

HILLCREST SCHOOL

6th Form Prospectus



Our Vision

Hillcrest School is set in the Village of Cramlington in Northumberland. The 6th Form provision is located in a self-contained lodge to promote independence and to meet the needs of young people with many different needs, including social, emotional and behavioural needs.

Students attend Hillcrest 6th Form from the age of 16 to 19. Our aim is to prepare our students for life beyond Hillcrest School. The 6th Form journey helps to prepare our students for adulthood by giving them the skills and confidence that they will need for the future. During their time in 6th Form, students are given various opportunities to realise their full potential and prepare them for the future.

Mission Statement

"Aiming High: dream, believe, achieve"

We believe in, and strive to create, a community of learners where everyone feels valued in a welcoming, supportive and safe environment. When students leave Hillcrest School, they should be more resilient, confident, responsible, independent, respectful and life-long learners.

Our Ethos

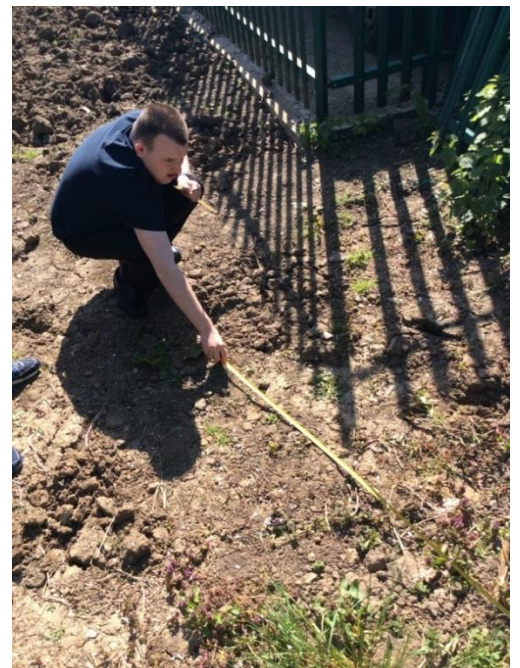
- To promote opportunities for developing independence
- To develop skills for adulthood
- To create a friendly, welcoming and all inclusive environment
- To treat everyone equally with respect and care
- To enable students to realise their full potential

Our Curriculum

In 6th Form, the emphasis of the curriculum is on life skills and preparing our students for the future. Therefore, we provide a wide ranging curriculum to cater for the needs of all students and their additional needs. The majority of the curriculum is accredited and all students are provided with the opportunity to develop their achievements at a pace that is appropriate to individual need.

The programmes offered in the 6th Form are:

- OCR Functional Skills English and Mathematics
- OCR ICT
- OCR Award in Employability
- ASDAN
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Trinity Arts Award
- Individual Study



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We have a 5 year plan for delivering The Duke of Edinburgh's Award from Year 11 through to Year 14. We work very closely with colleagues from the Award who support us in the planning and delivery of the programme. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the 4 areas of the award - volunteering, skill, physical and expedition. We are very proud to be a registered centre for the delivery of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



OCR Functional Skills English and Mathematics

Students will study a functional English and Mathematics curriculum from Entry Level 1 to Level 2. The focus will be on functional skills to help to prepare them for adulthood. This curriculum also helps to support the transitions into work, college and independent living.

Where appropriate, students will be able to study towards GCSE qualifications - close working relationships with other colleagues, the student and their family will help to support this route if it is appropriate for the learner.

Trinity Arts Award

The Arts Award inspires young people to grow and develop their arts and leadership skills: it's creative, valuable and accessible. Students will be able to work towards Explore and Bronze Award.

ASDAN

In the 6th Form we will be delivering **Award of Personal Effectiveness (AoPE)** and **Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE)**.

AoPE is a nationally recognised Level 1 and 2 qualification. It can be accredited many of the imaginative and diverse activities undertaken by learners, both inside and outside of school.

CoPE is a substantial, nationally recognised Level 1 and 2 qualification in skills development. It enables students to practise, develop and demonstrate six important skills that are required for success in higher education, training or employment: teamwork, problem solving, discussion, research, oral presentation and self-management.



OCR Award in Employability

OCR Award in Employability is a flexible and personalised qualification that provides the opportunity for learners to study units from different vocational areas. The aim is to ensure learners are provided with the very best foundations for future success in today's workplace.



Lounge @ The Lodge

All students are involved in a community café which aims to serve the school and local community. Currently we provide a weekly lunchtime soup and salad service for staff. We have also invited a number of schools to our café which has been a great success. Roles include preparing food, taking orders, mobile services, taking payments. This enterprise is a fantastic opportunity for our students to serve the local community whilst developing a wide range of skills including functional Mathematics and English to help prepare them for life beyond Hillcrest. We aim to develop teamwork, negotiation, future planning, tolerance, experience and preparation for employment.

Homegrown @ Hillcrest

We are currently in the process of setting up an allotment area at the Lodge where students will learn skills in growing their own fruit and vegetables. We are hoping to involve our local community in this project, pulling together skills and experience that we can share and grow together. The ultimate aim is for us to use our homegrown produce in our community café.



College

We have close links with TyneMet College and Northumberland College. These links give some of our students the opportunity to access a wide range of courses and resources. They also provide opportunities for our students to meet other young people and develop confidence in new environments. We aim to give our students options for the future and to support their transition towards life after Hillcrest.



Independent travel

Independent travel is a lifelong skill that we aim to develop in 6th Form. Students are supported through a travel training programme with the ultimate aim of them becoming confident and independent travellers. For some students, the aim is for them to experience a range of travel opportunities with a level of support.



Work Experience

All students in 6th Form are given opportunities to participate in work experience. Our ultimate aim is to match students to an appropriate work placement that reflects their individual interests. Placements have included Homes for Northumberland, The Wildlife Sanctuary, a care home for the elderly and Blyth Sports Centre. There are also school based opportunities for students to experience a range of different jobs, including our community cafe - Lounge @ The Lodge, a car washing service and the school tuck shop.



Working in Partnership

Partnerships with parents

We have regular contact with parents through phone calls and face to face meetings. It is imperative that relationships between school and home are developed and maintained with the student at the centre.

Partnerships with other professionals

We have a holistic approach and have developed positive working relationships with multi-agency colleagues including Social Services, Speech and Language Therapists and CYPs. We have a Service Level Agreement with the Learning and Skills Guidance Team who provide independent and impartial careers information, advice and guidance for our students.

Partnerships with other schools and colleges

We have developed positive relationships with TyneMet College and Northumberland College. Our community café offers the opportunity to develop relationships with local and feeder schools as well as other 6th Forms. We have positive links with other 6th Form provisions in our region through Post 16 SEND transition meetings.

Hillcrest Big 5 Key Drivers

Strive to thrive for:

- Social development and communication
- Emotional health and well being
- Academic achievement
- Functionality
- Aspirational futures

