



**Edgbarrow School**



# Headteacher's Welcome

We are delighted that you are considering Edgbarrow School, located in the village of Crowthorne Berkshire, for secondary education for your child. We are a genuinely comprehensive school that welcomes all students. We are a larger than average secondary school with approximately 1500 students, including 400 students in our Sixth Form. We are very fortunate to have a stable, professional and highly committed group of teachers and support staff who work together to ensure that each student receives the best educational experience.

Visitors, including parents, contractors and outside agencies, frequently comment on the positive atmosphere that pervades the school, from a warm welcome at our reception that continues around the site. Our students are excellent ambassadors for our school, and we often receive compliments regarding how they conduct themselves. We are very proud of our student's attitude towards their school, learning and behaviour.

Our students make outstanding progress, and our results show a continued trend of improvement over the past five years. We attribute the success to be several factors, including:

- High-quality teaching.
- Students' positive attitudes to learning.
- Ensuring that the curriculum meets the needs of all individual students.
- Consistent and regular monitoring and tracking of individual students' performance.
- High-quality leadership from the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Department and Heads of Year.
- Strong partnerships with parents and carers.



The school recognises the importance of co-curricular activities across the school; we believe it is equally vital for our new Year 7s as part of their transition, as it is for our Sixth Formers who are busy preparing for their final exams.

Students can participate in various departmental activities, including sports clubs and teams, creative and performing arts and afterschool clubs. We also offer a well-established Duke of Edinburgh Award; our Year 9 students achieve their Bronze award with our Sixth Formers working towards their Gold.

We look forward to meeting and hopefully working with you in the future.

**Stuart Matthews**  
Headteacher





## Curriculum

Edgbarrow School's curriculum consists of all those activities planned by the school to promote the students' intellectual, moral, social, spiritual and physical development and to prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life. The curriculum is designed to help students to:

- acquire relevant understanding, knowledge and skills to allow them to thrive in a fast-changing world and prepare them for life after school;
- develop lively and enquiring minds, to develop the ability to question and argue rationally and to apply themselves to tasks and physical skills;
- be safe;
- use literacy, numeracy and ICT skills effectively;
- develop personal moral values;
- prepare pupils for life in modern Britain effectively, developing their understanding of the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, tolerance and respect;
- develop cultural capital to take their place in society in an informed, positive and active way, valuing education as a lifelong process.

Edgbarrow School's curriculum considers the context of the school, considering social make-up, ability profile, locality and employment prospects. The curriculum is designed with the following principles:

**Breadth:** Students study courses based on the National Curriculum at Key Stage 3, and flexible options programmes at Key Stage 4 and Post 16. A range of teaching and learning styles is to be encouraged, to ensure a richness of educational environment that enhances the experience of students.

**Balance:** Each area of learning is given appropriate attention to others and the curriculum as a whole. This includes sound guidance with options systems and the monitoring of cross-curricular experience.

**Relevance:** Learning is linked to students' own experience. The linkage of what is learnt to the needs of adult life is made plain. Opportunities are sought to develop schemes of work that facilitate this linkage, involving experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

**Personalisation:** Students are offered experiences carefully matched to their developing abilities, their aptitude and individual needs; students are taught in varying groupings, which reflect their abilities in a range of subject areas, to allow sufficient differentiation of the curriculum to meet the individual needs of students.

**Progression and Continuity:** Effective transition from Key Stage 2 to secondary education requires careful planning. Work undertaken at each stage is based on previous achievements. Each subject area operates carefully defined schemes of work that have given due consideration to this issue to ensure that students are offered material appropriate to their age and ability. KS3 supports preparation for KS4. Courses at Post 16 are offered to ensure progression from KS4 in a wide range of areas.

**Ambition:** There will be high expectations for student achievement, behaviour and personal development. Students will be expected to have high expectations of themselves. The curriculum and teaching and learning should provide an appropriate challenge that allows students to fulfil their potential.







## Developing Students as Individuals

At Edgbarrow, we strive for all students to enjoy school life; we believe in creating a caring and supportive environment to achieve their full potential in academic and personal development.

We aim to develop well-rounded students who can extend their talents and acquire skills for life-long learning in an increasingly technological society. We encourage students to be confident, motivated and responsible citizens.



We believe that the curriculum extends beyond the classroom, so educational visits to local, national and international destinations regularly form part of the school calendar. We also value the importance of extracurricular opportunities for our students. The range of activities outside the classroom encourages our students to gain responsibility, contribute, and take pride in the school.

Student well-being is key to success and happiness. Throughout the curriculum we take opportunities to show students how to look after their physical and emotional well-being. We celebrate diversity and warmly welcome students with a range of additional needs.





