50 plus years but the foundations were, are and will always be, the Christian messages of the Bible, the core values that we promote of love, tolerance, respect, understanding and faith in His word.

The school has grown and evolved constantly, and whilst able to recognise and celebrate its many successes, the Governing Body and school leadership do not and will not allow complacency to be a part of our school community. From a small base as a rural school with just 300 students the school has grown through the decades to become one of the leading schools in the country. In the last twenty years in particular our growth and development has been recognised firstly through our designation as a specialist Language College in 1996 and subsequent Teaching School designation. In addition we became a Training School in 2000 and were awarded Leading Edge Status in 2004. As our reputation for academic excellence grew we were awarded additional specialisms of Science with Maths and High Performing Specialist School status in 2007. We converted to academy status in September 2011 and as of March 2012 we were designated as a national Teaching School and National Support School in recognition of our sustained track record in teaching and learning innovation and excellence. This has allowed us to make a contribution to supporting schools in the region in challenging circumstances and improve outcomes for their students. Year-on-year we have invested significantly in improving the environment for all of our students with a new English block, major refurbishments in Science and in Design and Technology and the constant upgrading of our IT facilities.

Approaching sixty years of our existence in 2020, our commitment and aspiration to excellence remains unwavering and we will continue to invest in the infrastructure and staffing that contribute directly to our on-going success.

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