



# Darton Academy Open Evening 2024



# Welcome to Darton Academy

Principal's address:  
Mr J Spencer



## A family of 57 Academies



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All Pupils

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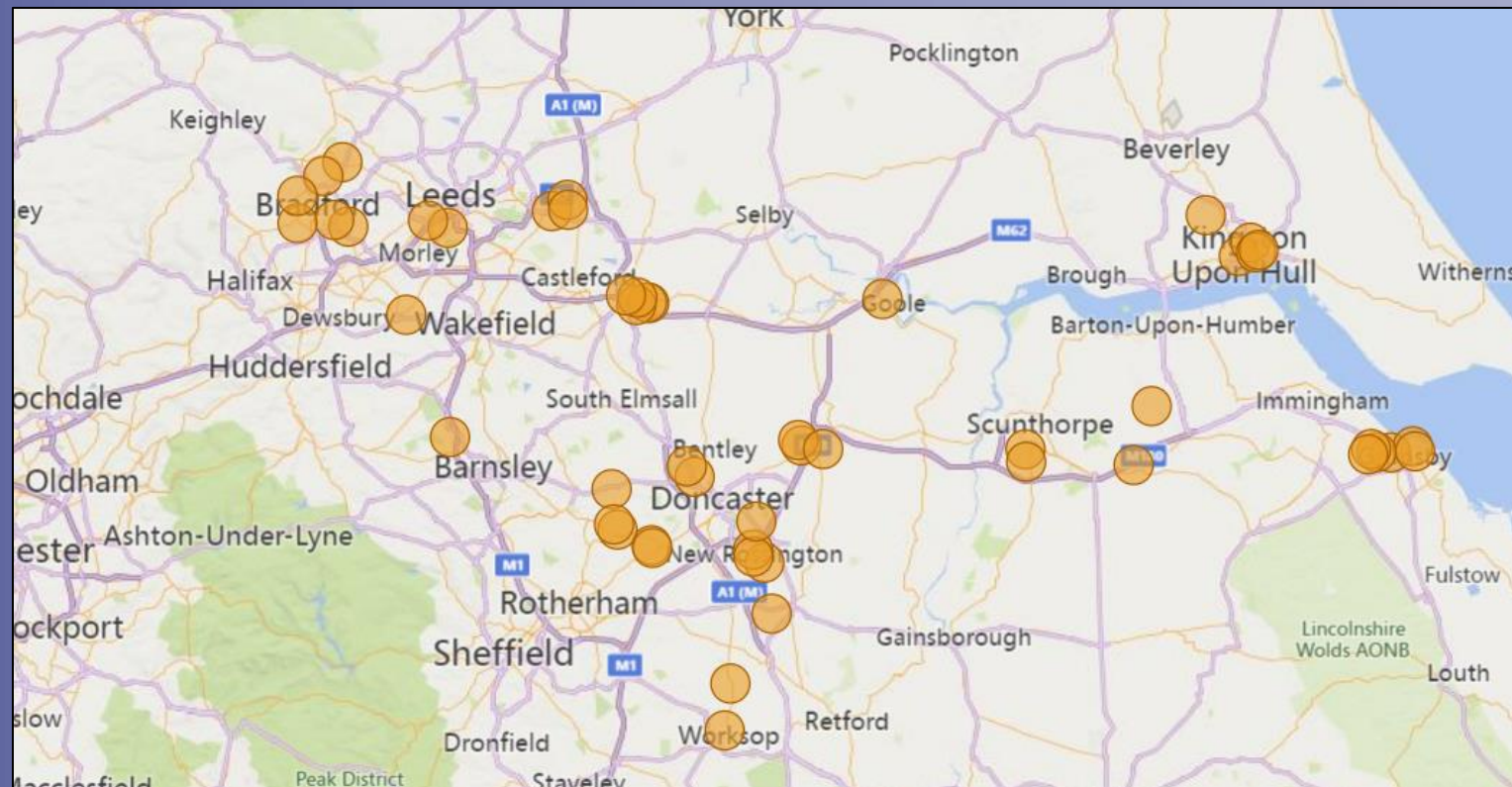
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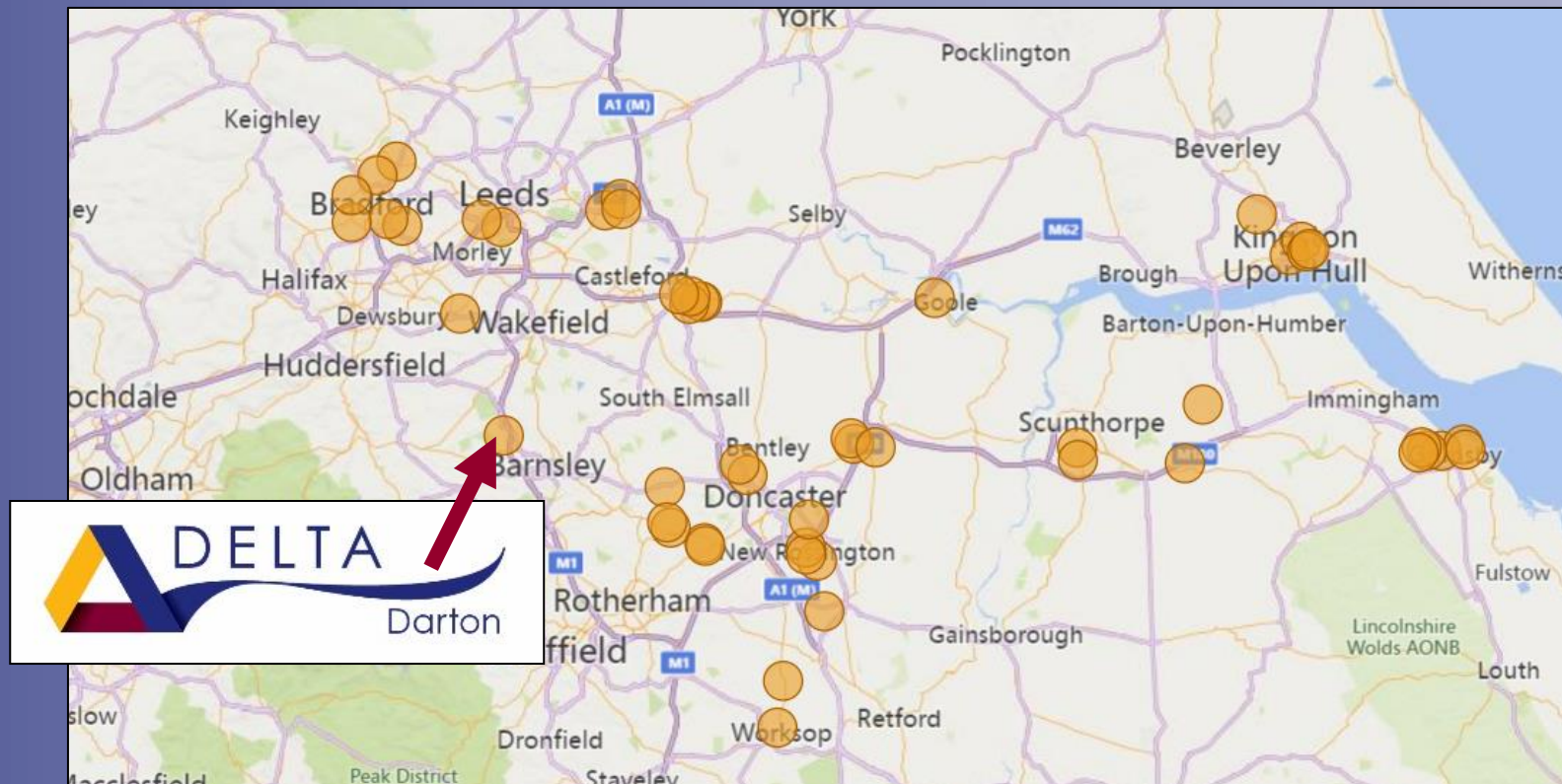
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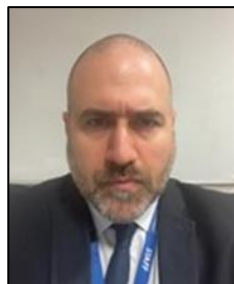


