



WELCOME TO THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL

BELIEVE ACHIEVE INSPIRE



PROSPECTUS 2024-2025

Our school is defined by its culture and ethos - 'the way things happen'.

At The Wordsley School our culture and ethos is our unique selling point and together we strive to fulfil our mission, with a clear vision, motto and five key values that underpin our daily work.

The Wordsley School truly is a special place to be with a kind and supportive atmosphere, encouraging all pupils to achieve their best and this is structured within our Mission, Vision and Values.

MISSION

To provide an outstanding and enjoyable educational experience for everyone in our Wordsley community.

VISION

We promote high levels of aspiration and achievement and support each other to be the best we can be.

VALUES

Curiosity - we have enquiring minds and are keen to learn.

Integrity - we are honest and have strong moral principles.

Kindness - we are friendly and considerate of each other.

Resilience - we respond well to challenge and are keen to improve.

Respect - we have an appreciation and awareness of others.




Ofsted
GOOD
School

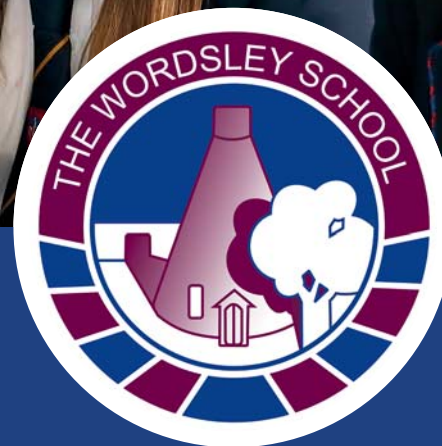
2024

FEBRUARY 2024:

**THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO
THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL'S OVERALL
JUDGEMENT OF** **GOOD**



OUR HEADTEACHER



Thank you for considering The Wordsley School for the next stage of your child's journey. As a parent, I know how important this choice is for you and your family. The move to secondary school is an exciting yet nerve-wracking one, but please be safe in the knowledge that we will be with you every step of the way.

This support begins right from the outset, where we get to know our young people and help integrate them into the "Wordsley Way" as part of our extensive primary transition process. On their first day pupils are sorted into houses under the guidance and support of their Head of Year.

No child is ever alone, as they have a variety of people looking out for them, both pastorally and academically.

Once children are happy, safe and secure, they can go on to achieve great things. At Wordsley, we believe that every child has something that makes them unique or special. A talent, attribute or passion that sets them apart. Our aim is to identify, nurture and grow this in order to help them **ACHIEVE** things they never even thought possible. Our role is to make them **BELIEVE** that they can reach these heights and

INSPIRE them to want to do so. We expect a lot of our young people, both behaviourally and academically, but we know they are capable of meeting these expectations.

If this sounds like the right environment for your child, then please come and have a look at what we do. Our Open Evening and Open Mornings will provide you with the perfect opportunity to meet our talented and dedicated staff. It will also help you to see our wonderful pupils, who are the very best advertisement for what we do here at Wordsley. I hope to see you there.

Ashley Weatherhogg
Headteacher



SCHOOL LIFE



Attitude to Learning

There is a buzz for learning across the school, with focus on high expectations for learning and behaviour, supporting pupils to realise their potential to achieve their goals, develop skills and attributes that are essential for all that lies ahead.

Our learning environment has an impressive mix of determination, enthusiasm and enjoyment, fused with inspirational teaching.

Home Learning

Homework is an essential complement to lessons, extending the opportunity for pupils to reinforce their understanding of subject matters; preparing pupils to learn and thrive independently.

We place great emphasis on developing our partnership with parents and the encouragement to support their child with managing their homework.

LITERACY & READING



The key Literacy skill areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening are at the heart of the curriculum at The Wordsley School, as these are vital skills which underpin all learning. Such skills will vary for pupils as they learn and develop within various subject specialisms. We strive to ensure that pupils are aware of these important skills and they are fully supported to utilise and develop them in all their lessons.

At Wordsley we value and promote the importance and pleasure of reading. We have a modern, spacious, well stocked Library. Key Stage 3 pupils have one lesson per week which is dedicated to reading. A number of pupils in KS3 also participate in the Accelerated Reader programme, which not only monitors pupils' progress and helps them to develop their reading skills, but also motivates pupils to read engaging and appropriately challenging text.

AT THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL



Developing curiosity is so important; a child's environment can be so diverse and this will aid greatly in narrowing achievement gaps, encouraging 'outside of the box' thinking, creativity and expression.

At Wordsley, we provide a broad and balanced academic curriculum that aims to equip all pupils with the necessary knowledge and innovation to make a difference, promoting a 'can do' mindset.



PASTORAL CARE



The backbone of our school is the strong pastoral system that is in place to nurture and support our pupils. Each year group is supported by a teaching Head of Year and a non-teaching Pastoral Support Leader to ensure there is always a member of staff available to support the pupils in their care. In addition to this, pupils will be placed into our house system that comprises of four houses, each of which have names which connect the school to the local glass industry which is known worldwide. The four houses are Doultton, Stuart, Tudor and Webb.

