

INTAKE GUIDE

2017

Thank you for your interest in Brine Leas School for your child. We understand that choosing a school at the age of 10 or 11 can be very daunting. It can be difficult to compare different schools and to decide which is the best for you and your family.

The information in the prospectus is not exhaustive but it is thorough. I've tried to headline the detail below:-

RESULTS

These have been consistently very good over a long period of time. We constantly try to improve. Below are some websites that you may find useful (note, our current results will not be 'live' yet):-

1. www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance
This website gives you the opportunity to compare schools' performance.
3. The exams booklet (part of the prospectus literature) has more details.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Our extra-curricular offer is second to none, with countless opportunities for students from theatre trips to Duke of Edinburgh and Foreign Exchanges. Not to mention our many clubs running during lunchtimes, such as sports clubs, creative writing and art. Also, look out for this year's drama performance, 'Fame!'

POSITIVE SCHOOLING

A clear set of rewards and sanctions, culminating in a Merit Cup. Progress Managers and Progress Tutors would be your first contact if you have any queries or concerns. Guidance on how the system works is in every classroom. Parents can log onto the system to look at how their child is getting on in school.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Our students really 'buy' into House Events and participation rates are excellent. We all enjoy House Events and take time out of the normal curriculum for events to take place. The first big event of the year is normally Inter-House Speaking for Year 7 and Inter-House Cross Country for all Year Groups.

THE CURRICULUM

We constantly revisit the curriculum on offer to check that it's appropriate. We are preparing for the huge changes coming into the education system and are well on track for the next few years.

STAFF

We continue to attract excellent, caring staff to any vacant positions. Teachers are committed and 'go the extra mile'. Many are involved in extra-curricular activities.

TRANSITION

From either Year 11 to Sixth form, from KS3 into KS4, or from Year 5/6 into 7, we pour energy and resources into giving advice, guidance and support to students and families.

FINALLY

What is our aim? To create and sustain a happy, vibrant school with children who enjoy coming to learn. I am around school a lot and enjoy being with young people and seeing them grow and develop into well-rounded young people.

INTAKE PROGRAMME

(Leading to Entry in September 2017)

ACTIVITY DAY FOR YEAR 5 & 6 PUPILS SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2016

A unique opportunity for Years 5 and 6 to come into school and take part in a range of fun and creative activities. There are up to 15 different activities including Puppet Making, Web Page Design and Street Dance Workshop where students can try something new and meet our teachers. This is always a popular and memorable day with a chance to take home many of their creations!

OPEN DAY AND EVENING WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2016

An 'Open House' for the local community, pupils, friends, parents & relatives; with a special welcome for prospective parents.

Open Morning

Tours available from 9.15 am to 12.00 noon

Open Evening

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

(Includes a Headteacher's Address at 6.30pm, repeated at 7.30pm)

Further information is available from the school office on 01270 625663

INTAKE DATES

Saturday 8th October 2016

Activity Day

Wednesday 12th October 2016

Open Day & Evening

Monday 31st October 2016

Closing date for Admission application forms to be returned to Cheshire East Admissions & Transfer Team

May 2017

Mrs Brown will visit children in their own primary schools to discuss the move to Brine Leas School.

Monday 12th June 2017

6.00 pm

Intake Evening

Wednesday 14th June 2017

Intake Day

All new students spend a full day in school following a typical school timetable and sampling the delights of the new curriculum.

Friday 16th June 2016

PSCA Intake Disco / Cheese & Wine for Year 6 Parents

Sunday 2nd July 2017

10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Uniform Day

New and second-hand uniform on sale from the school suppliers.

September 2017

New School Year

Music Tuition Evening

Year 7 Progress Tutor & Menai Evening

October/November 2017

Residential Visit to the Conwy Centre at Menai for all Year 7

December 2017

First report home

Spring / Summer Term 2018

Year 7 Parents' Evening

BRINE LEAS SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are required to attend Brine Leas in full school uniform. We believe wearing the uniform correctly is important in establishing students' pride in their own appearance and in their school. There are more details on the website but simple guidance is below.

- Girl's skirts must be knee length and both boys and girls must be tidy and smart.
- In the interest of safety, students travelling in the dark are advised to wear fluorescent armbands or sashes and all cyclists must wear a safety helmet.
- Brine Leas School does not allow students to wear any form of jewellery except one plain gold/silver stud earring in each earlobe and a watch. Other forms of body jewellery e.g. nose or eyebrow studs are not permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles (for example colour including two-tone, length or style) are not permitted; a discreet amount of makeup may be worn in Years 10 and 11. The wearing of clear nail varnish is acceptable but bright coloured varnish is not permitted.

We encourage pride in appearance and expect our students to be a credit to their school and to their family.

DRESS CODE - UNIFORM

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black blazer with school badge*(school badge available separately). • Black skirt with school logo (must be a sensible length), and / or black trousers with school logo*, or identical style. • Pale blue shirt. • House tie# (clip on ties must be worn by year 7, 8 and 9 students). • Sensible black shoes (no trainers, pumps or boots. No logos). • Black tights or black socks. • Black V-neck jumper (optional). • Trainers required for all Drama lessons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black blazer with school badge* (school badge available separately). • Black trousers. • Pale blue shirt. • House tie# (clip on ties must be worn by year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students). • Sensible black shoes (no trainers, pumps or boots. No logos). • Black or grey socks. • Black V-neck jumper (optional). • Trainers required for all Drama lessons.

* Available from the school or school suppliers

Available from the school only

DRESS CODE - PE KIT

<u>COMPULSORY</u>	<u>OPTIONAL</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal blue polo top with school badge[#]• Plain black shorts (i)• Plain black football socks• Trainers (no fashion shoes or pumps)• Long sleeved rugby top with school badge[#] (Boys must have rugby top. Girls can choose from rugby top or school sweatshirt or hoodie).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plain white base layer (skin)• Plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings or dance/yoga pants (i)• School hooded sweatshirt with logo and initials[#]• School $\frac{3}{4}$ zipped sweatshirt with logo and initials[#] <p>(i) All shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings must be plain black and have no stripes. A small brand logo is permitted.</p>
<p><i>We strongly recommend that all students use protective equipment, as appropriate, during PE lessons. Shin pads and football boots are compulsory (gum shields are highly recommended).</i></p> <p><i>Due to Health and Safety implications, students will not be allowed to adopt the role of performer or player in football or rugby without football/rugby boots. They will still be involved in the lesson but will only be able to adopt the roles of coach, official or manager.</i></p>	

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USED ITEMS

Good quality used items of school uniform, particularly blazers, are often available through the school.

STOCKISTS AND SUPPLIERS

The school is the stockist for blazers, badges, skirts, ties, sportswear and craftwear etc. Other items can be purchased from the National Schoolwear Centre, 99 – 101 Stafford Street Hanley, Stoke on Trent, ST1 1LS.

Items are also available from selected branches of high street stores including British Home Stores, George at Asda, Marks and Spencer, Next and Primark

Suitable footwear for school can be obtained from a variety of local suppliers in the Crewe and Nantwich area.

The optional sportswear (marked with a [#] in the uniform list) are available to order through the school office only.

FURTHER HELP AND ASSISTANCE

If you require help purchasing school uniform please contact the Business Manager for assistance. All requests are dealt with in complete confidence. Telephone: 01270 625663