

Scalby Academy
Prospectus

2025/26



Dear Parents & Carers

Choosing your child's secondary school is an exciting and important milestone for your family.

At Scalby Academy, we are delighted to offer you all the benefits of a first class 11-16 education.

Scalby Academy is one of 6 schools in the local area that made up part of the Coast and Vale Learning Trust, and we are excited about the opportunities that will be provided through the new partnership with our friends at Delta Academies Trust.

Provisional county data shows that students at Scalby Academy achieve well above those in other schools in the county.

It is exceptional that 74% of students passed English and mathematics and 57% at the higher grade, one of North Yorkshire's highest performances for both measures.

To put this into perspective, the GCSE data for the county for 23/24 shows 46% of students secured English and mathematics combined at Grade 5+. At Scalby Academy 57% of students achieved this measure in the Summer of 2025.

You are not just joining an exceptional school, you'll be taking up a place in a Trust that is determined to broaden horizons and create opportunities and experiences for your child, similar to those provided by private education, but without the fees.

The Scalby Academy experience includes:

- An opportunity to attend a residential in the Lake District National Park at the Delta Academies Trust's Outdoor Education Centre at Patterdale on Ullswater;
- Access to a variety of educational visits in the UK and abroad.
- Enhanced opportunities to learn a musical instrument and join our highly-acclaimed band and orchestra;
- The opportunity to study astronomy and use universitylevel telescopes to develop skills in astrophotography;
- Access to sports facilities and participation in town, county and trust wide events;

- A full programme, as part of the gifted and talented science programme of study;
- Fully resourced and funded curriculum resources, including knowledge organisers and bespoke revision guides, as well as access to exceptional online study packages.
- A free uniform pack, including a blazer, trousers/skirt, shirts, tie, and PE kit (sports jersey, lightweight PE top, shorts and socks);
- Additional supported study and an extended day where needed.

Scalby Academy is an exceptional academy, led by highly qualified staff, who prioritise every student's academic achievements and personal development to ensure they have the very best start in life. Given this year's outstanding results, we anticipate high demand for places. To secure your place register your preference through North Yorkshire admissions.

We look forward to working with you as partners; come and join us and secure a great future for your child.



Chris Robertson Principal



Andy Barnett CEO

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 sports shorts



School Uniform

Sports Kit

Sharing resources

Our subject specialists develop Key Stage 3 knowledge organisers packed with subject-specific information and active learning tasks for students to complete at home.

With QR codes and links to online resources, including 'Sparx Maths' and 'Languagenut', students' learning extends beyond the classroom and it's all completely FREE.

Common assessments are written by our specialists, and we compare results from across the Trust, meaning we are able to really focus on areas where we identify our students may need more support.

Subject specialists (including qualified examiners) develop GCSE revision guides for many subjects, providing personalised learning and detailed course based content when it really counts.



Working with you

As partners in your child's educational journey, we use outstanding data comparison technology to provide you regular updates on your child's progress:

We use Common Assessments

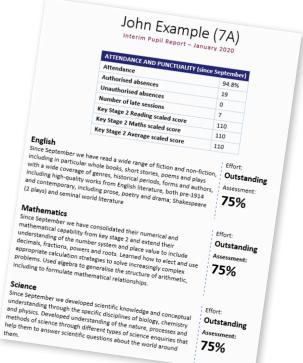
- Students in Year 7 to Year 9 across all academies, take key stage 3 assessments in English, mathematics, science, geography, history, modern foreign languages, and computing twice a year.
- These assessments are designed by in-house subject experts such as linguists, authors, physicists and mathematicians that test the knowledge, skills and understanding students have acquired and retained in their learning since the beginning of the academic year.
- Students receive their marked assessments along with a record of their strengths and weaknesses, and they can download mark schemes to identify their own areas for improvement. These mark schemes are also available to you, allowing you to review them and gain a clear understanding of your child's progress.

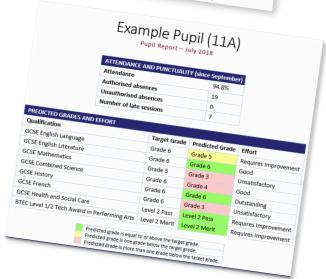
Regular reporting to partners

You, as partners, receive a student report twice a year (January and July) that provides an overview of performance in key stage 3 assessments, predicted grades and target grades in key stage 4, and an effort grade in all subjects.