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# The Senior Leadership Team



Mrs K Gibson  
Vice Principal



Mr J Spencer  
Principal



Mr R Howell  
Vice Principal



Mrs H Gregory  
Assistant Principal



Mr C Ashley  
Assistant Principal



Mr D Kilner  
Assistant Principal



Mr L Mazacs  
Assistant Principal

# My Experience

- △ Art teacher for 17 years
- △ Senior Leader for 11 years
- △ Delta Vice Principal for 5 years
- △ Principal of Darton Academy since March 2023
- △ Chair of Barnsley Secondary Heads
- △ I have two 13-year-old daughters!



## Non-negotiables - We will make sure:

- △ Your child is safe
- △ We uphold our values of **Respect, Responsibility, Resilience**
- △ Your child receives a high-quality education – that is good enough for our own children
- △ Everyone learns in a calm environment
- △ Other people don't "steal learning"
- △ Students are always recognised for hard work and good effort
- △ We get to know everyone!

# #ProudofDarton

# Achieving Great Results Every Year 53% 5+ English & Maths

National Average 45%

## Darton in Numbers

**120**

sporting fixtures per year



**1400km**

walked in Duke of Edinburgh activities



**45**

weekly enrichment activities



**2730**

free hours of one-to-one tuition



**52378**

Tri-stars awarded



**1584**

hours of enrichment



**1650**

free revision guides and knowledge organisers provided to all students



**110**

hours of Latin/classical education provided per year

**15118**

student hours on Sparx Maths



**15**

types of musical instrument and singing lessons offered to students



**1600**

one-to-one music lessons delivered per year



**40+**

Visits and trips



**£5000**

raised for local charities



**£85**

worth of uniform provided for **free** to Year 7



**100+**

opportunities for students to engage with employers per year



**25+**

external speakers are invited into the academy per year



**960**

hours in contact with MFL native speakers per year



**15,000**

books read in Key Stage 3



**10,000**

Proud Thursday certificates

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The Ofsted Good Provider logo, which includes three orange stick figures of increasing size above the word 'Ofsted' in a large, white, sans-serif font, and the words 'Good Provider' in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it.

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Good  
Provider

**#ProudofDarton**

“Pupils behave to a high standard. They move around the site in a calm and organised manner. Bullying is infrequent”

“Pupils access a broad range of extra-curricular educational opportunities that enhance their wider development extremely well”

“Leaders have designed a high-quality curriculum for pupils. Teachers use common routines across the school”

# Inspection of Darton Academy

Ballfield Lane, Darton, Barnsley S75 5EF

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Inspection dates: 8 and 9 February 2023

