



Hanson Academy **Prospectus**

2025/26



Welcome to Hanson Academy

**One of the highest performing
schools in the area**

Dear Parents & Carers

At Hanson Academy, we are proud of the exceptional turnaround made by the school over the past 3 years. We now out perform all other local secondary comprehensive schools with more children passing both English and Maths at GCSE.

Our Ofsted inspection took place in April 2025 and we were graded as good in all 5 areas. We highly recommend taking the time to read it. The Inspectors were impressed by the year on year improvements in GCSE and A level outcomes but were impressed most of all by the calm atmosphere, clear routines and the way students now take pride in their school. They also praised how students feel safe, supported and respected.

We are incredibly proud of our students, their families and the staff for achieving this great milestone for the school.

We run multiple open mornings because we believe that you won't find a calmer or more productive school in Bradford. We are one of the only schools in Bradford who run these weekly because we believe that you have a right to see the school you are thinking about sending your child to and because we are so proud of our students.

We have a vibrant sixth form of 250 students with its own sixth form building and a highly developed enrichment program with students contributing to sports and reading programs in years 7 to 11.

We ensure all students have access to the best education and fund most trips and visits to ensure all students can access the benefits of a first class education regardless of household income.

The behaviour at Hanson has been described as excellent by Bradford council's education and safeguarding team and our Ofsted report highlights the calm and purposeful atmosphere.

We have a broad range of subjects and incredible facilities as we are determined to broaden horizons and create opportunities and experiences for your child, provided by private education, but without the fees.

The Hanson Academy experience includes:

- Trust events such as Cyber North, Poetry Slam's and The Delta Games are part of the gifted and talented science programme of study.
- A Higher Maths Pathway starting in year 9 when the cohort enters the national Maths Olympics and prepares students for Further Maths Qualifications in year 10, 11 and sixth Form.
- Fully resourced and funded curriculum resources including knowledge organisers and bespoke revision guides, as well as access to exceptional online study packages.
- Free Swimming lessons to ensure all students reach NC level.
- Free musical instrument lessons and the opportunity to join one of our bands, orchestra and choir; the opportunity to study astronomy with university-level telescopes to develop skills.
- A fully funded residential in the Lake District National Park at the Trust's Outdoor Education Centre at Patterdale on Ullswater.
- The opportunity to work with exciting employers such as West Yorkshire Fire Service, West Yorkshire Ambulance service and West Yorkshire Police who contribute to the schools enrichment program.

Given this year's excellent results we anticipate high demand for places. To secure your place, you can register directly with the academy during the open evening and reserve a uniform and residential place for September 2026.

We look forward to working with you as partners; come and join us and secure a great future for your child.



Sam Sheedy
Principal



Andy Barnett
CEO

One of the **highest performing** comprehensive schools in the city for English and Maths



Hanson in Numbers

154

Sporting fixtures per year



33

Weekly enrichment activities



750

Free hours of 1:1 maths tuition



90

Hours of opportunities to perform in drama/dance/music/choir



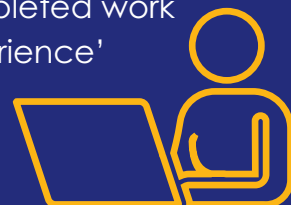
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Free revision guides and knowledge organisers provided to all students



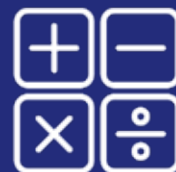
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Year 12 students completed work experience'



10.000+

Student hours on Sparx Maths



1573

volunteer hours by
Duke of Edinburgh
students



61

Opportunities
for students to
engage with
employers per
year



585

1:1 music lessons
delivered per year



free music lessons

110+

Residential, national
and international trips
per year, including
reward trips



185

Encounters with
external workplaces



768

Hours of extra
language support



£85

Worth of uniform
provided for **free** to
Year 7



**Most improved
school in Bradford**



Free Uniform

We understand that, in some cases, purchasing school uniform can be an expensive outlay with the average cost of compulsory school uniform and sportswear items anywhere between £80 and £100 per student.

That's why we provide all our Year 7 students with a full set of uniform and sports kit for free.

Your child will receive free uniform including a blazer, tie, two shirts, trousers/skirt, sports top, sports shorts and winter top so they can start the term fully kitted out; that's one less thing to worry about!

Our school specific uniform is manufactured to a higher standard than cheaper generic items, and is therefore more durable and lasts longer.

