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Kettlethorpe HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2026



Welcome to Kettlethorpe High School and thank you for joining us at our Year 6 Open Evening.

Choosing a secondary school is one of the most important decisions you will make for your child. As parents and carers, you want a place where your child feels safe, happy and supported, whilst also being challenged to achieve their very best. We believe that Kettlethorpe provides exactly that: an environment where young people can thrive academically, socially and personally.

At the heart of our work is a simple but powerful mission:

Together, be the best we can be.

This reflects our belief that every child can achieve great things when excellent teaching, strong values, ambitious expectations and genuine care come together. Everything we do is also guided by our vision:

Present: We encourage students to engage fully in school life, attend regularly, arrive on time and make the most of every opportunity available to them.

Achieving: We support young people to set ambitious goals, work hard and take pride in their progress and accomplishments.

Excelling: We inspire students to embrace challenge, develop their talents and exceed their own expectations.

Our vision is underpinned by five core values:

Be Kind. Be Respectful. Be Reflective. Be Resilient. Be Responsible.

These principles shape our culture, inform our relationships and help create a positive learning environment where everyone can succeed.

We are proud to be known as a caring, inclusive and ambitious school where every child matters. As you explore our campus this evening, we hope you gain a real sense of what makes our school special. You will see a welcoming environment where strong relationships sit alongside high expectations, where students are encouraged to aim high and where staff are committed to helping every young person succeed.

We know that children achieve their best when they feel confident, valued and supported. That belief underpins everything we do, from the classroom experience to the pastoral care and guidance we provide each day.

Our school continues to go from strength to strength. We are unapologetically ambitious for every student and committed to ensuring that all young people achieve beyond what they think they are capable of. We believe that excellent attendance, positive behaviour and hard work provide the foundations for success. As a result, GCSE outcomes place our school amongst the highest-performing schools locally and our rates of progression into education, employment and training also exceed national averages, reflecting how well prepared students are for the next stage of their journey.

Academic achievement is important, but we believe education should prepare young people for life as well as examinations. Our aim is that every student leaves us as a confident, articulate, resilient and compassionate young adult, equipped with the knowledge, character and skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Through a wide range of enrichment opportunities, leadership programmes, sporting activities, performing arts experiences, educational visits and careers guidance, students are encouraged to discover their strengths, pursue their interests and broaden their horizons.

This September, we welcomed more than 300 Year 7 students from across Wakefield, Barnsley and Kirklees.

Families continue to place their trust in us because of our strong outcomes, excellent pastoral support and the breadth of opportunities available to every child. We are proud of the diverse community we serve and of the strong partnerships we build with parents and carers.

We Look Forward to Welcoming You

We hope you enjoy your visit this evening. Please take the opportunity to speak with our staff and students, visit our departments and experience for yourself what life at Kettlethorpe has to offer.

We look forward to welcoming your family into our community and supporting your child through the next exciting stage of their educational journey.

Together, be the best we can be.

Warmest Regards

Roisin Paul
Headteacher



Welcome to Kettlethorpe High School.

My name is Vicki Shute, and I am the Year 6 Transition Lead and Progress Leader for Years 7 and 8.

Alongside our dedicated pastoral team, my role is to ensure that every child joining us feels safe, supported, and inspired to enjoy all aspects of school life, both inside the classroom and beyond.

At Kettlethorpe, we live by our mission: "Together, be the best we can be." We believe in teamwork, mutual support, and striving for excellence. Our school culture is built on collaboration, respect, and personal growth, empowering every individual to pursue their dreams and contribute to a thriving community.

The Year 7 pastoral team and I work closely with our tutors to provide exceptional pastoral support, something every parent or carer hopes for when their child starts secondary school. Our extensive tutor programme is something we're incredibly proud of. It ensures that each day begins with structure, positivity, and purpose.

Daily tutor sessions include:

- weekly assemblies that connect students to local, national, and global events
- whole-school literacy sessions that nurture a lifelong love of reading
- knowledge organiser activities and a bespoke PSHE curriculum that equips students with essential skills for success, both at Kettlethorpe and in life beyond school.

The pastoral team is also skilled at helping students explore our vibrant extra-curricular and enrichment programme, which includes music lessons, clubs, and a wide range of sports teams. There's something for everyone and we encourage every child to get involved.

In my role as Year 6 Transition leader, I work collaboratively with primary schools to ensure the move from primary to secondary is as smooth as possible. As part of this process, we discuss students individually to ensure tailored and child-centered provision and support are in place for starting at Kettlethorpe High School.

Primary schools suggest learning partners that work well together which supports the allocation of tutor groups. The majority of lessons are mixed ability in Year 7 and all students follow a broad range of curriculum subjects.

