

Westfield School Prospectus



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Chorus Education Trust

Welcome to Westfield School

As the headteacher of our school, I want to assure you of my commitment to providing the very best education for your children at Westfield School. I am committed to creating every opportunity for the children to achieve their best, both academically and personally, in and out of the classroom. As adults we know that there is no substitute for hard work, so we aim to build on the work of our primary colleagues and develop each young person's core beliefs and values. These can be seen in our 'Westfield Way' which explains our expectations, 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' and completes our core values of resilience, resourcefulness, and reflectiveness.

Westfield School is a school with a long history, beginning in 1930, through to the present day. The griffin of St Mark that was seen on the original school logo, together with the school motto that was 'Res Non Verba', which translated as 'deeds not words', embody a spirit of

resilience and action. This can be seen in today's children and young people as they bring their energy and enthusiasm to everything they do. This determination to succeed has led to many successful Westfield School alumni: our students have gone on to be Olympians, journalists, nurses, research scientists, professional footballers, teachers, pilots, entrepreneurs and more. This is our aspiration for your children.

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.

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.



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, 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.



“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

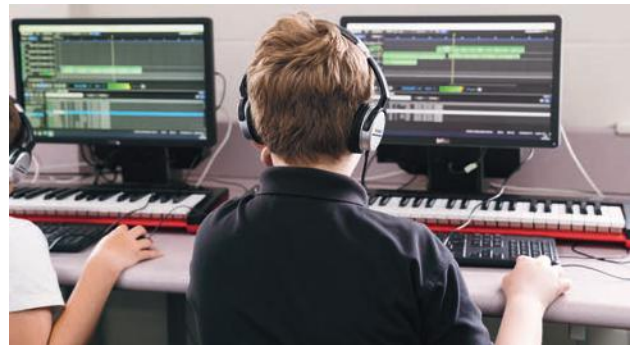


Modern facilities

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

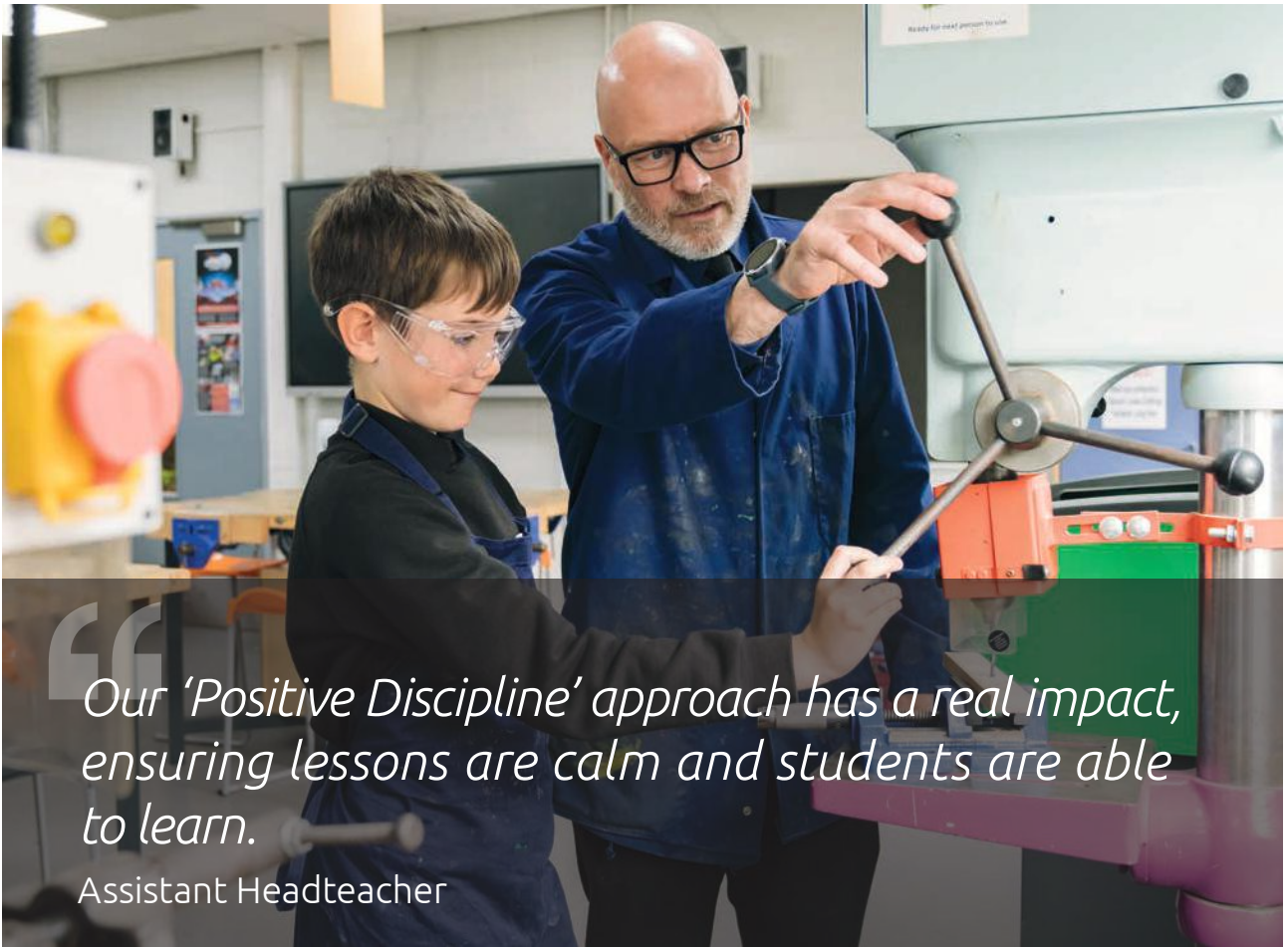
Our students have the advantage of access to two sports halls and numerous outside pitches. Our excellent PE department runs a wide range of sporting clubs and teams.

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



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*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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