<b>Overall effectiveness</b>	<b>Good</b>
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The quality of education	<b>Good</b>
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Behaviour and attitudes	<b>Good</b>
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Personal development	<b>Outstanding</b>
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Leadership and management	<b>Good</b>
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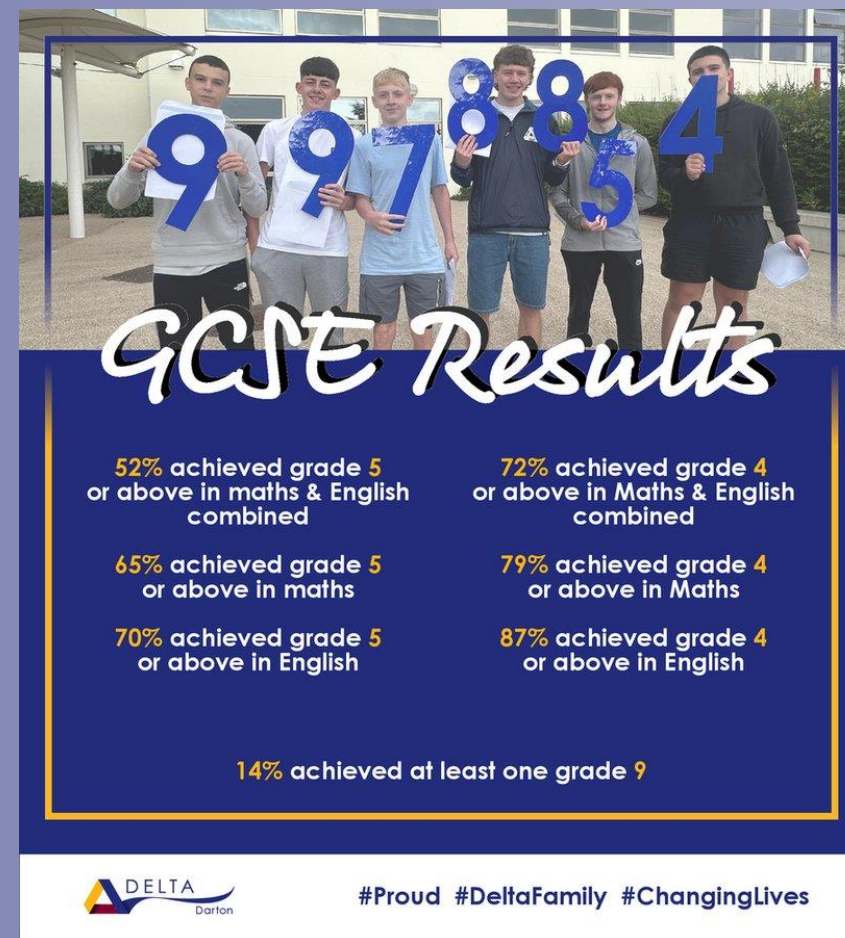
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005
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Outstanding Results



