

BENFIELD SCHOOL / SPORTS COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS 2007 - 2008

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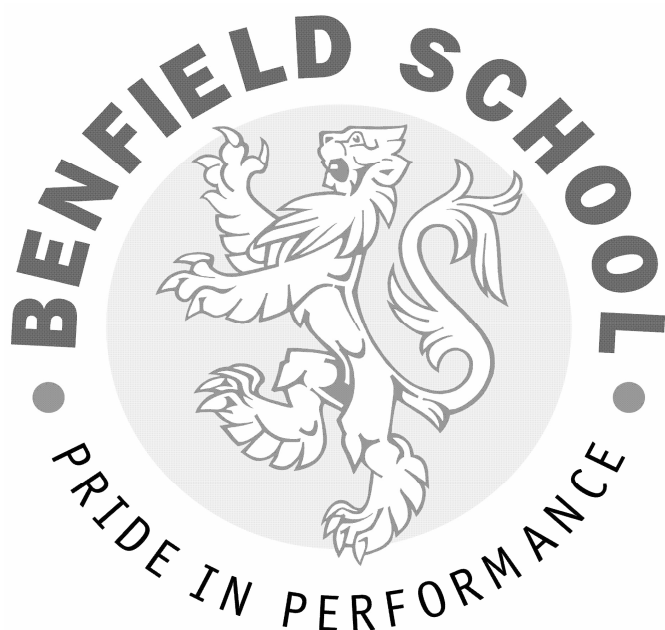
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This booklet contains the information which government regulations require us to publish and relates to the school year 2006-2007.

If you require more information about any aspect of school life, do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher.

End of Key Stage 3 National Curriculum Assessments 2007

These tables show the percentage of boys and girls achieving at each level, in both the national tests and teacher assessment, rounded to the nearest whole number.

There were 163 pupils in Year 9 in 2006-2007

W represents pupils working towards National Curriculum Level 1
 N represents no score
 2 to 8 represents National Curriculum levels
 EP represents exceptional performance
 D represents disapplied from the National Curriculum
 A represents absent on the day of the test
 B represents pupils not entered for tests (working below Level 3)

In Modern Foreign Languages Levels 4 and 5 represent achievement at the nationally expected standard for most 14 year olds. Languages are not introduced until Year 7.

Benfield School 2006-2007													
CORE SUBJECTS	D	A	B	N	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	EP	5+
ENGLISH													
Test		8	11	11		11	34	64	21	3			54%
Teacher Assessment					1	34	50	59	10				42%
MATHEMATICS													
Test		9		3	2	14	25	34	50	19	7		67%
Teacher Assessment					7	21	31	48	33	20			62%
SCIENCE													
Test		9		1	1	10	36	46	38	22			65%
Teacher Assessment					1	14	70	34	32	7			45%

National Comparative Data % 2006-2007													
CORE SUBJECTS	W	N	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			5+	6+
ENGLISH													
National		3		2	13	41	24	8				74%	33%
Local Authority												63%	23%
MATHEMATICS													
National		1		6	14	20	27	21	8			76%	56%
Local Authority												69%	48%
SCIENCE													
National		1		5	17	32	25	15				73%	40%
Local Authority												63%	33%

Benfield School 2006—2007 Teacher Assessment														
FOUNDATION SUBJECTS	W	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	EP	D	A	4+	5+
Art					39	118							96%	72%
Design Technology			3	22	74	37	22						82%	36%
French		3	17	38	31	44	17	1					57%	38%
Geography			9	40	55	34	20	5					70%	36%
History		1	1	19	47	72	17	2					85%	56%
Information Technology			1	7	16	95	28	3					87%	77%
Music			2	15	36	65	41	4					90%	67%
Physical Education					35	97	17	2					93%	71%
Religious Education			3	43	44	59	6						67%	40%

GCSE Examination Results 2007

The examination results this year are our best ever building on the successes of last year. We will continue to strive to improve results even further.

Thank you for your support as parents/guardians, it is essential to raise aspirations and help your child to achieve their full potential.

