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The Hathershaw College
The Pinnacle Learning Trust was developed through the long-standing, strong and effective relationship between The Hathershaw College and Oldham Sixth Form College, with Werneth Primary School joining the Trust in February 2019.

Our mission is to improve the lives and life chances of young people in Oldham and the local area. In order to achieve this we are committed to continuing to raise aspirations and achievement across all our academies through the development of outstanding practice based upon partnership.

Across the Trust we promote the importance of students being responsible, respectful, and ready to learn. These qualities are displayed and promoted throughout the College.
Dear Parent/Carer,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to The Hathershaw College, part of the Pinnacle Learning Trust. I am proud of my long association with the College and the town, being educated in Oldham myself and still living here.

This is a good school with a group of very talented teachers and staff who will set high standards and expectations for your child. We are inclusive and celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of everyone within the College. We care about our young people, with our first priority always being to make sure they are happy and safe so that they are able to learn.

Our academic standards continue to improve each year and the curriculum we have designed will ensure that your child is both engaged and able to succeed in an ever-changing world. We value the opportunities of being part of the Pinnacle Learning Trust, including our very strong links with Oldham Sixth Form College, where the vast majority of our students aspire to attend.

As well as the work your child completes in the classroom, our extensive package of extra-curricular activities will help to enrich their academic and social experiences.

I believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is at the heart of our success. As well as attending Parents’ Evenings, you are always welcome to make an appointment to speak with myself.

I look forward to working with you and ensuring your child’s future success.

Mark Giles, Principal
Learning is at the heart of The Hathershaw College. Our experienced and specialist teachers work hard to deliver a curriculum which is inspiring, engaging, and appropriately challenging for all students; allowing them to succeed but also feel a sense of genuine accomplishment.

Teachers have a keen passion not only for the subjects they teach but also for developing students’ curiosity, capability, creativity and a love of learning.

When my son left Primary school he struggled with basic reading and writing. The staff at Hathershaw supported him to help him achieve and improve his self-esteem. He is currently in his final year at college and will be attending University whilst my daughter is on track to achieve the highest possible grades in her final year at Hathershaw. Both my children have been supported and have enjoyed every moment of their school lives.

A Miah, Parent
From my experience the teachers know where you are so they give you the right amount of challenge to push you and make you successful. I enjoy my lessons and the teachers work hard to make the learning fun and varied. Hathershaw was definitely the right choice for me.

Usman, Year 8
I was worried about moving to a big school with lots of teachers and classrooms. All my teachers are really supportive. They are supportive and make sure I understand everything. Some of them have even learnt sign language. I am so glad I chose Hathershaw.

Usmaan, Year 8
I was really worried about how my daughter would settle and how she would cope with the move from Primary school as she is a very quiet girl and has had lots of health problems. I’m happy I made the right choice. I know if either myself or my daughter have a problem that someone is always available at school to help and put our minds at rest.

L Donoghue, Parent

We recognise that students learn best when they feel supported and secure in their learning and environment. Our highly effective pastoral system provides an unrivalled level of care and support.

This includes:

- A non-teaching Year Manager who is always available to students throughout the school day and is the first point of contact for both students and parents.
- A form tutor who students are welcomed by every morning.
- A family system for assemblies and competitions to foster cooperation and support between different year groups.
- An ambassador programme which enables our youngest students to be supported by our best role models from Years 10 and 11.
- A dedicated in-school professional counsellor to help support students who may need additional support.

Our team of talented Learning Support Assistants and Communicators for the deaf further enhance the support for those students who require it.
Our team of student ambassadors in Years 10 and 11 are role models and fully embrace leadership roles during the school day and at events such as open evening, transition day and parents’ evenings.

The student council is made up of students from all year groups and they have a genuine involvement in leading change within the College. Most recently, the council have led work to improve the outside environment and the design of a peace garden, promote and increase recycling in the college and raised money for local charities.

A Careers Adviser is employed by the College and students in all year groups are provided with regular opportunities to meet, discuss and listen to advice regarding their future progression. Throughout their time at Hathershaw, but particularly at Key Stage 4, students are also provided with opportunities to visit colleges and universities. We are incredibly passionate that students should not feel limited in their ambitions.

Aspirations and leadership

We have a strong focus on fostering high aspirations and developing students’ leadership skills to ensure they are able to develop personally, not just academically.
Being on the student council, I enjoy being a representative for other students and feel like I’m making a difference. I’ve learnt how to appreciate other people’s opinions and collaborate with other students to make decisions. My confidence and my aspirations have grown and I’m looking forward to applying to be an ambassador in Year 10 so I can be even more of a role model and be even more involved in activities outside of lessons.

