

Commitment

Excellence

Honesty

Respect

Responsibility

Our Vision

Supporting you to become the best possible version of yourself

Who Are We?

- We are a rural school in the Scottish Borders
- We have 8 catchment primaries; Channelkirk, Earlston, Gordon, Lauder, Melrose, Newtown, St Boswells and Westruther
- 16% of students are from outwith the catchment area
- 85% of students are transported in to school
- 98% of students leave for a positive destination
- Although we are in a rural setting, the NHS and SBC are the 2 biggest employers in our catchment area

What Should I Expect Throughout School?

- A safe and positive environment to learn in
- Support for my learning including advice on how to improve
- Pastoral support to encourage and help me when needed
- Quality careers advice and work experience
- Lessons at the right level for me with appropriate pace and progression

What Improves Teaching and Learning?

- Clear, structured lessons with Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
- Good quality dialogue/1-1 feedback
- Examples of what a good one looks like and why
- Learning Logs in Broad General Education
- Self-Evaluation report in Senior Phase
- Staff who want us to do well



What Is Good About Our School?

- We are inclusive – we encourage people to be themselves
- We have good teachers who give support and encouragement
- There are lots of leadership opportunities
- There are lots of varied extra curricular activities
- We have good facilities which enhance curricular and extra curricular experiences
- Our school strives for excellence – we are encouraged to aim to be the best person we can be

Values In Action

- Our school values are: commitment, excellence, honesty, respect and responsibility
- Our aim is to live our school values on a daily basis in school and outwith
- We understand the importance of values and the role they play in our lives

What Do We Want On Leaving School?

- The best set of qualifications we can achieve
- The skills needed for life and work
- A positive destination of our choice
- The qualities to help us continue to succeed: confidence, independence, determination, resilience and ambition

Implicit in our curriculum rationale is the ethos and life of the school community, the four capacities and the seven principles of curriculum design.