

Bishop Rawstorne

Church of England Academy



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Welcome to Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy

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. Making the right choice brings its own challenges and we are here to support you in that choice, one that can be called life-defining.

Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy has been providing high quality Christian education for over 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 we 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 J P Cowley
Headteacher



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Our purpose is to unlock students' academic and personal potential. We strive for our students to have a love of learning, be successful learners and gain the knowledge, skills and attributes to be successful in the world of work. Equally we endeavour for our students to be good human beings, with a sense of purpose and character enabling them to flourish in life.



Educating for Hope and Aspiration

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

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. 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.

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“Students’ welfare, including their mental health, is of paramount importance. Pastoral support and care are outstanding.”

“Christian values, like peace and fellowship, create firm roots from which students flourish.”



Our Christian Ethos in Practice

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.

“Individual talents and interests are nurtured and this exemplifies the approach to valuing all God’s children.”



“As a result of the aspirational Christian character, most students achieve consistently strong results in GCSE’s.”

“Bishop Rawstorne is a wonderful school to come to. I feel safe and well-taught.”
Student

Educating for Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills

Building Character and Sharing Success

At Bishop Rawstorne our curriculum exists to ensure all students regardless of background and ability can aspire to ‘unlock their academic and personal potential’.

It empowers and equips students with the knowledge, character virtues and learning skills required to thrive in learning and in life and is a driver of equality and social cohesion. It is these virtues and skills which we believe students will also need to thrive in the future in their chosen careers and as citizens in their communities.

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The Gymnasium



Year-on-year, particularly since 2014, 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, the constant upgrading of our IT facilities and new toilet facilities. Last year we completed the rebuild and redesign of our final two Science labs and their completion ensures that all Science lessons can be taught in a fully equipped lab. When completed this ensures that all Science lessons can be taught in a fully equipped lab. Numbers have grown to our current 960 and with this in mind, Summer 2020 will see the extension to our current dining room facilities to accommodate our students in comfort.

Having celebrated 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.

We look forward to meeting you very soon and to providing your child with the opportunity to become part of the school's fine traditions and history.

Our Journey

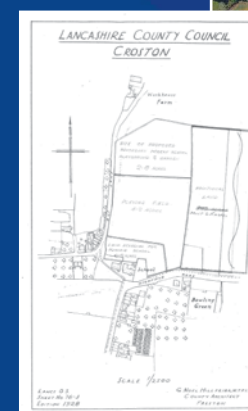
At Bishop Rawstorne Academy

Bishop Rawstorne 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 since 1960, 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 five 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. In 2018 the school was designated as a regional Computing Hub, known as the Lancashire Computing Hub and through our School Direct programme we remain at the forefront of delivering outstanding teacher training.



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