Students also receive planners, knowledge organisers, subscriptions to online learning resources and more for free!

2 free shirts

free tie

free blazer

free skirt

free trousers

free sports shorts

free polo shirt

free winter shirt



School Uniform

Sports Kit

Sharing resources

Our subject specialists develop Key Stage 3 knowledge organisers packed with subject-specific information and active learning tasks for students to complete at home.

With QR codes and links to online resources, including 'Sparx Maths' and 'Languagenut', students' learning extends beyond the classroom and it's all completely FREE.

Common assessments are written by our specialists, and we compare results from across the Trust, meaning we are able to really focus on areas where we identify our students may need more support.

Subject specialists (including qualified examiners) develop GCSE revision guides for many subjects, providing personalised learning and detailed course based content when it really counts.



Working with you

As partners in your child's educational journey, we use outstanding data comparison technology to provide you regular updates on your child's progress:

We use Common Assessments

- Students in Year 7 to Year 9 across all academies, take key stage 3 assessments in English, mathematics, science, geography, history, modern foreign languages, and computing twice a year.
- These assessments are designed by in-house subject experts such as linguists, authors, physicists and mathematicians that test the knowledge, skills and understanding students have acquired and retained in their learning since the beginning of the academic year.
- Students receive their marked assessments along with a record of their strengths and weaknesses, and they can download mark schemes to identify their own areas for improvement. These mark schemes are also available to you, allowing you to review them and gain a clear understanding of your child's progress.

Regular reporting to partners

You, as partners, receive a student report twice a year (January and July) that provides an overview of performance in key stage 3 assessments, predicted grades and target grades in key stage 4, and an effort grade in all subjects.

Reports are available online through the Parent App and provide information on:

- Each assessment (December and June) completed by students up to that point in the academic year.
- The Progress of your child in line with expectations.

John Example (7A)
Interim Pupil Report – January 2020

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY (since September)	
Attendance	
Authorised absences	94.8%
Unauthorised absences	19
Number of late sessions	0
Key Stage 2 Reading scaled score	110
Key Stage 2 Maths scaled score	110
Key Stage 2 Average scaled score	110

English
Since September we have read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, including in particular whole books, short stories, poems and plays with a wide coverage of genres, historical periods, forms and authors, including high-quality works from English literature, both pre-1914 and contemporary, including prose, poetry and drama, Shakespeare (2 plays) and seminal world literature

Effort: **Outstanding**
Assessment: **75%**

Mathematics
Since September we have consolidated their numerical and mathematical capability from key stage 2 and extend their understanding of the number system and place value to include decimals, fractions, powers and roots. Learned how to elect and use appropriate calculation strategies to solve increasingly complex problems. Used algebra to generalise the structure of arithmetic, including to formulate mathematical relationships.

Effort: **Outstanding**
Assessment: **75%**




Science
Since September we developed scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. Developed understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries that help them to answer scientific questions about the world around them.

Effort: **Outstanding**
Assessment: **75%**

Example Pupil (11A)
Pupil Report – July 2018

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY (since September)	
Attendance	
Authorised absences	94.8%
Unauthorised absences	19
Number of late sessions	0

PREDICTED GRADES AND EFFORT			
Qualification	Target Grade	Predicted Grade	Effort
GCSE English Language	Grade 6	Grade 5	Requires improvement
GCSE English Literature	Grade 6	Grade 6	Good
GCSE Mathematics	Grade 5	Grade 3	Unsatisfactory
GCSE Combined Science	Grade 6	Grade 4	Good
GCSE History	Grade 6	Grade 6	Outstanding
GCSE French	Grade 6	Grade 3	Unsatisfactory
GCSE Health and Social Care	Level 2 Pass	Level 2 Pass	Requires improvement
BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Merit	Requires improvement

 Predicted grade is equal to or above the target grade.
 Predicted grade is one grade below the target grade.
 Predicted grade is more than one grade below the target grade.

English

curriculum

A Bespoke Curriculum

Our bespoke curriculum strategies include: Ruth Miskin Fresh Start programme, small group or one-to-one support, Rapid Plus, Lexonic, high frequency word practice, word of the week subject-specific vocabulary, reciprocal reading and other support programmes. In addition, we also aim to challenge our high-level readers through a range of activities such as book and debate clubs.

