

Lodge Park Academy

Prospectus



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Welcome from David Ross, our Sponsor

I am delighted that you have decided to learn more about what an education at the David Ross Education Trust might mean for your child, and for you as parents or carers.

A David Ross Education Trust education is compellingly different. As a leading multi-academy trust, we are committed to giving every child attending one of our schools a world-class education. An education that creates academically gifted, confident, well-rounded young people in the classroom, in the workplace and in their communities.

We pride ourselves on our academic rigour, driven by talented, dedicated and inspiring teachers who help our students fulfil their true potential. We believe in opening our students' eyes to the world around them. We do this through the only academy-wide enrichment programme of its kind within the state education sector. A programme that gives our students access to the kinds of life-changing experiences normally only available at fee-paying schools.

Our promise to your child is clear; we will help them become their confident, academic best. In return, we ask every parent or carer for their support in making sure their child embraces their David Ross Education Trust experience to the full at Lodge Park Academy.

Should you decide that the David Ross Education Trust is the right choice for your child, you can expect them to receive a world-class education.



Academic rigour

At the heart of any successful education is a commitment to exceptional academic achievement. We will always encourage and push your child to achieve the very highest levels they can.

We will find ways to inspire your child to be intellectually curious, interested in the broader community and world in which they live, and keen to absorb and embrace knowledge at every opportunity. We want you to be engaged in their development, from attending school events, to providing your feedback to teachers about your child's progress.

Discipline is an important value at our schools. We expect your child to turn up on time and be polite and well presented – and we expect your support in adhering to these standards.

An all-round education

We hope your child will not only be joining us for their classroom experiences. At the David Ross Education Trust, we have a host of co-curricular enrichment opportunities for your child.

Whether it is debating, drama, music, sport, art or outward-bound pursuits we want to support every child in developing the confidence and skills that will stay with them for life. For parents or carers, sometimes this means a late pick up or a weekend commitment; a small ask in return for giving your child access to life-changing experiences.

We hope at the end of their education we have developed intelligent, socially self-confident young people, well equipped for further education and the workplace – and keen to contribute to the community in which they live.

We want them to be aware of the challenges of 21st-century life – and sensitive also to the challenges of others.

I very much hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and that we get the chance to meet you at a Trust open day. A David Ross Education Trust education isn't to be drifted into; it's about embracing the opportunities and the challenges it presents, and helping prepare your child for an exciting future.

Welcome

At Lodge Park Academy, part of the David Ross Education Trust, we are committed to giving every student attending our school a world-class education.

Delivering academic excellence, embracing the value of enrichment and investing in community citizenship are at the heart of who we are and what we do as one of our Trust's schools.

As you will read over the following pages, we achieve this through our school's unique culture.

Welcoming young people from Year 7 through to Year 13, we are proud to be at the centre of our local community.

Central to our school is its pastoral system, which encourages our students to be resilient and confident learners. We also offer a caring and supportive environment, which includes a designated transition co-ordinator who is on hand to provide support for Year 7 students during their first year at Lodge Park Academy.

More of our students than ever before are now heading to some of the country's top universities, opening up a wealth of new possibilities and helping to raise aspirations and shape characters.

Stronger grades, self-confidence and outstanding life experiences gained through our enrichment programme are all hallmarks of a Lodge Park Academy education.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Meena Wood
Executive Principal

Our family of schools

Is your child already at a David Ross Education Trust school?

A David Ross Education Trust school creates a rich and exciting learning environment that inspires students to become their confident, academic best.

Bringhurst Primary School and Rockingham Primary School are two schools that are also part of our Trust, ensuring that pupils are able to continue their exciting academic journey at Lodge Park Academy.

- **Academic Excellence**
- **Outstanding Opportunities**
- **Strong Community**



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Academic Excellence

Exceptional standards

We are an unashamedly academic school, in the broadest sense of the word. Everything we do provides the opportunity for our students to prepare, participate and excel in the classroom.

Lodge Park Academy is committed to the highest of academic standards. At the heart of this is the vision of our sponsor, the David Ross Education Trust, bringing together the best that the independent sector offers, with the best that the state education sector provides.

We take an individual interest in our students and take our responsibility for their welfare very seriously, monitoring their progress throughout the year and working closely with parents and carers to achieve the very best outcomes for every individual.

Our commitment to our students:

A Lodge Park Academy education nurtures academically gifted, confident, well-rounded young people in the classroom, in the workplace and in their communities.

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"Our students are ambitious, hard-working and committed to developing the skills they need for the future."

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Outstanding Opportunities

We believe every child should have the opportunity to create, compose and perform, as well as to visit and participate in extraordinary work.

