



# PROSPECTUS

WE CARE • WE CHALLENGE • WE COMMIT

# WELCOME TO FULWOOD

Welcome to Fulwood Academy, as the Principal, I am proud of our dedicated staff, supportive community, and most importantly, our incredible pupils. We aim to provide an outstanding education for local children and to become a beacon of excellence at the heart of our community. **Fulwood is a 'Good' school**, which was last inspected in June 2023, and it was noted that *"Leaders had made rapid and impressive progress"*.

At Fulwood Academy, we have the highest expectations of both staff and pupils in all aspects of academy life. Our values of **We Care, We Challenge, We Commit** define who we are and how we operate.

**We Care** emphasises the importance of fostering a nurturing and inclusive environment, where every pupil feels valued, respected, and safe. Our pupils celebrate diversity and make a strong contribution to the respectful environment that exists at the school.

**We Challenge** reflects our commitment to academic excellence, pushing each pupil to reach their full potential and embrace new opportunities for growth. We have developed an ambitious curriculum, where the key knowledge that pupils should learn is clear.

**We Commit** highlights our determination to support and guide pupils in their educational journey, ensuring they have the tools they need to succeed. Our pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain. Through the well-designed personal, social and health education

curriculum, pupils learn to value the views and opinions of others and they learn how to take care of their physical and mental health.

As a school, we are dedicated to providing a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academic achievements but also encourages personal development, creativity, and critical thinking. Our dedicated team of staff are passionate about inspiring a love of learning in our pupils, helping them become confident, well-rounded individuals ready to make a positive impact on the world.

I invite you to join us at Fulwood Academy, where we strive for excellence, embrace challenges, and nurture the potential of every pupil. Together, we will create a bright and successful future for all.

**Mr Galbraith**  
Principal







## HAPPY PUPILS

During most recent visit in June 2023, Ofsted reported that:

*"Pupils are calm, polite and benefit from the positive relationships that they have with staff. They celebrate diversity and make a strong contribution to the respectful environment that exists at the school. Pupils are happy."*

*"Pupils relish the opportunities that they have to take on responsibilities at the school. Through roles such as reading buddies, prefects and*

*members of the school council, pupils become confident and active leaders. They enjoy taking part in a wide range of clubs that help them to develop their talents and interests."*

*"Pupils feel safe because they have trusted adults available whom they can speak to about any concerns or worries that they may have."*

*"Pupils benefit from the time that staff take to understand their needs."*



# AN EXCITING CURRICULUM

Our ambitious and knowledge-rich curriculum ensures that pupils gain a high-quality education. We place appropriate emphasis on English, humanities, maths, science and languages to ensure a broad foundation for learning. Pupils are also offered lessons in music, drama, art and PE. There is a broad and balanced approach to curriculum to ensure that Key Stage 3 is enriching and rewarding, setting pupils up for the challenge of GCSEs.

Each day at Fulwood begins with tutor time or assembly. In form time pupils study Personal Development, engage in discussion and read together. Tutors get to know their pupils well as individuals so that they can provide excellent support and care.

In the classroom, lessons are carefully planned with learning focused on engaging pupils with the best knowledge and skills taught in the right order.

Homelearning and extracurricular opportunities help to give pupils a fully rounded and challenging experience that

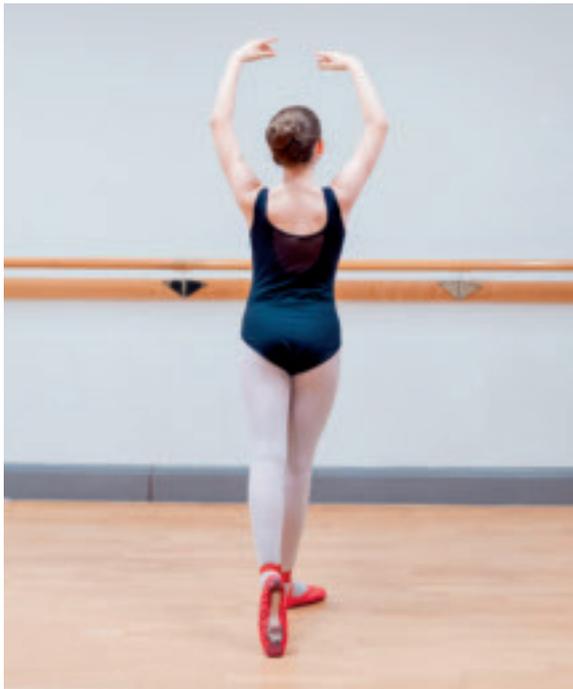
gives them the confidence to contribute to their community and also the wider world.

