



Putteridge
High
School



Building First Class Futures

**“Leaders set
exceptionally high
expectations for
learning, personal
development and
behaviour”**

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Welcome to Putteridge High School

It is with a real sense of pride that I welcome you to our school. This brochure gives you a flavour of Putteridge High School however nothing can replace the experience of joining us and visiting the school in person.

Our children are our world and as a parent of three children I understand the importance of keeping students safe, allowing them to develop as individuals and encouraging them to follow their passion in life. Supported by our exceptional facilities, we provide opportunities for all, with a philosophy that is based on creating an atmosphere that allows students to become confident, independent and creative learners. Putteridge High School provides a First Class education where all students are encouraged, supported and given a wide range of opportunities to enjoy and excel.

We aim to excite young people to learn and celebrate their successes. Our staff have a passionate commitment to inspire through excellent teaching. We welcome students of all abilities who are taught in both mixed ability and set groups. Excellent provision is made for all students including those who have exceptional gifts and talents as well as those who have a particular special educational need. There is no limit to what our students can achieve with self-belief, strong home support and no ceiling on what we can accomplish together.

I am inspired by our students and am in no doubt that Putteridge High School is a very special place, supported by a remarkably talented group of staff making a vibrant and diverse community.



Mr David Graham
Headteacher

Joining

Putteridge High School



Putteridge High School is a unique community school, based on the Hertfordshire/ Bedfordshire border. We are part of the Chiltern Learning Trust; a family of schools working in collaborative partnership. We are incredibly proud of our First Class ethos enhanced by the exceptional learning environment our brand new building provides.

Students settle into Putteridge quickly, benefiting from outstanding care and pastoral support. Staff work hard to ensure students are placed with a combination of friendly faces, as well as encouraging new friendships.

Prospective students are visited by a member of our Senior or Pastoral Team at their primary school to provide support and advice on making a smooth transition to Putteridge. The safety, well-being, enjoyment and achievement of all within our community is key to ensuring that our students leave us as healthy, respectful citizens ready to make their way successfully and safely through their adult lives.

Safeguarding procedures are integral to the day to day running of the school and all members of staff play an important role in ensuring that every student has a First Class experience to meet their individual needs. At Putteridge High School we have an exceptional mental health and wellbeing programme, ensuring that students who require support feel happy, settled and safe.



First Class: Citizenship • Learning • Aspirations • Standards • School of Choice

**“Pupils are happy and proud
to be part of this community.
They work extremely hard
to be ‘first class learners’
and responsible citizens”**

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“The broad and rich curriculum prepares pupils exceptionally well for the next steps in their education, employment or training. As a result, they achieve very well throughout the school”

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Inside

The Classroom



At Putteridge High School we believe in the importance of an ambitious, language rich curriculum that develops articulate learners. Literacy and oracy skills are integral and are underpinned by the explicit teaching of a rich, varied and technical vocabulary.

Our curriculum engenders independent students who are active readers, effective writers and confident speakers.

Our community school ethos and commitment to British values permeate a curriculum that ensures our students leave us as healthy, respectful citizens who are ready to make their way successfully and safely through their adult lives.

In addition, our curriculum allows students to experience a diverse range of cultures; giving young people of all cultures the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.



We enrich our learners with a breadth of knowledge, as well as opportunities and experiences, both in the local community and beyond in order to help them become positive global citizens.

The First Class quality of education we provide drives academic and personal excellence; our structured and sequenced curriculum instils our students with limitless aspirations and the skills and knowledge to achieve them.

At Putteridge High School we have an excellent Support for Learning team who offer a range of support both inside and outside of the classroom to those students who may need a little extra help and guidance with their learning or social skills.

We run a Scholars Programme to provide academic challenge and rigour for our most able students.

Beyond The Classroom



Education is not simply about academic success; it is about participation and achievement that goes beyond the classroom. In its broadest sense, it is about preparing our students for life after school; about helping them to be successful, valued citizens that are engaged, challenged and achieve their full potential. We recognise that co-curricular activities play a crucial role within this development. Our school has a First Class reputation for the quality and range of co-curricular activities that we offer which is all part of our bespoke Character Education journey for each year group.

