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**Through my education, I didn't just DEVELOP SKILLS,
I didn't just develop the ability to learn, but I DEVELOPED CONFIDENCE.**

If you are committed to doing what it takes, ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.”

Michelle Obama



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WELCOME FROM THE ACADEMY HEADTEACHER

At Whalley Range High School, we are extremely proud of our Sixth Form as it provides our students challenge, support, individual guidance and an opportunity to grow and develop in a caring environment. We are part of the Education and Leadership Trust and have a clear mission to educate, inspire and empower young women to be leaders of the future.

Our Sixth Form has a highly skilled, experienced, supportive and dedicated team of tutors and teachers who work with our students to secure their best outcomes. We offer a personalised pastoral and teaching support system. We offer a wide range of courses at all levels including A levels, Applied Generals and the Extended Project Qualification and additionally our students benefit from a comprehensive programme of enrichment including a range of extra-curricular activities, clubs and leadership opportunities.

We work closely with local universities and employers and benefit from committed relationships with a wide range of partners including the Alliance Manchester Business School and Deloitte. These partnerships enrich our comprehensive learning programme and help prepare students for a successful future.

Our Sixth Form is housed in a state of the art building. This includes dedicated independent study areas, flexible learning facilities and purpose-built social spaces.

Mrs Jackie Fahey, Academy Headteacher

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WELCOME FROM THE HEAD OF SIXTH FORM

Choosing where to study post-16 is one of the most important decisions that you will make in your educational journey. This decision not only sets up your further education pathway but creates a path to your future career and prepares you for adult life.

Whalley Range Sixth Form is a firmly established college which provides academic and vocational courses for young women of all abilities and we ensure progression to Higher Education, Apprenticeships or employment. The vision for our Sixth Form is to prepare our students to change the world by developing their independence and leadership skills, allowing them to make a real difference in their studies and to their lives.

As a college, we provide a unique learning experience for our students. Our values are firmly rooted in our diverse and multicultural community and in the Cooperative Values promoted by the Education and Leadership Trust, which we have been a proud member of since 2014.

All students have the opportunity to enhance their experience through extra-curricular activities such as the Extended Project Qualification, Duke of Edinburgh, partnering with Deloitte, volunteering, mentoring younger students, sports leadership and citizenship activities. Whalley Range Sixth Form has a rich and vibrant enrichment programme that is tailored to be bespoke each year, based on the interests and passions of our students.

Students from our college boast huge successes on their academic and vocational pathways and they progress to have successful careers in Pharmacy, Law, Medicine and Midwifery to name but a few. Our students are focussed and driven to achieve and they have achieved strong academic and vocational in recent years

I hope that you find this prospectus useful and get a flavour of what a unique place Whalley Range Sixth Form is. If you would like to speak to me or arrange a visit, please email sixthform@wrhs1118.co.uk

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Mr Jonathan Atkinson, Assistant Headteacher: Head of Sixth Form

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WHAT IS YOUR CAREER PATHWAY?

A Levels

A Levels are a level 3 qualification and prepare you for further academic study. A Levels can be studied in a variety of subjects and are offered in a range of faculties. Students on an A Level pathway at WRSF achieved some of the highest progress rates in Manchester last year. You will typically choose 3 A Levels in your first year and study these until the end of Year 13.

Applied General

Applied General courses are Level 3 qualifications and consist of a mixture of exams, coursework and controlled assessments. On an Applied General pathway you will choose to study two subjects, one that is a double award (diploma) and equivalent to 2 A Levels and one that is a single award (certificate) and equivalent to 1 A Level.

Blended

The Blended Pathway offers students the opportunity to study a combination of A Level and Applied General courses. This pathway offers students a rich mix of traditional academic learning and vocational studies. There are various combinations of A Level and Vocational subjects that can be studied and these will be discussed at interview.

Level 1 / 2 Vocational

The Level 1 / 2 Vocational pathway is most suitable for students that narrowly missed out on achieving grade 4 in English and maths. This pathway lasts for 1 year and many students graduate to complete Level 3 courses at WRSF before going on to high education / apprenticeships.



Which subjects should I choose?

When you are selecting your subjects, you should choose ones that you enjoy, are good at and will need for a certain career, university course or higher level apprenticeship.



Which pathway should I follow?

Choose your pathway according to your projected grades. If you are choosing a level three pathway, you must study the equivalent of three A-levels but this can be made up of a combination of traditional A-levels and/or applied general qualifications which include BTEC's.