GCSE/GNVQ	A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U	X	Total
Applied Science	1	5	6	43	35	24	28	4	0	0	146
Double Science	1	5	5	32	19	4	4	0	0	0	70
Gateway Science	0	0	1	11	16	20	24	4	0	0	76
English Language	0	3	12	40	36	30	16	6	11	2	156
English Literature	3	7	13	44	33	22	13	7	11	2	155
Mathematics	4	13	20	35	23	26	12	15	5	0	153
Art and Design Graphics	1	0	2	3	5	6	2	0	0	0	19
Fine Art	1	1	2	9	6	5	3	0	0	2	29
Geography	1	1	0	9	5	5	2	2	2	0	27
History	1	2	5	6	10	6	5	10	4	0	49
RE (full course)	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
RE (short course)	1	7	13	13	8	8	5	4	2	2	63
French	0	3	2	9	2	4	1	0	0	0	21
Persian	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Portuguese	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Spanish	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Russian	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Music	0	0	3	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	11
Textiles	0	1	1	11	8	3	0	0	0	0	24
IT CIDA	0	0	0	10	18	9	3	1	0	0	41
IT DIDA	0	1	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
GNVQ H & Soc. Care	0	2	18	17	0	0	0	0	1	0	38
Leisure and Tourism	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
PE (full course)	0	2	5	13	14	9	3	2	0	0	48
BTEC PE	0	0	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Business Studies	0	0	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Performing Arts	1	3	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
TOTALS	19	59	134	375	242	183	121	55	37	8	1233

GCSE Results 2007 Summary

Pupils %	Achieving 5+ A*-C	Any passes	5+ A*-C (inc English and maths)
School	55	87	26
England	62	99	47
LEA	61	95	38

Advanced Level Examination Results 2007

The A' level results this year represent some outstanding individual achievements. The pass rate of candidates achieving grades A to E is 98.5%. We are delighted that all pupils obtained the grades which they needed to proceed to University.

The number of pupils on roll in Year 13 was **33**.

2007 Subject Analysis

	A	B	C	D	E	U
Biology	1	1	1	2	0	1
Chemistry	0	2	0	1	0	0
Physics	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mathematics	0	2	3	1	0	0
History	0	1	0	2	0	0
English Literature	1	0	0	2	0	0
Sport/PE	0	0	0	1	4	0
General Studies	1	0	0	0	0	0
H and Soc Care	0	0	5	3	0	0
IT (Voc)	0	0	9	7	6	0
Business Studies	0	1	4	1	3	0
RE	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	7	22	20	14	1

POST 16 PROGRESSION ROUTES

The chosen pathways of Year 13 students, expressed as a percentage, is as follows:

University / FE	59%
Return to school	18%
Full time Employment	20%
Seeking Employment	3%

ADMISSIONS

In September 2007 the school admitted **120** pupils into Year 7. Most of the pupils came from our local Primary Schools:

Places are allocated in accordance with Newcastle Education Authority's admission policy.

If you are a parent or guardian of a child who is currently in their final year at Primary School (Year 6) who you would like to be admitted to Benfield School, then you should indicate your preference on the application form which is distributed in the Autumn Term.

Pupils who would like to join Benfield School's sixth form should contact Ms A Coultas head of KS5.

All parents or guardians can apply for their child to be admitted to Benfield at any time. If they are already attending a secondary or high school in Newcastle they must arrange the transfer through the Education Welfare Service on 277 4500

ATTENDANCE

This information relates to the school year 2006-2007.

Number of pupils of compulsory school age on roll: **957.**

Percentage of pupil sessions (half days) missed through authorised absence: **89.7%**

Percentage of pupil sessions (half days) missed through unauthorised absence: **1.3%**

In the same year, **53** pupils achieved a 100% attendance record.

HEADTEACHER

Mr. L. Brumby

DEPUTY HEADTEACHERMr. D Melaney Welfare
Ms. I Robertson Curriculum**ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER**Miss J. Magee Director of T&L and Alternative Ed.
Mrs E Moor Director of Human Resources & FSES
Mr. D Johnson Director of Sport + Second
Specialism and Community Education**ART**Mr M Taylor Curriculum Leader Art
Mr P Wear**BUSINESS STUDIES**Mr. R. Walker Curriculum Leader Business Studies
Mr. A. Hay Business Studies/ICT**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**Mrs. M Fawcett Curriculum Leader Technology
Mrs L Williamson Head of KS3
Mr. G. Patton Technology/ICT**ENGLISH**Ms M Tudor Curriculum Leader English
Mrs S Hartley
Miss D. Monaghan Dep. Curr. Leader English
Mr. R. Gardner Progress File Co-ordinator
Mrs S Hartley
Ms S Livingstone Head of Post 16
Ms A Coultas**DRAMA**

