



WELCOME TO THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL



BELIEVE ACHIEVE INSPIRE



PROSPECTUS

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.



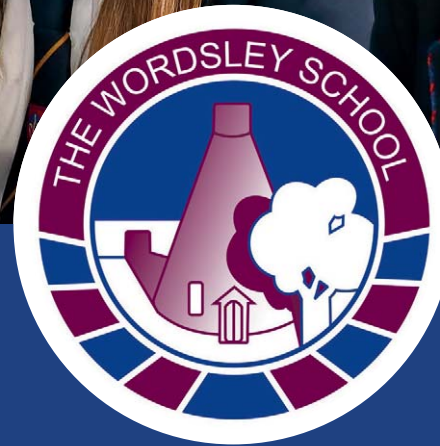

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THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL'S OVERALL
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OUR HEADTEACHER



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

A group of five school children, three boys and two girls, are standing outdoors in front of a school building. They are all wearing dark blue school uniforms with red and white trim on the lapels. The boy in the center is smiling, while the others have neutral expressions. The girl on the far right is wearing a black hijab. The background shows a school building with windows and a set of stairs.

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 enjoyment of reading. Our modern, spacious and well-stocked library regularly hosts activities designed to inspire a love of reading, including a dedicated Key Stage 3 book club. KS3 pupils also have regular opportunities to visit the library as part of their English lessons. In addition, a number of pupils take part in the Lexia programme, which supports the development of their grammar, comprehension, and vocabulary.

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 Doulton, Stuart, Tudor and Webb.

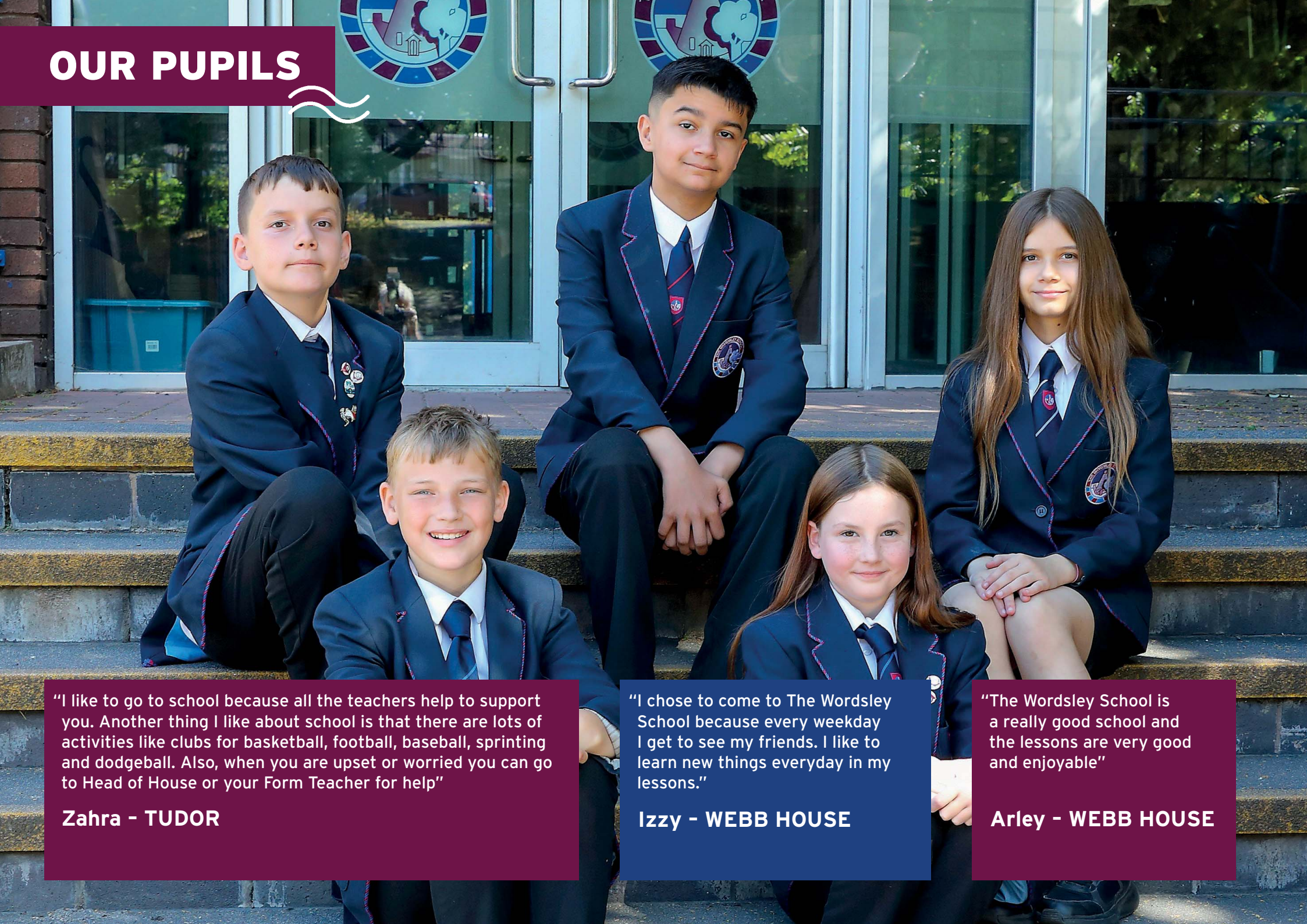
Pupils will start each day in their house tutor groups; this group will be led by their form tutor who will provide a consistent start to the day and will normally be the first point of contact for parents. Pupils in the tutor group will all be in the same year group and house to allow us to provide 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
Deputy Headteacher -
Behaviour and Attitudes



OUR PUPILS



"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

"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

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

Arley - WEBB HOUSE

YOUR FUTURE / CAREERS

"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"

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

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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.


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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 is responsible for delivering a wide range of community activities after school hours and at weekends at The Wordsley School.

We offer a diverse selection of adult education courses and workshops designed to bring like-minded individuals together to learn in a friendly and supportive environment. Many of our learners develop lifelong skills through courses such as clothes making, soft furnishings, creative arts (including painting, drawing, pottery, and floristry), languages, guitar, IT, and health and wellbeing sessions such as Pilates and adult swimming lessons. If you're hesitant to join us for the first time, there's no need to worry—a warm welcome awaits you.

Our vibrant swim school provides weekly lessons to hundreds of children. Lessons begin from age 4 with pre-beginner classes and continue through to teenagers working towards their lifesaving qualifications as part of the Royal Life Saving Society's National Lifesaving Academy. Each lesson lasts 28 minutes, and we provide swimming aids such as backpacks. Parents can track their child's progress through our dedicated online portal. Whether your child is nervous around water or overly confident, our experienced team is well-equipped to support them in becoming confident swimmers.



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

THE WORDSLEY SCHOOL OFFERS EXCELLENT FACILITIES, WHICH ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO HIRE DURING EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS.

These include a large sports hall with four cricket nets and mats, basketball and netball hoops, five-a-side football, a gym, the main school hall, a multi-use outdoor games area, a swimming pool, and classrooms. Our dedicated team of site assistants is always on hand to provide support when needed.

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.

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