Competitions and Events

Students in Years 7 and 8 can participate in annual poetry events. These events often feature guest authors and special visitors, providing inspiration and a chance to meet literary heroes. Aspiring young writers can test their skills in national writing competitions, offering a platform to showcase talent and potentially gain recognition on a national scale.

Reading Routes

We are passionate about igniting a love of reading in our students. That's why we launched "Reading Routes," a programme designed to encourage reading for pleasure. Students embark on a journey through nine exciting genres, like Crime & Mystery or Fantasy, choosing from six books each term. Reading Routes goes beyond the typical curriculum. There are

even specialised routes for students to explore their interests in areas like Sports or the Environment. With over 74 books on the "map," students are sure to find something that sparks their imagination and fosters a lifelong love of reading.



Mathematics

curriculum

Mathematics at Hanson Academy: Building Confidence, Curiosity, and Success

At Delta, we believe that every child can succeed in mathematics. Our maths curriculum is designed not only to teach vital skills, but to inspire a genuine love for the subject. We help students see the beauty and purpose of maths in the world around them — from understanding technology and science to solving real-life problems with confidence.

We encourage curiosity and resilience through a rich mix of activities that build critical thinking and problem-solving skills. We know that making mistakes is part of learning, as such we create a safe environment where students are supported to explore, take risks, and grow in confidence.

We use innovative platforms like Sparx to support learning at home and in school, helping students practise regularly and develop secure knowledge.

For students who excel in maths, we offer further challenges such as the UKMT Maths Challenges and the opportunity to study the Level 2 Further Mathematics qualification in KS4.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

We make maths exciting with enrichment activities and trust-wide events like our Year 11 Enigma Masterclass — a high-energy day full of maths challenges, relays, and workshops designed to stretch and inspire. These events bring learning to life and show students just how far they can go.

Sparx Maths: *effective for all students*

Sparx Maths helps students from disadvantaged backgrounds progress at the same rate as other students.



Science

curriculum

A Roadmap to Success

Our meticulously planned curriculum adheres to the national curriculum for Key Stage 3 and seamlessly aligns with the AQA specifications for either GCSE Combined or Triple Science. Rooted in the latest research and recognised by Ofsted, our Science Curriculum provides a solid foundation.

Unleashing Inner Scientists

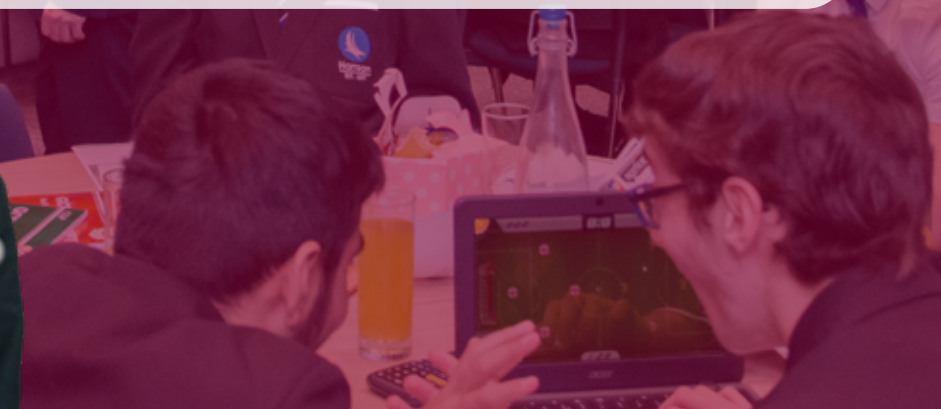
Delta celebrates science throughout the year with exciting themed events like "Space Week", "Brain Day" and "World Bee Day." These wider curriculum lessons spark curiosity and broaden scientific horizons. Students also participate in our termly science competitions.

Nurturing Future STEM Leaders

Delta offers an after-school STEM club, featuring activities around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Year 9 students can also get involved in Lego Robotics, participating in both regional and national competitions.

Mavericks

High-achieving students in Years 9, 10, and 11 may be selected for the prestigious "Science Mavericks" event. Collaborate with Delta students from other academies to tackle real-world scientific challenges, exploring topics like the future of earth and the possibility of terraforming celestial bodies.





MFL

curriculum

Your Bridge to a World of Opportunity

We believe every student should have the chance to explore the world through languages. We deliver French and Spanish at GCSE but support with at least 6 heritage languages every year.