Reports are available online through the Parent App and provide information on:

- Each assessment (December and June) completed by students up to that point in the academic year.
- The Progress of your child in line with expectations.







86% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in English

A Bespoke Curriculum

Our bespoke curriculum strategies include: Ruth Miskin Fresh Start programme, small group or one-to-one support, the Lexia software package, Rapid Plus, Toe by Toe peer-mentoring initiatives during tutor time, high frequency word practice, word of the week subject-specific vocabulary, reciprocal reading and other support programmes. In addition, we also aim to challenge our high-level readers through a range of activities such as book and debate clubs.

Competitions and Events

Students in Years 7 and 8 can participate in annual poetry events. These events often feature guest authors and special visitors, providing inspiration and a chance to meet literary heroes. Aspiring young writers can test their skills in national writing competitions, offering a platform to showcase talent and potentially gain recognition on a national scale.

Reading Routes

We are passionate about igniting a love of reading in our students. That's why we launched "Reading Routes," a programme designed to encourage reading for pleasure. Students embark on an exciting journey through different genres, locations and time periods.



Reading Routes goes beyond the typical curriculum. It begins in the classroom with students reading as a group with a mentor to develop a reading community. Students can then branch out into their own areas of interest. Students are sure to find something here that sparks their imagination and fosters a lifelong love of reading.



81% of students achieved Grade 4+ or above in Maths

Mathematics Curriculum

Our mathematics curriculum creates mathematically literate citizens with the knowledge to succeed in life. Students learn to be resilient, to be efficient and to persevere. Students become equipped with the essential skills to understand the world around them, with mathematical skills for future learning and employment. They develop critical thinking through problem-solving activities that encourage exploration and embrace 'wrong turns' as valuable learning steps. We believe everyone can excel in mathematics.

The Delta mathematics curriculum seamlessly progresses from Key Stage 2, building a strong foundation for further education and future careers. We utilise the Sparx online platform to solidify learning and propel students towards mastery. We offer exciting extracurricular activities like enrichment trips and the United Kingdom Mathematical Challenges. High-performing students can even pursue the Further Mathematics GCSE qualification.

Trust-wide Events

Events like the Year 11 Enigma Masterclass push boundaries with fun, maths-filled activities. Students participate in relays, quizzes, and workshops on calculator tips, formula sheet usage, and mastering those maffles and triangles.



2025 Another Year of Amazing Results!

Scalby Academy

57%

of students at Scalby Academy achieved Grade 5 pass rate in English and maths National Average

46%

of students across the country achieved
Grade 5+ pass rate in English and Maths

Scalby Academy has one of the highest provisional Grade 5+ pass rates in English & Mathematics in North Yorkshire with a 57% pass rate.

Scalby Academy has one of the highest provisional Grade 4+ pass rates in English & Mathematics in North Yorkshire with a 74% pass rate.

Scalby Academy is 11% above the North Yorkshire average for Grade 5+ pass rate in English & Maths

Scalby Academy is 7% above the North Yorkshire average for Grade 4+ pass rate in English & Maths

54% of students achieved Grade 4 or above in Two Sciences.

Science

A Roadmap to Success

Our meticulously planned curriculum adheres to the national curriculum for Key Stage 3 and seamlessly aligns with the AQA specifications for either GCSE Double or Triple Science. Rooted in the latest research and recognised by Ofsted, our Science Curriculum provides a solid foundation.

Unleashing Inner Scientists

Delta celebrates science throughout the year with exciting themed events like "Space Week", "Brain Day" and "World Bee Day." These wider curriculum lessons spark curiosity and broaden scientific horizons. Students also participate in our termly science competitions.

Nurturing Future STEM Leaders

Delta offers an after-school STEM club, featuring activities around Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Year 9 students can also get involved in Lego Robotics, participating in both regional and national competitions.

Mavericks

High-achieving students in Years 9, 10, and 11 may be selected for the prestigious "Science Mavericks" event. Collaborate with Delta students from other academies to tackle real-world scientific challenges, exploring topics like the future of earth and the possibility of terraforming celestial bodies.



French

Your Bridge to a World of Opportunity

We believe every student should have the chance to explore the world through languages. Learning French is more than memorising vocabulary – it's a journey of cultural discovery and personal growth.

