



HARTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

5th March 2026

Dear Hartland High School parents and carers,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your child to the Hartland High School community. We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward very much to opening our doors to the new cohort of year 7s in September 2026.

I am writing to you today to give you some more information about our school and how we will support your child.

Greenshaw Learning Trust

Hartland High School is proud to be part of Greenshaw Learning Trust, the second most successful trust of its size in the country. We are very proud of the fact that every single secondary school that has joined the trust has subsequently received either a Good or Outstanding Ofsted rating. We work in close collaboration with other GLT schools, locally and nationally, to provide the best possible education for your children.

Our Five Pillars of Excellence

Hartland High School is built on five pillars, which we believe are at the heart of a successful, thriving school.

The first pillar is academic excellence. We want all of our students to excel academically. This means that all our students will become excellent at foundational skills such as reading and numeracy, but will also be curious and interested in their subjects. Our curriculum is diverse, rich in powerful knowledge and carefully planned to ensure students can be successful.

The second pillar is character education. We know that while exam results matter, they alone are not enough. We tell students every day to work hard and be kind. We teach them how to do this, whether through learning how to be self-disciplined, organisation of their equipment or homework, speaking politely and confidently, reflecting on their successes, or putting themselves out of their comfort zone by trying something new. We run a broad programme of enrichments available to all students and we are extremely proud to host one of the top basketball programmes in the UK, in partnership with Reading Rockets.

The third pillar is pastoral care. Students thrive when they are in a calm, safe environment, with adults that they can trust. Our pastoral team know students individually, work closely with families and ensures all students receive support to overcome personal barriers. We teach students how to be kind to each other, so that bullying incidents are very rare, and we respond swiftly if they do

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occur. Our programme of PSHE and personal development means that students are taught how to be safe and look after themselves and others in the community.

The fourth is pillar community involvement. We are very proud to be a school in Whitley and we know that our community is one of our greatest assets. We want our parents, carers, siblings, aunties and uncles, grandparents, friends of family - whoever is involved in bringing up our children outside school - to feel part of our community. We invite family members to join key events, we seek feedback frequently and we work hard to get communication right.

The fifth and final pillar is investment in staff. We are very clear that your children deserve the best professionals in front of them. All our staff receive professional development, through the school and through support from Greenshaw Learning Trust, to help them grow and improve continually. We are a warm, friendly school with sky high expectations of students. We love our jobs and feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with your children.

What to expect between now and September

Over the coming months we will support your child's transition to secondary school in the following ways:

- Written communication, such as this letter
- The opportunity for you to visit the school through a School In Action tour, should you wish (bookable via the website)
- Events to build our community, the first of which is a Pizza and Quiz night for prospective students and family members, on Wednesday 13th May.
- A transition day for all students, where students will visit the site, learn about our routines and receive a transition pack to help them prepare
- An additional transition day for students with SEND
- The opportunity to attend summer school
- A visit to their primary school from the headteacher, SENCO, and/or one of the senior team

If you have not done so already, please ensure you have accepted the place on the Reading Borough Council portal.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at admissions@hartlandhigh.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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