Learning a modern foreign language (MFL) is more than memorising vocabulary – it's a journey of cultural discovery and personal growth. Our vision is to broaden horizons, helping students develop new perspectives on the world as they step beyond familiar boundaries, sometimes literally as they step off a plane in sunny France or Spain.

We aim to enable students to express themselves confidently in another language and converse with native speakers. These skills will become life skills for the future, allowing students to navigate practical situations, learn new ways of thinking, and appreciate diverse cultural expressions.

The Delta MFL curriculum emphasises core grammar, vocabulary, and phonics, equipping students with a solid foundation for all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. As they progress, students will revisit and deepen their understanding of key concepts, building fluency and accuracy. With at least two modern languages assistants every year, our students have invaluable access to native speakers. We believe in fostering confidence and independence as a language learner. Our curriculum is designed to empower students to tackle new challenges and succeed in the MFL world.



The Arts

curriculum

Igniting Creativity and Celebrating the Power of Performance

Drama and dance come alive through a range of exciting opportunities. Students can refine their drama and dance skills through our dynamic drama and dance clubs available throughout the Trust. Many clubs even culminate in performances that include parents, fostering a strong school community. Students can take their performance skills beyond the classroom with theatre and festival visits. These experiences broaden horizons and provide invaluable insights from industry professionals.

There are opportunities for students to showcase their talents alongside their peers in academy showcases. For dedicated performing arts students pursuing BTEC qualifications qualification, trips to Bradfords Alhambra are a highlight. Students are immersed in the magic of live theatre and witness professional performances first-hand.

Our well-equipped academy drama studios provide the perfect environment to rehearse and elevate performances.

Our Arts curriculum is more than just learning lines and choreography. It's about self-expression, collaboration, and developing the confidence to shine on stage.



Music

curriculum

Education is more than Academic Achievement

Music is more than just notes on a page. It's a vibrant journey of exploration, performance, and personal growth. Our curriculum is designed to nurture a lifelong love of music in every student. Music fosters social connections, boosts enjoyment, and provides a foundation for lifelong participation in music, regardless of any potential career path.

Whether it's pursuing music professionally or simply enjoying it for fun, Delta's music curriculum equips students with the skills and appreciation to enrich their lives with music. Our curriculum emphasises hands-on learning, equipping students with the skills to sing, play instruments, and participate in musical activities.

Delve into the world of music through active and passive listening, exploring a variety of sounds and genres. Learn to play simple melodic instruments and percussion, building confidence and musical expression.

Under the Spotlight

We hold an annual music festival, a highlight where primary and secondary students come together to share their passion and perform in front of a live audience.

There's also an opportunity to perform at various events throughout the year, from conferences to celebrations. We have recording studios across the Trust, giving students the opportunity to take musical creations to the next level.

Our Charity: *Delta Academies Charitable Trust*

Through our charity, a student received funding for piano lessons. She was later invited to the 'Top 100 Global Child Prodigy 2020' awards in India.



Humanities

curriculum

Explore, Analyse, and Understand Our World

Our Geography curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity and wonder about the world around you. Students explore both human and physical aspects of geography, examining themes like sustainability, development, globalisation, and climate change. Cartographic, graphical, ICT, and GIS skills will make students proficient in analysing geographical data.

Apply knowledge in real-world settings through exciting fieldwork trips. These immersive experiences range from local investigations to residential adventures like the Patterdale trip. During this trip, students conduct a river study in Mungrisdale, explore flood management strategies in Keswick, visit Aira Force waterfall, and even embark on a scenic cruise of Lake Windermere, England's longest lake. The journey culminates in a challenging climb up Orrest Head, with spectacular views.

Other exciting trips and fieldwork include:

- Year 7 students participating in infiltration investigations
- Year 8 tackling micro-climate investigations
- Year 9 embarking on a river study trip to Malham or Patterdale residential
- Year 10 and 11 completing coastal management enquiries in Hornsea



History

curriculum

Our History curriculum empowers students to think critically about the world they live in. Students contribute to our renowned Museum at Hanson which is accessible all day to students and links to our curriculum. Here's what sets us apart:

Questioning the Past: We encourage students to analyse historical events and perspectives, fostering independent thinking beyond 'received wisdom'. Don't just accept information at face value – learn to question and examine evidence.

Global Context: Move beyond a solely British perspective. Students explore a variety of cultures and historical events on a local, national, and international scale, from Ancient times to the Modern era. This global awareness is crucial for understanding the interconnectedness of our world.

