

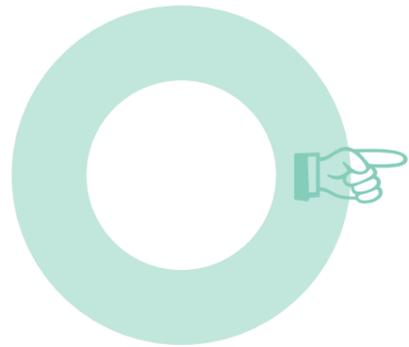


**Chesterfield
High School**

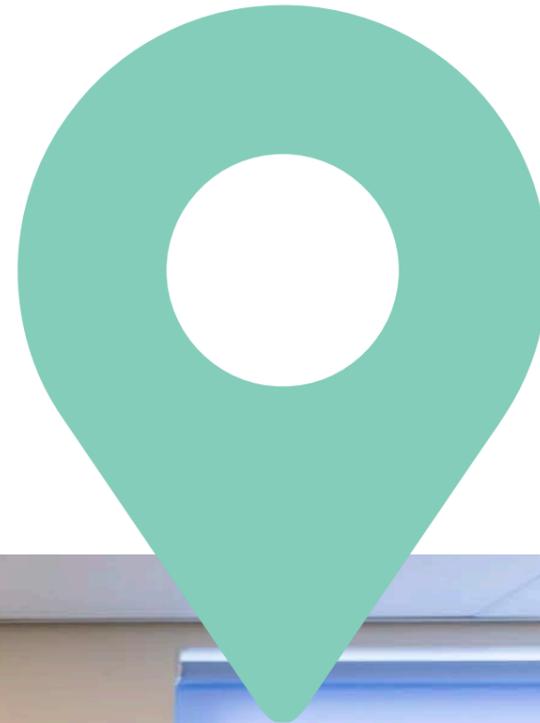
For everyone the best

School Prospectus





Leaders have transformed how the Curriculum is designed, all students benefit from an ambitious curriculum.



A place where **students come first**

Welcome to Chesterfield High School - a place where students come first and where achievement, progress, personal development and enrichment go hand in hand.

School years are amongst the most important in our lives, helping us to develop the knowledge, skills and characteristics we need to succeed.

At Chesterfield High School, we work tirelessly to give every child the very best start in life we can to create future global citizens

The school has an orderly and warm atmosphere. It is a happy, friendly school with high expectations and a clear focus on achievement.

Chesterfield pupils have consistently achieved fantastic GCSE results, significantly exceeding national averages and placing us amongst the top schools in Sefton, Merseyside and Nationally. The behaviour of our pupils is impeccable. We have high expectations of them at all times.

I am delighted to lead a team of exceptional staff, supported by committed governors and to be working in such an energetic environment - a place where the determination of our youngsters to succeed and the passion of our teachers to make a difference makes me proud to be principal.

Kevin Sexton



We are consistently a good school

In April 2023 we were awarded our third consecutive good judgement from Ofsted. Continuously achieving high results has been the outcome of this performance with high expectations being the bedrock of success.

The report is full of praise for the school, in particular highlighting the great progress students make from their starting point in Year 7, their excellent attitude to learning and their exemplary behaviour.

It also outlines the consistently high quality of teaching and the equal opportunities given to all students. You can download a full copy of the report at www.chesterfieldhigh.co.uk

Year on year our good judgment is consolidated with wonderful GCSE results which if they continue we achieve us the outstanding judgment the school deserves. We are oversubscribed. We have three times the applications for places available.



Teachers have strong knowledge of their subjects. This helps pupils to develop a rich body of knowledge. This helps teachers to design learning well for pupils.



Pupils are keen to live up to leaders the high expectations of their conduct. They behave well.

Our School

Chesterfield High School is a mixed comprehensive school for 11-19 year olds. Our 1400 students come to learn each day in a fantastic school with state-of-the-art facilities.

The School is a fun and inspirational space with bright decorated classrooms, which provide a stimulating and lively setting for learning. Our ICT facilities include an Apple Mac media suite, interactive whiteboards, iPads, Apple TV's.

We also boast a well-stocked library, specialist equipment in science and technology, professional level dance and drama studios and a fully fitted theatre, worthy of our fantastic performing arts productions. Our extensive sporting facilities include a sports hall, tennis and basketball courts and acres of playing fields, which have contributed to the many successes of our young sportsmen and sportswomen.

Student Body Representation

Our student representative body ensures that every student has their say on issues around the school. Our head boy and head girl, along with other elected students, represent the 'student voice' on important issues such as uniform, catering and even interviewing new teachers. Alongside the school council, we have 'team potential' - aspiring young leaders who help to recruit trainee teachers.

