



WESTHOLME SCHOOL



“Westholme is like my family. It gives me the confidence for me to be me.”



“ Westholme is a happy and open community where every boy and girl is valued for his or her talents and personal qualities. ”

WELCOME TO WESTHOLME

It is incredibly difficult to put into a few words what defines a school. What makes it special? Why do children thrive there? How does it shape them? What does it give them that other schools cannot?

And yet, these questions are the ones which really need answers. After all, what could be more important than your child's happiness, success and self-esteem?

This short booklet aims to give you a feel of Westholme and the opportunities we provide at our School.

Yet the best way to get a sense of how our family can meet the needs of yours is to come to meet us – any day, at any time, to suit you.



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“The personal development,
behaviour and welfare of
children is outstanding”

ISI Inspection, April 2016
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CHILDREN COME FIRST

Here at Westholme, this is our Mission Statement.

Mission Statement sounds very formal and yet really, it is simply how we approach everything we do. From recruiting the very finest teachers with true passion for their subjects, through to the high calibre facilities we work within, everything is focused on our students.

We provide an environment in which each child blooms, in every sense.





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“ We encourage a positive attitude to study and provide an extensive curriculum for our students. ”
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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE MATTERS

We do not shy away from this fact: academic success is important to us at Westholme.

This is not to say that every student is set on a path to Oxbridge, although some are! What it means is that each child has potential within and it is our job to maximise this at an individual level. From Nursery through to Sixth Form and at every stage in between, our students are gently but firmly pushed to their limits and beyond. Ultimately this means taking public examinations and we are justifiably proud of our students' GCSE and A Level results, year after year. Details of these can easily be found on our website, along with a wealth of other information.

School is the preparation for work and life beyond. We value and hone those skills which will be vital to the next generation: hard work, resilience, challenge, self discipline and a sense of competitiveness where necessary!

The by-product of this approach is a fine set of examination results.







CARING AND SHARING

We know from years of experience of nurturing all different kinds of children, that children do best when they are happy.

Every boy and girl needs to feel treasured, appreciated and cared for. We do this in many ways at Westholme and pastoral care tops the list of our priorities. This encompasses everything from the teachers, assistants, caretakers and catering ladies who all take the time to get to know your child, through to the School Nurse who is on hand all day, to the Senior Pastoral Head who oversees process and systems to ensure every student is heard and seen. As a community, we take care of each other, kindness is commonplace and tolerance across different beliefs, faiths and backgrounds is actively encouraged.

The result is a warm and friendly atmosphere which is tangible across every area of Westholme life.







“ Our professional theatre provides our students with a perfect backdrop for creative expression.”

FEEDING THE SOUL

There is so much more to life than sitting at a desk and at Westholme, we know that nurturing creativity and bringing out different talents is vital to a well-rounded child.

Our impressive, full-sized theatre is the creative heart of the School, where children even from Infants can be found singing, dancing, speaking or acting. We evoke a strong sense of self-confidence by channelling the creative energies our children possess. Once you have performed in front of 550 people, there is no mountain too high!

Music, drama, public speaking and all the creative arts are highly valued here and the staff put in many hours to ensure that the children have a diverse choice of interests to pursue. Those students who are not so keen on the limelight may find their niche in costume and make up, back stage and props, lighting or sound, playing in the orchestra or simply joining in with the choir at the back! At Westholme, there is a place for everyone and the act of joining in is as valued as the star performance.

The fact that over a third of all our pupils learn a musical instrument and over 100 pupils regularly travel together on our international choir tours, speaks volumes about our creative spirit.







MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO

Our motto is, "A healthy mind in a healthy body."

Sport and exercise provide the stimulus for our children in so many ways. Whether it is street dance at Juniors and funky fitness at Infants, martial arts and swimming or topping the league tables in netball, football or fell running, there is literally a sport for everyone. We value all that sport teaches us; teamwork, fairness, the ability to accept defeat gracefully and the sheer joy of winning. Specialist coaches support an exceptionally talented and dedicated staff sports' team and the result is high performance and diverse sporting achievement.

Our facilities enhance this brilliantly, with acres of green fields in our rural setting, the full-sized swimming pool, rugby and football pitches and impressive astro turf surfaces.

Go for Gold!





CLUBS AND CONNECTIONS

After a terrific lunch (the food is a major highlight of the day for Westholme children!) there are too many choices to make. It is the same after school. The day is not long enough!

Will it be Engineering Club to make a trebuchet? Will it be catching up on a few rugby tactics? Trying out for the fell running team? Learning to cook with the Sixth Form? There's a new water polo club, what about that? These clubs and co curricular choices provide a wonderful opportunity to not only learn new skills and discover talents, but also a chance to make new friends from different classes and years. At Westholme, the younger children respect the older role models, and the more mature students take great care of those younger.

We see this through the House system and on the coaches too; everyone supports each other and keeps an eye out for one another.

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“ Experiences as wide and varied as possible are a corner stone of the Westholme ethos. As such, our co curricular programme is rich and extensive. ”
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“ Our trips are planned
to support learning and
instil confidence. ”
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BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES

Learning happens everywhere and the journeys, trips and voyages undertaken by Westholme students would put a seasoned traveller to shame.

Local visits to parks, rivers, factories and castles are interspersed with globetrotting for our eldest students to far flung destinations such as Borneo, Ecuador and Tanzania! Again, our dedicated staff team go the extra mile, literally, to ensure that Westholme students have as many opportunities as possible. These voyages support our teaching and stimulate personal development; they build confidence and expand horizons.

And isn't that what learning is really all about?

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LINKS AND LIKES

Westholme is a true community. It is a family. And a very large one at that!

Extensive connections with our alumni, local businesses, parents, universities and the wider community mean that our students are supported in all kinds of ways. Past pupils are only too happy to share the benefit of their career paths with current students and offer guidance and work experience. Parents and local businesses regularly attend our Careers Convention to showcase a variety of work options for the future. Universities flock to our Further Education Fair. We do all we can to keep strong connections for the benefit of our students and their families. With extensive use of social media, the world is entirely within reach.

Friendship and bonds made here are never broken and we see from our reunions how deeply the Westholme experience is valued, often many years on.





VISIT

We hope this booklet has given you an insight to life at Westholme. Our website www.westholmeschool.com contains a wealth of information about our school which is updated daily to give you a more in depth flavour of our school.

To arrange a visit please contact 01254 506070.
We have regular open days throughout the year but our door is always open.



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