Sport, Music, Art and Drama are enjoyed by many students at PHS. We take great pride in our incredible music showcases and drama productions that display the skills, creativity and flare within the creative arts. We also have an extensive range of sporting after school co-curricular activities and in previous years, our PHS teams have successfully represented us across many areas. In addition to this, we are supported

by a committed team of peripatetic music teachers from the Luton Music Service and individual tuition is a feature of music provision. In this way we hope to ensure that all children are encouraged to develop the confidence to create, perform and excel within their sporting, musical and dramatic endeavours.

At Putteridge High School, we have an extensive programme of visits, trips and activities organised each school year. Curriculum related trips to museums, art galleries and field studies are organised regularly. We also offer residential visits for all year groups during our Personal Development Week both domestically and abroad giving our students the opportunities to engage in discourse with others, whilst being immersed in their culture. By extending the curriculum in this way, students are able to learn cooperatively in exciting environments, making memories and expanding their personal and social development.



“The school provides remarkable support for pupils’ personal development ... and opportunities for pupils through the First Class Character Journey”

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“Pupils say that this is a school where everyone’s differences are accepted, and everyone is equal. Pupils’ behaviour is exemplary”

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The Putteridge Community

We are greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm that students generate when committing their time and talents to helping others. The strong House ethos enables students to contribute to a variety of nominated charities, raising considerable sums of money each year as a result of their hard work and inspiration. Students have the opportunity to apply for leadership positions within their House to lead on projects and further develop links within the local community. This develops a strong sense of gratitude and moral understanding of the wider community on a local, national and also global scale.

We also have strong links with local primary schools in the community. Our students impress year on year with their strong character and leadership while delivering assemblies and workshops to the younger generation. We regularly visit local primary and secondary schools to work collaboratively with other professionals and students in many areas such as delivering language lessons, PE, sport coaching and life skills workshops.

This is an example of one of the many ways we develop students' public speaking and interpersonal skills to ensure we are encouraging the development of global citizens.

The school regularly welcomes visitors from the local and wider community; their contributions to work in classrooms, their involvement in assemblies and their work with teachers are all greatly valued. Events such as Industry Days, Citizenship Days, Diversity Days and Work Experience, encourage students to work with visitors from the world of industry and commerce developing high aspirations and ambition amongst our students. Both the school community and individual students continue to be enriched by visitors, whose involvement encourages students to broaden their contacts with members of the wider community and beyond.



First Class Scholars

Bespoke Programme

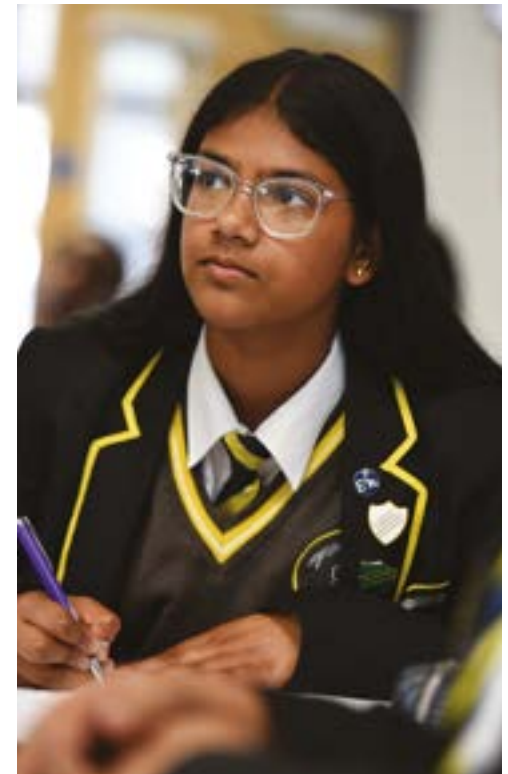
The bespoke First Class Scholars programme is aimed at inspiring our students who are more and most academically able to further develop their intellectual abilities and their interpersonal skills in a fine grained and creative manner. The programme develops numerous technical skills such as problem solving and critical thinking, and also includes more creative aspects such as independent research, challenge reads, team and leadership skills and public speaking through sophisticated rhetoric. Our intended outcome is to equip pupils with the necessary skills to narrow the gap between secondary education and their admittance to University.


