



# BAYSGARTH SCHOOL

## A Specialist Technology College

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Baysgarth School is in the North Lincolnshire Council area. The school is served by the Council's officers based in Brigg and Scunthorpe.

### THE SCHOOL

Baysgarth is an 11-18 mixed comprehensive school. There are approximately 865 pupils on roll, including 55 in Years 12 and 13. The proportion of pupils from high social groups (based on occupation) is below the national average, so that the socio-economic profile of the intake is skewed a little to the lower end of the range. On other measures, the school is neither advantaged nor disadvantaged.

Baysgarth has enjoyed Specialist Technology College status since 2005 which has enabled extra funding and resources to be made available across the school, particularly in the specialism areas of maths, science and technology.

### LOCATION

The school is located in the town of Barton-upon-Humber on the south bank of the Humber. The area is connected to the north bank by the Humber Bridge. The surrounding area is basically farming country and some of the villages have expanded since the opening of the bridge and the M180 motorway. The city of Hull and the towns of Scunthorpe, Grimsby and Beverley are easily accessible. Accommodation is readily available and of good value.

### SCHOOL ORGANISATION

The school has a 5 day timetable, and a 25 period week of 5 x 60 minute periods per day, with the dinner break between periods 3 and 4.

Each year group is in populations for timetabling purposes. Pupils are set according to ability in most subjects. Pupils with learning difficulties receive support in mainstream lessons with small group or limited individual teaching.

The pastoral organisation of the school is based on a House system with vertical tutor groups to:

- i) further develop relationships between pupils, and between pupils and staff;
- ii) continue to raise standards via Academic Monitoring.

Tutors normally stay with pupils over a number of years. Tutor groups elect representatives to their House Council and each House Council elects representatives to the School Council. The school has close links with its primary schools and with the community and is developing its links with industry. The school facilities are used extensively by Adult Education, youth groups and local teams.

## ACCOMMODATION

Some of the school's buildings were modified in 2001 and now most of the school is on one site accessed from Barrow Road. Only the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre is in a building approximately 100m away from the rest of the school. Some of the accommodation has been refurbished in recent years. Particularly improved are the facilities for technology, ICT, PE, music, science, the Learning Resource Centre, work based learning, a dining hall and various offices. Other faculties and areas have benefited from the reorganisation on to one site. In addition to general purpose teaching rooms, there are the following specialist areas:

Science	8 laboratories
ICT Facilities	6 fully equipped networked computer rooms. Single network connections to most rooms in the main part of the school. Interactive whiteboards in virtually all teaching rooms.
Art	3 art rooms
Technology	1 food & 1 textiles room. 3 workshops & 1 design/drawing room
Music/Drama	1 drama studio, a music room and peripatetic teaching rooms
PE	1 sports hall and 1 gymnasium. Extensive playing fields plus a multi-use games area (MUGA)
Learning Resource Centre	Recently enlarged + extra 6 <sup>th</sup> Form facilities within the 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Centre (annex)
Years 12/13	Have their own social area in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Centre

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The school fields teams in the major sports and there are inter-house sports competitions. A strong tradition of music and drama exists. A German exchange to Gifhorn takes place biannually with annual ski trips to European resorts, French exchanges and visits to the USA and China in previous years. Several social events are run by pupils to raise money for chosen charities. There are regular visits to leisure centres, the theatre and other UK destinations, e.g. London.

In addition to these activities, there are numerous clubs which are run by individual staff. Other leisure opportunities such as discos, video shows and competitions are arranged on an ad hoc basis.

## THE STAFF

There are 44 teaching staff, 2 GTPs, 1 instructor and 2 cover supervisors. The support staff comprises a finance officer, the Head's PA, an attendance clerk, 3 clerical assistants, an exams officer, a data manager, a network manager and ICT technician, 12 teaching assistants, a full time learning resource manager, 3 term-time technicians, a first aid officer, a senior midday supervisor and 8 FTE midday supervisors. There is a caretaker and casual lettings officer who work a shift system between them.

## **MANAGEMENT**

There are 5 members of the Senior Leadership Team - the Head, one Deputy Head, 2 Assistant Heads and a School Business Manager. The school has 8 faculties, 4 Heads of House and a Head of Sixth Form. The School Board is a major decision-making body for the school and comprises the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Faculty, Head of Sixth Form and Heads of House. Working parties comprised of invited members and volunteers consider issues and report to the School Board. The whole staff is made aware of recommendations through termly Staff Meetings, along with faculty and year team meetings, daily briefings and weekly bulletins.

## **OFSTED**

The school was inspected by an Ofsted team in September 2010. The report is available via the link on the school's website at [www.baysgarthschool.co.uk](http://www.baysgarthschool.co.uk) or Ofsted's website, which can be found at <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/118109>.

