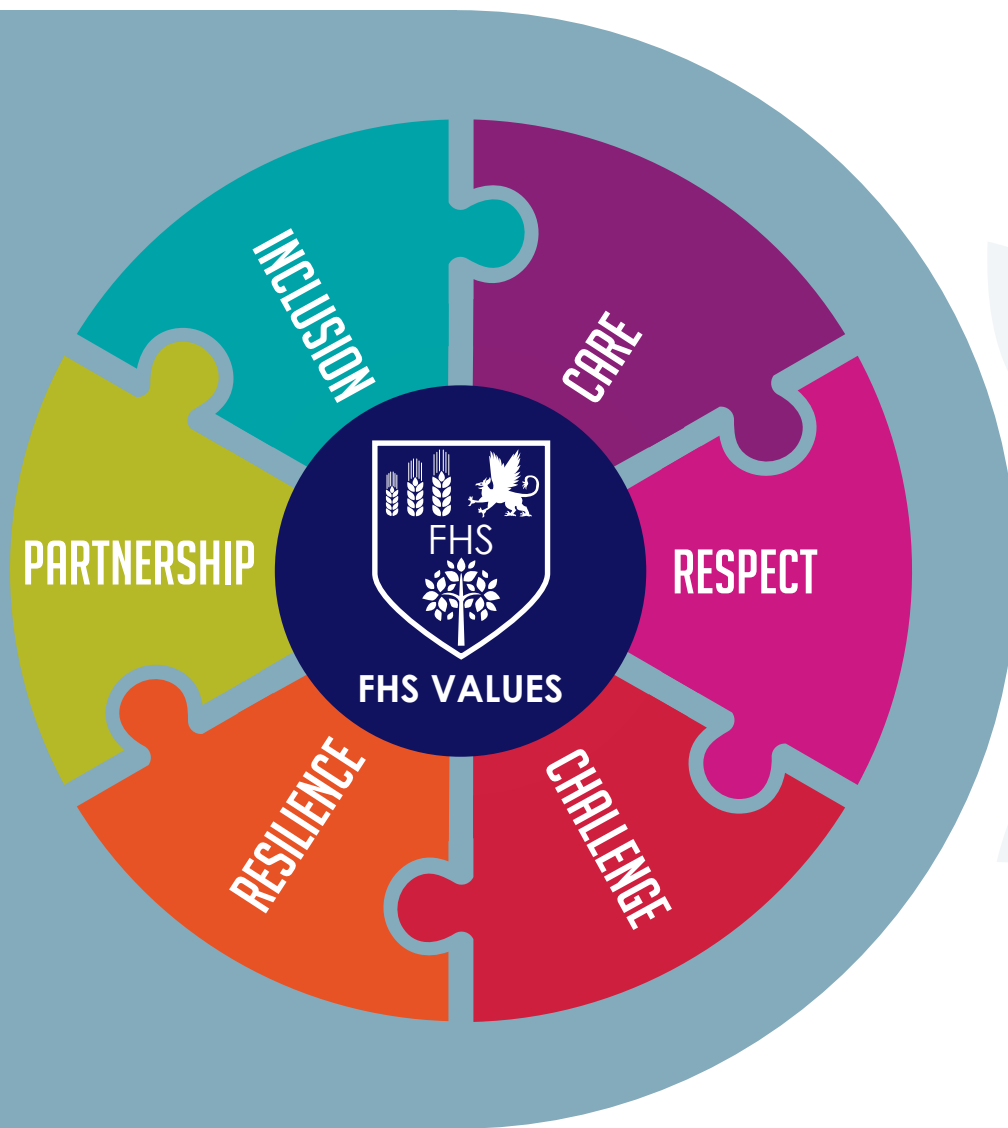




Prospectus

FEATHERSTONE HIGH SCHOOL



Our Values Matter



We are caring
We are respectful
We challenge ourselves
We are resilient
We work in partnership
We are inclusive

Welcome

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Featherstone High School is a warm and hardworking community striving for excellence in all we do. We want children to leave school having maximised their academic progress but also to really enjoy their time with us and to leave with fond memories. We want them to leave full of self-esteem and confident in themselves and their own abilities. We also want them to be equipped to follow their dreams, ambitions and passions. We are proud of our success. Whatever the criteria: academic, social and personal, creative or sporting, this is an exceptional school.

Our school motto "Together We Achieve" emphasises the importance of partnership in our success. We know that we are working in partnership with the families of the children we are working with, and we ensure that parents are kept fully informed of students' progress and achievement to facilitate this crucial relationship.