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Basics

5+ Eng + ma

53%

4+ Eng + ma

72%



Grade 4+  
**English**

**87%**

One of **Barnsley's**

Grade 4+  
**English & Maths**

**72%**

Grade 4+  
**Maths**

**77%**

highest performing academies

Grade 5+

**English**

**80%**

Grade 5+  
**Maths**

**59%**

Grade 5+  
**English & Maths**

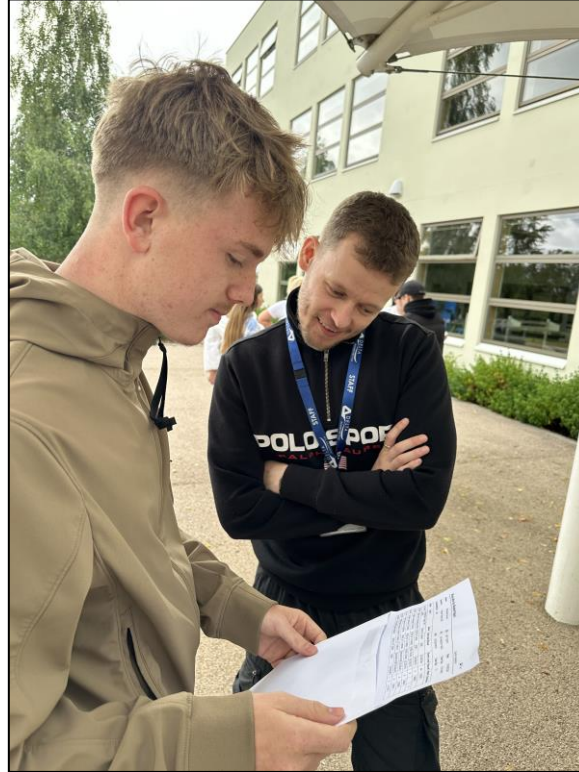
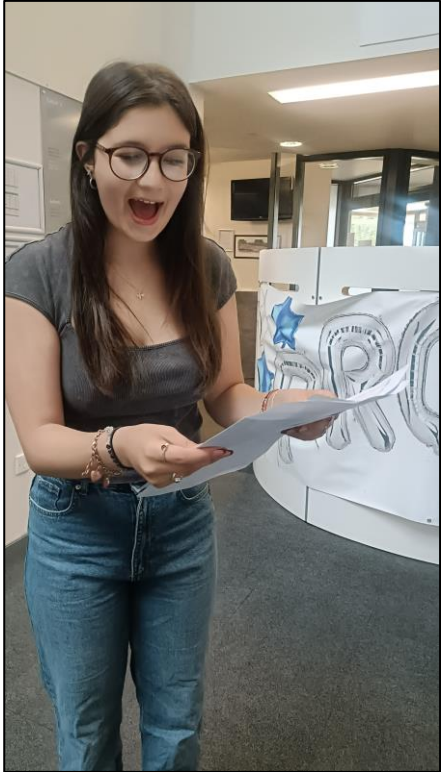
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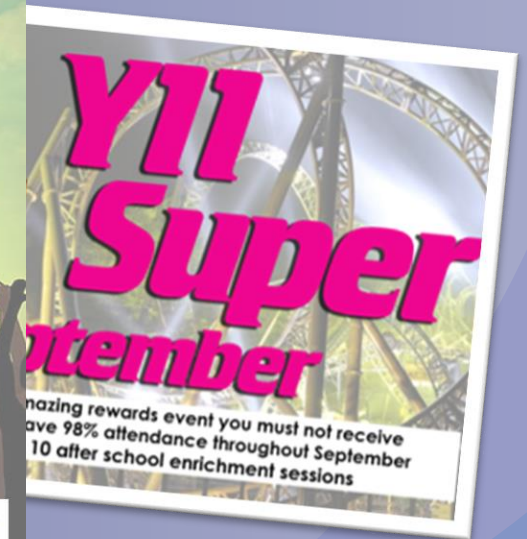
# Barnsley Schools Rankings 2024

RANK	School	Progress 8	4+ Eng. and Maths	5+ Eng. and Maths
1	*****	0.4	81%	66.8%
2	Darton Academy	0.38	72.4%	53.0%
3	*****	0	63.5%	43.5%
4	*****	-0.1	70.3%	48.4%
5	*****	-0.38	60.7%	39.6%
6	*****	-0.4	56%	37%
7	*****	-0.5	62.4%	40.5%
8	*****	-0.61	56.3%	37.5%
9	*****	-0.69	50.2%	33.6%
10	*****	-0.8	36.7%	14.4%
	LA Average	-0.18	62.7	43.2

# More than just numbers.....







△ Rewards events – every 6 to 8 weeks for good attendance and behaviour

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## #ProudofDarton

▲ Proud Thursday - 10000+ certificates (& Haribo) awarded since during 2023-24

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## #ProudofDarton

**Facilities** – Art Barn, 8 computer suites, 2 DT workshops, 5 science labs, sports hall, gym, theatre, amphitheatre, 3g Astroturf, football pitches



