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Parkside Academy



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Parkside Academy
An Outstanding School



About the school

Parkside Academy is a highly successful 11 – 16 Academy with around 750 students. Most of our students come from Willington and Crook and the surrounding villages, with about 60% arriving by school bus. A higher than average number of our students stay in education beyond 16 and study at a number of sixth forms and colleges in the Durham and Bishop Auckland areas.

The ability range of our students is broadly average but with some year groups significantly below. In Key Stage 4 we expect every child to achieve their best and all our students study a challenging curriculum. There are opportunities to study academic subjects, such as separate sciences, as well as vocational subjects such as Leisure and Tourism, Sports Studies etc. We aim to build a personalised curriculum for every child.

The 2016 results were outstanding with the school achieving a Progress 8 score of 0.34. In 2017 the school was number one school in the County for Progress 8 achieving 0.37.

Our most recent Ofsted inspection (March 2011) rated us as "Outstanding".

We encourage students to embrace opportunity and have a full programme of after school and holiday activities. We even provide a free 'Activities Bus' which leaves school when clubs end on some evenings.

Recently we have constructed a new drama studio, dance studio and re-equipped our fitness room. Alongside a full refurbishment of the school science block.

We hold the NACE "Challenge" award reflecting our excellent provision for gifted and talented students and are one of the few secondary schools in the country to hold the UNICEF "Rights Respecting School" Award. In addition, we are a National Support School and a member of the Leading Edge group of high performing schools. The school has extensive grounds and playing fields on three levels, the lowest of which borders the River Wear. Other sports facilities include a sports hall, gym (with climbing wall), dance studio, fitness room and a 3G floodlit all-weather football pitch.

We have an excellent staff, with a proven track record and we make every effort to retain our quality staff by ensuring internal advancement opportunities are available. All teaching and support staff enjoy challenging and innovative C. P. D. ranging from participating or delivering internal workshops to attending PiXL training, following National College or SSAT development courses to undertaking Masters modules through our links with Newcastle University. All staff in Parkside are fully supportive of the ethos of the school.



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RESULTS

Key Stage 4 Results (2016)

Progress 8 +0.34

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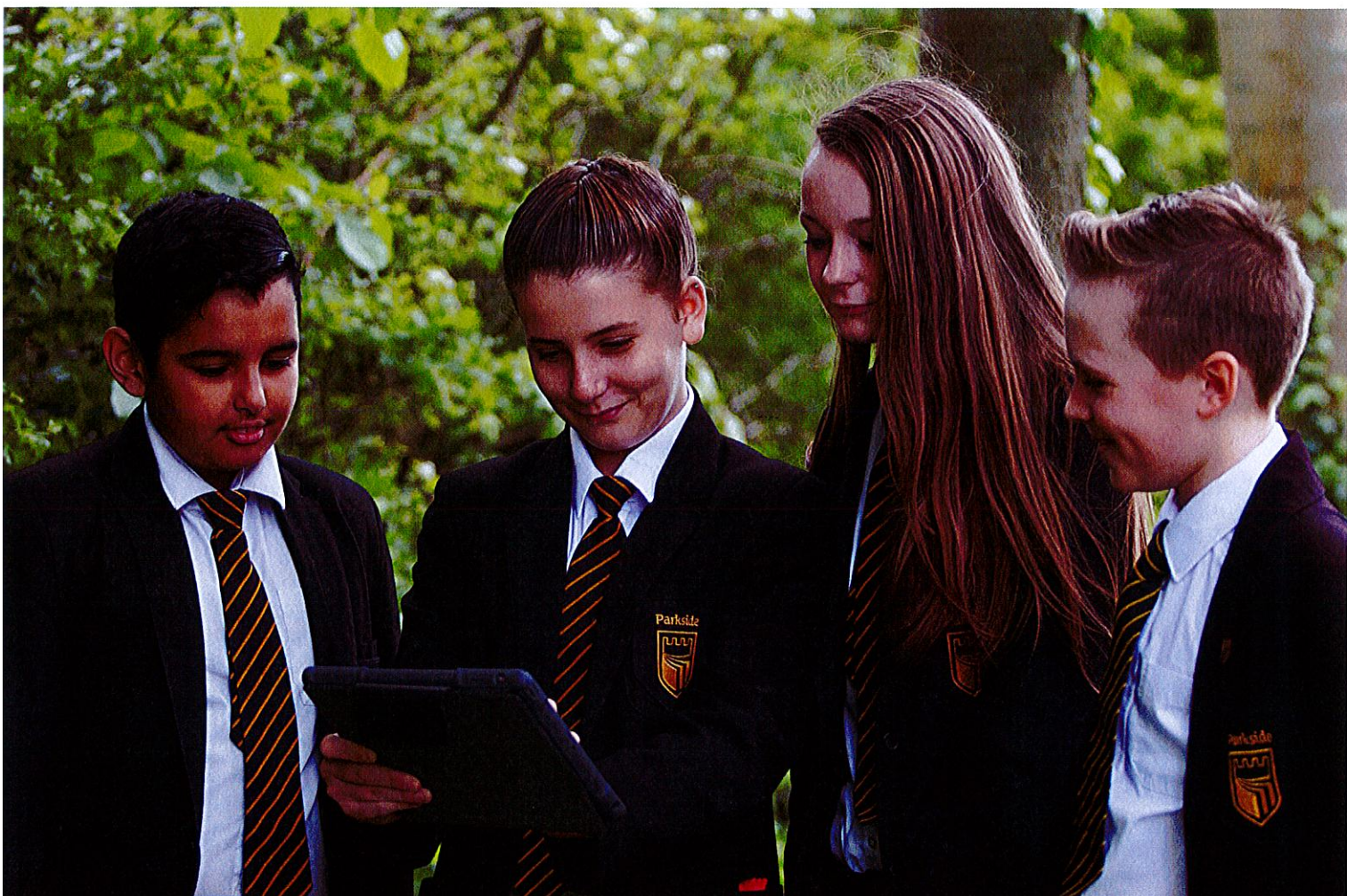
Results 2017