At the start of Year 7, all students take part in a free team-building day at Mission Out in Tingley, joining their tutor groups for a shared experience that helps them build connections and settle into school life. This trip is more than just an introduction; it actively promotes our 4Rs by encouraging students to be reflective in new situations, resilient through physical and social challenges, responsible in their actions and choices, and respectful of others as they form new friendships and begin their 5 Year learning journey at Kettlethorpe High School.

We're excited to meet your child and welcome them to the Kettlethorpe High School community.

Vicki Shute
Year 6 Transition and Year 7 and 8 Progress Leader



WHAT'S ON?

Department	Where	Activity
MFL Orange Zone	ML1 & ML2	Try some delicious tapas from France and Spain! Test your language knowledge with our treasure hunt. Have a go at our Piñata
Dance Purple Zone	Dance Studio	School show dance open rehearsals. Just Dance inbetween - feel free to join in
Music Purple Zone	MU1 and MU2 and practice rooms	Department talks in MU1 and use of keyboards. KS4 composition and music tech in MU2. Students performing in the practice rooms. Pop up performances throughout the school
Digital Subjects Blue Zone	CM3	Have a go at badge making, block coding, micro bits and Python!
Design Technology Blue Zone	TC6	Visit Year 11's doing their final year project, in particular designing and modelling work
Fine Art Blue Zone	AD1 & AD2	Current art students are completing their coursework; come and see their incredible artwork. Marbling demonstration. Colouring in sheets.
Food Technology Blue Zone	TC2	Visit our food activities. Year 9-11 students are demonstrating practical skills for NEA (Non-Examined Assessment)
Library Blue Zone	Learning Resource Centre	Librarian student guides. Activities at the table: emoji book title quiz, bookmark making, post-it board with favourite books written by students and parents, write a 50-word story. Computers open with Sparx homework to try.
Photography Blue Zone	AD3	Current students engaged in some photography work
Textiles Blue Zone	TC3	Table with activities to take part in - Sharpie tie dye, heat transfer, sewing machine driving tests, wet felting making. GCSE work on display and Year 11 students working on their coursework.

Department	Where	Activity
Science Mint Green Zone	SC6, SC8 & SC13	Try out and see our amazing, mind-blowing experiments! SC6: Biology SC8: Physics SC13: Chemistry
Catering Yellow Zone	Café De La Brede	Try some samples of our food that we serve at break and dinner times
Drama Yellow Zone	Drama Studio	Come and watch some of our students rehearsing for the school show!
Geography Yellow Zone	GE3 & GE4	Find out how far your dinner has travelled... Take a look at some AMAZING fossils and work out what they were/still are... Work out your carbon footprint and find out how your lifestyle impacts our planet. Plus get lost in our map game fun!
History & RE Yellow Zone	HI3	Guess the height of the historical figure. Can you name the historical figure? Build a castle! Religious Artefacts challenge
PE Brown Zone	3G, Gym & Sports Hall	Football training, Gymnastics /Table Tennis & Badminton
SEND Dark Green Zone	LS1/Nurture	Come and visit our Inclusion Hub and speak to our Learning Support Team.
English Grey Zone	EN3 & EN4	English fairground & gothic hotel - mixture of activities and puzzles
Homework Club Grey Zone	IT5	Chat about homework club and what we offer for students before and after school
Maths Red Zone	MA1 & MA3	Maths roadshow activities, Puzzles, Year 7 Books/FAQ, Calculated Colouring, Mini quiz, Sparx demo

CURRICULUM

We deliver a broad, inclusive curriculum that blends academic, vocational, co-curricular, and personal development, ensuring all students feel a strong sense of belonging.

From KS2 through to post-16 pathways, we equip learners with the knowledge, skills, and ambition to thrive in an ever-changing world. We embrace diversity and tailor our curriculum to meet individual needs, promoting literacy, numeracy, and digital fluency. Beyond the classroom, our personal development programme and rich co-curricular offer—spanning sports, arts, and leadership—prepare students to be confident, compassionate citizens with clear aspirations and the tools to succeed.

At Key Stage 3, our curriculum is thoughtfully structured to build students’ foundational knowledge and skills, promoting deeper learning and genuine understanding of key concepts. Each subject follows a clearly mapped learning journey, with defined intentions that outline what students need to know, understand, and do to achieve their aspirational targets. Lessons are designed to develop transferable skills that support success across all subjects, while ensuring full coverage of National Curriculum content—including non-statutory KS4 areas—by the end of Year 8. We take pride in our KS3 provision and how it embodies our curriculum vision and principles.