Mr. F. Sharp Curriculum Leader Drama

GEOGRAPHYMr A Wanley Curriculum Leader Geography
Mr. D Charlton Head of Key Stage 4
Education Otherwise

Ms A Larrow

HEALTH & SOCIAL CAREMiss L. Riley Curriculum Leader H & S Care
Miss C Currie**HISTORY**Mr M Lovell Curriculum Leader History
Mrs J Wanley
Ms. L Liddle AST Teacher**LEARNING SUPPORT**Mrs V de Sully Curriculum Leader Learning Support
Mrs O Savage Literacy Co-ordinator/EAL Co-ord**STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT**

Mr. S. Old Curriculum Leader Student Support

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGYMiss K. James Curriculum Leader ICT
Miss S. Cleaver Deputy Curriculum Leader ICT
Miss M. Lagan
Mr. K. Sweeney**MATHEMATICS**Mrs D Ibbotson Curriculum Leader Mathematics
Mr D Chan Deputy Curriculum Leader Mathematics
Mr. A. Moor Fire Safety Officer
Miss M. Amat
Miss C. Rowley AST Teacher
Mr M Bonner
Miss J Shipley**MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES**Miss M McAnulty Curriculum Leader MFL
Mrs J Charlton Year 10 Manager
Line Manager of Cover Supervisors
Miss G. Jobson
Ms S Lightbown Year 8 Manager**MUSIC**

Mrs. J. Parkin Curriculum Leader Music

PERFORMING ARTSMs. C Wood Curriculum Leader Dance
Ms I Bostock**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**Mr I MacIver Curriculum Leader PE
Mrs H Pringle Best Co-ordinator
Ms. G. Lee Partnership Development Manager
Mrs. J. Matthews Partnership Development Manager
Mr. C. Lamb
Mr M Taylor
Mrs S Wright**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**Mrs K Hall Curriculum Leader RE
Ms C Dixon**SCIENCE**Ms H Willis Curriculum Leader Science
Miss V Carr Deputy Curriculum Leader Science
Miss S Pringle
Mr S Ahmed Year 11 Manager
Mr J Hindle Year 9 Manager
Mr R Mills Year 7 Manager
Miss J Shipley
Mr M Bonner

EDUCATION WELFARE

Mrs H Wilson Education Welfare Officer
Ms. C. Martin Education Welfare Officer
Ms A Taylor Education Welfare Officer
Ms A Boustead Education Welfare Officer
Mrs E Race Parent Support Adviser

OPEN LEARNING CENTRE

Ms. M. Chadwick Librarian

SCHOOL NURSE

Ms Jo Morgan School Nurse

ADMIN SUPPORT

Mrs M Luck HRS Manager
Mrs C Allen Data Man/PA to Leadership Group
Mrs. H. Stobbart Office Manager
Mr. T. Bowey Bursar
Mrs. K. Scott Assistant Admin Officer—Finance
Mrs J Bird Assistant Admin Officer
Mrs. V. Henry Receptionist / Admin Officer
Ms A Conlon Assistant Admin Officer
Mrs. L. Brookes Assistant Admin Officer
Miss L Fothergill Assistant Admin Officer
Mrs. L. Barber Ass. Admin Officer/Sports College
Mrs K Robertson Learning Support Administrator

SUPPORT ASSISTANTS STUDENT WELFARE

Miss H Cole Year 7
Ms S Horrocks Year 8
Ms Y Brookes Year 9
Ms L Brookes Year 10
Mrs J Sibbet Year 11
Ms R Taylor Progression Coach

Employability Mentor

Mr D Spelman

FACILITIES STAFF

Mr R Gordon Premises Officer
Mr M Wagget Assistant Premises Officer
Mrs. R. Quinn Cleaner

TECHNICIANS

Mr T Gorman Senior Technician
Mrs J Hindson Science Technician
Mr B Hartley Technology Technician
Mr M Miller Senior ICT Technician
Mr. I. Benn ICT Technician
Mr. D. Graham ICT Assistant

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

Mrs. A. Mason Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. I. Guy Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. W. Lynn Learning Support Assistant
Ms J Johnson Learning Support Assistant
Ms. D. Rapiere Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. D. Robson Learning Support Assistant
Ms. D. Pollitt Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. K. Nicholson Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. L. M. Jones Learning Support Assistant
Ms. A. Noble Learning Support Assistant
Mrs. M Watts Learning Support Assistant
Ms E Himlani Learning Support Assistant
Miss K Balmforth Learning Support Assistant
Ms K Hansen Learning Support Assistant
Ms M Queripel Learning Support Assistant

