

Westfield School Prospectus



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Chorus Education Trust

Welcome to Westfield School

I am very proud of our school – in particular our students and staff who show such a great commitment to being the best they can be, every day. We are a very ambitious school and know that with hard work and the right support, all of us are capable of achieving incredible things and making our local area, city, nation and the world a better place!

We often share with our students and staff examples of former Westfield students who have gone on to lead very successful adult lives. Westfield students become Olympians, journalists, nurses, research scientists, professional footballers, teachers, pilots, entrepreneurs... Each year we focus on very clear priorities to keep improving our school and ensuring future generations of Westfield students have the chance to lead such exciting and fulfilling adult lives. Our priorities are:

- To provide our students with a curriculum that is ambitious and enriched.
- To ensure excellent, responsive teaching for every student, every lesson.
- To develop in our students exceptional attitudes to learning and behaviour.



Thank you for considering Westfield School for your child. As a parent, I know what a big milestone this is in your child's life and I am determined to ensure they get the very best education and opportunities at Westfield.

Mr Joe Birkbeck
Head of Westfield School



Outstanding achievement for all

In 2018, Westfield officially joined Chorus Education Trust, which believes in 'Outstanding Achievement for All'. By joining Chorus, we have gained 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 achieve highly. We are proud of our hard-working students who have achieved strong key stage 4 exam results in recent years.

These strong GCSE and vocational exam results mean they 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 Silverdale Sixth Form, which regularly achieves the highest A-level results in Sheffield. As part of Chorus Education Trust, our students gain priority access to this popular sixth form.



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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 during tutor time for Year 11 students.

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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 a heated, indoor pool and modern gym, as well as two sports halls and numerous outside pitches. Our excellent PE department runs all kinds 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 a new 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





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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 know that school should be a safe, calm place where our students can focus on their learning. We support every student to ensure they are prepared every day – dealing with any issues before they even get to the classroom, to ensure that lessons are free from distractions.

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 via our communications app about their child's timetable, behaviour and rewards.



Find out more about joining Westfield School



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