

# Westfield School Prospectus



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# Welcome to Westfield School

I am extremely proud to be the Headteacher of Westfield School and as we enter my second year as Headteacher, I can call Westfield School, 'my school'. When I was a child, I visited my relatives who lived here in Westfield, some of whom attended Westfield School on its previous site – these were some of my happiest memories. I have carried this sense of happiness and pride in our community to my role every day and I want our young people to feel that pride in their school too.

## A sense of belonging

My own sense of belonging has grown as I have met students and their parents and carers. I look forward to creating this same sense of belonging with our new parents, carers and most importantly children as they join us each year.

## Passion and enthusiasm for learning

My passion and enthusiasm for education is still as strong as it was at the start of my career 25 years ago. I care deeply about the children and young people I serve and want the very best for every single one of them. My vision for Westfield School is to create opportunities for all our young people to be the best version of themselves every day so that they can

become strong, resilient and happy members of society who have a choice about their path in life.

As an educator, I want to pass on knowledge, skills and experience through a broad curriculum that provides everyone with the chance to find their passion. This begins with our curriculum in the classroom and extends to educational visits, careers advice, speakers in school, sporting opportunities and student leadership. The children and young people of Westfield School are bursting with energy and potential – it's our job to unlock this potential for their futures.

Thank you for considering Westfield School for your children. We promise to do everything we can to support them to become the best they can be. I know from experience that we will succeed through a strong partnership with our parents and carers, and I look forward to building this partnership with you.



**Mrs Gaynor Jones, Headteacher of Westfield School**



# Outstanding achievement for all

Westfield School is a part of Chorus Education Trust, which believes in 'Outstanding Achievement for All'. As part of Chorus, we gain extra resources and expertise. Our staff benefit by sharing knowledge and ideas with colleagues at other schools, which reflects positively on the learning experience of our students. Westfield School also benefits from the excellent training and resources available through Chorus Trust's South Yorkshire Teaching Hub, putting us at the cutting edge of educational developments.

Our consistent focus on teaching and learning is enabling Westfield students to succeed. We are proud of our hard-working students who achieve amazing things every day.

Our students leave Westfield School with a wide range of options for post-16 education. One such option, taken up by many of our students is entry to Eckington and Silverdale Sixth Forms. Silverdale regularly achieves the highest A-level results in Sheffield. As part of Chorus Education Trust, our students gain priority over external applicants for a sixth form place.

## SILVERDALE SIXTH FORM



*Being part of Chorus has given our staff access to support, expertise and resources that have made a real difference in the classroom.*

Westfield staff member



# A strong focus on excellence in teaching and learning

We believe that having the best teachers in the classroom is key to our students' success. Our subject specialist teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience, that we help them to build through a range of continuing professional development. Our teachers practise 'responsive teaching', responding to the different needs of students and planning appropriate levels of work. This approach stretches them – whatever their initial level of understanding – to achieve beyond expectations.

Our ambitious and enriching curriculum offers students the opportunity to study subjects that interest them and that will place them in the best possible position to achieve great outcomes. We ensure learning is continually built upon, knowledge deepened and challenge provided for all students, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. The wide range of subjects available to study at Westfield include art, biology, business,

chemistry, computer science, dance, drama, engineering, English language and literature, food preparation and nutrition, French, geography, German, health and social care, history, media, mathematics, music, PE, personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE), photography, photographic communication, physics, religious studies, science, Spanish, sport studies and textiles.

In order to help students engage effectively with their learning and the curriculum, we focus on their attitude to learning. Our 'attitude to learning' program focuses on students being ready to learn, resilient, resourceful, respectful and reflective: the five Rs. An exceptional attitude to learning has direct links to success, both in school and more widely in life.

Initiatives designed to promote academic excellence include an additional focus on English and maths for those who need a little extra help.



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*Lessons are really good and fun. Teachers go over work if you're not sure of it and give you lots of feedback.*  
Westfield student

# Raising aspirations

We want our students to have lots of options when they leave Westfield, so they can live interesting, productive and rewarding lives.

Our job is twofold: to ensure that they don't set limits on their ambition and that they then achieve what they need to get there.

We work with local universities and employers to open our students' minds to the different opportunities available to them. We also provide a range of extra-curricular activities to broaden their skill base and experiences – and to support their applications to future careers and further/higher education pathways.



*It's been great to hear my children being really ambitious when they talk about their next steps! The school has really inspired them.*

Parent of a Westfield student





# Modern facilities

We are fortunate enough to have a bright, modern building that also provides sports facilities for the local community.

Our students have the advantage of access to our sports hall, full size 25m indoor swimming pool and numerous outside pitches. Our excellent PE department runs a wide range of sporting clubs and teams.