Furthermore, within the programme there is an emphasis that is placed on challenge reads and bridging the gap of knowledge and academia and ensuring students' critical thinking skills are developed in their own time. The programme is designed to prepare scholars to engage in reading beyond the classroom and to become perceptive in the world that awaits them.

As well as this, the programme promotes reading which increases vocabulary and grammar skills, whilst also looking at specific subject terminology that will support their outcomes in their GCSEs.

Moreover, the programme is also designed to prepare scholars to engage in enriching activities within their local community, as it encourages scholars to attempt skills that do not come naturally to them, whilst also developing their independence and securing a sense of responsibility in their own journey of discovery.

The programme prides itself in building self-management, interpersonal and cognitive skills for each individual. Moreover, students are also challenged to become perceptive, critical thinkers, illustrating emotional intelligence, expert thinking and creativity for their success in the programme.





**“The ‘scholars
programme’ inspires
pupils to complete extra
learning beyond GCSE
level”**

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“The school has carefully planned for pupils’ wider experiences so that they develop the talents and interests of all pupils”

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Activities

Week

At Putteridge High School, the end of the academic year is marked by our highly anticipated Personal Development Week, a time of adventure, learning, and unforgettable experiences. This week offers a diverse range of activities designed to enrich students' education beyond the classroom, fostering personal growth, teamwork and a sense of adventure. We aim to provide experiences for the students that give them the opportunity to discover skills and elements of themselves a typical classroom may not provide. We explore the outdoors, push personal boundaries and develop highly sought-after leadership skills that will support their academic and working journeys past school life. Our aim is to develop confident and well rounded individuals that can problem solve and face challenges in a variety of environments.

Personal Development Stage 1 (Year 7): Homecamp: Students start their residential journey with an unbelievable experience enjoying a unique camping experience right on our school grounds. With tents, campfires, team building activities and outdoor cooking, Homecamp provides a safe and fun environment for students to bond, develop survival skills, and enjoy the great outdoors.

Personal Development Stage 2 (Year 8):
Outdoor Adventures: For those that love thrills and challenges on the land by the coast, our trip to Norfolk offers activities such as fire lighting, bushcraft, and fencing. Students build confidence, resilience, and leadership skills while exploring the beautiful natural landscapes of Norfolk.

Personal Development Stage 3 (Year 9): Water Sports
This exciting journey takes students to an area of outstanding beauty and scenery in the UK past England where they participate in a range of outdoor pursuits involving land and water. From kayaking to hiking, this trip is perfect for adventure enthusiasts looking to push their limits and enjoy breath-taking scenery.

Personal Development Stage 4 (Year 10): Beyond the United Kingdom: Year 10 students have the incredible opportunity to visit a different country and travel abroad. This magical experience combines fun and education as students visit a location in Europe, test their language skills and experience a different culture.

They will be eating a range of different foods, exploring foreign lands and working together to find their feet in an unknown country far from home.

On-Site Activities: For students staying at school and not attending a residential, a variety of engaging activities are available. From creative arts and sporting activities to science experiments and dancing, there's something for everyone to enjoy. These activities promote creativity, physical fitness, and a sense of community. These students will mirror skills of those students working offsite and develop leadership confidence and problem solving skills led by a range of experts.

Personal Development Week at Putteridge is more than just a break from the routine - it's an integral part of our educational philosophy, designed to inspire and motivate students. This week of exploration, fun, and learning helps students develop new skills, discover new passions, and create lasting memories. Join us for an unforgettable experience that celebrates the end of the school year in the most enriching way possible.

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