



Tong Vision

A warm welcome to Tong High School.

At Tong High School we believe that every child deserves to maximise their potential, regardless of their starting point, background or personal circumstances. We are proud of our diverse community and we endeavour, continuously, to ensure that all our students are safe and happy. Every student at the school belongs to a smaller community and spends some time each day working with students from other year groups. This results in students supporting, mentoring and “looking out” for each other. We know that our students will eventually become independent citizens in, what is now very much a global World, where their success and happiness depend on their ability to mix with people from differing backgrounds on both a social and professional level. We also know that Tong High is one of the few Secondary Schools in Bradford where students can benefit from learning to mix with people from different backgrounds.

At Tong we are acutely aware that, in the current economic climate, our students need to be more competitive than ever before to get the best jobs and the best places at College and University. We know that achievement is central to this and it is our aim to make sure that the progress and improvement that the students make in their time at Tong is second to none. We do this by using our thorough weekly analysis of students’ progress to help us to personalise their curriculum in a way that helps our students achieve at a rate that best suits them. For example, our flexible curriculum allows students to achieve GCSE grades one or two years earlier than usual, which, in turn allows these students to start A Level courses earlier or take part in programmes that will enhance their skills for work.

Our commitment to maximising the academic achievement of all our students is matched by our drive to provide our students with the type of cutting edge experience that will help them stand out when they enter the job market. Through their ‘learning journey’ all our students will be able to keep an electronic record of their personal development through school. In addition, we are fortunate to have built some very exciting links with external partners who can work with us to enrich the curriculum. For example, we are currently working with Bradford University and various business leaders to offer our students a work related curriculum that will give them unprecedented experience and prepare them for what will come later.

Central to our success is our belief that engaging parents and carers is essential. We aim to be transparent and offer all our stakeholders, but

especially our parents and carers, the opportunity to contribute to the development of the school. Parents and other stakeholders can access our action plan and track our priorities on a weekly basis through the website and we will provide sessions for parents and carers to learn how to best support the young people they care for in their home study. We are establishing a Parent's and Carer's Stakeholder group who will represent all parents and carers by acting as a consultation team who will make a vital contribution to our development.

At Tong our students benefit from a 21st Century Learning Environment that few schools can match. Our facilities are so extensive that they are used as a training base by Bradford Bulls Rugby League Club.

We strive to be 'outstanding' at all times at Tong. By this we mean we will establish a culture at the school where everyone involved thrives on the challenge to improve and get better every day. We would like to invite you to be a part of this culture and share in our future success.

Mr Stephen Curran
Headteacher