Building Historical Worlds: Immerse yourself in different historical periods through engaging activities like "building worlds" in your mind. Historical fiction becomes a springboard for exploration, igniting curiosity and sparking questions about the past.

Diverse Voices: Encounter a range of historical figures and perspectives, gaining a well-rounded understanding of the past. Learn about the world from the viewpoints of people from all walks of life.



Sport

curriculum

Whether you plan on becoming an elite athlete or simply enjoy staying active, we have something for you!

Hanson Academy boasts excellent sporting facilities such as a state-of-the-art sports hall and gym alongside our many AstroTurf and grass pitches.

Examples of the activities we offer include sports such as football, netball, badminton, basketball, hockey, athletics, gymnastics, trampolining, rounders and cricket. We also offer a range of well-being activities such as dance, fitness clubs, dodgeball, and exercise classes in our fully equipped gym.

Furthermore, we utilise our Trust Outdoor Centres in the Lake District and North Yorkshire. At these centres, students can choose to take part in mountain biking, canoeing, rock climbing, hill walking and abseiling.

We encourage all students to represent the academy in one of the many clubs and teams which are available. The academy uses top coaches and local links to develop students and give them opportunities to play at a higher level. The Trust is developing a scholarship scheme for our most gifted athletes.

Students are identified and nurtured through our inter-school competition programme. As part of a large, high performing and aspirant Trust, Hanson Academy students have the opportunity to experience, train and compete at internationally renowned facilities.

There is no surprise that our students go on to achieve outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. Many go on to have successful careers in sports and leisure industries.



Our Charity: *Delta Academies Charitable Trust*

Through our charity, a student received funding to represent Britain at the World Youth Championships for Bouldering in 2023.





The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are proud to champion the transformative power of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). This prestigious programme equips young people across our academies with essential skills and experiences that set them up for success in all aspects of life.

The DofE programme goes beyond traditional education, fostering a holistic development that benefits students in numerous ways:

- Learning new skills ignites passions and talents.
- Regular physical activity fosters a healthy lifestyle.
- Volunteering builds responsibility and community spirit.
- Overcoming challenges builds resilience and confidence.
- Teamwork and leadership skills develop through expeditions.
- The DofE Award is recognised by universities and employers.
- Strong social skills and lasting friendships are fostered.
- DofE activities enhance mental well-being and cultural awareness.

There are four sections to complete at Bronze and Silver level and five at Gold. They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter and healthier, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Achieving an award isn't a competition or about being first, it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.



Dallowgill

outdoor enrichment

Unforgettable Environmental Learning at Dallowgill

We stand out as an organisation because we provide every child with life changing experiences irrespective of their starting point in life. A cornerstone of this commitment is the Trust's very own Environmental and Outdoor Education Centre. Nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales' Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Dallowgill offers a transformative educational experience unlike any other in the region.

This state-of-the-art facility isn't just about stunning scenery. Dallowgill provides a hands-on learning environment where students develop a lifelong connection with the natural world. Through activities like den building, habitat exploration, and environmental art projects, students gain a deeper understanding of ecology and sustainability principles.

A Commitment to Accessibility and Opportunity

Since opening in 2021, thousands of children have enjoyed a residential experience at Dallowgill. We have also purchased a nearby church for additional activity space.

Removing Barriers to Learning

We understand that financial constraints shouldn't hinder educational opportunities. That's why the Trust provides an on-site coach to transport students between academies and Dallowgill, eliminating the cost burdens often associated with residential trips.



Patterdale

outdoor enrichment

Expanding Horizons

Building on our success of Dallowgill, we have acquired another Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District National Park. This exciting addition to the Delta experience provides students with even greater opportunities for transformative outdoor learning experiences.

A Landscape of Adventure

Nestled amidst breathtaking scenery, Patterdale offers a unique opportunity for students to delve deeper into adventurous activities. Imagine scaling iconic peaks like Helvellyn via Striding Edge, exploring the shores of Ullswater, or encountering diverse wildlife in the centre's four-acre haven, complete with a river, wetlands, and rare birds. Patterdale is designed to ignite a passion for the outdoors and inspire a sense of adventure in every student.

To maximise learning opportunities, we plan to construct a permanent observatory at Patterdale, harnessing the wonders of the night sky.

Memorable Experiences, Lifelong Impact

Patterdale promises unforgettable experiences that will leave a lasting impact. Students return with stories of personal growth, new-found confidence, and a deeper connection with the natural world. We are committed to fostering these transformative experiences for all our students.

