

DYKE HOUSE SPORTS & TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

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Andrew Jordon - Head teacher

I am extremely proud to introduce you to Dyke House Sports and Technology College – an outstanding and dynamic 11-16 school in Hartlepool.

The latest Ofsted report describes Dyke House as “an outstanding school” stating that “there are many reasons why the school is successful, the most significant of which are the exceptional leadership, first rate teaching and learning and excellent care, guidance and support.”

Achievement is central to our vision, and the School’s GCSE results placed Dyke House in the top 1 percent of secondary schools in the country. The School is breaking new ground in terms of curriculum innovation and teaching styles with an incessant and unrelenting focus on achievement and high expectations.

Year on year comparisons	2011	2010	2009	2008
Percentage achieving 5+ A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) including English & maths GCSEs	56%	45%	44%	32%

Like others who visit our school, we are confident you will be impressed by the working atmosphere, the sheer sense of enjoyment in the learning process and the strong focus on achievement. We are proud of our School that is setting a benchmark for other schools in Hartlepool.

Dyke House Sports and Technology College, in Mapleton Road, Hartlepool, has been transformed thanks to the £12.4m Building Schools for the Future (BSF) scheme.

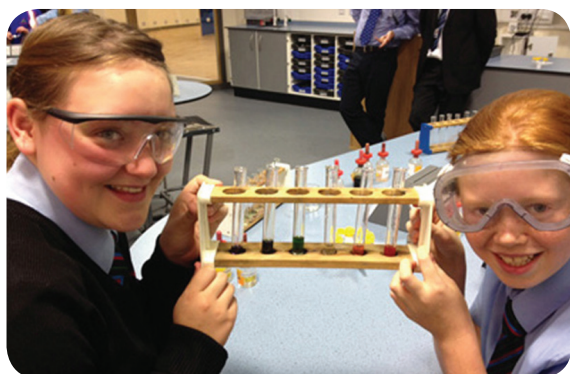
The school opened its doors in January 2012. More than a quarter of the building has been rebuilt with the rest extensively remodelled.

The centre of the old building has been stripped out and replaced with a new “street” area that links the reception to the school hall, complete with a new science area.

Throughout the building, old classrooms have been knocked through to create large open-plan teaching areas.

Each group will remain with the same set of teachers for all five years in their area of the building and each area has its own open-plan teaching spaces and traditional classrooms.

Mr Jordon also praised the main contractors, Balfour Beatty and Northgate, for their efforts. The school, which was built in 1938, moved to the former Brierton Comprehensive site, in Catcote Road, during the revamp which started in September 2010.



DYKE HOUSE MISSION & VISION

Dyke House Sports and Technology College is driven by a clear mission; every young person can succeed given the chance. And for most young people, the best chance is provided by access to high quality education which embraces an academic curriculum, enriched by a wide range of extra-curricular activities. We have built our success on raising aspirations, expecting the highest standards in everything we do and by putting in place the highest quality support for students and staff.

Dyke House has a warm, caring environment where every student, parent and member of staff feels safe and welcome. We have an outstanding environment for teaching and learning where all staff are supported and all students are challenged and encouraged to fulfil their potential. Here, we have an ethos of high expectations of achievement throughout every aspect of the School. We expect every student to do their best and we will give them every opportunity possible to help them succeed.

We are building upon our past success and raising the expected standard within our purpose-built new facilities. Our schools within schools philosophy supports and challenges students to raise their own expectations of what is possible within school and beyond to ensure that all students reach their full potential in life.



AN ETHOS THAT ENCOURAGES SUCCESS

We are clear that there are no excuses for underachievement. We identify barriers that may stand in the way of achievement, work to understand the causes in context, then develop a persistent and uncompromising approach to supporting our students to make progress.

Our ethos is built upon understanding the needs of our students, building relationships with staff, students and parents and establishing a culture of no excuses. We focus on the highest standards in every aspect of college life: learning, behaviour, attitude, punctuality and uniform. Consistency is the key throughout all our work in which we insist upon a commitment to shared values from staff, students and parents. Our staff develop a deep understanding of the needs of all students in their care, create a positive environment for those students to flourish, challenge them to go beyond their aspirations and work in collaboration with parents and carers to ensure future success.

For more information on Dyke House Sports & Technology College please visit:

www.dykehouse.hartlepool.sch.uk

