



Pleckgate
HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7

Curriculum Information



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Welcome

Welcome to Pleckgate High School, we hope that this prospectus will give you more information about our school, our staff and the experiences of our pupils.

Pleckgate is a thriving, successful secondary school that is dedicated to providing the best educational experience and opportunities for all. Our staff are committed to working successfully together to achieve our aims of Aspire and Believe, Act and Succeed.

At the heart of this commitment is high quality teaching and learning and achievement for all.



We want all our pupils to be safe, happy and successful, and for parents and carers to know that we will help your children develop into caring, responsible and confident young people.

Pleckgate High School is a successful and oversubscribed school that is part of the Education Partnership Trust (EPT). We share the principles of high expectations, a commitment to raising standards and improving opportunities as well as a relentless drive for continuous improvement. We look forward to sharing our values with you at our open events.

We would encourage parents, carers and children to visit our school, meet our staff, pupils and senior leadership team to ask questions about our values, expectations and ambition for your child. We look forward to working together in partnership to make your child's experience at Pleckgate a happy and successful one. In the meantime, please visit our school website **www.pleckgate.com** and find out more about our school.

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Head of School

The school day routine

The timetable for school is as follows:

7.30am	Breakfast Club
8.20am	Arrive to school
8.30am	Registration and Tutor time/Assembly
8.50am	Period 1
9.50am	Period 2
10.50am	Break
11.10am	Period 3
12.10pm	Period 4
1.10pm	Lunch
1.40pm	Period 5
3.00pm	End of school

Aims of the Year 7 Curriculum

Successful Transition

The Year 7 curriculum at Pleckgate High School is designed to ensure a successful transition from primary to secondary school. We pride ourselves on the success of our Pastoral Team in ensuring our Year 7 pupils are supported to “Aspire and Believe, Act and Succeed” from the start of their journey at Pleckgate.



Confidence building and independent learning

We aim to support your child in becoming a confident learner through a well-rounded educational experience that extends well beyond the classroom. We encourage parents to support their children in home study. Homework is a key part of pupils' learning, encouraging them to be independent and well organised.



We encourage pupils at Pleckgate to be involved in our extensive charity work, participate in educational visits and work in partnership with local schools and colleges. Student leadership is a key aspect of life at Pleckgate through the Student Council, PE and the Youth Sports Trust, school librarians, reading mentors and pupils leading assemblies.

There are many opportunities for your child to be involved in extracurricular activities to help them gain confidence and work with others. We work closely with the Anne Frank Trust and the Diana Award for pupils to have wider experiences to support their personal development.

Reading School

All pupils have access to our online reading platform myon.co.uk which offers a range of fiction and nonfiction texts to suit all interests and abilities. We encourage pupils to read widely and regularly and we offer a well-resourced library that pupils can access at break and lunchtime, as well as after school.

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Development of numeracy and literacy

We have a well organised team in both the English and mathematics departments, who have resources and strategies in place to support your child to catch up in both literacy and numeracy. This support is offered to your child in addition to their regular curriculum and has proven success at Pleckgate.



Academic Transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3

As the opportunities for new pupils to visit our school have been limited over the past twelve months, we have provided key information for parents and pupils on our website. However our SENCO, Ms Langfeld and the Year 7 Head of Year speak to all primary school teachers so there is a clear focus on academic transition from key stage two to key stage three.

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Wellbeing



Pupils' well-being is very important to us; pupils are supported by a strong pastoral team who get to know your child very well and support them as they adapt to the new routines and life at secondary school. Pupils have weekly assemblies and daily tutor time, where they have the opportunity to discuss, share ideas and ask questions with members of staff they know well.

Enrichment Days

At Pleckgate High School, all Year 7 pupils will take part in Enrichment Experiences. These are whole days when pupils are taken off their traditional timetable and give opportunities to promote self esteem, leadership and responsibility

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RSE Curriculum

RSE stands for Relationships and Sex Education; it is now compulsory for schools to deliver this new curriculum although parents have the right to withdraw their child, if they wish from the sex education aspects. However our staff have the correct training and experience to deliver the information they need to allow them to develop healthy and safe relationships.



