

Excellence for all
Excellence from all



ROBERT CLACK
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

For the brave nothing is difficult



WELCOME TO ROBERT CLACK SCHOOL

OUR VISION

Our vision at Robert Clack is to provide an outstanding holistic education that will ensure the young people of the Robert Clack community are equipped with the knowledge, skills and attributes necessary to fulfil their potential and make a valuable contribution to society.

OUR ETHOS

Our ethos reflects the values of Alderman Robert Clack. His values continue to permeate our school ethos today, which is summarised perfectly by the maxim: 'Excellence for all; excellence from all'. We strive for excellence in all that we do in the Robert Clack School community. Our ethos is characterised by the values of:

- mutual respect;
- compassion for others;
- discipline;
- high expectations and aspirations;
- hard work.

We are determined to ensure that all students believe in themselves by embracing the original school motto: 'forti difficile nihil' - 'for the brave, nothing is difficult'.

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

I am very proud to welcome our guests, visitors, potential students and parents to Robert Clack School. As a former pupil and member of staff for the past 24 years, the school and our pupils mean a great deal to me. I believe that Robert Clack is a very special place; we have a strong sense of community and strive for excellence in all that we do.

We are committed to delivering a broad and balanced education, one which appreciates the importance of academic qualifications, but one which also recognises the value of vocational qualifications and the extra-curricular of sport, drama, music, the arts and debate.

Our ethos permeates every aspect of life at Robert Clack School and cultivates the values of mutual respect, compassion, discipline, high expectations and aspirations and hard work. By embracing these values, we believe that our pupils will be able to fulfil their ambitions in life, whatever they may be.

We are proud, but never complacent.

Mr Russell Taylor

Executive Headteacher





JOINING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Moving from primary school to secondary school is a milestone for every young person, it brings new challenges and exciting opportunities. At Robert Clack School we offer a supportive and well structured environment to ensure students settle in quickly and embrace the opportunities available to them.

How do we help your child settle in?

Before students join the school

- ◆ A member of the transition team will visit local primary schools to meet prospective students.
- ◆ We meet all of our parents/carers at transition evening to ensure we have all the information we require to best support their child when they start school.
- ◆ We have a year 6 induction day for students in June. This is designed for pupils to familiarise themselves with the site, staff and make friends.



After pupils join the school

- ◆ We have a transition team comprising of an Assistant Headteacher, Head of Year and form tutor to ensure each pupil is settling in well.
- ◆ All parents/carers have an opportunity to meet form tutors in the second half term to receive feedback from all subject teachers.
- ◆ We offer an extensive range of enrichment activities throughout the academic year to engage and enrich pupils.
- ◆ Every pupil has an opportunity to join the school council allowing our students to voice their opinions and develop not only their leadership skills but also peer mentorship.





“This is one of the smartest and most ordered schools we have ever visited”.

Good Schools Guide



“Behaviour at Robert Clack is exceptional. Pupils value school and their education. They are well motivated and want to do well”.

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"Pupils demonstrate very positive attitudes towards their learning, taking care of their environment and celebrating each other's achievements".

"There is a strong culture of inclusion and mutual respect. Clear boundaries and expectations as well as warm relationships help to maintain this ethos".

"The support for pupils' wider personal development is exemplary. Character education is particularly strong."

"Pupils and students at Robert Clack School learn to be confident and principled".

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A SENSE OF BELONGING

Robert Clack is a school for the community, one that reflects the standards and aspirations our parents and neighbours have for their local school. We demand the highest standards of behaviour, courtesy and respect towards all members of the community.

Our uniform

Taking pride in your appearance is an essential part of being a Robert Clack student, the uniform is the first step of uniting the community to show equality. Our high expectations of uniform translate into a disciplined and professional learning environment. Wearing the uniform is a badge of pride. We are proud that our uniform creates a strong identity for the school throughout the local community.



Our assemblies

The Robert Clack culture is one of respect. Through assemblies, students celebrate the endeavors of their peers both academically and in extracurricular pursuits. The themes of the week are designed to improve the understanding of British values and to celebrate national and international events. We aim for our pupils to grow to be tolerant, understanding and caring individuals.



School Council

The school council is an active and significant part of the Robert Clack School community. Representatives of all year groups work together to put forward and discuss various suggestions and projects. Our school council committee is actively involved in the interview process for new staff and they are ambassadors for the school. Roles such as these give our pupils an opportunity to influence their learning environment and develop leadership skills.

Our staff

The teaching and support staff who work at our school are completely committed to delivering an outstanding, holistic education to our pupils in order that they become the best they can be. We believe in our pupils, and we are determined to ensure that they believe in themselves by embracing our original school motto: **'forti difficile nihil' - 'for the brave, nothing is difficult'**.



OUR CURRICULUM

At Robert Clack School we offer our students a broad and enriching curriculum which enables them to make outstanding progress, engage with challenging concepts and prepare for success in the professional world of work.

At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 to 9) students study the full National Curriculum and following subjects:

English
Mathematics
Science
Computing
Design Technology
French or Spanish
History
Geography
Religious Education
Art
Music
Food Technology
Physical Education
Skills For Life (a programme which delivers personal, social, health, citizenship and careers education).

At Key Stage 4 all students study the core curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science (double or triple), PE and RE.