## Values

We ask all members of our school community to follow our school values of **Ready – Respectful – Safe – Positive**.

Our students are **Ready** to learn, engaging in their lessons and co-curricular activities; Ready means we are on-time, wear uniform correctly and have all our equipment.

**Respectful** is a key value, respect for ourselves, others and our environment.

We keep ourselves **Safe** at school and our community whether online or in person; we look after all those in our community.

We are **Positive**, we have a 'can-do' attitude; we know learning is at its best when we are challenged. We develop resilience, self-help and seek support.





## Student Voice

At Edgbarrow School, all students know that they are valued as individuals and can positively contribute to the school, local area and wider community.

Our students' voice is an essential part of the school structure, and we encourage pupils with many skills to be part of that voice. Peer mentors, prefects, student observers, form representatives, and charity representatives are examples of student involvement.

Our School Council works on projects throughout the year. They are instrumental in driving forward our involvement in environmental projects, supporting charities and providing student-led pastoral support. The School Council also plays a part in staff appointments and runs projects to support learning in the classroom and improve the school environment.



## Celebrating Success

The school has the highest expectations of students and seeks to work with parents and carers to achieve the best outcomes. We aim to motivate students by rewarding positive behaviour, whether academic achievement or displaying skills or talents.

Edgbarrow School seeks to reward students' achievements through a range of activities. All students have their efforts recognised through EDGpoints, certificates and participate in reward assemblies. Students receive effort points from their teachers which they can 'spend' in our Edgshop.

At the end of each year, our Key Stage 3 Celebration of Success evening recognises the effort and achievement of pupils during the year. We hold a Cream Tea event to celebrate students' exam results and those who have worked hard to be successful in their field during their Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 studies.





# School Information

## 2023 - 2024



# Uniform List

The wearing of the correct uniform while travelling to and from school and during the school day is very important to us. We feel that it sets the standard in terms of high expectations, and a purposeful attitude towards work, while promoting the school and our ethos. We rely very much on the co-operation of students and parents in helping us to set and maintain high standards of dress and appearance.

To ensure consistency and clarity, parents will be offered two recognised suppliers for purchasing some items of uniform:

- Sportswear International (SWI) for all badged items of uniform and PE kit.
- Trutex offer a skirt and trouser for girls and two styles of trousers for boys.

Equivalent items may be purchased from any high street retailer or supermarket and must be Harrow grey or dark grey in colour. All items of uniform and PE kit must be named.

## OUTDOOR COATS

Students should wear a plain coat or jacket. Tracksuit tops, fleece and denim jackets and clothing with slogans, flags and large motifs are not suitable and are not appropriate.

Fluorescent safety bands are acceptable in winter.

## The school does not accept:

- haircuts of extreme fashion, engraved design in hair or unnatural colours
- piercings (e.g. nose studs)
- nail varnish/nail extensions (e.g. gels, acrylic nails)
- jewellery except for a wristwatch; one pair of earrings – plain silver/gold studs one in each ear and only worn in lower ear lobes
- make-up is not allowed in Years 7-9. Girls in Years 10-11 may wear light make-up which is discreet and natural in colour.

Any request for modifying the school uniform for religious reasons must be made in writing to the Headteacher before admittance.

**SUMMER UNIFORM** - worn from the second half-term in the Summer term.

- Tie, jumper and blazer are optional.
- Plain grey or black ankle socks are allowed.