Homework

We are grateful to parents and carers who check and monitor the home learning of pupils.

We provide each child with a 1:1 learning device so they can record homework through Google Classroom.

Subject	Homework information
English	Monday and Wednesday
Maths	Tuesdays
Science	Once a week
MFL	Once a week
Humanities	Once a week
Technology	Once a fortnight
Music	Once a fortnight
Art	Two projects per half term

Parents can check this daily so that they are aware of homework that has been set.

It is important that, as parents, you encourage your child to complete any homework set in school.

Homework teaches your child to work independently whilst allowing them to review and practice work that has been covered in class.

It helps your child develop positive study skills that will serve him or her well throughout life.

At Pleckgate we recommend that Year 7 pupils are given up to 30 minutes of homework per subject, per week.

Target setting & reports

Target setting for pupils is based on knowledge about expected rates of progress and data for each individual child. Teachers monitor progress carefully against these targets and plan lessons accordingly to ensure sufficient progress for all pupils regardless of their starting points in school.

Written and verbal feedback should usually include comments about what a pupils has done well and what they need to consider in order to make good progress. Parents are informed of progress against their child's targets in our termly school reports. It is important to remember that children will progress at different rates and a huge range of factors influence this rate of progress.

We work closely with our partner primary schools to gain an understanding of the expected level your child is currently working at. As there have not been any SATS this year, we use CAT tests, cognitive ability tests to assess the potential of each pupils and place them into an appropriate set. Setting is reviewed regularly and pupils assessment information is used as part of this process.



Subject teachers review pupils targets regularly. If a pupil is making excellent progress, the target will be revised upwards. When pupils do not meet their target in a number of subjects we need to explore the reasons why. There are a range of support strategies that we will employ to try to ensure individual pupils make good progress, and it is in these circumstances that the partnership between parents and school is most important.

Every pupils at Pleckgate is encouraged to have ambitious goals and we remain committed to the pursuit of outstanding teaching and learning alongside the highest possible academic standards.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Your child spends more time at school than anywhere else except home. Schools can have a major effect on children's health.

Schools can teach children about health and promote healthy behaviours. Physical education classes give children a chance to get exercise. At Pleckgate we take this further through our bespoke Youth Sports Trust programme and our extensive extra-curricular offers.



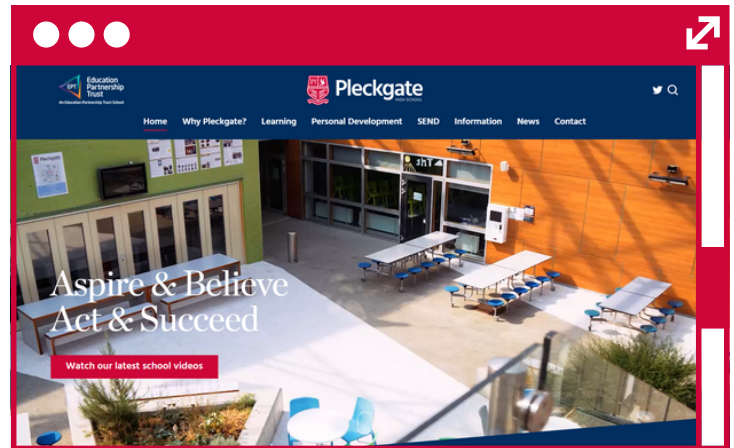
After school clubs

Monday – Friday
3.00pm – 4.00pm

Support & feedback

At Pleckgate High School we understand how important it is to ensure that Parents and Carers can be provided with all the information they need to help their children with their learning and development.

Our school website has a wealth of information regarding curriculum, pastoral care, school policies and who to contact for specific information.



Feedback

We hope that you have found this booklet informative. We are always open to new suggestions so if you do have any further ideas for information to be included within the booklet please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing the school via **info@pleckgate.com**



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