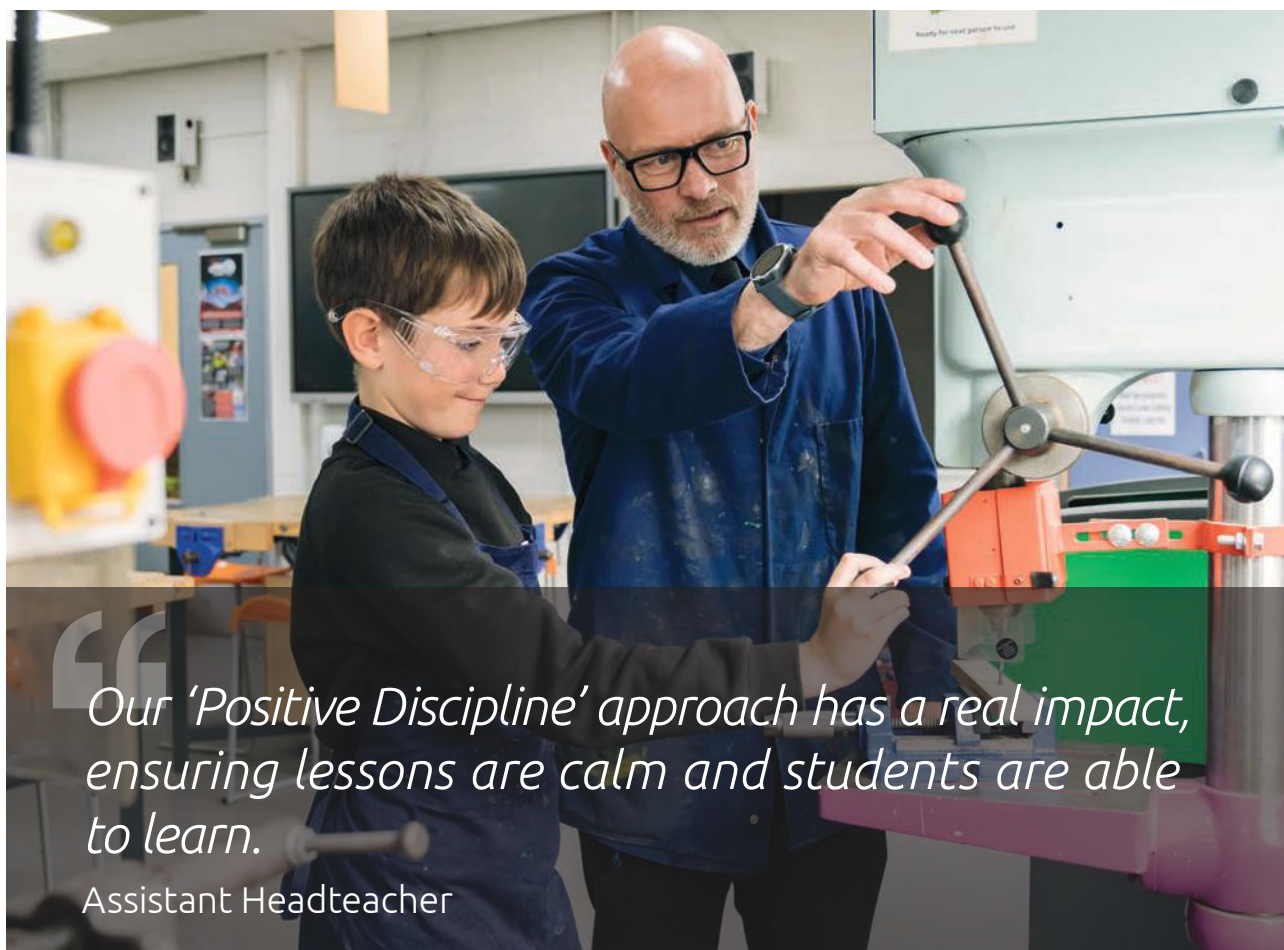
Our facilities include computer suites, fully equipped science labs, design and technology classrooms for woodwork, catering, textiles, product design and engineering, drama and dance studios, art studios and library. Every student can hire a locker in which to store their equipment securely and students can easily access the on-site catering facilities during their lunch break.



*I like the building.  
You have lots of space  
during social times and  
it's easy to find your  
way round. The outdoor  
space is great too.*  
Westfield student







“Our ‘Positive Discipline’ approach has a real impact, ensuring lessons are calm and students are able to learn.

Assistant Headteacher

## A friendly and supportive school – with clear expectations

The vast majority of our students have a great attitude to learning and make us proud on a daily basis of their achievements both academically and in their life choices. We recognise and reward them for consistently doing the right thing in an approach we call ‘Positive Discipline’.

We support every student to follow the ‘Westfield Way’ to ensure that students are ready, respectful and safe, so that they are able to focus on their learning. We help students to check they are equipped and ready on arrival each morning, providing equipment and uniform for the day if needed.

When students do need help they have the support of our specialist pastoral staff for each year group, along with their form tutor. We also work hard to stay in touch with parents, sending regular communications and information about their child’s opportunities, behaviour and rewards.



# Find out more about joining Westfield School



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