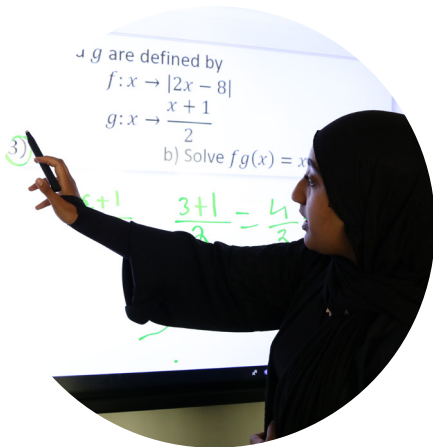
Year on year, our students achieve excellent GCSE results, and we are regularly placed in the top 5% of schools in the country for the progress they make. Featherstone Sixth Form students also make excellent progress here. This exceptional performance has allowed increasing numbers of students to secure places at university for medicine and dentistry as well as going on to attend some of the top universities in the country including the Russell Group and Oxford and Cambridge.

Featherstone High School is one of a small number of schools nationally to have been approved by the DfE as a 'Sponsor'. This special status means we are able to access government grants to provide support to other schools. We have established the Grand Union Multi-Academy Trust - a collaboration of local schools committed to sharing good practice and raising standards.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.



Mr Nathan Walters, Headteacher



"We have high aspirations for all our students and encourage them to follow their dreams and achieve their goals."

TEACHING & LEARNING

We are very focused on delivering high quality lessons that support strong academic achievement. We aim to give students a rich and rewarding education, filled with exciting and unique possibilities.

Here at Featherstone, we employ inspirational teachers who are motivated and passionate about their subjects. Students, irrespective of ability, are stretched and supported and their achievements are celebrated and rewarded.

ENGLISH & MATHS

We have a very strong focus on literacy and numeracy and achieve very high levels of success in English and Maths. We have a passion for establishing a love of reading via our English lessons and our well stocked and well utilised libraries and our reading room. In Maths we are focused on teaching a mastery of conceptual understanding.



SCIENCE

The sciences are very popular at Featherstone High School and enjoy high take-up rates. We offer the individual sciences at GCSE and progression onto A Levels and university courses is high.

Teachers are always ready to provide information, advice and guidance so that students can progress further onto university courses such as medicine, dentistry and pharmacy.

Students have the opportunity to participate in our annual Science Week activities delivered by experts from institutions such as University College, London and The Royal Society.



FACILITIES

We have excellent facilities at Featherstone High School including fourteen science laboratories, three art rooms, three drama studios and two music rooms, one of which has a technical suite for composition and recording. We have two libraries providing resources and an attractive, supportive and stimulating learning environment to support teaching and learning and literacy.

Featherstone Sports Centre is an award-winning facility which offers a large five court sports hall, a thirty-eight station fitness suite and a floodlit astro-turf and MUGA. Dance students have the use of a beautiful purpose-built studio and we also have a professional 30 foot climbing wall for students of all abilities.



