

# Netherhall School

An Ambitious, Caring Community



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## Prospectus 2019-20

*"Pupils love coming to school"*

- Ofsted, 2018



*"Pupils are proud of the school"*

- Ofsted, 2018



*"Relationships throughout the school are excellent"*

- Ofsted, 2018



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## A Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to this edition of our prospectus. If you are a parent or student and have questions about who we are and what we stand for, I hope you will find the answers here.

You will find details of many aspects of school life, including uniform requirements, rewards, disciplinary procedures, school term dates and the membership of the governing body here. Equally, you can find all this and more information on our website: [www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk)

If there is anything else you want to know or ask about, please do not hesitate to contact our school office - 01900 813434.

Updates on students' academic performance are issued regularly and public examination results are reported in the local and national media in late summer. You can also track our performance on the School Data Dashboard <http://dashboard.ofsted.gov.uk> or on the Department for Education website under schools/performance tables, or on the school's website: [www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk)

As the Headteacher of the school, I am immensely proud of the achievements of our students and staff. I am privileged to be associated with the school and consider it an honour to lead a well-qualified, committed and hard-working staff. It is a key part of our educational philosophy that all young people in the school are valued as individuals and supported to be the best they can be.

Mr David W. Tromans  
Headteacher

## A Welcome from the Chair of Governors

On behalf of the governing body I would like to thank you for taking this opportunity to find out more about our school. This prospectus will give you a flavour of what makes Netherhall a school we are proud of, but no document can capture the positive feeling that we, as governors, experience on a daily basis when we come into school.

Our full complement of governors represent the school community, and I should remind you that all governors are volunteers who freely commit their time and expertise to supporting the school.

Jan Clarke  
Chair of Governors

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# Values at Netherhall School

## Netherhall School - An Ambitious, Caring Community.

At Netherhall School, we are ambitious for every student. We want all our students to achieve the best possible academic qualifications, and to have the best experience of school.

It is essential that students attend school ready to work and able to enjoy their school experience. We have a very experienced and dedicated pastoral team of form tutors, heads of year and senior staff, who are all focused on helping students through any problems, liaising with parents and working with external agencies. The enrichment and extra-curricular programme is second-to-none, every student is able to get involved in some form of extra-curricular activity, whatever their interests. In addition to this, there are leadership opportunities available throughout the key stages in which our students can develop essential skills, including the opportunity to mentor and help those in other year groups.

We strive to engender a sense of community. As a school, we celebrate together, learn together and support each other. We are mindful of our individual and collective responsibilities to our community and are proud that Netherhall School is at the very heart of our community.



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# Contacting Netherhall School

## Your Contact with Netherhall School

The first point of contact for parents is the tutor, who has academic and pastoral oversight for each student in their tutor group.

The school office will help with enquiries and the attendance officer should be informed as soon as possible, if your child is going to be absent from school. We welcome parents into school to discuss any matter relating to their child's education, but it is recommended that you phone to make an appointment first. You can talk to the Headteacher over the telephone, but again, contact should be made through the school office. It is our policy to involve parents quickly if we have any concerns about a student's progress or wellbeing.

Every student has a personal planner/diary to record homework and other activities. We ask you, as parents, to check your child's planner/diary regularly. Every half-term a newsletter is produced and uploaded onto the Netherhall School website: [www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk). This contains important dates, messages and information about school activities and achievements. Please do make an effort to log on and have a look at it.

We operate a regular system of target-setting and reports, with the opportunity for parents to come in to school to discuss progress with your child's teachers and their tutor. We believe very strongly in building a partnership between home and school, and encourage you to show an active interest in your child's life at our school. We hope that you will contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



# Uniform at Netherhall School

## Uniform and Equipment

We are grateful to parents and students for their support in this important matter, which helps us to maintain our high standards of appearance and readiness for work. All uniform can be purchased from West Lakes Embroidery, which is situated in the school reception and 38 Curzon Street, Maryport, CA15 6DA. The following are uniform requirements (items marked \* are embroidered with the Netherhall School logo):

### Students in Years 7 to 11

#### Academic Uniform

- Burgundy jumper and/or blazer\*
- White shirt
- Tie
- Black trousers for boys / black trousers or skirt for girls. Trousers must be loose fitting (denim/leggings/combat-type trousers or any other variation are not acceptable)
- Dark socks when wearing trousers
- White socks or black tights for girls wearing skirts
- Completely black shoes
  