Our vision is to broaden horizons, helping students develop new perspectives on the world as they step beyond familiar boundaries, sometimes literally as they step off a plane in sunny France. We aim to enable students to express themselves confidently in another language and converse with native speakers. These skills will become life skills for the future, allowing students to navigate practical situations, learn new ways of thinking, and appreciate diverse cultural expressions.



The French curriculum emphasises core grammar, vocabulary, and phonics, equipping students with a solid foundation for all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. As they progress, students will revisit and deepen their understanding of key concepts, building fluency and accuracy.

We believe in fostering confidence and independence as a language learner. Our curriculum is designed to empower students to tackle new challenges and succeed in the French speaking world.



The Arts

Igniting Creativity and Celebrating the Power of Performance

Drama and dance come alive through a range of exciting opportunities. Students can refine their acting and production skills through our dynamic drama and production clubs available throughout the Trust. Many clubs even culminate in performances, fostering a strong school community.

Students can take their performance skills beyond the classroom with theatre visits and workshops led by visiting artists. These experiences broaden horizons and provide invaluable insights from industry professionals.

There are opportunities for students to showcase their talents alongside their peers in academy talent shows. For dedicated drama students pursuing the GCSE qualification, trips to London's West End are a highlight. Students are immersed in the magic of live theatre and witness professional performances first-hand.

Our well-equipped academy drama studios provide the perfect environment to rehearse and elevate performances.



Our Arts curriculum is more than just learning lines and choreography. It's about self-expression, collaboration, and developing the confidence to shine on stage.



Education is more than Academic Achievement

Music is more than just notes on a page. It's a vibrant journey of exploration, performance, and personal growth. Our curriculum is designed to nurture a lifelong love of music in every student.

Music fosters social connections, boosts enjoyment, and provides a foundation for lifelong participation in music, regardless of any potential career path. Whether it's pursuing music professionally or simply enjoying it for fun, Our music curriculum equips students with the skills and appreciation to enrich their lives with music.

Our curriculum emphasises hands-on learning, equipping students with the skills to sing, play instruments, and participate in musical activities. Delve into the world of music through active and passive listening, exploring a variety of sounds and genres. Learn to play simple melodic instruments and percussion, building confidence and musical expression.

Under the Spotlight

We hold an annual 'Battle of Bands' event, a highlight where students come together to share their passion and perform in front of a live audience.

There's also an opportunity to perform at various events throughout the year, from conferences to celebrations. We have recording studios across the Trust schools, giving students the opportunity to take musical creations to the next level.



Humanities

Explore, Analyse, and Understand Our World

Our Geography curriculum is designed to ignite curiosity and wonder about the world around you.

Students explore both human and physical aspects of geography, examining themes like sustainability, development, globalisation, and climate change. Cartographic, graphical, ICT, and GIS skills will make students proficient in analysing geographical data.

Apply knowledge in real-world settings through exciting fieldwork trips. These immersive experiences range from local investigations to residential adventures like the Patterdale trip. During this trip, students conduct a river study in Mungrisdale, explore flood management strategies in Keswick, visit Aira Force waterfall, and even embark on a scenic cruise of Lake Windermere, England's longest lake. The journey culminates in a challenging climb up Orrest Head, with spectacular views.

Other exciting trips and fieldwork include:

- Year 7 students participating in infiltration investigations
- Year 8 tackling micro-climate investigations
- Year 9 embarking on a river study trip to Malham or Patterdale residential
- Year 10 and 11 completing coastal management enquiries in Hornsea, and for their human geography fieldwork, visiting Sheffield, Hornsea, Nottingham, or Middlesbrough to explore housing quality.

Enrichment trips add another dimension to learning, with destinations like Iceland, Italy, the Holland, and peaceful revision weekends in Dallowgill, Nidderdale.

Our History curriculum empowers students to think critically about the world they live in. Here's what sets us apart:

Questioning the Past: We encourage students to analyse historical events and perspectives, fostering independent thinking beyond 'received wisdom'. Don't just accept information at face value – learn to question and examine evidence.

Global Context: Move beyond a solely British perspective. Students explore a variety of cultures and historical events on a local, national, and international scale, from Ancient times to the Modern era. This global awareness is crucial for understanding the interconnectedness of our world.

Building Historical Worlds: Immerse yourself in different historical periods through engaging activities like "building worlds" in your mind. Historical fiction becomes a springboard for exploration, igniting curiosity and sparking questions about the past.

Diverse Voices: Encounter a range of historical figures and perspectives, gaining a well-rounded understanding of the past. Learn about the world from the viewpoints of people from all walks of life.