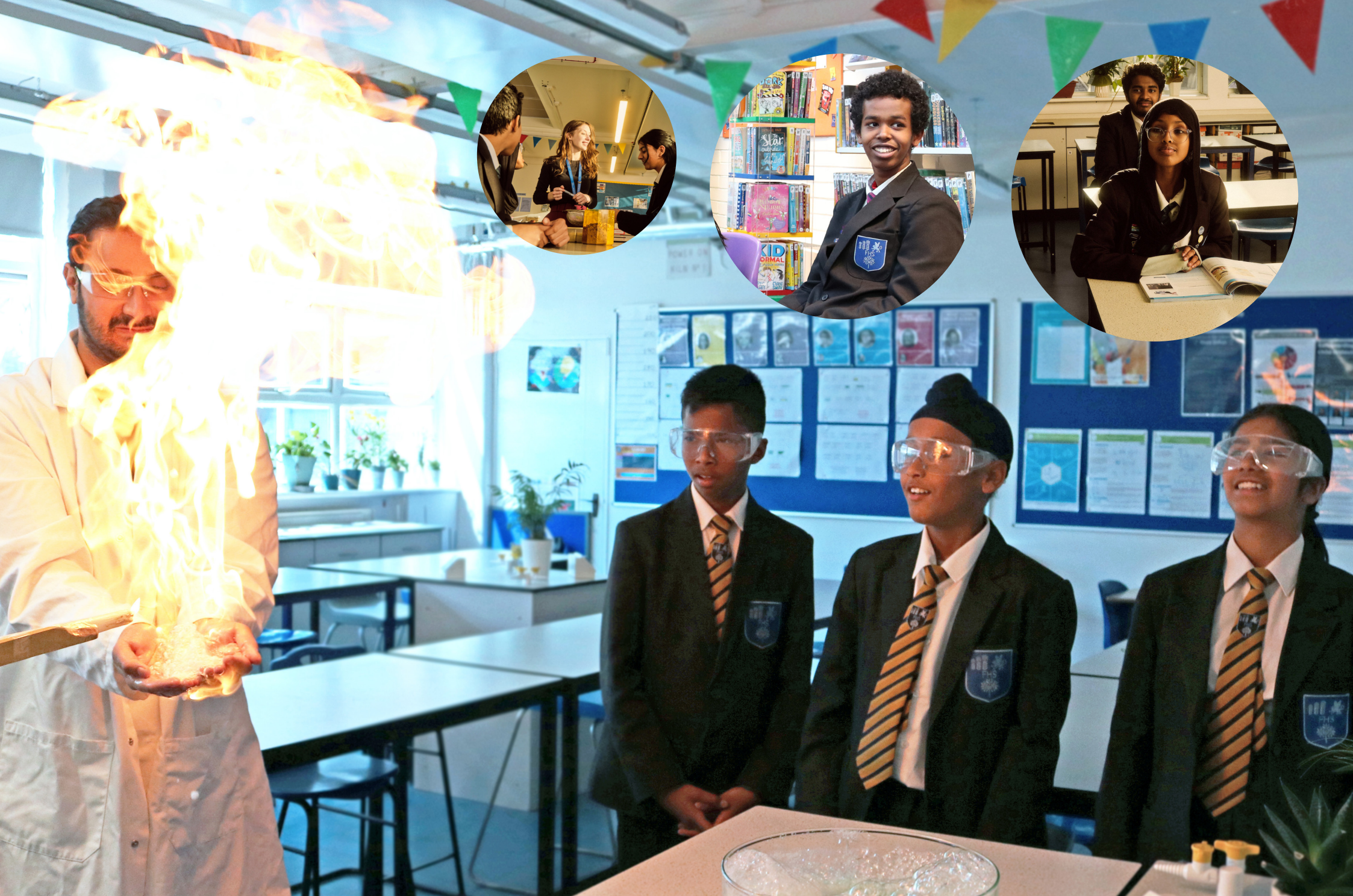
TECHNOLOGY

We have embraced the use of digital learning and communication in our teaching and learning. Every student has access to a laptop at school which enables easy communication with teachers and collaborative learning amongst peers.

We have five dedicated computer suites and a further six in the sixth form building, and every classroom has a touch screen interactive whiteboard. The Learning Resource Centre has 88 computers. Class sets of laptops are also available for lessons to aid learning. We have a rich online learning environment, full of lessons and resources, which students can access from home to study independently. Every Sixth Form student is issued with a chromebook to aid their learning.

We have highly effective online systems to support parents and carers in monitoring their child's progress and ease communication between home and school.





CARE

RESPECT

CHALLENGE

RESILIENCE

PARTNERSHIP

INCLUSION

SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Our aim is to know each child well in order to support and guide them so that they make good progress. We have a team dedicated to each year group and they are the primary provider of pastoral care and guidance.

We strongly believe that every student should be sufficiently challenged and supported to achieve their very best and their successes should be celebrated. Students with additional needs are identified early and placed in appropriate classes to support their needs. Where further support is required, they will receive this from a teaching assistant in class. There is also a team of learning mentors who support those with social issues that are affecting their learning or wellbeing.

Students receive careers guidance as they progress up the school through our extensive careers education programme, regular tutorials and access to independent and impartial advice.

We have robust safeguarding practices that keep our students safe. We take bullying very seriously here at Featherstone High School. All incidents will be investigated and appropriate measures taken. Staff will deal with bullying concerns sensitively and effectively.

SIXTH FORM

Featherstone Sixth Form has established an excellent reputation for academic excellence, offering a wide and broad curriculum of A Level and BTEC courses.

Students have access to a purpose built, separate building, dedicated to their studies. We have a specialist library for sixth formers for quiet study as well as a social space and cafe.

The Sixth Form provides an extensive enrichment programme allowing students to access university master classes and open days and work-related learning opportunities. Our students are also involved with community projects, supporting charities and peer mentoring schemes with the aim of providing a broad experience of many aspects of life. Featherstone Sixth Form gives young people the chance to develop as independent and responsible adults.

Our bespoke FHS Scholars programme supports students applying to Russell Group Universities (including Oxford and Cambridge) and securing competitive paid apprenticeships. Medicine and dentistry are a popular choice, and this programme can provide tailored support for students.

We have excellent progression outcomes, with over 90% of students moving on to higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

ENRICHMENT

The list of extra-curricular activities for students is extremely varied, from subject clubs and revision sessions to sports, music, drama and national schemes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We also run a very successful Young Enterprise programme teaching students how to set up and run their own, often award winning, businesses.

Our sports teams regularly compete in the borough finals in netball, basketball, football and cricket. Our students have represented the county in football and athletics.

We run exciting trips for our students within the UK and abroad to further widen their horizons. Throughout the year, we run events including; team-building, enterprise and sports days; subject based field trips; and enrichment/year group trips. We also hold annual events such as our Art Exhibition showcasing outstanding work, the Dance Festival, school productions and concerts celebrating Performing Arts.

A SENSE OF BELONGING

As well as being part of a year group, each student is placed into one of our six houses: Care, Respect, Challenge, Resilience, Partnership and Inclusion. Houses help students bond and work across year groups and cultivate a sense of belonging. Students have the opportunity to lead and represent their house in events and competitions throughout the year.

We have a strong Student Voice at Featherstone High School made up from representatives across the year groups who meet with Senior Leaders and help shape school life.

Together We Achieve







Contact us

If you want to find out more please phone the school or visit our website. You are more than welcome to visit the school at any time, please call us to make an appointment.

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