Our teachers are supported and challenged through focused training to inspire the best in each pupil to ensure that each pupil is in turn challenged to become the best learner they can be.

In Year 10 pupils specialise their subject choices with 80% of pupils choosing to study a language to GCSE. In Year 11 we are committed to offering our pupils a slightly longer day to include time for fully-supported study to ensure the best futures at GCSE and beyond.

*“Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum.”*

**Ofsted, June 2023**







# OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage every pupil to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities during their time with us. From science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to debating, dance and drama – and everything in between – there is something for everyone to try, learn more about and build their talents in.

This includes a dedicated programme of after school clubs, as well as the chance to participate in Digital Projects such as “Girls in Tech” and AI work, and special events that take place throughout the year. Recent opportunities have included UK and overseas residentials and cultural trips,

inspirational guest speakers and author visits, as well as exciting sport, literary and arts events, which encourage pupils to broaden their horizons and explore the world around them.

We are immensely proud of our partnership with other agencies and local colleges, sixth form centres and universities to offer new and exciting opportunities for our pupils.

# WE CARE • WE CHALLENGE • WE COMMIT

Our commitment to our community is at the heart of our Fulwood values.

We are a Fulwood family - a safe space for pupils to grow themselves, to celebrate difference, encourage kindness and to support one another.

Through our pastoral programme, awareness events and other school-wide activities, there are many opportunities. Our pupils can work together, serve our Fulwood family

and local community, build lasting friendships and create memories.

We also believe that our contribution to the wider community is incredibly important. Our community programmes allow our pupils to give back to others, planning and running fundraising events, volunteering to support the NHS, local hospices, care homes, food banks and other important local and national causes.







# PASTORAL

At Fulwood Academy we pride ourselves on the quality of support, care and guidance given to individual pupils. At the heart of this provision is a pastoral support system led by a Head of Year.

Our pastoral system provides your child with the care they need to succeed in school whilst allowing them to nurture friendships and develop a strong sense of community.

As your child progresses through Fulwood Academy, their attainment and well-being will be closely monitored, ensuring that pupils are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported in overcoming barriers to their learning.

Pupils will be looked after by their Form Tutor who is the first point of contact. These teachers get to know your child very well, encouraging them to be the best they can be and will offer the highest levels of pastoral care to ensure they are safe, healthy and happy.

We place great value on the importance of parental partnerships which are vitally important in preparing our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of adult life. Communication is very important, and you will receive regular updates about your child's progress through termly reports, online data and Parents' Evenings.

Fulwood Academy is a very caring community where pupils are valued for who they are not just what they can do. The health, happiness and well-being of pupils underpins our values of **We Care, We Challenge, We Commit.**



# TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

At Fulwood Academy we understand that the transition from primary to secondary education can be both an exciting and challenging time for pupils and parents.

Our transition programme is designed to ensure that pupils are confident and happy about moving up to Fulwood Academy. We start to meet pupils in Year 5 and build up to a full school visit in the summer term of Year 6. This two-year process ensures that all our pupils are ready for a successful and enjoyable Year 7.

If you have any questions regarding transition at any stage of the process, please do not hesitate to ask. Staff are always available to answer questions at the various transition events, or you can telephone or email the school at any time.

**Autumn Term:** Year 6 pupils and parents are invited to an open evening to look around Fulwood Academy and meet members of staff in all the teaching departments.

**Spring Term:** Year 6. Data will be collected from the primary feeder schools to help arrange admissions.

**Summer Term:** Year 6. A member of the Pastoral Team and the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator will visit primary schools to talk to pupils and staff.

**Summer Term:** Year 6 pupils will visit Fulwood Academy with their classmates for a 'Taster Day' to allow them to familiarise themselves with the school. Pupils who require, can have additional visits.



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