Attainment 8 Score	48.59
Achieved a standard pass in English and Maths	67% (9-4)
Achieved a strong pass in English and Maths	47% (9-5)
Achieved the English Baccalaureate	20%
September 2017 guarantee	100%



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Advance Learning Partnership

Advance Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust (MAT) was established after Parkside Academy converted from its single Academy Trust status to a MAT. Parkside Academy is the lead school in the MAT. We are an approved Academy Sponsor specialising in supporting and transforming schools by allowing them to benefit from the challenge and expertise that Parkside can provide.

The Advance Learning Partnership MAT has an understanding of the local North East community and believes that fostering local collaboration through a common ethos of challenge and improvement will allow all schools who join the MAT to retain their distinct identity whilst benefitting from sharing outstanding practice and robust support, ensuring rapid and sustained school improvement and enhanced life chances for every pupil in the MAT.

The “ALP ethos” is underpinned by common values – a traditional approach to behaviour management, innovative curriculum design and excellence in teaching to deliver best possible outcomes. At the heart of the Trust’s work is a concentration on delivering high academic standards, a focus on developing resilience and a thirst for learning among both pupils and staff to support our aspirations and an unsurpassed drive for outstanding outcomes.

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Parkside Academy is located in the village of Willington at the entrance to Weardale. The village is 15 minutes from the centre of Durham (from which there are mainline East Coast trains every 30 minutes), 15 minutes from the A1M and 40 minutes to both Newcastle and Gateshead Metrocentre. Newcastle Airport is 45 minutes away.

A relocation package may be available for the successful candidate.

The coast is 35 minutes to the east and the high Pennines are 35 minutes to the west. The Lake District, Northumberland and the Yorkshire Dales can all be reached within 1 hour.

The market town Bishop Auckland is 10 minutes away and has both a Sainsbury's and Tesco Superstore and is the location for Kynren situated below Auckland Castle.

There are 4 primary schools in the village, 3 are judged good and 1 outstanding.

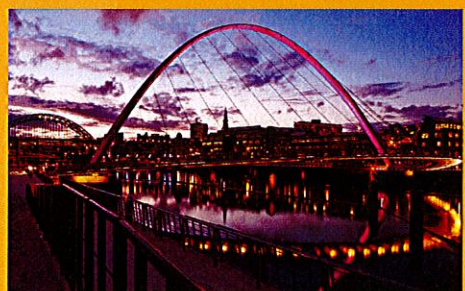
House prices compare very favourably to many other areas in the country.

Useful Links

www.thisisdurham.com

www.thisisdurham.com/inspire-me/kynren

www.aucklandcastle.org



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