As a David Ross Education Trust school, we provide an array of valuable enrichment opportunities that help our students discover their talents, and are amongst the very best that can be found in both the state and independent education sectors.

With the support of inspirational partner organisations and the benefactors of our scholarship programmes, our students have trained with Olympians, been inspired by artists and visited parts of the world they may never have imagined possible.

Personal development

Supporting our students to become confident, well-rounded young people is a hallmark of a Trust education.

Across the Trust we have embedded leadership programmes and extensive Outward Bound experiences for our primary and secondary school students.

These range from ecological conservation projects on the Caribbean islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines, to a three-week residential in the Canadian wilderness, as well as many other UK-based opportunities.

Our academies also encourage students to become critical thinkers and form strong opinions about topical issues. Across every school community we operate Student Councils, which encourage students to help set the expectations and behaviour standards that their peers follow.

From participating in The Economist's Burnet News Club to taking part in debating competitions, our students are actively aware of the world around them and the role they have to play in society.

Lodge Park Academy is proud to have a growing Combined Cadet Force unit, encouraging young people to see the value of self-discipline and self-respect.

Through the generous support of benefactors, including Mr Crispin Odey and the Stuart Horne Bursary, our scholarship programmes also enable the Trust to support every child to develop their talents, wherever they may lie.



The Arts

Creativity and inspiration are at the heart of our curriculum. Our students have access to activities such as opera and ballet performances, musical competitions, artist masterclasses and meetings with poets and authors.

Every child will have the chance to make their mark through Trust-wide art competitions, allowing imaginative students to submit entries across a number of different categories such as art, design, photography and short stories.

Our school has enjoyed visits from internationally acclaimed British artists including Marc Quinn, David Dawson and Jonathan Yeo as well as trips to the Saatchi Gallery, Tate Britain Gallery and Jonathan Yeo's London studio.

Music

Music is an integral part of life at Lodge Park Academy. The principles of high-quality music-making: listening, adapting, exploring, persevering, problem-solving, thinking laterally and performing without fear, are seen in every student and every teacher.

From working alongside acclaimed musicians, to performing at prestigious David Ross Education Trust music events, every student is provided with outstanding platforms to build their confidence and grow their musical talents.

The Trust provides incredible pathways for our talented musicians to participate and excel in aspirational music-making. Key partnerships with renowned organisations have provided outstanding opportunities for our students to help inspire and raise aspiration.

Sport

The importance of sport at our school encompasses more than just the benefits of physical activity. It increases self-esteem, highlights the importance of teamwork and engages and motivates young people.

Whether it is competing locally against other schools, or at high-profile David Ross Education Trust sports tournaments in front of sporting royalty like Sir Steve Redgrave and Rebecca Adlington, our students consistently show what sport means to them.

Competing in high-quality fixtures, sports tours in Europe, funded trips to major tournaments, bursaries and scholarships, all form part of the outstanding sporting provision at Lodge Park Academy.

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Strong Community

We encourage our students to be outstanding community citizens.

Community citizenship is promoted through our local, national and international links. Every student is encouraged to take part in community challenges in order to help give back to their local community, to value our local neighbourhoods and to learn to empathise with others.

Every student that joins us will become a member of a house – Ashworth, Brady, Dickson, Hamilton, Parker or Rumbelow.

Being part of a strong house system allows our students to receive extensive support from both staff and peers.

Tutor time also delivers age appropriate information and guidance through an effective programme designed for each academic year group.

Parents or Carers

Choosing the right secondary school for a child is one of the most important decisions that a parent or carer will make.

At Lodge Park Academy we ensure that every child progresses academically but also develops values and skills to equip them for success throughout life.

By building strong partnerships with parents and carers we can work together to ensure that young people succeed.

Parents and carers rightly have high expectations of their child's school, but equally important is their role in ensuring that their child succeeds in their education.

Parents and carers can expect the school to:

- Provide outstanding quality teaching.
- Provide an effective learning environment for all students.
- Give structured pastoral support to students throughout their time at the school.
- Enable students to broaden their horizons through the provision of excellent opportunities.
- Respond promptly to expressions of concern or complaints.
- Set and mark homework.

The school expects parents and carers to ensure that their child:

- Has an excellent record in terms of attendance and punctuality.
- Arrives at the school each day ready to learn, with all of the necessary equipment and in full school uniform.
- Completes all homework to the best of their ability and reads books at home every day.
- Participates in a wide range of cultural experiences and exciting enrichment opportunities.
- Has a learning environment at home that encourages enquiry and discovery.
- Promotes the school's values, such as caring for each other, respecting their learning environment and trying their best.
- Follows the school's expectations, systems and routines.

We have forged close links with all of the primary schools in our area, sharing best practice and ways of working to build stronger communities.