CURRICULUM ALLOCATION

KS3 per fortnight	
English	8
Maths	8
Science	6
French/Spanish	4
DT / Computing / Food / Textiles	6
PE	4
Geography	3
History	3
Drama / Dance	2
Music	2
Religious Studies	2
Art	2
PSHE	Tutor Time

KS4 per fortnight	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
English	10	10	10
Maths	8	8	8
Science	10	12	12
Core Physical Education	4	2	2
PSHE	Tutor Time	Tutor Time	Tutor Time
Guided Destination 1	5	5	5
Guided Destination 2	5	5	5
Guided Destination 3	4	4	4
Guided Destination 4	4	4	4



THE KETTLETHORPE WAY

At Kettlethorpe High School, we want to be the very best in all we do and never take things for granted. Student success is always a cause for celebration. Partnership and collaboration between staff, students and families is vital to this success; we will do everything in our power to ensure each student achieves to the best of their ability. It matters to us that every student feels safe and happy at school, and we work to provide an atmosphere that is safe, challenging and stimulating for our students. Students at Kettlethorpe High School have a strong voice. Student opinions are taken into account as we work together to continually improve Kettlethorpe High School in order to be the best.

'Together, be the best we can be'



The Kettlethorpe Way

EXTRA CURRICULAR OFFER

Kettlethorpe High School offers a vibrant and wide-ranging extra-curricular programme that caters to all year groups, reflecting the school's commitment to holistic development and enrichment beyond the classroom. The activities span before school, lunchtime, and after-school sessions, ensuring students have ample opportunity to engage with interests that complement their academic journey.

The programme includes a diverse mix of clubs, such as sports teams, creative arts, STEM activities, and cultural groups. These opportunities are designed not only to nurture talent and passion but also to build confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Whether students are interested in athletics, drama, music, or science, there is something for everyone to explore and enjoy.

Importantly, the extra-curricular offer at Kettlethorpe High School aligns with the school's ethos of developing responsible, reflective, resilient, and respectful individuals. Through participation, students strengthen social bonds, broaden their horizons, and gain experiences that prepare them for life beyond school. The school's commitment to inclusivity ensures that all students, regardless of background or ability, can access and benefit from these enriching opportunities.

To view our extra-curricular offer, please visit our website www.kettlethorpehigh.co.uk/extra-curricular/

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At Kettlethorpe High School, we believe every student can be a leader.

Our aim is to build a school culture where students are confident, responsible and proud to contribute to the daily life of the school. Student leadership helps students live our core values:

Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Reflection -Kindness

We want every student to have the chance to:

- Develop important life and work skills
- Make a real difference to the school community
- Be recognised and rewarded for their efforts
- Build confidence and take on meaningful responsibility



REWARDS

ClassCharts is used to reward students with positive points. Students can earn positive points for the following reasons and cash them in for rewards from the Kettlethorpe High School Rewards Shop.

- Ethos points – awarded every lesson to students who attend and meet behaviour for learning expectations. Students will forfeit the point if students are late, lack the necessary equipment to learn, and receive a verbal warning.
- Outstanding contributions or attitude to learning in lessons
- Outstanding and improved attendance
- Improvement in attitude to learning
- Improvement in behaviour for learning
- Charity work
- Contributing to the school community e.g. extra-curricular, open evenings and consultation evenings
- Demonstrating resilience, respectfulness, responsibility or reflectiveness
- Being kind and courteous to all members of the school community



We are kind. We are Kettlethorpe

We are **respectful.** We...

> follow staff instructions first time, every time

> use respectful language towards others

> look after school property and the environment

> respect everyone, regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexuality, physical appearance or ability

> include everyone, even if their beliefs and ideas are different to our own

> respect personal space, privacy and boundaries

We are **responsible.** We...

> take full responsibility for our own actions

> are ready to learn and prepared with equipment

> follow the school uniform policy

> are kind, supportive and compassionate

> do not use derogatory language, harass or name call, or do things that hurt others

> challenge those who discriminate, show disrespect and make fun of others

We are **resilient.** We...

> never give up trying and take risks

> are able to recover quickly from a setback

> develop a positive attitude to learning

> use staff feedback in order to improve

> always strive to use kind words and actions and be the best version of ourselves

We are **reflective.** We...

> are able to describe our progress

> learn from feedback, experiences, feelings and responses and can analyse them

> think about next steps and set targets in our learning

> think about when we have used unkind words and actions and seek to improve where this has happened





KETTLETHORPE HIGH SCHOOL'S

Kindness Charter

1.



We are kind, supportive and compassionate. We treat everyone in our school community as we would like to be treated in return.

2.



