

Westbourne School

Educating your child for life



Why Choose Westbourne School

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Here is what makes Westbourne School stand out so that our children can thrive and grow, each in their own way.



Academic excellence - we offer a first class education

We offer a first-class education for children from Reception through to GCSEs. Our curriculum includes 17 GCSE subject options for every child as they approach the end of Year 9. We tailor the timetable and staff provision according to pupils' choices and know of no other school that offers such an individualised approach to learning and academic progress. Our GCSE results show value added for pupils of all ability levels:

- Westbourne's Year 11 class of 2022 achieved our best ever GCSE results
- a record 36% were at level 8 or 9 (A*)
- 91% passed 5 or more GCSEs grade 4 (C)
- 78% gained at least one grade 7 (A)

Unrivalled small class sizes - we develop each child's potential

The single biggest contributory factor to achievement at Westbourne is our unrivalled staff-to-pupil ratio (average 14.6 across the school) thanks to our small class sizes. This enables individualised learning, where teachers are able to develop each child's potential through tailored academic learning and pastoral care.

We stretch our High Attaining Pupils (HAPS) by having sets in all core subjects and regular extra lessons, activities and outings to advance their learning in specific core subjects. We have strong Learning Support and Special Educational Needs (SEN) teams that support pupils who need extra help.



Enrichment - we encourage pupils to find their passions

A vibrant extra-curricular enrichment programme focuses on culture and pupils' wellbeing. It includes workshops, activities, trips abroad and special events for modern foreign languages, art, music, skiing, sport and adventure.

These showcase creativity in music and the arts and prowess in sport. Opportunity for everyone is at the heart of our approach, including tailored visits opportunities for our HAPs (High Attaining Pupils) to help them excel in and outside of the classroom.

Growth and expansion - we're here to stay

Westbourne's story is one of year-on-year growth. Careful fiscal control has ensured a robust model and a bright future for your children.

In just over five years, we have a new Senior School hall and Garden Studio. We have bought and refurbished Westbourne Place, to create six new Senior School classrooms and two departments in food technology and drama. We are now investing in a major whole-school development comprising a new hall, gymnasium and three classrooms to replace the existing hall.

Our inclusive approach - we offer opportunity

We have a 30-year track record of co-education and are the only non-selective, co-educational independent school in Sheffield.

We offer scholarships to children from diverse backgrounds in academic, sport, music, performing arts and drama. Children are not selected on academic ability yet we still enjoy a proven tradition of excellence in education. We are culturally diverse and non-denominational with over 23 different languages. Inclusivity and diversity are played out in all areas of school life – academically, on the playing field and in all areas of curricular and extra-curricular activity.



The Westbourne Family - we care about each child

When you join Westbourne, you join a family. We are big enough to cater for diverse interests and abilities, yet we are small enough to care for each child.

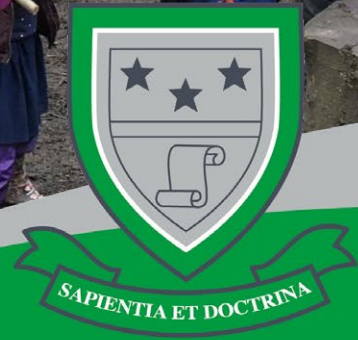
We have a host of loyal supporters including parents, grandparents and alumni who give specialist talks and visits as well as a vibrant staff and parent choir. It's a place where your child can express their ideas, be creative and follow their passions in a happy environment, in and outside the classroom.



A real-world experience - we're well-connected to the city

We forge strong relationships with the City of Sheffield, its leading universities, teaching hospitals and facilities.

We use top sporting venues where all our children have the chance to play their part, including the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Ice Sheffield, Goodwin Sports Centre, Sheffield Hallam University and Ponds Forge. We hold music and theatre performances at iconic, city-centre venues. We invite doctors, scientists, business owners and university speakers to share their expertise at guest events. Pupils are also expected to gain valuable work experience in the city to help them on their way into the world of work.



Our outdoor approach - we recognise the power of nature for wellbeing

We make the most of our location in leafy Broomhill to provide a range of innovative outdoor learning initiatives.

These include Forest School in The Dell, a historic site which has been awarded the Wildlife Trust's Wild School Award in recognition of our approach to curricular outdoor learning and play. Pupils enchant audiences with music and drama performances in our outdoor theatre; our new Garden Studio is used for learning outdoors and we have an outside learning classroom for Food Technology. Similarly, we make use of the Peak District with regular trips, activities and challenges such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



And finally... because Westbourne pupils love Westbourne!

Senior and Junior School pupils consistently tell us in our national school surveys that they love life at Westbourne. Why does this matter? Because we know that happy children make better learners. Families travel from across Sheffield and the Peak District so that their children can be part of something special at Westbourne School.