As you would expect, we have close ties with the Trust's local primary schools, Brighthurst Primary School and Rockingham Primary School.

We are proud to be able to continue our students' world-class education at Lodge Park Academy as well as introducing new pupils from other primaries to our school's winning culture.





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Sixth Form

Our community is our strength. At Lodge Park Academy, we offer a wide range of A level courses that meet the interests and needs of our students.

Our Sixth Form offers students:

Independence

To promote self-reliance and autonomy. We encourage each Sixth Form student to become self-disciplined and resilient in learning.

Partnership

To embrace a sense of community and become active participants in school and community life, we encourage students to take on responsibilities such as becoming prefects or heads of house. Our priority is to ensure all students have the opportunity to engage in varied activities to strengthen employability and leadership skills.

Opportunities

From interviews with local employers and unique work placements, to sports scholarships and bursaries, we offer unrivalled opportunities and experiences for our students. Our enrichment programme is unlike any other in the sector, allowing young people to explore their passions and discover their talents.

Commitment

We closely monitor students' academic progress, setting high aspirations for every student to realise their potential and strive to be successful.

Pastoral Support

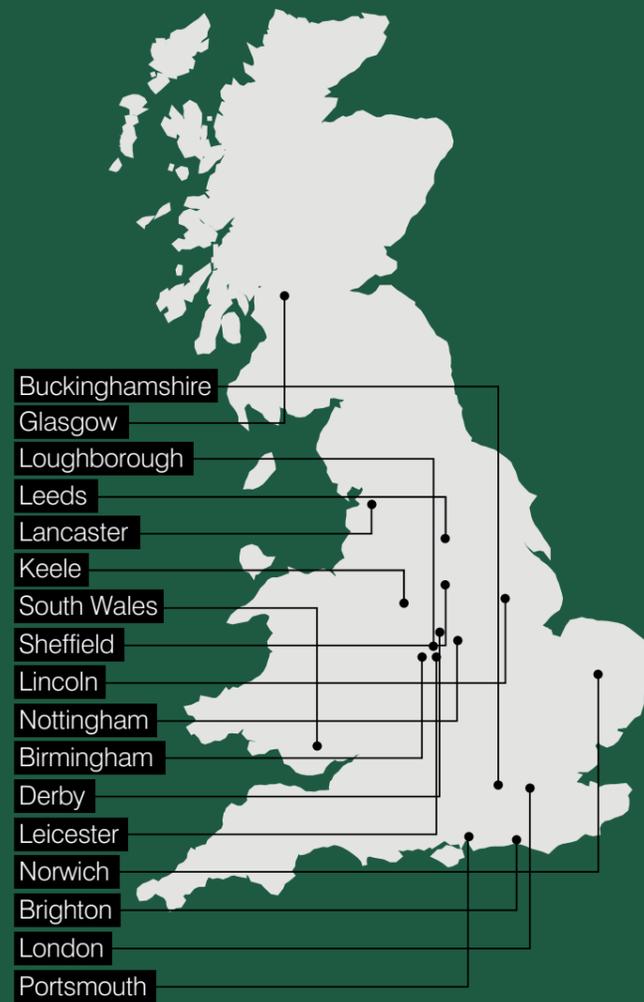
Strong pastoral support is central to our Sixth Form community. Taking responsibility for learning is the key to success in the Sixth Form and this is best achieved where students feel supported by those around them.

As well as supporting students to achieve their academic ambitions, our Sixth Form team are dedicated to preparing young people for the next stage in their lives, for university, the workplace and beyond.

Throughout their time with us, students will receive personalised advice and support with UCAS applications, CV writing and personal development opportunities to build confidence and life skills.



Lodge Park Academy University Destinations



Here are just some of the degree courses our students have studied:

Course	Destination
Mathematics	University of Glasgow
American Studies and History	Keele University
Criminology with Psychology	De Montfort University
International Business	De Montfort University
Management with International Business	Royal Holloway, University of London
Biomedical Sciences	Nottingham Trent University
History and English	Loughborough University
Politics	University of Leicester
Law	De Montfort University
Biochemistry	University of Nottingham
Law and Criminal Justice LLB	De Montfort University
Film and Screen Studies	University of Brighton
Photography	University of South Wales
English Literature and Language	University of Portsmouth
Sport Psychology	Leeds Trinity University
Religious Studies and Sociology	Lancaster University
Drama, Performance and Theatre Studies	University of Roehampton
Multi-Media Sports Journalism	Buckinghamshire New University
Fashion Management and Communication	Sheffield Hallam University
Education Studies	De Montfort University
Dietetics	Leeds Beckett University
Sports Therapy	University of Birmingham
Events Management	Leeds Beckett University



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