- Trousers must not be skin tight, leggings are not allowed as an alternative
- Plain black boots can be worn, but only if trousers can be worn over the boots
- Jewellery including studs and sleepers must not be worn, but watches and medical discs are allowed
- Outdoor coats should not be worn in lessons
- Hair colour should be within the normal range of natural hair colours. Any attachments to hair that cannot be removed immediately should not be worn
- Makeup should not be worn

#### PE Uniform

- Burgundy polo shirt\* / crew neck t-shirt
- Burgundy/ white multi sports top (outdoors)
- Burgundy hoodie\*
- Black shorts\* / black skirt
- Black socks with Netherhall lettering
- Black tracksuit bottoms\*
- Trainers (or boots for rugby/football)
- Waterproof training top\*

#### Sixth Form Uniform

- Grey jumper / cardigan\*
- White shirt
- Tie
- Black trousers for boys / black trousers or skirt for girls. Trousers must be loose fitting (denim/leggings/combat-type trousers or any other variation are not acceptable)
- Completely black shoes

#### Academic Equipment

- Netherhall School diary/planner
- Calculator
- Fully equipped pencil case (pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, etc)
- School books

# Curriculum Overview

Netherhall School provides a broad and balanced curriculum that offers a superb foundation to learning in Key Stage 3 alongside academic and vocational attainment in Key Stage 4 and the Sixth Form.

In Years 7 & 8 students study:

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics	French	Geography
History	Religious Studies	Art	Design & Technology	Biology
Chemistry	Physics	Personal, Social and Health Education	Physical Education	ICT
Drama		Music		

Netherhall School has a three year Key Stage 4, which enables students to spend more time studying their GCSEs and Level 2 qualifications. The Key Stage 4 curriculum provides a strong traditional core curriculum which supports attainment, combined with the opportunity to study three option choices.

English Language	English Literature	Mathematics	Religious Studies	Personal, Social and Health Education
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Physical Education	

The Key Stage 4 option subjects are:

French	Geography	History	IT	Computer Science
Art	Religious Studies	Photography	Hospitality and Catering	Construction
Design	Child Care	Health & Social Care	Sports Studies	Drama

The Key Stage 5 (A level and Level 3) subject choices are:

English Language	Mathematics	French		Geography
History	Religious Studies	Art	Health & Social Care	Biology
Chemistry	Physics	Business Studies	Sports Studies	IT
Applied Science			Photography	

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# Personal, Social and Health Education

## Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) education is integral to life at Netherhall School. Our students experience it in lessons, assemblies, registration, clubs, trips and visits, special events, rewards systems and in every aspect of our school community. It supports an increasing awareness of ourselves, the world around us and of the positive impact we can all have on each other. SMSC promotes the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and the tolerance of those who may hold different faiths and beliefs to those of our own. At Netherhall School, SMSC helps us to reflect upon who we are, where we belong and how we can improve ourselves and the lives of our fellow citizens.

## Guidance

Guidance lessons, engender an understanding of the moral implications of one's behaviour, an awareness of relationships, the importance of personal hygiene, the physical and emotional changes of adolescence, the importance of a good self-concept, the acceptance of personal responsibility, contraception and an awareness of sexually transmitted diseases.

## Religious Education

### Key Stage 3

In Key Stage 3, students explore the six major religions, they will consider religious beliefs, teachings and practices; comparing and contrasting these with actions within their own and others' religious lives. Students will spend time gaining an understanding of how Christians can learn from sacred texts and how teachings can be influential in their daily lives. Students carry out work on topics, such as 'Who am I?', faith stories, the five pillars of Islam, beliefs, actions and the life of the Buddha.

### Key Stage 4

In Key Stage 4, students study Christianity and Islam in greater depth. They will evaluate their religious beliefs, religious teachings and apply their own and others' views towards their understanding. In addition to this, students will gain an understanding of religion in the modern world and explore how it has developed over time. They will look at religious festivals and practices, comparing and contrasting how these affect their own lives. Students will study a range of religious, philosophical and ethical studies from the modern world, considering issues of relationships, life and death, human rights and the concepts of good and evil.

## Netherhall School Council

At Netherhall School we value the opinions and ideas of all our students. To this end, we run a school council that consists of elected representatives from all year groups. Elections for the school council take place towards the end of the summer term, so that the representatives are in place for the start of the new school year. To ensure that every student's voice is heard, each year group has its own year council; this is run by their respective head of year and there are two representatives from each tutor group.

The whole school council meets every half term, with heads of year meeting with their year councils prior to this; this enables students to bring issues and ideas to the whole school forum. The agenda is set by the students with a senior member of staff acting as the facilitator, who is responsible for the issues and ideas being addressed by the appropriate area of school management.