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# #ProudoofDarton



SPT Uniforms Price Guide

Blazer chest sizes 28" – 36"	£22.99	<b>PE Kit</b>	
Blazer chest sizes 38" – 46"	£26.99	Boys/girls polo shirt chest size 28"-36"	£5.99
Academy tie	£4.99	Boys/girls polo shirt chest size 38" onwards	£6.99
Boys shirt collar size 11" – 14.5"	£9.99	Boys/girls rugby shirt chest size 28"-36"	£12.99
Boys shirt collar size 15" onwards	£11.99	Boys/girls rugby shirt chest size 38" onwards	£13.99
Girls blouse chest size 28" – 36"	£9.99	Shorts waist 24"- 29"	£4.99
Girls blouse chest size 38" onwards	£11.99	Shorts waist 30" onwards	£5.99
Boys/ girls trousers waist 24"-29"	£10.99	Sports socks sizes 12.5 – 7	£3.99
Boys/girls trousers waist 30" onwards	£12.99	Sports socks sizes 8 onwards	£4.99
Skirt waist 24"-29"	£9.99		
Skirt waist 30" onwards	£10.99		

## Y11 Pie Night



Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Free resources for students** – From free uniform in Year 7 to free revision guides in Year 11

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# Free Uniform

We understand that, in some cases, purchasing school uniform can be an expensive outlay with the average cost of compulsory school uniform and sportswear items anywhere between £80 and £100 per student.

**That's why we provide all our Year 7 students with a full set of uniform and sports kit for free.**

Your child will receive free uniform including a blazer, tie, two shirts, trousers/skirt, sports top, sports shorts and winter top so they can start the term fully kitted out; that's one less thing to worry about!

**Our school specific uniform is manufactured to a higher standard than cheaper generic items, and is therefore more durable and lasts longer.**

*Students also receive planners, knowledge organisers, subscriptions to online learning resources and more for free!*

*2 free shirts*

*free tie*

*free blazer*

*free skirt*

*free trousers*

*free polo shirt*

*free winter shirt*

*free sports shorts*

**School Uniform**

**Sports Kit**









## #ProudofDarton

**Extra-curricular clubs** – There are over 45 extra-curricular clubs including Warhammer, Duke of Edinburgh, kickboxing, sewing, art, music, gaming, loads of sports!

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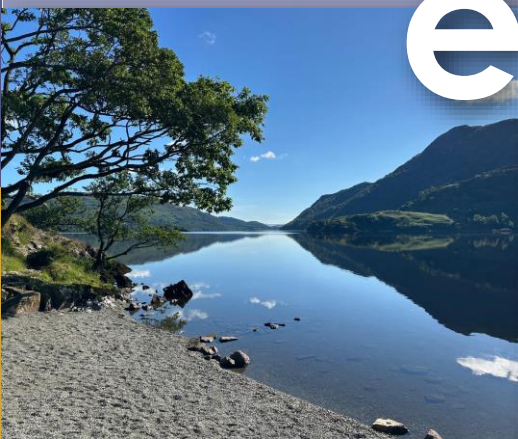
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**Visits** – Over 40+ visits took place in 2023-24 including London, Hornsea, Alton Towers, DofE, Universities

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# enrichment activities





## Grammar Stream

We are delighted to extend a unique opportunity to aspirant parents and their children.

Darton Academy are launching a specific Grammar Stream, available without selection.

Act quickly to secure your place!