Rewards

We believe that a rewards culture promotes and encourages maximum achievement. Students who demonstrate effort, dedication and a commitment to their studies can earn reward through our club 100 system, which allow access to enrichment activities. School trips and our annual awards ceremonies also celebrate the successes and hard work of our students. Excellent attendance and behaviour is also routinely rewarded.

Teaching and Learning



Our expert and enthusiastic teachers bring learning to life by offering an inclusive, flexible and creative curriculum that includes a broad range of academic and vocational qualifications.

An exemplary assessment system, as well as individual support and encouragement, ensures that students frequently exceed challenging targets. Information and guidance are provided by a range of independent advisers, while intervention work tracks and mentors targeted students to help them achieve their potential.

Reading is core to pupils learning at Chesterfield. A dedicated reading programme ensures all students are able to access the full Curriculum. A well tailored intervention programme supports students to catch up and improve fluency.

Literacy & Numeracy

An important area of cross curricular work at Chesterfield High School is our whole school literacy and numeracy strategy - Locks and Keys. Developed by the school, our praised scheme ensures literacy and numeracy skills are embedded into every department and every lesson - not just maths and English. If you think that numeracy has nothing to do with art...think again!

Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC)

We are particularly proud of our SMSC provision which cuts across the whole curriculum. Social, moral, spiritual and cultural topics and issues are woven into all lessons, helping students to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the wider world by learning about the beliefs, cultures, difficulties and needs of other people.

We're a Holocaust Beacon School

Chesterfield has recently been named a Holocaust Education Beacon School through the Centre for Holocaust Education. This is the only institution in the world to combine research into classroom needs with programmes specifically designed to enable teachers to meet those needs and challenges related to Holocaust Education

Chesterfield is one of only 17 Beacon schools in England who are committed to enhancing the teaching and learning about the Holocaust.



Teachers use assessment strategies in classrooms skilfully to identify and address gaps in pupils knowledge.



Chesterfield High School offers students the chance to take part in an even wider range of activities firmly focused on preparation for university life. The programme includes a range of high quality enrichment activities designed to inspire, motivate and, most importantly, challenge children to achieve their very best. Our More Able and Talented work enables students to work at a higher cognitive level to develop and draw out the extra skills and knowledge needed to achieve grades at level 8/9.

The Programme takes learning to the next level, challenging children to push themselves further, questioning, analysing and researching at a level beyond what is expected of them at GCSE, helping to prepare them for academic life beyond school.

British Values

Other important cross-curricular work is the promotion of British values - democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. At the Academy students encounter these principles throughout everyday school life which are embedded into lessons and extra-curricular activities.

Achievement Through Partnership

The involvement of parents and carers in the education of children is widely recognised as one of the most beneficial ways to enhance success in school. Consequently, we welcome and encourage all aspects of communication between the school and parents and carers. We place great value on individual and regular contact. Our home/school agreement ensures that we achieve our targets in standards of work, behaviour and attendance. In addition, consultation evenings, email/text updates and termly reports keep you informed of your child's progress and welfare. Our Parent Carer Forum meets termly to give advice on the strategic development of the school.

Homework

We place great importance on the role that high quality, relevant homework plays in achievement. At Chesterfield High School, homework is seen as integral to learning and throughout the year, students are given carefully planned homework tasks that challenge them to work independently. All homework is on-line and can be monitored by parents so they are full aware of the independent study their child is completing.



Pupils irrespective of background, work hard, achieve well and strive to live up to the school motto "for everyone the best."

More Able and Talented

Working with **NACE**

Founded in 1983, NACE (National Association for Able Children in Education) is recognised nationally and internationally as the UK's leading independent education organisation in the field of education for able learners.

Through its valuable network of members, NACE provides high quality guidance, support and training, enabling teachers to attain the best from able learners in the everyday classroom, whilst enabling all learners to flourish and achieve.

NACE is concerned with supporting schools in getting the very best for their able children. The evidence is now strongly pointing towards the fact that if schools meet the needs of the more able it benefits all.





Being Proud

We pride ourselves on the attitude and behaviour of our students and it is a constant source of pride to receive unsolicited praise from the public and visitors on our students' exemplary conduct.

When people visit our school, they always tell us what a friendly and happy place it is. From the first day at school in Year 7 to the final goodbyes in Year 11 and Year 13, students are cared for as individuals and given every opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential.

From time to time, everyone needs a helping hand. We have a highly experienced pastoral team and support system that gives every student access to support, advice and guidance when they need it. From extra academic support, through to dealing with any worries or personal problems, we have the right people in place to help every child through difficult times.

We understand that for some students it's not always easy to go straight to a teacher for help, so we also have a 'peer support' system where students can confide in each other.

