



Whitefriars School Secondary Section

Prospectus



**Whitefriars
School**

member of the **Heathland Whitefriars Federation**



"Pupils are happy at this calm, inclusive school."
(OFSTED)



We are proud to be a unique and exceptional oversubscribed all-through school with over 1,500 children from Nursery to Sixth Form.

Our mission is to provide an exceptional educational experience for our students, staff and families. Thus, fostering ambitious, highly skilled and educated positive citizens for our community. What makes us special is how we work as a unified community in pursuit of this mission.

We prepare every child for the changing world we live in. A world which is more global, more driven by technology, a world where anything is possible with the right preparation and unwavering positive attitude. That means providing a World Class Curriculum and exceptional learning experience that reflects the highest academic standards. One that inspires and enthuses pupils through its creativity and openness to the world around us. We are unashamedly an outcome driven school, as education gives opportunity and choice that is imperative with an ever-changing world.

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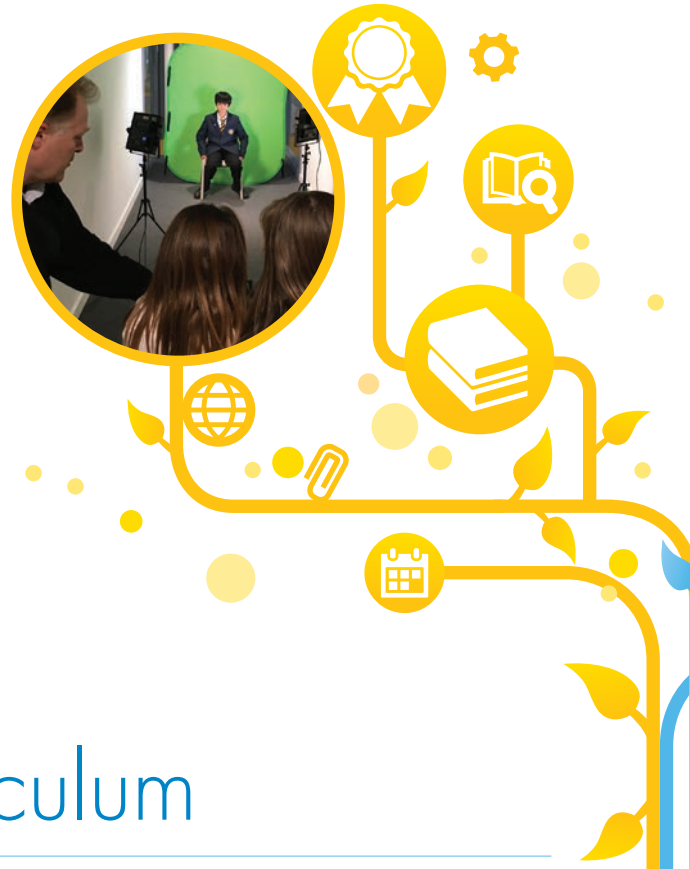
the light where there is darkness'. Our children will be resilient, optimistic, respectful, honest and well-rounded positive citizens, with an eternal love of learning. At the same time, we are all also members of our communities, places where we find friendship, support and common endeavour. Being at the heart of our communities is a hallmark of Whitefriars School; we are relentless in our pursuit to serve our community, that only deserves the best.

We only employ excellent staff, who can deliver an inspirational learning experience for every child; every day.

We want our children and young people to have a sense of deep belonging, knowing the importance of 'giving back' and the value of community and togetherness to their everyday lives. As a Trust, we will foster a culture that respects diversity, safeguards our children's wellbeing and recognises that we are stronger together than we are apart. In pursuing this vision staff, Trustees and Directors will model this every day, knowing that each one of us plays a part in making it a reality for every child and young person in our care.

We look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening or one of our Open Mornings – a very warm welcome awaits you.

Pritam Kumar Vekaria
Ridiculously Proud Headteacher



A collage of images showing students in various school settings, connected by a blue line with icons representing different subjects: Science (flasks), Math (atom), English (book), Art (palette), PE (globe), and Computing (laptop).

GCSE's starts from Year 9, our pupils will select options depending upon their interests and abilities. Staff will support pupils in their choices, including consideration of implications for progression at 18 into higher education or employment.

We do this because reading has a profound impact on educational outcomes.

Exceptional Facilities

- High specification Computing facilities
- Separate studios for Ceramics, Sculpture and Painting and Drawing
- Dedicated Dance and Drama studio
- Modern and well-equipped Science labs

- Specialist facilities for catering
- Specialist Art and Design Technology studios
- Large and well-equipped Sports Hall
- A courtyard where students can relax at break and lunchtimes
- Attractive dining area and a school forest.
- New all-weather pitch coming soon!

The Pantry our award-winning catering providers delivering exceptional highly nutritious food in our beef and pork-free kitchen.