COVER SUPERVISORS

Mrs. J. Bell
Mr. K. Ross
Mr. J. Aitken
Miss G Frankish
Miss D Jackson

GTP

Mrs C Deighton

SPORTS CENTRE STAFF

Mr. M. Munro Sports Centre Manager
Mrs. M. Wilson Centre Supervisor
Mr. G. Simpson Centre Supervisor
Mr N Holland Centre Supervisor
Mrs. M. Hutton Receptionist
Ms. L. Lowery Receptionist
Miss L Tonks Receptionist
Miss K Prime Receptionist
Miss S. Gaskill Swimming Co-ordinator
Mr. M. Blades Fitness Instructor
Mr R Graham Fitness Instructor
Mr. S Donnison Leisure Assistant
Mr. R. Cook Leisure Assistant
Miss M Reilly Leisure Assistant/Fitness Instructor
Mr A Bayliss Leisure Assistant/Fitness Instructor
Mr S Brayson Leisure Assistant
Miss J Glossop Inclusive Activator

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Mr. T. Doyle Swimming Teacher / Lifeguard
Mrs. M. Perry Badminton Development Officer
Mrs E Ronteltap Sports Leadership Dev Officer

The School Day

8.50—9.05am	Morning Registration
9.05—9.55am	Lesson One
9.55—10.45am	Lesson Two
10.45—11.00 am	Break
11.00—11.50 am	Lesson Three
11.50—12.40 pm	Lesson Four
12.40—1.15 pm	Lunch
1.15—2.10 pm	Lesson Five
2.10—3.00 pm	Lesson Six

School Terms

Autumn Term

Start of Autumn Term: Monday 3 September

Half Term Holiday: Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2007

End of Autumn Term: Friday 21 December 2007

Spring Term

Start of Spring Term: Monday 7 January 2008

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February 2008

End of Spring Term: Friday 4 April 2008

Summer Term

Start of Summer Term: Monday 21 April 2008

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May 2008

End of Summer Term: Friday 18 July 2008

Inset Days: school closed to pupils

Monday 3 September 2007

Friday 28 September 2007

School Uniform

Admission to Benfield school means accepting the uniform code.

* indicates this item is available only from the school uniform shop.

Plain means without badges, motifs or embroidery.

Prices of ties and sweat shirts can be supplied by the school.

All Pupils

*School pullover

*School tie

Plain black shoes (not trainers)

Apron for Technology

School bag for books, equipment and PE kit

Boys

Plain white school shirt

Plain black tailored school trousers

Girls

Plain white school blouse

Plain black school skirt

Plain black school trousers

P.E. Kit

Training or gym shoes

Black/gold games shirt

Black polo top

Black football shorts

Black football socks

Bathing costume: plain navy or black

Towel

Track suit: navy blue (may be work when it is cold at the discretion of PE staff)

Make-up, jewellery (apart from studs removed for PE lessons), hats worn inside the building, personal stereos and mobile phones are not acceptable. Parental support is vital in maintaining our high standards.

Charging Policy

Pupils are asked to provide their own pens, pencils and similar equipment but all exercise books, text books and other resources for learning are provided free of charge.

For visits, residential courses or holidays out of school time, pupils are asked to pay either a contribution or the full amount depending on the nature of the trip. No charge is made to children of parents in receipt of income support or family credit.

There may be some charge for extra-curricular activities taking place outside of school hours which do not lead directly to a public examination or relate to the National Curriculum. Educational visits made during school time are free where they are an essential part of the course.

No charge is made for tuition provided by the school for musical instruments (whether in or out of school hours). There may be some charge for the maintenance of any instrument borrowed, or for public examinations which are not part of the normal National Curriculum.

The school will not pay for dual entries or resits for prescribed public examinations, and the local authority will not fund the cost of resit for pupils from families in receipt of income support or family credit when the school has not assisted the pupil in further preparation.

The school may ask parents to pay for the cost of replacing a broken window or a damaged or lost text book where this is deemed to be the pupil's fault.