Students have a further wide range of subjects to choose from:

Art	Beauty
Business Studies	Computer Science
Psychology	Drama
Sociology	Statistics
Dance	History
Design Technology	Geography
ICT	Religious Education
Catering	
Construction	

We encourage our students to work towards their aspirations by utilising the different learning pathways available to them. Our pupils are set challenging targets and their progress towards them is reviewed and monitored by class teachers during our assessment rounds. We recognise the importance of open communication between home and school and the successes which come with a proactive relationship between the two.



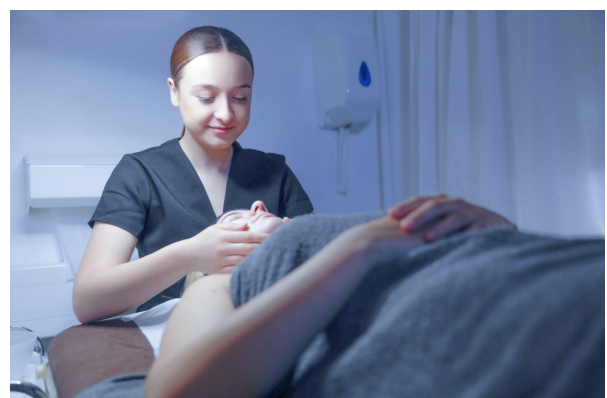


LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Each year group has a dedicated pastoral team who are the first point of contact for parents and carers; they are able to give an overview of a child's progress and welfare in all areas of school life.

By tracking pupil progress we are able to identify students requiring further support. We have a range of out of school hours sessions being run by staff to help pupils. We also have a numeracy and literacy mentoring programme which helps students enhance relevant skills to improve overall progress. Pupils with additional learning needs are supported by the Special Educational Needs team who utilise various strategies to support students.

Our teachers support a magnitude of extracurricular clubs which run not only after school but also on weekends and during holidays. This facilitates learning beyond the classroom, giving our pupils not only additional academic support but encouraging them to explore and build on other talents and any interests they may have.





OUR SPORTING SUCCESS

Robert Clack School has excellent sports facilities, with a newly built state of the art sports centre at the Green Lane site which complements the Leisure Centre facilities on the Gosfield site. With our dance studios, indoor sports halls, all-weather pitches, fully equipped fitness suites, outdoor tennis courts and cricket nets, we are able to provide our students with facilities to be coached for all aspects of sporting success on-site.

Our PE staff are not only dedicated teachers but also coaches who work tirelessly with their teams to get the best out of them. Coaching sessions run before school, after school and on Saturdays. There is a vast variety of sports clubs to choose from and we encourage pupils to take part, as it gives them the opportunity to integrate with the school community. Some students will take part to keep fit, some will do as a fun activity and others may participate to compete with other schools/teams.

Robert Clack School has a strong reputation for its sporting success locally and regionally but also nationally and internationally.





OUR SUCCESSFUL SIXTH FORM

Robert Clack Sixth Form has an extensive track record of working with pupils to secure places at top Universities, including Oxbridge and Russell Group on highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Law. Pupils also progress to internships and apprenticeships including ones at international firms in the city of London.

A range of programmes of study are available to our Sixth Form pupils to cater for a wide range of interests and aspirations. Pupils can choose to study a purely academic programme (i.e. A Levels only) or a purely vocational programme (i.e. BTEC and Cambridge Technical qualifications) or a mixture of the two.

In total there are over 30 subjects available for students to study. Our wide curriculum enables students to pursue a tailored pathway to lead them to their chosen destination.

In addition to the core academic or vocational subjects that a pupil studies, a wide range of enrichment and personal development opportunities are on offer. These form an integral part of a pupil's timetable and ensure that they develop the skills and attributes that are valued by universities and employers. These options include our prestigious Rugby and Netball academies, the Duke of Edinburgh award, the Extended Project Qualification, Debate and community outreach programmes.





OUR PARTNERSHIPS

With over 70 partnerships with local, national and international businesses we are able to provide unique support and opportunities for our pupils. This may be in the form of mentoring, work experience, apprenticeships or job opportunities. Below is a brief snapshot of how our partnerships have positively impacted our students, with many more success stories shared on our website.

Ford

Ford supports Robert Clack School with initiatives for pupils aged 11-18 years. The partnership has resulted in positive outcomes, including mentoring support, improving levels of self-esteem and confidence which has resulted in higher commitment and application to their studies. Those who worked on Insight to Management projects, Formula 24 and the Safety Film have gained valuable skills and experiences. The partnership has provided accessibility to previously unattainable experiences, which have impacted and inspired future generations.



Robert Clack Alumni

The Robert Clack Alumni Association was established in February 2010. The alumni are very active within the school – inspiring students by attending skills for life sessions and presentation evenings, funding trips, travel costs and university taster days, donating cash prizes at awards evenings, opening up opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships and kitting out some of our very talented sporting students.

For the Sixth Form students, a Mentoring Programme has been set up which is now well established. The Brilliant Club and Study Skills Workshops, which are aimed at developing students' knowledge, skills and ambition to secure places at highly-selective universities, are funded by the alumni.

Selected other partnerships include:

West Ham football club, the Premier League, the University of Durham, the University of Oxford, the Social Mobility Foundation, Kings College London, the Sutton Trust (UK and USA), Debate Mate, the Brilliant Club, Cushman and Wakefield apprenticeships, the Princes Trust, the Worshipful Company of Chartered Surveyors, National Literacy Trust and many more.



For further information please see our school website:

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