Beyond the Curriculum and Enrichment Friday

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Some of our annual opportunities:

- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver
- Taiwanese exchange
- Spanish exchange
- Rome trip
- FREE basketball coaching with Bridge the Gap coaches every week
- Theatre and Performing Arts trips

So much more!



"They are given opportunities to develop their own leadership skills through the community group, who are working to improve the school and the local environment. They relish the opportunities to learn outside the classroom."
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Enrichment every Friday afternoon

Pupils can select half-termly enrichment activities all year, some of the popular ones:

- Sports offers from Netball, Volleyball, Basketball with professional coaches from Bridge the Gap, to a huge variety of sports to choose from.
- Art – including Clay work
- Journalism – supporting the School Newsletter
- Film Making and Podcasts
- Drama including Music Technology
- Cooking – New world cuisine every week
- Chess – Beat the Headteacher challenge!
- Every Term – Pupil voice is used to add more activities!
- Maths Challenge
- Debating
- Archery with Bowmans of Harrow
- Dog training with Ziggy (our school dog)

Values

We explicitly teach our pupils to live by positive shared values. Our pupils learn to be respectful, determined and resilient. Our pupils learn to be appreciative, loving and honest. This creates a positive school environment and excellent behaviour. We are a Rights Respecting Gold accredited school. The rights of everyone to learn, be safe and feel safe underpins all we do. We have very high expectations; our pupils hold the door for each other and say thank you to pupils and staff for helping them.

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| Positivity | Tolerance | Peace | Resilience |
| Democracy | Love | Forgiveness | Freedom |
| Honesty | Humour | Charity | Respect |
| Unity | Friendship | Responsibility | Determination |
| Thoughtfulness | Appreciation | Patience | Trust |
| Harmony | Courage | | |

Home learning

Our well-organised home learning system allows pupils to successfully consolidate current learning.

Every week our KS3 pupils:

- Complete tasks from the home learning grids daily
- Self-quiz from their knowledge organisers
- Complete online Maths questions
- Complete a piece of English work
- Read for pleasure

The learning tasks and all the required information are published and communicated in advance. This removes the administrative barriers to great progress and allows families to fully support their children.

In Years 9, 10 and 11, pupils complete GCSE learning tasks which are set by their teachers.

Engaging with parents

We have a highly visible and responsive leadership team and teaching staff who will always find time to talk to parents and carers about the pupils' needs. Our school is built on strong partnerships with families and the local community.

We formally report on KS3 pupil progress three times a year. We formally report on GCSE and A-level progress six times a year. These reports detail pupil achievements and their next steps. These are discussed at parents' evenings.



Pupil support

Our teachers get to know the pupils as individuals and build meaningful relationships that last. This makes the school a happy place. We motivate the pupils through praise and recognition. Young people who need to build their English skills are

given effective support and achieve at least as well as their peers. Pupils with learning or social needs are supported through a range of interventions and individualised programmes to ensure they also achieve well and develop high self-esteem.

House system

We have a hugely successful house system where forms take part in friendly competition in a range of activities. These include sports, cooking and photography.



Our Sixth Form and Basketball Academy

We welcome pupils from Year 11 in Whitefriars School and also external pupils.

We provide a unique sixth form experience with a challenging and rewarding curriculum and fantastic relationships between teachers and pupils.

A small family centered Sixth form with high level of support and small class sizes so we can ensure the highest level of academic and pastoral support for each pupil. We offer a full range of A Levels and specialist BTEC courses, and our Sixth Form programme includes trips and visits, extra-curricular activities, volunteering and leadership opportunities and advice on careers and progression to university, apprenticeships and employment.

Whitefriars Basketball Academy Powered by Bridge the Gap with Coach Gary Maitland New partnership with NBA skills coach Gary Maitland, to deliver a bespoke Elite programme for Basketball players who want to pursue A-level and Vocational courses alongside at least 12 hours of high-quality Basketball coaching every week with high calibre matches across the year.

Our curriculum offer will grow year by year. Currently we offer the following A-levels:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Economics
- English Literature
- Geography
- History
- Maths
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Sociology
- CTEC Diploma in Sports Coaching (vocational) – Equivalent to 2 A-Levels
- CTEC Diploma Applied Science (vocational) – Equivalent to 2 A-Levels

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Rewards Journey



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Whitefriars Expectations



Pupils and Our Staff

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We are fully staffed with permanent specialised teachers across Secondary, we only employ exceptional staff that are fully committed to being on the journey to deliver our school mission.

Our Expectations

We want all our pupils to be happy, safe so they can focus on learning. Thus, we do not tolerate disruptive behaviour in lessons, or any anti-social behaviour in school or whilst travelling to and from school. All phones must be handed in on arrival as we want our students focusing on their learning. We have incredibly high expectations of our students, with the Whitefriars Expectations used to encapsulate what an impeccable student exemplifies.



Come and see us in action by booking in a school tour through our website below.

Contact us

For details of our open morning and open evening, admissions policy and more information about Whitefriars School, contact us at:

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