In addition to this, our students take an active role in the wider Maryport Schools' Council, which includes junior and infant schools from the town. We are very proud of the role that our students take in supporting younger students at these meetings.

# Enrichment & Leadership

## Netherhall Community Sports Centre

We are very proud of what is available at Netherhall Community Sports Centre. Our aim is to provide a high quality range of amenities and activities that serve the needs and aspirations of the whole community. Our wish is to encourage greater participation and utilisation of the programmes and facilities provided, thus ensuring the improvement in health and wellbeing of all those who work, play or reside within our community. Maryport Tennis Club is based at Netherhall School with excellent, well maintained facilities.

The Sports Centre facilities include an astroturf, spinning suite, multi-use sports hall, over 55's club, weights room and an ultra-modern fitness suite. Activities include fitness classes, outdoor activities and sports camps for various age groups. We aim to provide inspirational membership packages to suit all and have recently introduced special offers, such as reduced membership for parents/carers of our new year 7 students, which includes free membership for students.

## Enrichment and Leadership

We believe that a big part of school life is for students to have access to a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

The first part of this is the wide range of extra-curricular activities that students are able to access. These are collated together into a timetable which goes into students' diaries, so they are aware of what is on offer, when and where activities take place and who is responsible for each activity.



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# Extracurricular Activities

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At Netherhall School, we encourage all students to take an active part in the life of the school; for each and every child to get involved in extra-curricular activities and to take full advantage of the extensive range of enrichment opportunities. Each week, the enrichment activities, extra-curricular clubs and sports fixtures for the following week are emailed to all parents / guardians and students. In addition to this, the document is posted on the school's Facebook page to ensure all persons are aware and actively involved.

Throughout the course of the academic year the extra-curricular and enrichment activities include:

- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards
- Christmas, Easter and summer drama productions
- Belgium Battlefields Trip
- New York Trip
- School Ski Trip
- Wimbledon
- World Challenge
- Edinburgh Arts Trip to the Scottish Portrait Gallery
- London Arts Trip to the Tate Modern and the National Gallery
- Geography Field Trips to Maryport, Buttermere, St Bees and the Isle of Arran
- Outdoor and Adventurous Activities Trip
- Art Award Trip to the Senhouse Roman Museum
- History 'Lessons From Auschwitz' Trip
- Rock Challenge
- Chess Club
- React Programme
- Archery Club
- Oxford and Cambridge University Access Opportunities Programme
- Go-Ride Club
- Lego Engineering Club
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award
- Health and Social Care and ICT Trip to EuroDisney
- French Residential Trip to Normandy
- Rotary Technology Competition
- Science Roadshow
- Warhammer Club
- Hadrian's Wall Cycling Trip
- Work Experience for Years 10 and 12
- Rock Choir
- Durham University Supported Progression
- Sports Clubs
- School Choir
- Theatre by the Lake
- Horrible Histories Theatre Trip
- BBC Carlisle Studios
- National Theatre Line Streaming

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# Important Information



## The School Day

8.30	Pupils arrive at school
8.35 - 8.50	<b>Registration or assembly</b>
8.50 - 9.40	Period 1
9.40 - 10.30	Period 2
10.30 - 10.50	<b>Break</b>
10.50 - 11.40	Period 3
11.40 - 12.30	Period 4
12.30 - 1.15	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15 - 1.20	<b>Registration</b>
1.20 - 2.10	Period 5
2.10 - 3.00	Period 6
3.00	<b>End of school day</b>

## Term Dates

### 2019/2020

#### Autumn Term 2019

Starts – Wednesday, 4th September Ends – Friday, 20th December  
**Half-Term Holiday** Monday, 21st October to Friday, 25th October

#### Spring Term 2020

Starts – Tuesday, 7th January Ends – Friday, 27th March  
**Half-Term Holiday** Monday, 17th February to Friday, 21st February

#### Summer Term 2020

Starts – Monday, 14th April Ends – Friday, 17th July  
Bank Holiday – Monday, 4th May  
**Half-Term Holiday** Monday, 25th May to Friday, 29th May

## Closing Remarks from the Headteacher

I would always recommend a visit of the school by you and your child whilst it is in session, in order to acquire first-hand experience of Netherhall School.

I fully appreciate the importance of your decision as to where to send your child to secondary school and the trust that you place in us in ensuring that your son or daughter fulfils their considerable potential.

If there is anything further you would like to know, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school reception - 01900 813434.

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## Useful Information

Main School Reception - 01900 813434

Netherhall Community Sports Centre - 01900 813434 - Option 3

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