We respect everyone, regardless of their gender, race, religion, sexuality, physical appearance or ability. We value everyone, even if their beliefs and ideas are different to our own.

3.



We do not use derogatory language, harass or name call, or do things that hurt others – in person or online. We are kind in our words and in our actions.

4.



We challenge those who use unkind words and actions that discriminate, show disrespect or make fun of others. We are not bystanders. We support each other.

5.



We respect personal space, privacy and boundaries. We listen, when people ask us to do this, and stop and change our words and actions.

We promise that members of staff at Kettlethorpe High School will never ignore or dismiss concerns or reports of unkind behaviour.

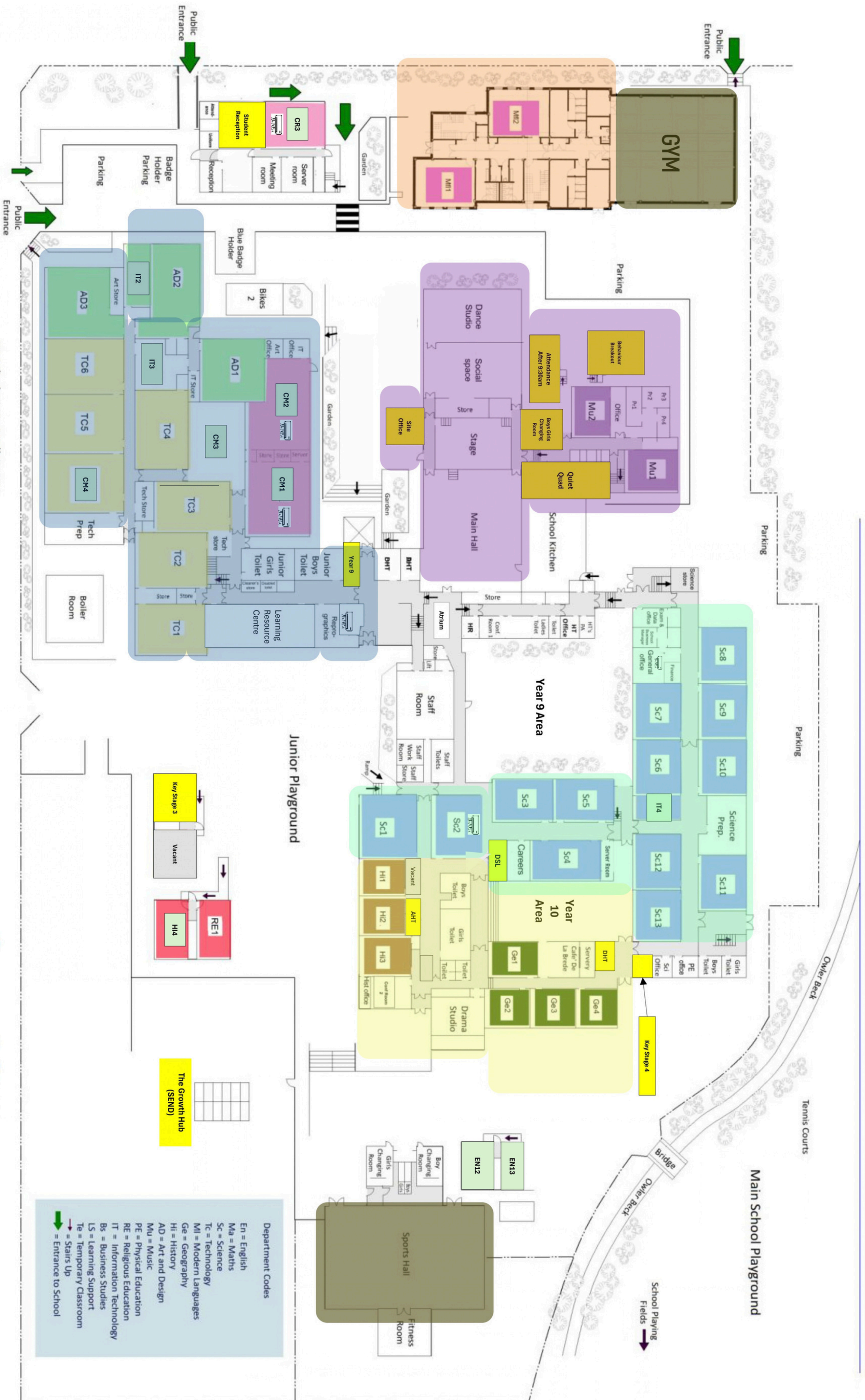
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OUR MISSION:
'TOGETHER, BE THE BEST WE CAN BE.'

OUR VISION:
'PRESENT, ACHIEVING AND EXCELLING.'



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