### What's included?

- A curriculum giving students the opportunity to excel in STEM and other academic subjects
- Specialist music programmes to learn an instrument for free
- Access to the Latin for Excellence programme and the chance to study Latin as a qualification, supporting fields like law & medicine
- Develop a greater understanding of science, astronomy & computer science
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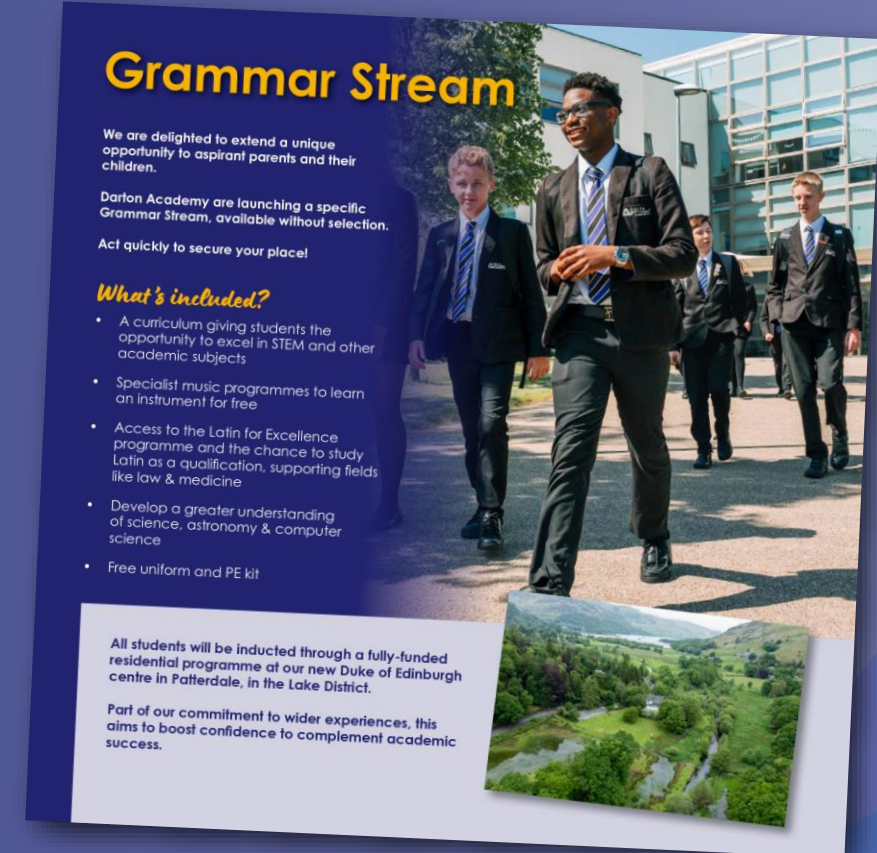
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**DARTON**  
**GRAMMAR**  
**STREAM**



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- Residential visits to Patterdale, Dallowgill and overseas



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The brochure features a photograph of four male students in school uniforms walking on a path outside a modern building. At the bottom right, there is a small inset photograph of a scenic landscape with a river and green hills, identified as Patterdale in the Lake District.

**The Staff** – 65 teaching  
63 non-teaching

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you are concerned or worried about your safety or the safety of someone else, please report to your Form Tutor, Learning Manager or a member of the Safeguarding Team below.

This includes bullying: **people doing nasty or unkind things to you on purpose, more than once, which is difficult to stop.** This is from one person to another, which can be face to face, by text or online.

Talk to us!



Mrs L Kay  
Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Level 1 North Wing



Mr R Howell  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Level 3 Atrium



Mrs J Abbotts  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead  
Bridge



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**Safeguarding and student wellbeing** – highly trained safeguarding/inclusion team and learning managers

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## #ProudoofDarton

**Junior Leaders** – Eco Team, JLT, Anti Bullying Team, Sports Teams, Peer Mentors

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**Our students**

# The Future for Darton Academy

- ▲ Best school in Barnsley/Yorkshire/The North/UK!
- ▲ The academy everyone wants to attend
- ▲ High standards – continue to get outstanding results
- ▲ A school full of happy and safe students
- ▲ Even more rewards, fun trips, events and activities
- ▲ Proud parents and carers



## #ProudoofDarton

**Twitter** - Follow us on [@DeltaDarton](https://twitter.com/DeltaDarton) to see all the exciting things that are going on

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# Darton Academy



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# Tours of the academy with the Principal

If you would like a tour of the academy, please speak to us now, or book via [info@dartonacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@dartonacademy.org.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## **If you have any questions:**

- Speak to us now
- Look at the virtual package on our website
- e-mail [info@dartonacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@dartonacademy.org.uk)
- or call 01226 232306