PATHWAY		ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Level 3	Applied General	5 GCSE grades at 9-4 (this may include grade 4 or above in English and maths) or equivalents
	Blended (Applied General and A Level)	5 GCSE grades at 9-4 (this may include grade 4 or above in English and maths) or equivalents and meet the entry requirements for the A Level subject
	A Level	5 GCSE grades at 9-4 in different subjects including two grade 6s and this must include a grade 4 or above in English Language and maths.
Level 2 Vocational		5 GCSE grades at 3 or above (this may include grades 3 or above in English and maths) or equivalents
Level 1 Vocational		A range of 1-2 grades (this may include grades 1 or 2 in English and maths) or equivalents



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Your WRSF journey

Deciding where to study after Year 11 is a difficult decision and this had been made even more challenging following the abrupt end to your studies in the Spring. As a college, WRSF will endeavour to support you through your application, enrolment and college journey to ensure that you have a unique learning experience that has been tailored for you.

Mentors from local companies in Manchester such as Deloitte, Grant Thornton UK LLP, UK Fast, NHS, Manchester Local Authority and IT Consultancy Company. Your mentor will meet with you on a monthly basis and offer support exploring possible career pathways, preparing a C.V. and practising interview

We participate in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and give students the opportunity to complete their silver and gold awards.

Experienced Learning Coaches to guide you through your course and offer you constructive advice on how to maximise your potential.

Sixth Form students mentor younger students to help improve their reading ages and maths skills, developing interpersonal skills, communication, organisation and confidence.

The Sixth Form action committee is the vehicle used to embed student-driven change in the Sixth Form. They work on behalf of the students to get positive change within the school. Some of which include changes to the Sixth Form lunch area, celebration trips and subject specific progression talks in Law, Accountancy and from NHS.

Our Student Leadership Team have the opportunities to lead on key strategic whole school areas such as, extra-curricular activities, environment, PSHE and student voice and work with senior staff leaders in school.

A range of different leadership clubs. Including Sports, business, the SSAT award, charity, art, STEM, culture club and the SSAT accredited award. Our students build skills for their next step and valuable employability skills for the future.

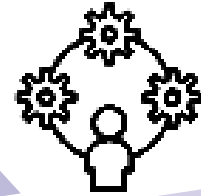
If you are over 16 and under 18 on 31st August 2020 you can travel across Greater Manchester for free with 'Our Pass'

Develop your learning mindset with the VESPA model 'Vision, Effort, Strategy, Practice, Attitude' and its targeted practical activities. You will be coached to develop your character and ability to overcome challenges, unlocking performance that will enable you to achieve your target grades or better.

Grow your confidence with academic reading through a tailored package based on your reading age recommending subject related and activities to improve your ability to comprehend and read at speed.

Staff from local universities to inform you on the range of courses available and provide you with advice on completing your UCAS application.

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KEY STATISTICS - EXAMS

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LEVEL 3

The overall Level 3 pass rate is 98% with the Applied General qualification pass rate being 100%

100%



A* GRADES

9% of the grades were A* in Arabic, Biology, Chemistry, maths, Psychology and Urdu

9%



DISTINCTION

55% of the students achieved at least one distinction or above in the Applied General Qualifications with 21% achieving at least one distinction *

55%



A LEVELS

A*-A, A level pass rate has increased from 16% to 21% and the A*-B has increased from 41% to 44%

44%



A

A GRADES

12% of the grades were A in Arabic, Biology, Chemistry, maths, Psychology, sociology and Urdu

12%

SUPPORT AT WRSF

A WELCOME FROM THE TEAM:

Heads of Year/Pastoral teams:

Our dedicated Heads of Year, Learning Coaches and Pastoral team offer personalised support to take care of your wellbeing and progress. Our exciting programme provides wrap around support and advice on such areas as wellbeing, revision techniques and careers and progression support and tracking as well as one to one individualised support.



HEAD OF YEAR 12 – MRS Z DAVIES

I'm the current Head of Year 13. I am also a teacher of Social Sciences in the Social Sciences and Community Learning Faculty and teach a range of subjects at KS4 and KS5. I have worked at Whalley Range 11-18 High School for 11 years and I have been a Head of Year in the Sixth Form for over 6 years. I love working at Whalley Range Sixth Form and supporting students to achieve their goals. The Sixth Form Team are here to help and support you, so if you have any questions please just ask. I look forward to meeting you all soon!



ASSISTANT HEAD OF YEAR 12 – MISS S OLIVER

I am the Assistant Head of Year within the Sixth Form. I teach all years within PE. I am in charge of co-ordinating the Sports Leaders programme across the school. There are many events to get involved within and develop your skills through a variety of leadership qualifications. I run the Silver / Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award, a prestigious award to get involved with. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop what you have learnt in Year 10 from the Bronze award. If you have never done DofE before, no problem, all are welcome. I love travelling and camping, having previously worked in America. I love all sports, with my main sport being Football, having played for Tranmere Rovers Ladies. I look forward to meeting you all and supporting you.



