



Barrhead High School



Barrhead High School is within East Renfrewshire and is a non-denominational, comprehensive school serving the town of Barrhead. East Renfrewshire is a forward thinking authority which is committed to continuous improvement. The vision statement “Everyone Attaining, Everyone Achieving through Excellent Experiences” captures the aims of the department and school to ensure we deliver excellence and equity for all. Barrhead High School works within the context of the Local Improvement Plan of East Renfrewshire Council’s Education Department and the Key Priorities of the National Improvement Framework.

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Barrhead High School is the non-denominational secondary school for the town of Barrhead. It has 3 associated primaries – Carlibar Primary School, Cross Arthurlie Primary School and Hillview Primary School. The schools work together as a cluster to ensure cohesion and continuity in the curriculum from 3 – 18.

Barrhead High School has a current roll of 616 pupils. We are an integrated community school with 30% of the pupils residing within SIMD 1-3 areas and 27% reside in SIMD 8-10. Learners in receipt of free school meals is 23% and 8% of learners are care experienced. With a high stay-on rate, we maintain a very healthy senior school.

There is over 100 staff including teachers and non-teaching staff, who are committed to making Barrhead High a caring and safe environment for all our learners to flourish.

The Building



The school is situated on the edge of the town, immediately adjacent to Cowan Park and has its own direct access to the wetlands leading to the Dams to Darnley Country Park. This provides opportunities for outdoor and sustainable education.

The new building offers the highest standards of accommodation, supports the inclusive ethos of the school, and is purpose-built to meet the demands and opportunities of Curriculum for Excellence. The school includes bespoke facilities for vocational education; a council-wide resource which offers vocational courses and experiences delivered in partnership with colleges.

Barrhead High is an atrium design with classrooms spread over 3 floors around a central social / assembly area (the Big Steps), dining facilities, a ‘Drama Box’ and an open-plan library.

There are 8 computer suites and there is wifi throughout the building, allowing the council’s ‘bring your own device’ policy to be fully implemented. We possess a high number of laptops, chromebooks, tablets and ipads for use with wifi.



The PE facilities consist of a large Games Hall as well as a Gym and Dance Studio with 2 MUGA pitches, one with a running track. There is an outdoor hard-court games area immediately outside the PE block. The Games Hall has bleacher seating which can be brought out easily to allow an assembly / performance area with a 330 seating option and also lighting, sound, staging and curtains if required.

Ethos / Culture



The school's values of RESPECT permeate the life and work of the school community. We strive to ensure all stakeholders feel valued and respected at all times. The learners, staff, families and community associated with Barrhead are all involved in the ongoing review of our vision, values and aims. A culture of high expectations and collaboration is at the heart of Barrhead High to 'raise the Barr'.

Staff and learners take responsibility for implementing change and promoting equality and social justice. The school is recognised for our commitment to promoting rights and celebrating diversity. We have achieved the Vision Schools Level 2 Award, the LGBT Charter, and the Rights Respecting Gold Award.

Leadership at all levels is a crucial part of our school culture. All staff and learners have opportunities to lead and develop to deliver excellence and equity. Our learners make an impact across the school working in partnership with staff to drive forward change based on learners' voice.

The school is also fortunate in having strong parental support. Parents have high expectations of the school and provide encouragement and support for their children.

Communication

The school website will provide further information and key documents including the School Handbook, Standards & Quality Reports and School Improvement Plan <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Barrhead/>