Sport curriculum



Whether you plan on becoming an elite athlete or simply enjoy staying active, we have something for you!

Scalby Academy boasts excellent sporting facilities such as a large indoor sports hall, gym, and a large outdoor multi-purpose sports field.

Examples of the activities we offer include sports such as football, netball, badminton, basketball, hockey, athletics, tennis, gymnastics, trampolining, rounders and cricket. We also offer a range of well-being activities such as dance, fitness clubs, yoga, dodgeball, and exercise classes. Furthermore, we can now utilise Delta Trust Outdoor Centres in the Lake District and North Yorkshire. At these centres students can choose to take part in mountain biking, canoeing, rock climbing, hill walking and abseiling.

We encourage all students to represent the school in one of the many clubs and teams which are available. The School uses top coaches and local links to develop students and give them opportunities to play at a higher level.

As part of a large, high performing and aspirant School students have the opportunity to experience, train and complete at internationally renowned facilities. These include the English Institute for Sport, working alongside national and international athletes and their coaches. A number of our highest performing students perform at an elite level at international venues.

There are a range of sporting experiences available for you. You can see the top stars, experience iconic sporting events and undertake overseas tours.

There is no surprise that our students go on to achieve outstanding results at both GCSE and A Level. Many go on to have successful careers in sports and leisure industries.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

We are proud to champion the transformative power of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). This prestigious programme equips young people across our academies with essential skills and experiences that set them up for success in all aspects of life.

The DofE programme goes beyond traditional education, fostering a holistic development that benefits students in numerous ways:

- Learning new skills ignites passions and talents.
 Teamwork and leadership skills
- Regular physical activity fosters a healthy lifestyle.
- Volunteering builds responsibility and community spirit.
- Overcoming challenges builds resilience and confidence.

- Teamwork and leadership skills develop through expeditions.
- The DofE Award is recognised by universities and employers.
- Strong social skills and lasting friendships are fostered.
- DofE activities enhance mental wellbeing and cultural awareness.

There are three sections to complete at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

They involve helping the community/environment, becoming fitter and healthier, developing new skills, planning, training for and completing an expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.

Achieving an award isn't a competition or about being first, it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries.



Outdoor Enrichment

Unforgettable Environmental Learning

We see educational visits as an indispensable part of the broad and balanced curriculum that is offered at Scalby Academy. They are an opportunity to extend students learning and enrich their appreciation and understanding of themselves, others and the world around them.

A Commitment to Accessibility and Opportunity

Where possible we aim to enable as many students as possible to participate in the range of visits offered by the school.

Removing Barriers to Learning

We understand that financial constraints shouldn't hinder educational opportunities. That's why the Trust provides financial support to students who may struggle to access these experiences.

Trips and destinations on offer:

- London
- Switzerland

- Berlin
- Holland

- Iceland
- World Challenge (Thailand, Africa, India, and Bali).





Patterdale outdoor enrichment

Expanding Horizons

Building on our success of Dallowgill, we have acquired another Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District National Park. This exciting addition to the Delta experience provides students with even greater opportunities for transformative outdoor learning experiences.

A Landscape of Adventure

Nestled amidst breathtaking scenery, Patterdale offers a unique opportunity for students to delve deeper into adventurous activities. Imagine scaling iconic peaks like Helvellyn via Striding Edge, exploring the shores of Ullswater, or encountering diverse wildlife in the centre's four-acre haven, complete with a river, wetlands, and rare birds. Patterdale is designed to ignite a passion for the outdoors and inspire a sense of adventure in every student.

To maximise learning opportunities, we plan to construct a permanent observatory at Patterdale, harnessing the wonders of the night sky.

Memorable Experiences, Lifelong Impact

Patterdale promises unforgettable experiences that will leave a lasting impact. Students return with stories of personal growth, new-found confidence, and a deeper connection with the natural world. We are committed to fostering these transformative experiences for all our students.

By embracing the opportunities offered by Patterdale, our Trust plays a vital role in shaping well-rounded, environmentally conscious young people.

Cyber North digital defence

This immersive annual event, co-organised by Delta and Northern Education Trust, is designed to introduce students to the ever-growing field of cyber security.

Why Cyber Security Matters

In today's digital age, where everyone relies on computers and the internet, cyber security is more important than ever. Cyber North equips students with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves from online threats like identity theft, financial fraud, and more.