HEAD OF YEAR 13 - MRS Z MALONEY ROCK

Empowering and inspiring young women to become the next generation of leaders of the future brings me much joy. I teach Business Studies and work as part of the Sixth Form team to support students to secure the very best personal and academic outcomes during their post-16 learning journeys. I have a keen interest in supporting students to be positive catalysts of change and view my work with the Action Committee to be of utmost importance as it gives students a vehicle to create a Sixth Form which reflects their priorities and interests



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Support at Whalley Range Sixth Form

Adapting to college life can be challenging, as it is different to what you have experienced before. At WRSF we will support you at every stage in your journey and tailor this support to be bespoke to you. We want you to enjoy your time at WRSF and look back fondly on it, which is why we want to work so closely with you.

Pastoral support:

Our dedicated Heads of Year, Learning Coaches and Pastoral team offer personalised support to take care of your wellbeing and progress. Our exciting programme provides wrap around support and advice on such areas as wellbeing, revision techniques and careers and progression support and tracking as well as one to one individualised support.

Health and Wellbeing

As part of our Sixth Form, you will have access to our School Health Advisor Health and Wellbeing Professional who will be able to offer support and advice for both your physical and emotional needs, signposting you to support from a wide range of agencies and healthcare professionals, as well as giving one to one support. Access to our school counselling team is also available where required.

Safeguarding:

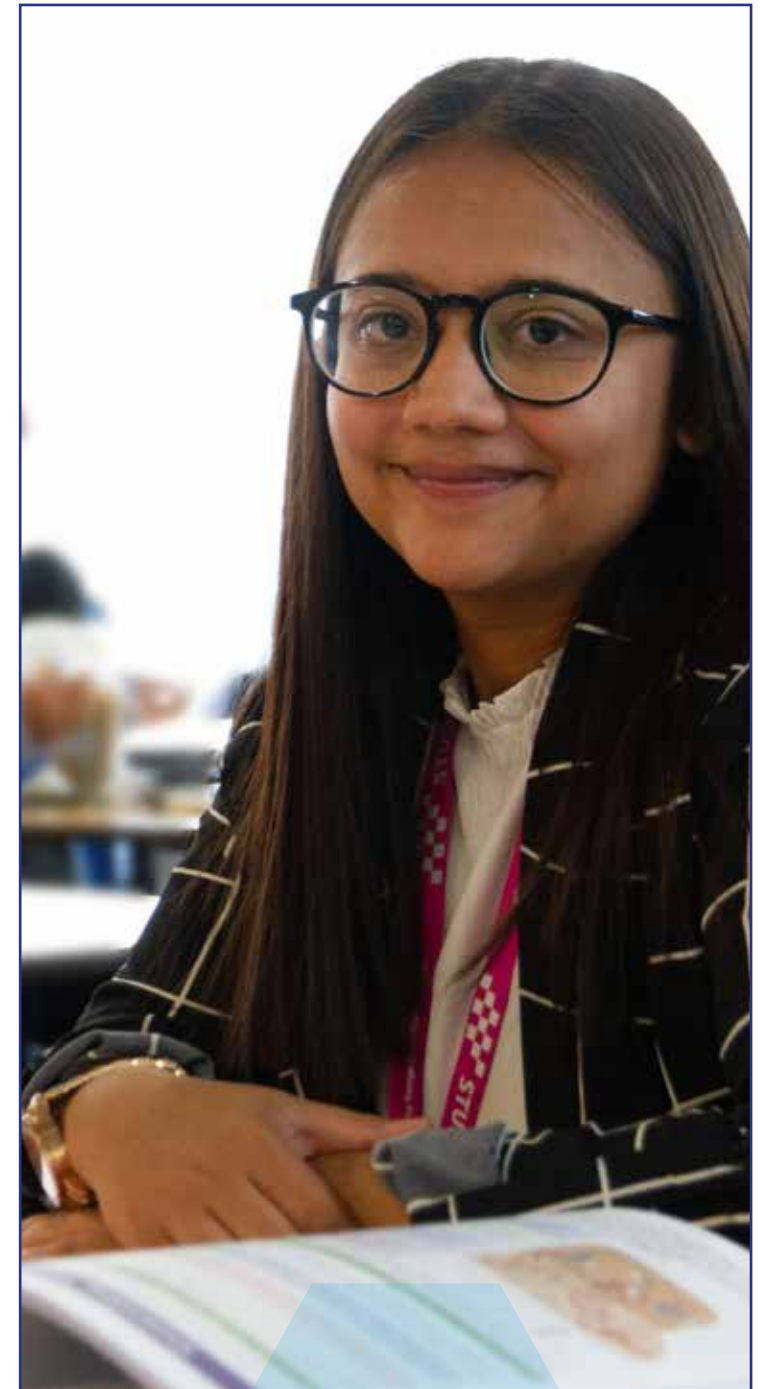
Your safety is of the utmost importance to us and that is why we have a dedicated safeguarding team to ensure that everyone at Whalley Range High School and Sixth Form feel safe. Safeguarding and risk management will be a feature during tutorials, assemblies and bespoke Deep Learning Day offerings.