Parents and guardians may be invited to make voluntary contributions for any activities taking place either inside or outside of school hours

Information

The following information is available on request at the school's General Office:

- the Local Education Authority's curriculum policy statement;
- the Governing Body's statement of curriculum aims;
- statutory instruments, circulars and memoranda sent to the school by the Department for Education and Employment (DfEE);
- the schemes of work and syllabuses used in the school showing how the National Curriculum will be provided;
- the Local Authority's agreed syllabus for Religious Education;
- the governing Body's most recent Annual Report to parents.

Pupil Records

Parents and guardians have a statutory right to see most records made about their children. Requests for access to this information should be made to the Deputy Head (Pastoral), and they will be made available within 15 days.

Insurance

It is important that each student takes responsibility for their own property and respects the property of others and the school. No items other than those needed for use in lessons and clubs should be brought into school.

The school does not provide insurance cover for pupils' personal property. The school does not provide personal accident insurance cover for pupils.

If parents have concerns about their children's property they should contact the appropriate Form Tutor or Year Manager.

The School Nurse

The School Nurse is a member of the Newcastle City Health Team. The aim of the service is to ensure that pupils gain maximum benefit from their education by helping families to obtain the appropriate health related services.

Prevention of ill health is an important aspect of the service, so there are:

- health checks,
- an immunisation programme
- vision screening by the audio-visual service,
- involvement with children with special needs
- health promotion, and medical appointments where necessary with the doctor.

Parents may contact the nurse at school or at the Geoffrey Rhodes Centre (telephone 0191 219 4674) if they wish to discuss any health related matters or would like to see the nurse or doctor. Home visits can be arranged if necessary. A pupil's parent or guardian is informed and invited to attend any medical appointment with the doctor.

If pupils are ill at school, parents or a relative will be contacted in order that the child can be taken home. In the case of a serious accident the school will act on behalf of the parent, and call in specialist advice if the parents can not be contacted.

Lunchtime Arrangements

An impressive range of hot and cold meals are provided daily by City Cuisine, which can be purchased at reasonable prices and eaten in the school dining hall or in the Key Stage 3 year room.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 pupils are **not** allowed off site at lunchtime.

Year 11 pupils are allowed to go home for their lunch providing a lunch pass has been approved.

At Benfield we operate a swipe card system, whereby pupils are all issued with their own plastic card with their photograph on it at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Pupils can charge their card with money using the machines located around the school building at any time when they are not supposed to be in lessons. Pupils do not therefore have to carry money around with them, and payment at the till during the lunchtime is quick and efficient.

Complaints

All complaints will be dealt with as quickly and efficiently as possible, according to the City of Newcastle upon Tyne LEA procedure. The length of the period will vary with the gravity and complexity of the complaint and the urgency with which it needs to be settled.

There are three levels at which a complaint can be considered. These are the informal level, the formal complaint to the Governing Body of a school and the formal complaint to the LEA. A complaint can be considered at more than one of these stages. All complaints will be investigated fully, fairly and carefully, and complainants will be kept informed of progress during, as well as at the end of, each stage.

Most complaints can be resolved in discussion with the Headteacher or other staff of the school. If attempts to settle the complaint informally have failed, the Headteacher will supply the complainant with the name of the designated officer in the LEA and copies of the relevant documents explaining the arrangements for considering complaints. The designated officer is the Assistant Education Officer (Schools) at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The Governors

The governors are responsible for the proper conduct of the school. Their powers and duties are detailed in the Articles of Government.

There is a full meeting of the Governors each term and there are committees relating to Sports College, Curriculum, Premises, Staffing and Finance. The Governors take part in training sessions to enable them to fulfil their role in an informed and professional manner.

Mr A Todd (Chairman)
18 Yewtree Gardens
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE6 4TR
Telephone: 0191 262 4727

Newcastle LEA Representative

Councillor R Armstrong
Mr B Harrison
Mr A Todd
Mr R Loxley

Elected by School Staff

Ms G Jobson
Mr S Ahmed
Mrs J Bell

Elected by Parents

Mrs D Reay
Mrs E Bohill
Mrs J Walker
Mr N Lancaster
Mrs V Casey
Mrs G Elsander
Mrs L Gilchrist

Community Governors

Ms A Brunger
Ms L Bradley
Mrs L Buller (Vice Chair)
Mrs S Dawson
Mrs C Miller

Sponsor Governors

Mr K L Chapman
Mr R Pearson

Headteacher

Mr L Brumby