Transition From Primary School

Our warm and welcoming environment eases the transition from primary school, which we know can be a daunting prospect for some children. Our Summer School ensures that each new student has a friendly face to help them to feel safe and secure, and settle in quickly. There is also an early review meeting for parents in October so you can see first-hand how your child has adapted to life at the Chesterfield High School.

Chesterfield High School provides support for students with Special Educational Needs within a mainstream setting as outlined in the Special Education Needs Policy which can be viewed on our policy page.

This Special Needs Policy follows guidelines set by the Code of Practice from the DfE, in place since September 2014. This policy will be monitored and evaluated according to changes within the Code of Practice as and when they arise.

Our vision is to enable all our students to develop confident and independent learners in their time at Chesterfield High School in order to reach their full potential, whatever their ability and to be proud of their achievements at school and to be equipped to succeed in their lives in the future. All students at Chesterfield High School are included in the school vision "For Everyone the Best."



A wealth of enrichment opportunities enable pupils to become responsible and active citizens. Pupils appreciate the opportunities offered.



Summer camp **fun!**



Explorers

Providing enrichment opportunities for students is a strength of the school and something that we are extremely proud of. A variety of clubs and activities take place daily at lunchtimes and after school. Students have the opportunity to take part in a range of opportunities both on and off the school site with students having the opportunity to travel abroad on various excursions.

Our work abroad aims to widen the horizons of our students and encourage active citizenship. It also supplements the curriculum through academic fieldwork in other countries and encourages friendships across seas, allowing students to share and learn together.

Such opportunities take place on our annual visit to Spain where students not only practice their language skills but also get a taste of Spanish culture. Our recent ski trip to Masella in Spain proved to be a great success allowing students to experience life on the snowy slopes.

Students are also keenly awaiting next years' sports tour to Barcelona where they will compete in football and netball competitions against local Spanish teams. We were also delighted this year to continue our Sixth Form annual visit to Auschwitz after lockdown as part of The Lessons from Auschwitz project organized by the Holocaust Educational Trust.



Leaders ensure that there is a strong programme to support pupils' wider development. The school community is where tolerance and respect is highly valued.

We Asked Our Teachers 'What Makes Chesterfield Special?'

It's the students that make Chesterfield High School a great place to work - they make every day a special one - every day they bring new ideas and challenges for us to work with and I love that.

Mrs Coogan

PRIDE is the word I think of every time I think of the staff and students I work with; they are impeccably behaved and want to support others in achieving their goals too.

Mr Lindley

Chesterfield High School is brilliant and special to me because of the work ethic of everyone here, students and teachers alike. We keep positive every day knowing that helps us get through anything that comes our way.

Mr Byrne

It's everyone's enthusiasm for learning that makes Chesterfield High School wonderful. Extra-curricular enrichment activities, outstanding lessons, access to technology, students' engagement with current affairs and wider society - it all adds up to make the school a centre of success.

Mrs Allen



Pupils appreciate the enrichment opportunities on offer such as learning to play an instrument or honing their sporting talents.



School's Out

...but that doesn't mean it's over for the day, with plenty of clubs and extra-curricular activities on offer.

At Chesterfield High School we are proud of the variety of enrichment activities we offer students.

From tried and tested sporting pursuits like rugby, tennis, athletics, netball and football, to more unusual activities like ukulele band or street dance, there is something for everyone.

Performing Arts

We believe in the power of expressive arts to develop confidence and self-esteem in young people and are proud to be a specialist provider of performing and community arts. Throughout the year, our expressive arts department put on a variety of fantastic performances that give the professionals a run for their money!

As a parent, if you have witnessed your child involved in a musical or dramatic production, you will know how much good it does for their confidence. We therefore offer an array of opportunities for students to take part in expressive arts. Whether acting, singing, dancing or helping out backstage, what matters is being part of a team and extending their experience beyond the classroom.



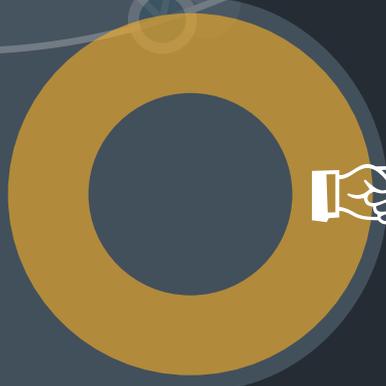
Sport

We excel at sport and students here are given every opportunity to become highly skilled athletes. Our recent successes include National and Regional titles for football teams, recruits to the Liverpool, Everton Wigan and Blackburn Football Academy. Team players for the successful England under 18 football team. We have students are national leaders in athletics, martial arts and trampolining.



Pupils feel cared for by staff. Pupils benefit from mutually respectful and trusting relationships. They feel happy and safe in school.





The quotations used throughout this prospectus are taken from our 2023 OFSTED Report.

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