Equality and diversity

Whalley Range Sixth Form is a part of the diverse and vibrant hub of multicultural South Manchester and we are aware of the important role we play in supporting our local and city-wide community. WRSF are committed to the equality and diversity standards and we celebrate all of the things that makes our college community so rich and diverse.

Finance

Learners who study at Whalley Range Sixth Form may be eligible to apply for a financial bursary. When you are interviewed, please discuss this with the member of staff you are interviewed by.



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Beyond Whalley Range Sixth Form

Careers education, information and guidance (CEIAG) form a key part of the provision on offer at WRSF as our expert staff help to equip you with the skills to progress beyond Sixth Form, onto university, apprenticeships or employment. To support you, you will have 1:1 to specialist CEIAG tutorials, opportunities to visit universities, access to higher education providers and trainers, 1:1 careers appointments and bespoke, wrap around careers support ensuring that the next step you make is the right one for you.

Develop your learning mindset with the VESPA model 'Vision, Effort, Strategy, Practice, Attitude' and its targeted practical activities. You will be coached to develop your character and ability to overcome challenges, unlocking performance that will enable you to achieve your target grades or better.

Grow your confidence with academic reading through a tailored package based on your reading age recommending subject related and reading for pleasure resources and activities to improve your ability to comprehend and read at speed. Explore options for your future with bookable one-to-one sessions and drop ins with our careers advisor and access to our wide ranging programme of talks about careers and courses developed in partnership with Sixth Form students. Prepare for successful application to universities, colleges, apprenticeships and careers with access to Unifrog and its unique resources. Your Learning Coach will help you discover the potential of Unifrog as a place to create your personal statement drafts, find out about courses, rank and filter courses/careers/ pathways according to your preferences and unlock best-practice guidance at each stage of your application.

'Learning about Mindset made me change my way of thinking for the start of Year 12. It really helped me to be focused and confident about my courses. I felt motivated and determined to work harder.'

Year 12 student

"Our Deep Learning Days offer you a chance to step out of your usual lessons and receive support and guidance on growth mindset, study skills, financial literacy and safeguarding themes."



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WIDE RANGING EXPERIENCES

ENRICHMENT

At Whalley Range Sixth Form we know that there is more to the college experience than the traditional academia and we aim to give students access to a wide range of opportunities and experiences. We want you to really enjoy your time here with us and this is why student voice is so important.



"In 2018, we had our first group of gold award DofE participants and we are hoping to build on this success next year. In 2018, Whalley Range High School was recognised for its outstanding contribution and commitment to the DofE programme with a visit from HRH Prince Edward. Currently we offer all three stages of the award and some students have opted for direct entry to the gold award." **Miss Oliver, Assistant Head of Year 12 and PE**

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The enrichment programme enables you to pursue interests you have already developed or to explore new ones. You can take up opportunities such as:

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

KEEP FIT BY PLAYING A VARIETY OF SPORTS

COMPLETE A LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION



There are also many volunteering and work experience opportunities. Enrichment opportunities include:

CULTURE CLUB

MEDIA STUDIO SKILLS

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

SCIENCE JOURNAL CLUB

TEAM SPORTS

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

LEARN A LANGUAGE

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TRIPS AND EVENTS

Sixth Form students have the opportunity to get involved in many non-subject based trips and activities throughout the year such as:

- art exhibitions
- Higher Education visits
- careers fair
- rewards trips to Alton Towers
- Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- Trafford Centre
- charity events
- theatre performances
- cultural events (ie: Liverpool Docks)
- volunteering

“I have become more resilient and increased confidence in my own capabilities and the power of teamwork”

In the past we have ran a number of international trips, including visits to:

- Disneyland Paris
- London
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Italian ski trip

“DofE changed my life”



“The expedition pushed me to my physical and mental limits”

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What can I study at Whalley Range Sixth Form?

From the start of the application process to Whalley Range Sixth Form, and throughout, you will receive expert support and guidance to ensure that you select the courses that are right for you. Our staff are experienced in guiding students through this process and they will offer bespoke support and advice.

A Level:

- Arabic
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Urdu
- The Extended Project Qualification (equal to 1/2 an A Level)

Applied General:

- Applied Criminology
- Applied Science
- Business
- Health and Social Care
- Information Technology

Vocational Pathway:

- Business
- Health and Social Care
- GCSE English
- GCSE Maths



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HOW TO APPLY TO WRHS SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

To apply for a place in our Sixth Form you must submit an application form by the end of December 2020.

Application forms are available from the school website: www.wrhs1118.co.uk/sixthform

Completed applications to be returned to Mr J Atkinson at **E:** sixthform@wrhs1118.co.uk

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