By embracing the opportunities offered by Patterdale, our Trust plays a vital role in shaping well-rounded, environmentally conscious young people.



Cyber North

digital defence

This immersive annual event, co-organised by Delta and Northern Education Trust, is designed to introduce students to the ever-growing field of cyber security.

Why Cyber Security Matters

In today's digital age, where everyone relies on computers and the internet, cyber security is more important than ever. Cyber North equips students with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves from online threats like identity theft, financial fraud, and more.

Engaging Activities and Friendly Competition

The event features a variety of engaging activities that put students' problem-solving skills to the test. They are reimagined as digital detectives, cracking codes, analysing evidence, and bringing cyber criminals to justice. There's even a healthy dose of friendly competition between participating schools, making the experience more exciting.

Building a Brighter Future

Cyber North goes beyond just raising awareness. It empowers students to take control of their digital safety and explore potential careers in the booming cyber security field. By participating in this event, students gain valuable insights into this critical field and discover if a cyber security career path might be the perfect fit.



Trust-wide Events



KS3 Graduation

Graduation marks a momentous occasion as Hanson Academy comes together to celebrate the achievements of year 9 students throughout their KS3 journey. It is a testament to student's hard work, dedication, and growth over the past three years. Graduation prepares students to be ready for KS4 and to progress into adulthood. The focus is on being their best selves. Developing them both as learners and as young people. Graduation is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to join us in commemorating this milestone where we acknowledge students' accomplishments as part of their Hanson Academy journey.

Students will graduate at different levels: Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum and this is decided upon on the following criteria:

- Effort
- Pledges
- Tri Stars
- Proud Thursday's
- Behaviour





Careers Education

As a Trust we understand that everyone's career path is personal and also adapts over time. As a result, we offer an extensive range of guidance and opportunities that start from Year 7 and adjust to meet changing aspirations throughout.

Hanson Academy's careers programme supports students to plan, prepare and look forward to starting their careers. One of the ways in which this happens is through ensuring that students have acquired the skills, knowledge and attitudes they need for the world of work. Our careers programme is influenced by the CDI Career Development Framework which supports the process of career development involving the collection of skills, knowledge and attitudes. The CDI Career Development Framework outlines six key skills that are essential to career development; grow throughout life, explore possibilities, manage career, create opportunities, balance life & work and see the big picture. Within each of these skills are a set of learning aims that our career development programme and interventions in school will strive to achieve.

Through our programme, all students are given the opportunity to visit colleges, universities and workplaces, and experience first-hand potential routes for them. Students are given access to a large range of potential employers who visit through scheduled lunchtimes and breaktimes, along with full days of employer speed-dating events.

Whether your child is interested in the world of work or further academic study, they will be guided and supported to make a decision that is right for them. We are proud to work with multiple local partners such as the University of Bradford, Bradford College and the NHS, all of who allow students to think widely and deeply about how they would like their careers after school to progress.

Entrepreneurship is something we also hold dear, and our academy has made the final of the Kings Trust National Enterprise Challenge two years in a row!

All our students have regular access to an independent careers advisor who will guide them via informal chats about career paths as well as by more formal scheduled careers appointments.

Many employees work with students within the academy to help them prepare applications, practise interviews and develop the skills they need to secure their preferred route.

Quality career support

Hanson is proud to have 3 members of staff (2 of which are Level 6 qualified in career advice and guidance) dedicated to organising students' future careers and opportunities. They secure students some of the most aspirational career routes available for young adults and helping them embark on exciting, unlimited career paths.

Quote from a year 9 student – "This year I got the opportunity to create my own business in a team that make the final of the Kings Trust Enterprise Final at Elland Road Stadium!

Quote from a year 10 student – "I had to prepare and take part in a practice job interview with a real-life employer; I was really nervous at first but now I feel more confident in talking to new people"

Quote from a Year 13 student – "I can't believe I got an conditional offer from the University of Leeds!!"



Personal Development Programme

At our school, we are deeply committed to nurturing the whole child. Our comprehensive Personal Development Programme is designed to support students' emotional, social, moral, and physical growth while helping them build the skills and character needed for future success.

The programme is structured across key themes within **Living in the Wider World, Health and Wellbeing**, and **PSHCE**. Through a thoughtfully planned combination of EPC lessons, form time activities, assemblies, workshops, educational visits, and enrichment activities, students explore a rich variety of topics that promote self-awareness, citizenship, resilience, and respect for others.

