Clitheroe Royal Grammar School
Founded in 1554
An outstanding education

Welcome to Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.

Our school, founded in 1554, has a tradition of academic excellence and a forward-thinking ethos, firmly rooted in the 21st century.

The Sixth Form, which is housed in its own centre at York Street, is part of our outstanding 11-18 grammar school, one of the country’s highest achieving schools. High standards and truly fantastic results are a reflection of our exceptional students and staff.

Our Sixth Form is vibrant, diverse and extremely popular and does not have a catchment area. We welcome students from over 40 secondary schools, across Lancashire and beyond.

Our expert and highly committed staff will give you the confidence to succeed in a rapidly changing world. We provide an inclusive education that will support, challenge and inspire you to achieve your best. High quality and innovative teaching and learning will enable you to realise your full potential and achieve your ambitions, whatever they may be.

We aim to develop confident, positive, reflective and successful young people. Central to this is our excellent pastoral system. We build strong partnerships with parents and carers, which contributes to our students’ success. We are proud to welcome students from the same family, with many of our young people choosing to follow in the footsteps of their siblings, parents and grandparents.

“CRGS helps you find your passion and purpose”

Jamal, Senior Prefect

Joined from Sir John Thursby Community College
“The teachers are engaging, kind and supportive, encouraging me to pursue my interests. I am very happy here”

Shannon, Peer Mentor
Joined from Bowland High School
“Thanks to the friendly, knowledgeable staff and great facilities I have been able to thrive in my studies”

Matthew, Senior Prefect
Joined from St Augustine’s RC High School
The best of both worlds

The Sixth Form at Clitheroe Royal Grammar School offers students a fresh start and the opportunity to excel within an aspirational and inspirational learning environment.

We offer students the best of both worlds. As well as helping you to develop good study habits, the Sixth Form will give you the freedom to take more control of your learning and greater responsibility for your achievements. We offer a personalised timetable to give you the opportunity to pursue and develop your own interests. You will be supported through our structured learning programme, which is designed to equip you with the skills you need for future success in Higher Education or employment.

We have high expectations of all our students. An emphasis on traditional academic subjects lies at the heart of a flexible and stimulating curriculum, enabling you to choose from a wide variety of A Levels. In addition, students have the opportunity to pursue the Extended Project Qualification.

The well-being of our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Our excellent guidance programme, which includes one-to-one advice, is designed to help all our students feel safe, secure and valued as individuals.

“The support system has been fantastic, helping me to settle in a new environment where I’ve already made friends for life”

Elena, Senior Prefect
Joined from St Christopher’s CE High School
“I have really enjoyed my time at CRGS. It has made me a more confident and independent person, equipping me with the skills I will need in the future”

Taiba, Deputy Head Girl
Joined from Pendle Vale College
Clitheroe Royal Grammar School provides the ideal climate for students to achieve their full potential. We provide a wide range of opportunities and enrichment activities to broaden our students’ experiences and understanding of the world.

Activities include fundraising and expeditions to countries such as China, Russia and South Africa. You will also have the opportunity to take part in sporting and musical events, foreign exchanges, field trips at home and abroad, drama productions, theatre trips, debating and foreign travel.

Work experience and unrivalled links with employers and the wider community, as well as first-class careers advice, ensure that students are well prepared for their future. You will be encouraged to take a full and active role in school life and have the opportunity to take on leadership responsibilities including our student leadership team, student-led societies and a variety of committees such as the school council. Students are also encouraged to volunteer in the local community.

As a result, the overwhelming majority of our students go on to Higher Education. Our students are discerning and ambitious to get onto the very best courses at the top universities, with most progressing to their destination of choice. We have a strong track record of success in supporting students onto highly competitive courses such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry. Increasingly, our students are considering higher level apprenticeships and training with major companies.

Our aim is to prepare students for the next step in their educational journey and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you to our vibrant learning community.

"CRGS Sixth Form has really helped me to prepare for university life"

Rebecca, Lead Peer Mentor
Joined from Ribblesdale High School