| SCHOOL UNIFORM  | PE KIT  |
|---|---|
| <p>Trousers: Harrow grey, flat front and slim fit, no stretch fabrics, skinny or tight fit. (Trutex)</p> <p>Belt: Plain and black</p> <p>Skirt: Harrow grey, <u>knee</u> length, stitched down pleats. (Trutex)</p> <p><b>Option 1:</b><br/>           Shirt &amp; Tie: Pale blue, polycotton (plain) with short sleeves or long sleeves - tucked into waistband (Trutex). School tie (SWI or school) worn with badge showing.</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b><br/>           Blouse: Pale blue, polycotton blouse with reverse collar (short or long sleeves) - tucked into waistband. (Trutex)</p> <p>Blazer: Dark blue with Edgbarrow badge*</p> <p>Jumper: Plain navy with V neckline and Edgbarrow badge* (Optional)</p> <p>Shoes: Black leather formal/business shoes with backs and low heel - no 'trainer type' shoes including branded all black examples. Canvas/material shoes are not acceptable for safety reasons.</p> <p>Socks: <u>Plain</u> grey or black</p> <p>Tights: Grey, black or neutral</p> | <p><b>Compulsory PE Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aptus Essentials S/S Training Tee with Edgbarrow badge*</li> <li>- Navy blue shorts*</li> <li>- Navy Blue Football socks for Rugby, Hockey and Football*</li> <li>- White ankle/crew sports socks</li> <li>- Astro trainers suitable for use on grass throughout the year.</li> <li>- Shin pads are compulsory for all football and hockey lessons and afterschool clubs and matches.</li> <li>- Gum shields are compulsory for all contact rugby and all hockey lessons and afterschool clubs and matches.</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 1:</b><br/>           Multi-Sport shirt* for Rugby/Outdoor Wear</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b><br/>           Aptus ¼ Zip Training Top with Edgbarrow badge* for Outdoor Wear</p> <p><b>Optional PE Kit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Navy blue non-branded Sports Tracksuit bottoms*</li> <li>- Navy blue non-branded Thermal Base layer*</li> <li>- Navy blue non-branded Skort*</li> <li>- Navy blue non-branded Leggings*</li> <li>- Football boots with rugby safe studs for students wishing to attend afterschool football/rugby clubs (optional).</li> </ul> |
| *supplied by Sportswear International (SWI)   |   |



## School Day

| Year 7 & 8    |                     | Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 8.45 - 9.15   | <b>Registration</b> | 8.45 - 9.15             | <b>Registration</b> |
| 9.15 - 10.15  | Period 1            | 9.15 - 10.15            | Period 1            |
| 10.15 - 11.15 | Period 2            | 10.15 - 11.15           | Period 2            |
| 11.15 - 11.30 | <b>Break</b>        | 11.15 - 11.35           | <b>Break</b>        |
| 11.30 - 12.30 | Period 3            | 11.35 - 12.35           | Period 3            |
| 12.30 - 12.45 | <b>Break</b>        | 12.35 - 1.35            | Period 4            |
| 12.45 - 1.45  | Period 4            | 1.35 - 2.15             | <b>Lunch</b>        |
| 1.45 - 2.20   | <b>Lunch</b>        | 2.15 - 3.15             | Period 5            |
| 2.20 - 3.20   | Period 5            |                         |                     |

## Refreshments and Food

Students may bring a packed lunch or buy a meal from school. Our caterers, Culinera, offer a wide range of hot and cold food and refreshments before school (8.10am - 8.40am), at break time and also at lunch time. Culinera also offer food after school for students taking part in co-curricular activities and revision sessions. We operate a cafeteria system and we use biometric cashless catering for payment. All students in Years 7 to 11 remain on site at lunchtime.

In general terms, your child will be eligible for free school meals if you are receiving Income Support or income-based Job Seeker's Allowance. If you would like more information about free school meals, please notify the school office or Head of Year.

## The Curriculum

The curriculum is organised within a two-week cycle. Each week is composed of 25 lessons, each lasting for one hour.

### Key Stage 3: Years 7, 8 and 9 (ages 11 – 14)

The lower school curriculum offers all students a broad and balanced course. The table shows the subjects, the number of periods taught per fortnight and how the students are grouped.

**Key: M: Mixed Ability. S: Ability Sets.**

For Mathematics, English, Modern Languages and Science, students are taught in sets based on their ability in these subjects.

| Subject             | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Art & Design        | 2M     | 2M     | 2M     |
| Design & Technology | 4M     | 4M     | 4M     |
| Drama               | 2M     | 2M     | 2M     |
| English             | 6S     | 6S     | 6S     |
| MFL                 | 6M     | 6S     | 6S     |
| Geography           | 3M     | 3M     | 3M     |
| History             | 3M     | 3M     | 3M     |
| ICT & Computing     | 2M     | 2M     | 2M     |
| Mathematics         | 6S     | 6S     | 6S     |
| Music               | 2M     | 2M     | 2M     |
| PE                  | 4M     | 4M     | 4M     |
| RE                  | 3M     | 3M     | 3M     |
| Science             | 6S     | 6S     | 6S     |
| PSHE                | 1M     | 1M     | 1M     |

### Key Stage 4: Years 10 and 11 (ages 14-16)

All students study a core of subjects: English Language and English Literature, Mathematics, Science, Physical Education and PSHE (including Religious Education).

In addition, students may choose further subjects from:

**GCSEs:** Art, Business, Computer Science, Drama, Economics, French, Geography, History, Spanish, Philosophy, Ethics & Religion, Photography, Physical Education, Product Design, Psychology and Sociology.

**Vocational Courses:** The school offers a range of vocational courses in Creative iMedia, Business Studies, Hospitality & Catering, Engineering, Music, Performing Arts and Health & Social Care.