Pupils will start each day in their house tutor groups; this group will be led by their form tutor who will provide a consistent start to the day and will normally be the first point of contact for parents. Pupils in the tutor group will all be in the same year group and house to allow us to provide age appropriate support and to drive our competitive house system. Achievement points, positive attendance and pastoral support will be discussed weekly to provide pupils with an overview of their progress through school.

Clear communication and positive relationships underpin our support and we look forward to working in partnership with pupils and parents throughout their time at The Wordsley School.

Mr J. Griffiths
Assistant Headteacher -
Behaviour and Attitudes



OUR PUPILS



"I chose to come to The Wordsley School because every weekday I get to see my friends. I like to learn new things everyday in my lessons."

Izzy - WEBB HOUSE

"Man is not truly one but truly two"

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson

"I like to go to school because all the teachers help to support you. Another thing I like about school is that there are lots of activities like clubs for basketball, football, baseball, sprinting and dodgeball. Also, when you are upset or worried you can go to Head of House or your Form Teacher for help"

Zahra - TUDOR

"The Wordsley School is a really good school and the lessons are very good and enjoyable"

Arley - WEBB HOUSE

YOUR FUTURE / CAREERS



From the beginning of Year 7, one of our priorities is to provide pupils with excellent information, advice and guidance regarding their Post-16 options and future careers. All pupils across each year group have multiple opportunities to meet with employers and gain valuable careers advice through our 'Careers and Croissants' mornings.

During KS3, pupils take part in employability workshops which aim to encourage pupils to review their own skills and qualities and stimulate their curiosity about further education and career prospects.

In KS4, all pupils carry out a Work Experience placement which is completed during Year 10. This aims to develop their independence, resilience and employment knowledge. Year 10 pupils are also encouraged to begin researching Post-16 choices and will attend a range of informative and thought-provoking workshops to support with this. During Year 11, pupils can make appointments with the Careers Co-ordinator and the school's Connexions Advisor to discuss their Post-16 decisions. They will also be regularly notified of college news and events throughout the year via assemblies and The Wordsley School website.

"Pupils are able to learn about different careers through a well-designed curriculum that gives valuable and personalised advice and guidance to pupils on their next steps"

Ofsted


"Wordsley School is inclusive and has high expectations for pupils' achievements and aspirations"

Ofsted


Ofsted
GOOD
School

2024

EXTRA CURRICULAR



As well as achieving academic success, we are determined that pupils enjoy school life and have fun. This is seen through a wide range of extra curricular activities which pupils want to be involved in.



We aim to unlock hidden potential, allowing pupils to flourish whether they are a budding musician, sportsperson or artist, they will be supported and encouraged to enjoy, whatever their level of experience.

Pupils can also enjoy an array of school trips which are offered at school, broadening their cultural awareness and knowledge of international communities through the opportunity of travel.



Learning4Life are part of The Wordsley School, providing learning activities for pupils, parents and for the community. Offering Adult Education courses in an array of subjects and qualifications, First Aid / Paediatric, Swim Teachers, National Rescue Awards, Pottery, broad spectrum of IT related learning, Painting, Upholstery, Sewing, Creative Writing, Flower Arranging, Languages, Swimming and other fitness activities, Guitar, Photography just to name a few. We also work closely with neighbouring schools to develop Family Learning programmes to improve children's attainment and increase opportunities for participating families in a variety of activities. Courses are also available for those looking for employment funded by Dudley Council.

Learning4Life run a highly successful Swim School offering lessons to children throughout the term on a weekly basis, also offering one to one lessons.



To find out more give us
a call on 01384 816043
or view the website
www.learning4life.co.uk

Our new English Suite,
School Library and Sports
Hall have enhanced our
capacity, with improved
resources to allow us to
further invest in high quality
teaching and learning.

These exceptional facilities
are also available for
hire for indoor football,
badminton, tennis, netball,
basketball and cricket. With
the addition of our outdoor
multi-use games area which
will also accommodate such
sporting activities.

Extensive grounds
also accommodate full
sized football pitches
and changing facilities,
Performance Studio housing
various types of gym
equipment and swimming
pool area for swimming
clubs and hosting of
children's parties,
all available for hire.



The Wordsley Pre-school and Playgroup

A wonderfully supportive environment dedicated to stimulating
young minds. Offering daily sessions Monday to Friday.

For more information please contact Angela on 01384 918740.





It's key to keep in touch to support your child's learning



Access The Wordsley School website to find the latest updates, term dates, curriculum details and relevant policy information.

Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook to see all the latest news.

Contact can be made via email at info@wordsley.dudley.sch.uk. For curriculum queries email contact can be made to subject teachers. With other concerns being directed via email to your child's tutor. Arrangements can be made to support any face to face meetings to discuss any concerns you may have.

Annual Parents and Carers Evenings will also give you the opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss your child's progression.

Our Parent App aids support in tracking attendance, timetables and alerts you to key notifications. Payments for lunch, extra curricular activities and other arranged ventures can also be accessed via ParentPay.

School Uniform Suppliers

Totally Uniform
01384 270498
www.totallyuniform.co.uk

Crested Schoolwear
01384 918330
www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Maple Workwear
01384 212151
www.mapleworkwear.co.uk