Engaging Activities and Friendly Competition

The event features a variety of engaging activities that put students' problem-solving skills to the test. They are reimagined as digital detectives, cracking codes, analysing evidence, and bringing cyber criminals to justice. There's even a healthy dose of friendly competition between participating schools, making the experience more exciting.

Building a Brighter Future

Cyber North goes beyond just raising awareness. It empowers students to take control of their digital safety and explore potential careers in the booming cyber security field. By participating in this event, students gain valuable insights into this critical field and discover if a cyber security career path might be the perfect fit.



Our Academy Values

The vision for all our students and staff is, 'being the best we can be'. Students and staff are encouraged to be the best they can be by embracing the five core school values.

LEARNING

At Scalby Academy, we pride ourselves on being a learning community where students make progress across all of their subjects every day and where teachers participate in weekly professional development activities to improve their practice.

LEADERSHIP

We practise our leadership skills at all levels of our academy life; our students have responsibilities to lead improvements for our school community and our staff have opportunities to demonstrate their leadership skills, ready for the next step in their careers.

AMBITION

We are relentless in our ambition to ensure that all of our students and all of our staff are challenged and supported so that they can maximise their potential.

PREPARATION

Above all, our curriculum ensures that we develop the culture and character of our students. We believe these social attributes are just as important as academic qualifications in preparing our young people to be responsible citizens, who contribute positively to our community.

This is what "being the best we can be" means at Scalby Academy.

RESPECT

Our whole academy community deserves to work and learn in a safe and respectful environment. We expect all members of our school community to follow our three core principles of respect:

- 1. Respect all staff and students in our school community.
- 2. Respect your learning environment.
- 3. Respect your learning and the learning of others.



Careers Education

As a Trust we understand that everyone's career path is personal and also adapts over time. As a result, we offer an extensive range of guidance and opportunities that start from Year 7 and adjust to meet changing aspirations throughout.

All students are given the opportunity to visit colleges, universities and workplaces, and experience first-hand potential routes for them.

Students are given access to a large range of potential employers who visit through scheduled lunchtimes and breaktimes, along with full days of employer speed-dating events.

Whether your child is interested in the world of work or further academic study, they will be guided and supported to make a decision that is right for them. We are proud to work with multiple partners such as the University of Coventry, The University of Hull and Anglo American all of who allow students to think widely and deeply about how they would like their careers after school to progress.

All our students have regular access to an independent careers advisor who will guide them via informal chats about career paths as well as by more formal scheduled careers appointments.

Many employees work with students within the academy to help them prepare applications, practise interviews and develop the skills they need to secure their preferred route.

Scalby Academy is proud to have been recognised for its outstanding careers education, receiving the Careers Award for securing students some of the most aspirational career routes available for young adults and helping them embark on exciting, unlimited career paths.

Quality career support

The Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school.



Personal Development

Our curriculum is designed to improve learners' self-esteem while developing higher aspirations in both current academic situations and in pursuing long term careers

What can Year 7 expect?

Careers, Experiences & Celebrations

Contributions

You will contribute to representing the academy by:

Volunteering as a student ambassador at a parents' evening/ academy event.

Regularly participating in an enrichment activity.
This might be as part of a sports team or performing within school as part of the winter or summer showcase.

Enrichment and Clubs

Rugby Handball Homework Club
Football Trampolining LGBTQI+ Group

Dance Games Club Drama

Badminton Table Tennis Music Band

Netball Couch to 5k Chess Club

Even more activities...

Languages week, mental health day, harvest food festival

Girls Coding

Girls in STEM, Reading Celebration & so much more!







Everyone is included

At Scalby Academy we are ambitious for all students. We have high expectations that everyone will excel, regardless of starting points. We support students to understand and apply their learning and achieve well.

We understand that some young people will require additional support for part or all of their time with us. If your child is identified as having SEND they will have a bespoke Learning Passport, which identifies strategies teachers and support staff should use in order to support them to achieve their full potential.

The Learning Passport will be written in partnership with you and your child, and reviewed on a termly basis to ensure we continue to support your child's progress, both academically and pastorally.

Dedicated staff members

We have a dedicated team of support staff led by our Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Together they strive to provide the best for students with additional needs including delivering a range of bespoke interventions.

The SENCO works closely with the local primary schools and the local authority to ensure that students are effectively supported during their transition to us from our local primary schools.