All courses lead to a GCSE qualification or equivalent. More details of courses available are to be found in the Options Booklet published in January each year for Year 9 students and parents.

## Religious Education

Religious Education is delivered through our 'Philosophy, Ethics and Religion' (PER) curriculum and includes the study of all major world faiths. The curriculum is non-denominational and is based on enquiry into philosophical, moral, cultural and spiritual beliefs and practices. If a parent/carer has a concern about a specific aspect of the course, they should contact the Head of PER.

## Sex and Relationships Education

Relationships and sex education at Edgbarrow follows the statutory framework set by the government. The curriculum is taught within PSHE lessons and covers themes in a timely and age-appropriate way. A range of topics will be covered, for example, healthy relationships, pregnancy, puberty, types of abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

Emphasis is placed on providing full, honest information to promote caring relationships as well as offering student support and a safe place to discuss these topics. The school also operates a Help@Edgbarrow drop-in centre for Year 10 to 13 students, every Friday lunchtime run by local healthcare professionals.





## Pastoral Care

### Tutor Groups

The day-to-day care of the children is led by the Heads of Year, who receive a group in Year 7 and remain with them where possible until the end of Year 11. They are responsible for both the academic and social welfare of the children in their groups. Heads of Year are supported by Form Tutors, who are each responsible for 30 students. For routine matters, parents should contact the Form Tutor via or email. For more serious problems the Head of Year should be contacted.



### School Nurse

The school has a qualified Lead First Aider on site, who is able to assess students' health and administer medicines with parental permission.

### Attendance and Punctuality

It is expected that students will arrive at school and lessons on time. Students must arrive at school for 8.40am, ready for the first bell at 8.45am. The school site is open from 8.00am.

We would be grateful if parents can telephone the school on **01344 467675** or email: [absence@edgbarrowschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@edgbarrowschool.co.uk) by 8.30am on each day of absence if a student is going to be away. Please visit our [website](#) for more information. If we do not have a reason for a student's absence, under our First Day Response system, contact will be made with home.

If a child becomes ill whilst at school he/she will be looked after until such time as the child is able to return home. The school does have a Lead First Aider who can provide medical assistance where necessary. Contact will also be made with the parents as quickly as possible. In an emergency an ambulance may be called to take the child to hospital.

It is extremely important that emergency contact numbers are kept up to date. Please inform us immediately if personal details change.

**Permission will not normally be given for family holidays during term time.**

### Behaviour Code

Relationships and behaviour across the school are excellent. Good behaviour is rewarded through giving EDGpoints, displays and award ceremonies. Students are encouraged to be ready, respectful, safe and to create a positive learning atmosphere in school. The [behaviour code](#) can be found on the school website.

The school has the highest expectations of students at all times and seeks to work with parents and carers to achieve the best outcomes. However, where this is not the case, students may be given advice, a verbal warning or a detention. In more serious matters a Head of Year may place a student on report or arrange for a student to work in isolation. School policies on Drugs, Anti-bullying, Exclusions and Behaviour can be viewed on the school website or obtained from the school on request.

## Communication

For all our latest news and information please visit the school website - [www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk](http://www.edgbarrowschool.co.uk). You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Copies of all school policies, information, letters and newsletters can be obtained from the school website. The school uses SIMS InTouch® as our communication system for text messaging and email rather than letters, SIMS Parent app for easy access to attendance, reports and data and Class Charts for homework, timetable, and positive and negative behaviour information. We would require, where possible, for all parents to sign up for this system to aid good communication. This will enable us to send you grade reports and other key information throughout the year. We also have an online payment system for trips etc, details of which will be sent out shortly after your child starts school.

### Class Charts

Each child and their parents will receive a Class Charts login bespoke to them. This account will provide access to students' daily rewards, sanctions, timetable and homework. This is an important means of communication between parents and school. We will use Google Classroom for students to upload and submit assignments and access resources.

We would appreciate it if parents would:

- Check that homework is being completed
- Celebrate with their child when rewards have been achieved
- Discuss with your child any negative behaviours or sanctions.

## Examination Results 2022/2023

### Key Stage 4

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 9 - 4 grade                   | 83%    |
| % of students entering EBacc  | 53%    |
| Grade 4+ in English and Maths | 80%    |
| Progress 8                    | +0.31* |
| Attainment 8 points           | 53.7   |

*\* estimated. Final score available in November.*

### Key Stage 5

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| A* - B grades     | 60%  |
| A* - C grades     | 82%  |
| Overall pass rate | 100% |





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