Key Features of the Programme:

- **Termly Themes:** Covering areas such as *British Values, Personal Wellbeing, Animal Rights, Types of Abuse, Environment and Community*, and more.
- **Drop Down Days (DDD):** Including *Royal Navy Team Building, Diversity Week, Road Safety Workshops, and Public Services Awareness Day*.
- **Inspiring Assemblies:** Focused on issues such as *Forgiveness, Anti-Bullying, Holocaust Memorial, Science Week, and Refugee Awareness*.
- **Form Time Initiatives:** Projects like *Creating a Form Flag, Careers Exploration*, and celebrating *Famous Landmarks Around the World* develop cultural awareness and teamwork.
- **Educational Visits:** A variety of enriching experiences including *PGL Residential, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, and the Patterdale Residential*.
- **Enrichment & Interform Competitions:** Activities such as the *7 in 7 Challenge, Charity Runs, Summer Showcase*, and creative presentation opportunities.
- **Celebrating Achievement:** Through *Cinema Rewards, Pledge Badges, and Headteacher's Brunch*, we ensure students' efforts are recognised and rewarded.

This dynamic programme supports the development of confident, kind, and responsible young people, well-prepared to navigate the challenges of adolescence and the wider world beyond the classroom.

Personal Development Journey: KEY STAGE 3

Year 8: Broadening Horizons

Building on their Year 7 experiences, Year 8 students delve deeper into societal themes and ethical thinking. The curriculum includes:

- Topics like *Evil and Suffering, Sexual Relationships, Mental Health, and Crime and Punishment*
- Activities such as **Careers Panels, Cyber North Competition, and STEM visits**
- Thought-provoking assemblies (e.g., *Holocaust Memorial, Discriminatory Language, Refugee Week*)
- Ongoing development of communication and leadership skills through form projects, national leader studies, and inspirational stories of change-makers like Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela
- Reward schemes including a **trip to Flamingo Land**

Year 9: Preparing for the Future

Year 9 marks the culmination of Key Stage 3, with a strong focus on preparing students for their future pathways:

- Exploration of *Careers and Options, Peace and Conflict, Consent, Discrimination, and Coping Mechanisms*
- Bespoke DDDs including **King's Trust Enterprise Challenge, Restart a Heart, and Careers Fair**
- Visits to workplaces, universities, and religious centres
- Leadership and resilience development through initiatives like the **Fire Service GRIT programme**
- Recognition of inspirational figures from different communities and, helping shape a culture of inclusion and empathy
- Final celebrations include a **Flamingo Land trip** and a **Graduation Ceremony**, marking their successful transition into Key Stage 4

Our holistic Personal Development programme ensures that by the end of Year 9, students are not only academically ready but emotionally and socially equipped to take on the challenges of Key Stage 4 and beyond.



Everyone is *included*

At Hanson Academy we are ambitious for all students. We have high expectations that everyone will excel, regardless of starting points.

We support students to understand and apply their learning and achieve well. We understand that some young people will require additional support for part or all of their time with us.

If your child is identified as having SEND they will have a bespoke Learning Passport, which identifies strategies teachers and support staff should use in order to support them to achieve their full potential.

The Learning Passport will be written in partnership with you and your child, and reviewed on a termly basis to ensure we continue to support your child's progress, both academically and pastorally.

Dedicated staff members

We have a dedicated team of support staff led by our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Together they strive to provide the best for students with additional needs including delivering a range of bespoke interventions.

The SENCO works closely with the local primary schools and the local authority to ensure that students are effectively supported during their transition to us from our local primary schools.



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This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

A young student, likely a girl, is shown in a school uniform (white shirt and blue striped tie) wearing clear safety goggles. She is smiling and looking down at a beaker she is holding. The beaker is positioned over a large, bright orange and yellow flame that is rising from a source on the right. The background is a blurred classroom or laboratory setting with a blue-tinted overlay. The text "So, what are you waiting for?" is written in white, and "Choose Hanson Academy." is written in yellow below it.

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Choose Hanson Academy.

A woman wearing a black hijab and glasses is focused on her work. She is holding a large, dark, curved metal component, possibly part of a machine or a large-scale engineering project. The background is a blurred workshop or laboratory setting with various equipment and structures. The overall tone of the image is professional and technical.

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