Sadia, Year 9
I was excited but nervous about starting secondary school. Getting involved in after school activities and the Oldham Pledge has helped me to meet new people and make lots of friends. Knowing that staff are giving up their time to run clubs makes me feel valued and I feel that school are interested in more than just lessons and learning. They want you to have fun and enjoy school.

Marni, Year 7
Enrichment

We are committed to providing students with opportunities and experiences outside of the classroom in order to enrich students’ lives and foster a sense of community. From our range of sporting clubs and Sports Leader programme, theatre trips, opportunities to participate in end of term shows, or the chance to visit overseas, there really is something for everyone.

The Hathershaw College is proud to be part of the Oldham Pledge where each student in Years 7 and 8 undertake 14 tasks such as attending regular enrichment activities, volunteering, fundraising, taking part in a performance, broadening their cultural horizons, looking after their health and learning how to manage money. The aim of the pledge is to develop key character traits such as confidence, clear communication, motivation, tolerance, creativity and problem solving.

We are also immensely proud to offer Year 9 students the chance to complete the Duke of Edinburgh’s Bronze Award. The award recognises young people for completing a series of self-improvement exercises and it is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop skills and really stand out from the crowd.
Dimple Panchani

Throughout my time at Hathershaw I truly benefitted from exceptional teachers, who were so passionate about my learning. The staff were motivating, engaging and so incredibly supportive in helping students to achieve. Not only do staff at Hathershaw prepare students for the next stage in life, they genuinely care about their happiness and wellbeing. I left Hathershaw with some pretty great results, but even greater memories, life lessons and aspirations. Having graduated from King’s College London last year, I’m now working towards my goal of becoming a Psychology teacher. I hope to instil success and good values in the younger generation as my teachers at Hathershaw did with me.

George Holland

From my first day at Hathershaw I felt so supported and I have so many wonderful memories from my time there. The staff always seemed to really care about the students and genuinely tried their best for them. I always knew that there was somebody to talk to if I had any problems, even if it wasn’t school related. The lessons taught were engaging and helped me to develop my confidence both in and out of the classroom. A lot of the things I have achieved have been because of this school preparing me for the future. Hathershaw didn’t only help me to achieve some amazing results, it also raised my aspirations and supported me in all aspects of my life through school. I went on to study at Oldham Sixth Form College then the University of Manchester and I am now a qualified Audiologist working in the private healthcare sector. Thank you Hathershaw.
Natasha Ruqayyah

I found my passion for Philosophy during my time at Hathershaw. The teachers assisted me greatly in developing this fascination, all by engaging in profound conversation with me whenever I had an interesting thought. Our school librarian often recommended several engaging books that I could read and suggested things I could get involved in. My love for charity and volunteer work was also honed during my amazing time at Hathershaw with one of the pastoral staff encouraging me to get involved in a plethora of activities during and outside of school hours. I am forever thankful to all the staff at Hathershaw for allowing me to develop and find my passion at my own pace and encouraging me along the way.

I'm currently at Oldham Sixth Form College, studying to achieve 3 A-levels in English Language, Philosophy and Sociology with an AS level in Drama and Theatre Arts. In the future, I would like to study Philosophy at University, particularly Theology and Religion. I’d also love to work in the charity sector as that is my other passion.

Lauren Tesz

From my first day at Hathershaw College I always knew what career path I wanted to take and what I needed to achieve in school to get me there. I always felt supported by the staff and I felt they pushed you to reach your full potential. After leaving Hathershaw, I attended Oldham College and then secured my place at Edgehill University where my passion for teaching become even more real. I graduated with a degree in BA (Hons) Primary Mathematics Education with QTS receiving an Upper Second-Class Honours. I always loved the idea of being a teacher one day and I can say all the hard work over the years has paid off as I am now in my dream job.
Serat-E Ali, BSc (Hons), MSc.

Hathershaw has been providing a high quality of education for numerous years. Former students like myself have graduated from this prestigious institution and are globally recognised in their respective fields. The school not only provided me with a solid foundation for further education but some of my fondest memories. Although I graduated from Hathershaw over 9 years ago, the passion, dedication and high level of care demonstrated by the staff has been imprinted in my memory. After leaving the Hathershaw family I went on to complete my A-levels, received a first class honours degree in Biomedical Science and subsequently I won a scholarship to study a masters in Drug Toxicology and Safety Pharmacology. I am currently completing a PhD in Immunopharmacology at the MRC Centre for Drug Safety Science within the University of Liverpool and hope to work in the pharmaceutical industry as a scientist. For sure I owe my career so far to the gold standard of education provided by this fantastic school and its wonderful staff at the heart of Oldham.
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